



What is the difference between “Academic Connect” and “Global Connect” Programs?

Academic Connect programs are for students who want to focus on improving their academic English skills through intensive weekly study (20 hours per week). Participants will build strong skills in the crucial areas of Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. Passing the most advanced ELC Connect program (UAP-O) satisfies the English requirement for entry to University of Victoria undergraduate programs.

Global Connect programs are for anyone who wants to improve their English language proficiency in a short-term program (starting at 4 weeks). These programs offer several General English class levels. “English for Global Communication” is a Global Connect program.

How do ELC Connect class levels work? What levels are offered?

Class levels are benchmarked to the [Common European Framework for Reference for Languages \(CEFR\)](#), a global standard which identifies levels from basic (“A1” level) to proficient (“C2” level).

[Intensive English Online \(ELPI-O\)](#) offers 3 class levels (= ~A2+ – B2)

[University Admission Preparation Online \(UAP-O\)](#) offers 1 advanced class level (= ~C1).

[English for Global Communication \(EGC\)](#) offers 5 class levels (= ~A1+ to B2+).

How many hours of online learning will my program include? When will I study?

Intensive English Online (ELPI-O): 200 hours total

University Admission Preparation Online (UAP-O): 100 hours total

English for Global Communication (EGC): 40 hours total

The number of learning hours will depend on your program, and will include both “synchronous” (in real time)

lessons as well as “asynchronous” (according to one's own schedule) lessons, discussion forums and online assignments.

The “synchronous” (in real time) lessons will usually take place at 5pm PST (local time in Victoria, BC)

The “asynchronous” (according to one's own schedule) lessons will be available for access at your convenience.

What online learning platform will my program use?

Your virtual classroom will be on *Zoom* and tasks, assignments and other learning materials will be managed through a system called “Brightspace”.

What are the technical requirements for my online program?

To access your program site, you will need a computer running Windows or Mac OS and:

- ✓ the latest version of a recommended web browser (Firefox or Chrome), with JavaScript and cookies enabled, and pop-up blockers disabled.
- ✓ a reliable connection to the internet
- ✓ speakers (or a headset)
- ✓ a web camera

[See here](#) for full details about the required equipment / technology.

What will I receive at the end of the program?

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.