

Highlights

- 4-week course (10 study hours / week)
- 5 levels (upper beginner – advanced)
- Interactive group activities
- Engaging theme-based curriculum

English for Global Communication is for anyone who wants to improve their English language proficiency. Whether you are an upper beginner (level 1) or advanced (level 5) student, you'll improve your English in just four weeks.

In this course, UVic instructors guide students through “synchronous” (in real time) and “asynchronous” (according to one’s own schedule) learning activities. Students will achieve the class learning objectives by actively engaging in real-time lessons and interactive discussion forums, attending short lectures and completing a variety of language assignments. Class time is ten hours per week of combined synchronous, asynchronous and homework learning activities.

Placement Test and Class Levels

Students are required to take an online “English Proficiency Test” (EPT) before the course begins at no extra cost. ELC staff will email you a link to the test and when you are ready, you can take the 90-minute test.

Based on your EPT results, you will be placed in one of 5 class levels, from “upper beginner” (= ~A1+) to advanced (= ~B2+). Class levels in this course are benchmarked to the [Common European Framework for Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#) a global standard which identifies levels from basic (A1) to proficient (C2).

Orientation

Students will come online one week prior to the class start date to test their equipment and to learn the virtual classroom platforms: Zoom and Moodle. ELC staff will show you the functions of the site and help you with any technical problems you may have so you can begin your classes without any difficulties.

Virtual Class Time: “Synchronous” (in real time) Learning

Students will meet online with their classmates and UVic instructor three days per week for one-hour “synchronous” sessions. Students will participate in activities specifically designed to support and reinforce the independent lessons they have learned. During class time, they will have the opportunity to interact in real time with other students in the course doing activities such as “pair share” exercises, homework review tasks, small group discussions, mini presentations, surveys, interviews and debates.

Synchronous Class times:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 5-6 pm **Victoria Time**

If you are not located in the same time zone, use the [Time Zone Converter](#) to get the time of the sessions in your region.

Independent Work: “Asynchronous” Learning

Under the careful guidance of their instructors, students are expected to do class work independently for about 7 hours per week. UVic instructors will assign tasks and provide “flipped classroom” learning for the students to complete at a time their schedules allow. Learning activities will include watching lectures and dialogues recorded by the teacher, viewing PowerPoint presentations as the teacher explains the content, contributing to online discussions, working on listening assignments, and grammar / vocabulary practice activities.

The synchronous and a-synchronous parts of the course are clearly presented so that students understand how they work together to facilitate course learning objectives and support students’ language development.

Socio-Cultural Activities: “Social Connect”

In addition to class time, students will be invited to join ELC “Social Connect” activities including:

- **Experience Victoria videos:** Learn about Canadian students and Canadian living. Short video presentations about life in Canada (Pets in Canada, Family Life, cooking like a Canadian, etc).
- **Café Social:** Sign up for Café Social to meet in small groups of 4-5 students along with an ELC staff member. Meet and practice your English with other students and native English speakers.
- **Oh Canada:** Interesting events and stories about Canada are shared for students to enjoy and to discuss in Café Social
- **Mix and Mingle:** Your course will begin with an online “Mixer” activity. This will be your first chance to meet other students from your course.

Certificate and Record of Grade

Upon completion of this program, students will receive an official Record of Grade and a Certificate of Completion from one of Canada’s top comprehensive universities. Students must receive a participation grade of at least 80% to be eligible for a Certificate of Completion.

Additional course details: uvic.ca/elc/programs/english-for-global-communication