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Introducing:
English Language Centre
at the
University of Victoria



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Victoria, British Columbia

- 🍁 **CAPITAL CITY** of British Columbia
- 🍁 **POPULATION:** 400,000
- 🍁 **20-MINUTE** flight to Vancouver or Seattle
- 🍁 **WARMEST CLIMATE** in Canada
- 🍁 **WORLD-FAMOUS** gardens and 100 local parks
- 🍁 **#3 FRIENDLIEST CITY** in the world
- 🍁 **CLEAN, SAFE + MULTI-CULTURAL**



Victoria, British Columbia

🇨🇦 Downtown Victoria

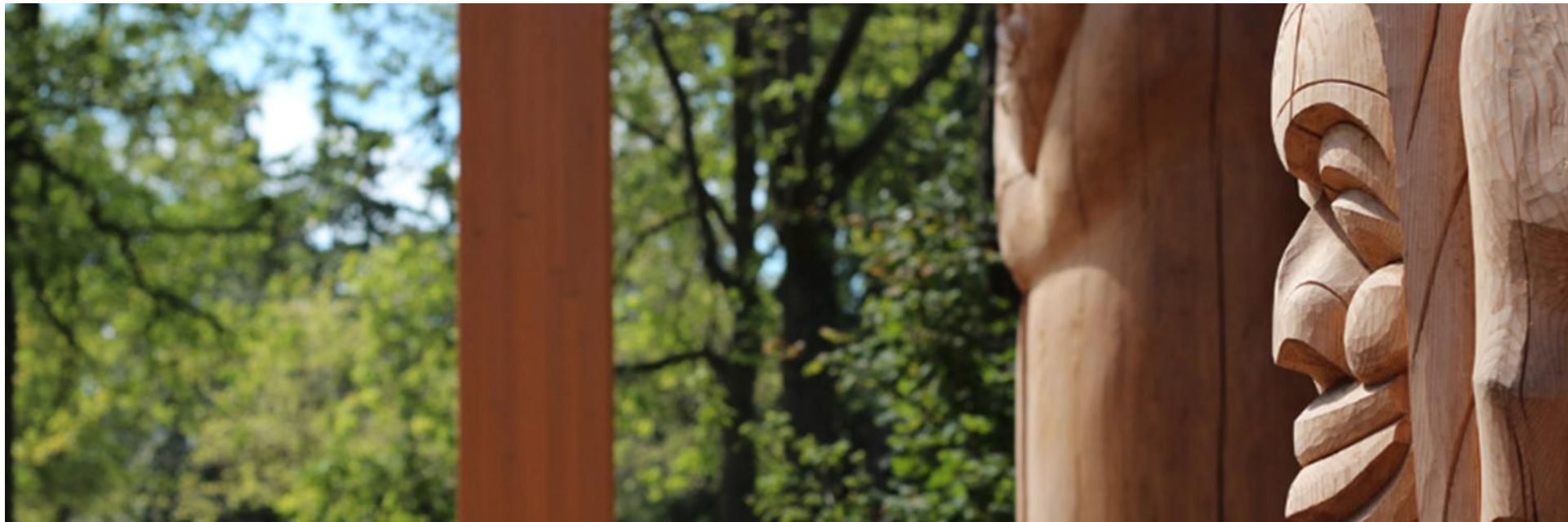


🇨🇦 University of Victoria Campus



Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xʷsepsəm / Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

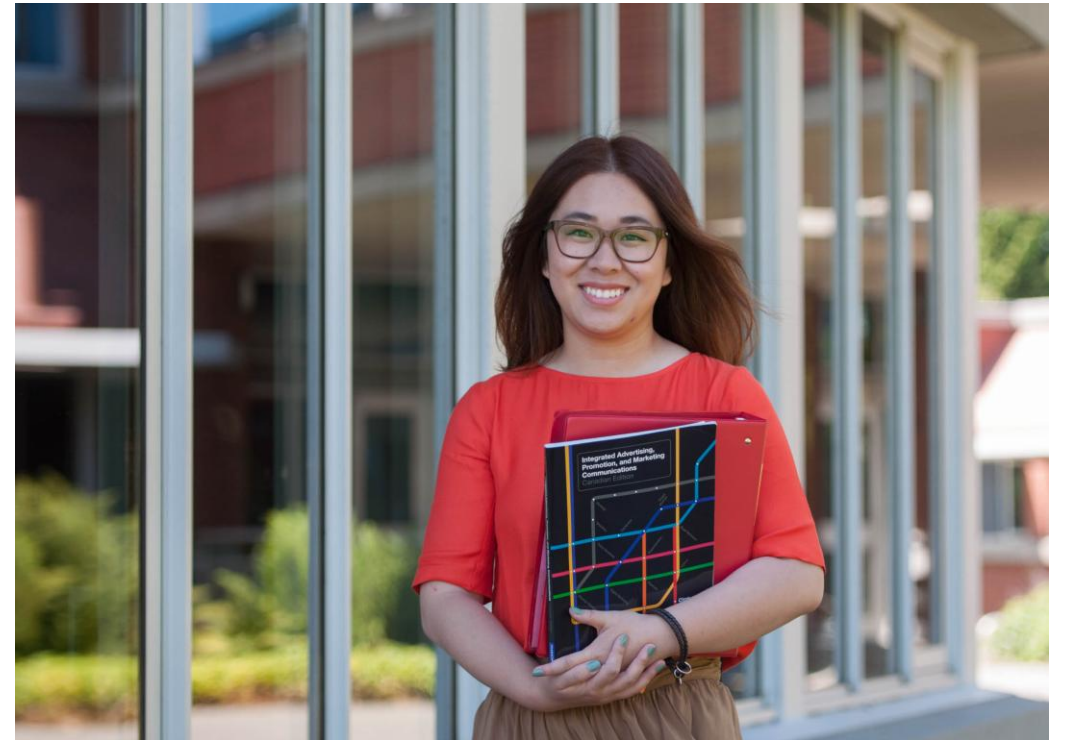






The University of Victoria

- **#2 “Comprehensive University”** in Canada
- Student population: 22,000
- 11 Faculties and 1 Division
- Research-intensive university with 5 areas of special focus: climate, health, social justice, technology and Indigenous-led scholarship
- International partnerships with more than 200 post-secondary institutions worldwide



UVic Division of Continuing Studies English Language Centre (ELC)

- A division dedicated to adult education and professional development programming
- **56 years of experience** developing and delivering English programs
- **Diverse student community** in the heart of UVic, with access to all campus facilities
- Accredited by **Languages Canada**, with BC Education Quality Assurance designation



ELC Facilities and Resources



- 27 classrooms
- A conversation room for more English practice with Canadian volunteers
- Pronunciation tutorials and workshops
- Computer labs
- Spacious atrium to study and socialize
- Comfortable lunch spaces, equipped with microwaves, sinks, kettles, tables and sofas

ELC programs include...

- 3 hours of English classes daily
- Student Services Counsellor
- Medical insurance
- Bus pass
- Gym pass
- Free activity calendar
- Optional weekend activities
- Cultural Assistant support
- Certificate of Completion



Yunnan University - English, Art History and Visual Studies - October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 18 Arrival Day. Welcome to Victoria	19 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Campus tour and tour of the Faculty of Fine Arts	20 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Downtown Walking Tour	21 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Visit to the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (Dr. Heng Wu)	22 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Art History and Visual Studies (AHVS) lecture or classroom visit	23 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Coffee Social in the Continuing Studies Building and Sports	24 \$Additional Cost Activity\$ Victoria Royals Hockey Game
25 \$Additional Cost Activity\$ Afternoon Tea	26 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Visit the Royal BC Museum	27 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes 2:00pm Lecture: Canadian Culture and History	28 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Art History and Visual Studies (AHVS) lecture or classroom visit	29 9:00am - 12:00pm: English Classes PM: Visit the Victoria Chinatown Museum and tour Chinatown (Dr. Grace Wong Sneddon)	30 9:00am Lecture: Art and the Environment with Dr. Dennine Dudley 1:00pm: Farewell Lunch	31 Departure Day. Farewell and good luck from the English Language Centre

Accommodation and Meals

UVic Homestay

- Includes
 - All meals
 - A private room
 - Airport pick-up and drop off
- Homestay families are carefully selected, with security checks



🇨🇦 Sample homestay bedroom

Questions?

1. Are students allowed to use phone translation apps in class?
2. Is there a completion requirement for this program? For example, do students need to attend all classes, take a test, submit assignments, or do a final presentation?
3. One of our students is a music major. Would it be possible to include a little music history in the course? Even a short session would be great.
4. Two students really hope to room together. They've already given up all their other requests—they just really hope to be roomed together. Could you please try again to arrange this before we arrive at UVic?
5. Do students need to bring their own toiletries? What about bedding, like quilts or blankets? Or are these provided?
6. Besides classes, what activities are available in Victoria in their free time? Are there any organized activities or places you'd recommend?
7. Are there any special rules or expectations that Chinese students often don't follow? If so, could you give us a heads-up? We'd like to remind our students before they arrive.

Answers

1. Typically no, but this depends on the teachers' individual rules for the classroom and the activity the students are doing. They may be asked to do a specific activity requiring the use of a phone translation app.
2. Students need to attend 80% of the program to receive a Certificate of Completion. There are assignments, tests, and presentations to do for marks. Participation is also part of the final score.
3. Unfortunately not. Our instructors are language teachers, and not specialists in music history.
4. Our homestay team, does not have any availability to room students together.
5. Yes, please bring your own toiletries. Hand soap is typically available at the bathroom sink, but you should bring shampoo and bodywash for the shower, along with all other toiletries. If you have a specific question about an item, please email your host directly. Linens are provided (towels, blankets, bedding)
6. Please see the calendar
7. There are many students from around the world studying at the English Language Centre and at UVic. Most of you will have roommates with different backgrounds and families with different backgrounds. It's important to realize that Canada is different from China. Not good, not bad, just different. People in Victoria are friendly and polite.



English Language program

Preparing for your upcoming program

Dear Student,

To prepare for your upcoming English language program, please **complete our online Pre-Arrival Course BEFORE** you arrive in Victoria.

This course includes:

- Instructions on how to set up your UVic Account (Netlink ID & Duo MFA)
- 3 Important forms to fill in - **please complete now**
 1. Self-Assessment form
 2. Release of Information form
 3. Attendance Policy form
- Information about your program, accommodation, bus pass, activities, the ELC team, UVic campus, medical services, travel to Canada, and more!

It is quick and easy to complete! Please click the link below and follow the instructions:

[Pre-Arrival Course](#)

Contact us if you encounter any problems completing the pre-arrival steps.

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Resources

Today: You received an email asking you to complete outstanding forms.
Please complete these soon

The program landing page:

[https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/current-students/elc-schedules/
customized-group-programs/yunnan-university-english-art-history-and-visual-studies](https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/current-students/elc-schedules/customized-group-programs/yunnan-university-english-art-history-and-visual-studies)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6Z9mO999hk> This is the English Language Centre

https://www.instagram.com/elc_uvic/

We are on Instagram

<https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/elpa/>

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Questions? Contact Us 😊



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