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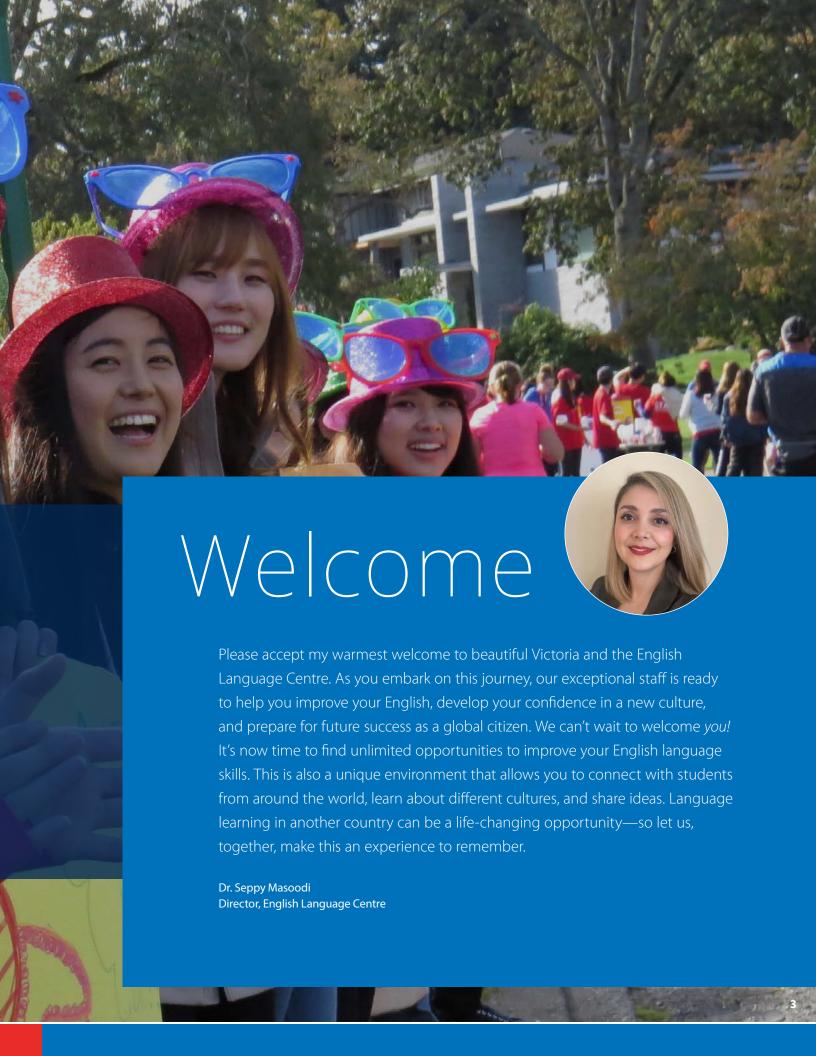
The University of Victoria's English Language Centre (ELC) is home to a multicultural community of students living, exploring and pursuing their goals in Victoria, Canada. As an ELC student, you can look forward to:

- speaking English in many situations each day
- meeting friends from all over the world
- learning about Canadian culture
- exploring the city of Victoria
- making memories that will last a lifetime!











Victoria, British Columbia

#1 Friendliest City in the World

Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards (US)



#1 Small City in the World

Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards (US)



#1 Island Destination in Canada

(Vancouver Island) Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards



#2 Favourite City in Canada

Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards



#3 Best Food Destination in Canada

Chef's Plate

Welcome to Victoria—a vibrant city at the southern tip of Vancouver Island on Canada's spectacular West Coast. Famous for its natural environment, mild climate and welcoming community, Victoria's relaxed island lifestyle makes it the perfect place to live and learn.

QUICK FACTS

- Capital city of British Columbia (BC)
- 397,237: population of Greater Victoria
- · Mildest climate in Canada
- 50% less rainfall than Vancouver
- 2nd sunniest city in BC
- Visited by nearly 5 million tourists each year
- 20-minute flight to Vancouver or Seattle
- 200+ downtown restaurants and pubs
- · Great cafes, beaches and music scene
- · World-famous gardens and outdoor activities





University of Victoria (UVic)

QUICK FACTS

- Consistently ranked one of Canada's "Top 3 Comprehensive Universities"
- Student population: 22,000
- · International students from over 100 countries
- Located 15 minutes to downtown Victoria; 15 minutes to the beach
- Active student community: 30 sports clubs and 150 student clubs

CAMPUS AMENITIES

- Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA)
- · Cafeterias, restaurants and cafes
- · Hiking trails, gardens and natural spaces
- Movie theatre

STUDENT SERVICES

- · Virtual Centre for Student Learning (UVic Learn Anywhere)
- · International Student Services (ISS)
- · Co-op and Career Services

ACADEMIC STRENGTHS

- Offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in 10 academic faculties and two divisions, including: Business, Science, Engineering, Law and Medical Sciences
- Leading research activities in oceans and climate, sustainability and Indigenous studies
- 900 full-time faculty members





DEGREE OPTIONS FOR ELC STUDENTS

To pursue a UVic degree, please review our program options and UVic's entry requirements:

- University Pathway Program page 14
- University Admission Preparation page 15
- UVic Entry Guide page 20





AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT

- 2023 winner of BCCIE Award for Outstanding Program in International Education
- 2023 finalist for PlEoneer Award for Language Training Provider of the Year
- 2019-20 / 2018-19
 Language School of the Year (iStudy Guide)
- Languages Canada Accreditation





English Language Centre (ELC)

QUICK FACTS

- A Canadian leader in international education: teaching English for over 50 years!
- · TESOL-trained instructors with international teaching experience
- · Intensive English programming year-round
- Welcomes 2,000 students from 35+ countries each year
- Offers pathways to University of Victoria degree programs
- In-house homestay staff and activity coordinators
- Academic mentoring for students in all programs
- Over 100 university partnerships
- · Central location on UVic's beautiful campus
- Monthly program start dates
- 24/7 student support

The ELC is located in the Continuing Studies Building, a modern facility where our students attend classes and access a variety of services, support and resources, including:

- · 27 classrooms
- · ELC Learning Centre
- · Comfortable study space
- · Atrium student lounge
- · Computer labs
- Registration and student services staff
- Pronunciation workshops and tutorials
- · Conversation volunteers



Activities + Cultural Assistants

Outside of your English classes, there's another side to our programs—the activities! Each program offers a unique activity calendar so you can explore our beautiful city, while learning more about Canadian culture and having fun.

ELC activities are coordinated by our caring Cultural Assistants (CAs)—a friendly team of UVic students who want to help you live life to the fullest during your program. They organize events and guide activities, but that's not all... they bring fun and energy to everything they do and they keep our students smiling, safe and loving life! In addition to the fun you're sure to have with our CAs, talking with them during your activities is a great way to practice "real English" and meet Canadian students.

ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

Weekend activities (additional cost)

- · Whale watching
- Vancouver trips
- Butchart Gardens
- Kayaking
- · Hockey games
- · High tea

Free activities

- · Friday coffee social
- Sightseeing
- · Volunteering
- Culture night
- · Nature hikes
- Arts and craft workshops
- Conversation clubs
- Sports/outdoor games
- · Yoga/dance





ELC programs



Our English programs run all year and can be combined to fit your schedule. Designed to improve your English proficiency for work, business, travel or academic pursuits, we have options for everyone!

QUICK FACTS:

- 18-22 intensive class hours per week
- Minimum age of 18 (no maximum!)
- An average of 15 students per class
- A schedule of free activities along with optional Additional Cost Activities
- Medical insurance, bus pass and UVic gym pass included in fees
- Homestay or dormitory accommodation, depending on the program
- A Certificate of Completion and Record of Grade upon program completion

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Intensive English (ELPI)

I would say class levels made the [ELPI] program special. I changed class levels four times over the course of a year and I was able to truly feel the improvement in my English skills.

Ayano Hisada, Japan

QUICK FACTS

- Our most international program, with 100-300 students from 20+ countries
- Conversation practice with Canadian volunteers at the ELC Learning Centre
- · Pathway to preliminary admission to UVic degree programs
- · Homestay accommodation and meals
- Free and optional activities

January, April and September:

- · 256 total program hours
- Six General and Academic English class levels, including University Admission Preparation (page 15)
- · Specialized skills classes in listening, pronunciation, grammar, communication, idioms, public speaking, university skills
- · Option to extend to 14 weeks with "Project-based Presentations" in December

Summer (July):

- · 204 total program hours
- Five General English class levels (100-500)
- · Specialized skills classes on Fridays

January, April, July, September

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Beginner to University Preparation

ELPI CLASS LEVEL	IELTS	CEFR
100: Upper Beginner	3-3.5	A2
200: Lower Intermediate	3.5-4	A2+
300: Intermediate	4-4.5	B1
400: Upper Intermediate	5-5.5	B2
500: Advanced	5.5-6	B2+
600: University Preparation	6-6.5	C1

Comparisons are approximate; for reference only.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Students in this program attend morning or afternoon classes, between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:15 pm, and must be available to study between those hours.

- 18 hours of core classes
- Four hours of specialized skills classes
- · Up to eight hours in ELC Learning Centre

Summer

- Monday–Thursday (1–5:15 pm) General English classes
- Friday (8:30 am-12:45 pm) Specialized skills classes

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay



Monthly English (ME)

66 I've met so many friends from different countries through some events held by ELC, like the Karaoke party, coffee social, and workshop! It let me know how fun it is to communicate in English.

Tsugumi Kato, Japan

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week
- · Three to six General English class levels
- "English through Themes" curriculum (Canada, Global Issues, Society and Culture)
- Focus on speaking and listening skills
- ELC Learning Centre access after classes
- · Free and optional activities
- · Materials included
- Intensive class schedule with five study hours/day
- "International Culture and Conversation" workshops
- · Weekly Coffee Social
- Homestay accommodation

GENERAL

DURATION

4 weeks

STARTS IN

January, February, March, April, September, October, November, December (3 weeks)

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Beginner to Advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Thursday	9–11:30 am, 12:30–3 pm English classes
Friday	10 am–4:30 pm Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay



It is amazing how people of different cultures and ages can share the classes and free time with total empathy. Moreover, it is really interesting to share experiences of different countries and cultures. I felt I learned about many things and English was the tool for this.

Victoria Abril, Ecuador

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week
- · Three to six General English class levels
- "English through Themes" curriculum (Canada, Global Issues, Society and Culture)
- · Focus on speaking and listening skills
- "International Culture and Conversation" workshops
- · Weekly Coffee Social
- · Materials included
- Full calendar of afternoon, evening and weekend activities led by Cultural Assistants
- · Optional series of professional workshops (page 13)
- · Live on campus in UVic dormitories (July-August)

DURATION

3-6 weeks

STARTS IN

June, July, August

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Beginner to Advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Friday	8:30 am–12:30 pm English classes
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay (June) Dormitory (July-August)



In this English Plus program, you will study General English each morning in the Summer Language and Culture program, then you will attend a series of afternoon communication workshops. Great for professional development!

QUICK FACTS

- 20 General English class hours per week (page 11)
- 16 hours of professional communication workshops focusing on:
 - » improving accuracy, pronunciation and fluency through interactive activities
 - » practicing public speaking skills through a Toastmaster-like format
 - » presenting on a variety of topics tailored to your interests
- Participants receive a Professional Development Certificate, in addition to a Certificate of Participation, after completion of the Summer Language and Culture program
- · Homestay accommodation to maximize daily speaking practice
- · Free and optional activities

STARTS IN

June

CLASS LEVEL

Intermediate to Advanced (Entry requirement: IELTS 4.5)

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Friday	8:30 am–12:30 pm Summer Language and Culture English classes
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 2 days/week) Professional workshops
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 3 days/week) Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Ontional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay



In this English Plus program, you will study General English each morning in the Summer Language and Culture program, then you will attend a series of afternoon business workshops to build your professional English skills.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 General English class hours per week (page 11)
- 16 hours of Business English classes to improve:
 - » accuracy and fluency in business discussions
 - » communication for debates and negotiations
 - » formal writing for email and letter composition
- Participants receive a Professional Development Certificate, in addition to a Certificate of Participation, after completion of the Summer Language and Culture program
- Guided tour of a local business
- · UVic dormitory accommodation

July, August

CLASS LEVEL

Intermediate to Advanced (Entry requirement: IELTS 4.5)

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Friday	8:30 am–12:30 pm Summer Language and Culture English classes
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 2 days/week) Business workshops
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 3 days/week) Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Dormitory



This specialized first year of your undergraduate degree is the perfect option if you want to start your UVic degree but still need to meet UVic's English language requirement.

QUICK FACTS

- Full-time 12-month program
- Four program streams: Social Sciences, Science, Engineering and Computer Science, or Business
- English language and study skills
- Seven first-year degree courses (10.5 UVic credits)
- Socio-cultural activities
- · Passionate faculty and award-winning instructors

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Smaller first-year classes
- Specialized workshops
- · Specialized labs, tutorials and advising

CAREER DEVELOPMENT (AFTER PATHWAY PROGRAM)

- Co-op program (paid internship)
- · Business Minor
- · Professional Writing Minor

DURATION

12 months

STARTS IN

September

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Intermediate

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

TOEFL 71 with no section less than 15 (R/L/S/W)

IELTS 5.5 overall with no section less than 5.0 (R/S/L/W)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay or dormitory



Preparation (UAP)

This is the most advanced academic level of the Intensive English program. The University Admission Preparation program offers preparation specific to pursuing a UVic degree, and it builds both the language and study skills that are essential to your future success as a UVic degree student.

Successful UAP completion satisfies the English requirement for admission to many UVic undergraduate degree programs.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (256 total program hours)
- Includes a specialized University Skills for Success elective class
- · Offers study skills and academic integrity workshops
- · Three start dates per year: January, April, September
- ELC Learning Centre access before classes (Monday–Thursday)
- · Access to the ELC academic mentor

January, April, September

CLASS LEVEL

Advanced: the highest academic level of the 12-week ELPI program (page 9)

ELPI CLASS LEVEL	IELTS	CEFR
100: Upper Beginner	3-3.5	A2
200: Lower Intermediate	3.5-4	A2+
300: Intermediate	4-4.5	B1
400: Upper Intermediate	5-5.5	B2
500: Advanced	5.5-6	B2+
600: UAP - University Preparation	6-6.5	C1

Comparisons are approximate; for reference only.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum 5.5 in R/L/S/W

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Thursday	1–5:15 pm English classes
Friday	8:20 am–12:35 pm "University Skills for Success" class
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay



This intensive summer program will help prepare you for success as a UVic degree student by polishing your Academic English skills and offering an introduction to Canadian culture.

Successful UAP + Canadian Studies completion satisfies the English requirement for admission to many UVic undergraduate degree programs.

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week (80 total program hours)
- Two courses: Advanced English and Introduction to Canadian Studies
- · Weekly writing clinics
- Intensive four-week format before start of academic year in September
- Tutorial support by teaching assistants available for both courses
- Optional credit for Canadian Studies course (CS101)

August

CLASS LEVEL

Advanced

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum 5.5 in R/L/S/W

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday–	8:30–10:20 am
Friday	English classes
Monday–	10:40 am–12:30 pm
Friday	Canadian Studies classes
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm Workshops + tutorial support
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay or dormitory



Customized programs

Develop new skills in a custom learning environment. Custom group training is a great way to bring a team together to collaborate and learn. The ELC creates several customized programs for groups to focus on specific topics, skills and knowledge that can be improved upon or further developed.

CUSTOMIZED ENGLISH PROGRAMS

- Customized English Plus
- · English for Global Communication
- Intensive English Online

CUSTOMIZED TEACHER TRAINING

- · Customized Programs
- Customized English as a Medium of Instruction
- Customized Teaching English as a Foreign Language

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Beginner to Advanced

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday– Friday	8:30 am–12:30 pm English classes
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 2 days/week) Customized programming
Monday– Friday	2–4 pm (approx. 3 days/week) Free social + cultural activities
Weekend	Optional activities (\$)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay or dormitory



English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI)

As a music teacher at an elementary school in Taiwan, I went to UVic to learn how to teach music in English. The program was precise, effective, and extremely helpful. The course was engaging, and the instructor inspired me profoundly. When I returned to Taiwan, I found my English proficiency had improved greatly, and my teaching approaches had become more effective. I feel now I am on the right track to becoming a better educator.

Demi Hou, Taiwan

QUICK FACTS

- Approximately 60 hours of formal classroom instruction
- Professional development workshops and lectures
- · Socio-cultural activities
- A safe and respectful English immersion context for the enhancement of language, cultural intelligence and educational leadership skills
- · Internationalize your curriculum
- Evaluation content and how to integrate it into classrooms
- · Networking opportunities
- Introduction to the Canadian education system

CUSTOMIZED

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Intermediate

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

TOEFL 71 with no section less than 15 (R/L/S/W)

IELTS 5.5-6.0 overall with no section less than 5.0 (R/S/L/W)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay (September-June) or Dormitory (July-August)



Providing a stimulating and interactive learning environment, this program helps participants develop their ability to effectively teach in English by focusing on six skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and representing.

QUICK FACTS

- Approximately 60 hours of formal classroom instruction
- · Professional development workshops and lectures
- Micro-teachings
- · Socio-cultural activities
- A safe and respectful English immersion context for the enhancement of language, cultural intelligence and educational leadership skills
- Create a teaching portfolio
- Strategies for using art, music and drama in the classroom to teach English
- Networking opportunities
- Introduction to the Canadian education system

CLASS LEVEL

Upper Intermediate

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

TOEFL 71 with no section less than 15 (R/L/S/W)

IELTS 5.5-6.0 overall with no section less than 5.0 (R/S/L/W)

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay (September-June) or Dormitory (July-August)

UVic Entry Guide



Acceptance to a degree program at the University of Victoria requires students to meet UVic's academic requirements* and English language requirements. If you satisfy UVic's academic requirements, the next question is:

DO YOU SATISFY UVIC'S ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS?

YES! MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:	NO, MY LEVEL IS:
IELTS 6.5	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 5.5	Less than
No section below 6	No section below 5.5	No section below 5	IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 71
TOEFL 90	TOEFL 79	TOEFL 71	or
No section below 20	No section below 17	No section below 15	No IELTS / TOEFL

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR:

DIRECT ADMISSION	CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	PATHWAY PROGRAM	ELC PRELIMINARY ADMISSION
 Apply for Direct Admission to UVic Obtain an Offer of Admission to UVic Begin degree studies at UVic 	 Apply for Conditional Admission to the faculties of Business, Engineering and Computer Science, Fine Arts[†], Humanities, Science or Social Sciences Obtain an Offer of Conditional Admission to UVic Complete UAP at the ELC to begin UVic degree studies †Art History and Visual Studies ONLY 	 Apply for the University Pathway Program Obtain an Offer of Admission to the University Pathway Program Complete three terms of English and credit courses in the pathway program, and continue degree studies at UVic 	 Apply for ELC Preliminary Admission to the faculties of Business, Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Science or Social Sciences Obtain an Offer of ELC Preliminary Admission Satisfy the English requirement within two years at the ELC to begin UVic degree studies
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^{*}To review UVic's academic requirements for your country, visit: uvic.ca/undergraduate/programs/undergraduate-programs/faculty.php

To review the English language requirements for admission to UVic undergraduate programs, visit: uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/language-requirements/index.php

To contact UVic recruitment staff with academic / admissions questions, email: recruitment@uvic.ca



Homestay accommodation + meals

Living with a homestay family offers a special opportunity to experience Canadian life and to speak "real English" outside of class every day in a safe, comfortable setting.

QUICK FACTS

- Experience Canadian life with a carefully-selected family to match your interests and preferences
- Safe, comfortable homes are located on convenient bus routes
- · Daily speaking practice in real-life situations
- Includes a private, furnished single room (bed and linens, desk, dresser and mirror)

SERVICES

- Airport pick-up and drop-off (YYJ), 8 am–10 pm (weekends only)
- Free wifi and laundry access



Jinseob Park, Korea









Standard single room

Dormitory accommodation + meals

UVic's dormitories are convenient and comfortable. You'll love living on campus in the summer with friends from all over the world. It is only a 10-minute walk to the beach!

QUICK FACTS

- Private, furnished single room (bed, desk, dresser, mirror, linens)
- Central location on campus; 5-minute walk to the ELC
- Support of Cultural Assistants living in dormitories
- · Additional evening and weekend activities
- · Cafeteria meal plan
- 24/7 support from UVic Housing Office

SERVICES

- Airport reception by Cultural Assistants on "Arrival Day" (YYJ), 10 am-9 pm
- · Laundry facilities
- Free wifi

Testimonials



SEOWON HWANG | KOREA

"My ELC program was really special because it wasn't just about studying English in a classroom — it was about experiencing real Canadian life and culture. The teachers were very kind, patient, and always encouraged us to participate. There were many fun activities like conversation clubs, field trips, and cultural events, which made learning English exciting and natural."



ALESSANDRO ZAMBRANO | ECUADOR

"Learning English opens up many new opportunities. Now, I am doing my research work for the university, and it has helped me to get in touch with experts in the field, completely in English."



MARIANA MONTEIRO | BRAZIL

"It was always a dream for me to go to Canada. It was my first trip abroad so I was very excited to realize my dream in this special way. Everybody was so receptive and kind, both friends and teachers, and it made me feel like home. The ELC is awesome. It's so much more than just a place that you would go to learn English, it's a place that make you grow up as a person and gives you very special experiences."



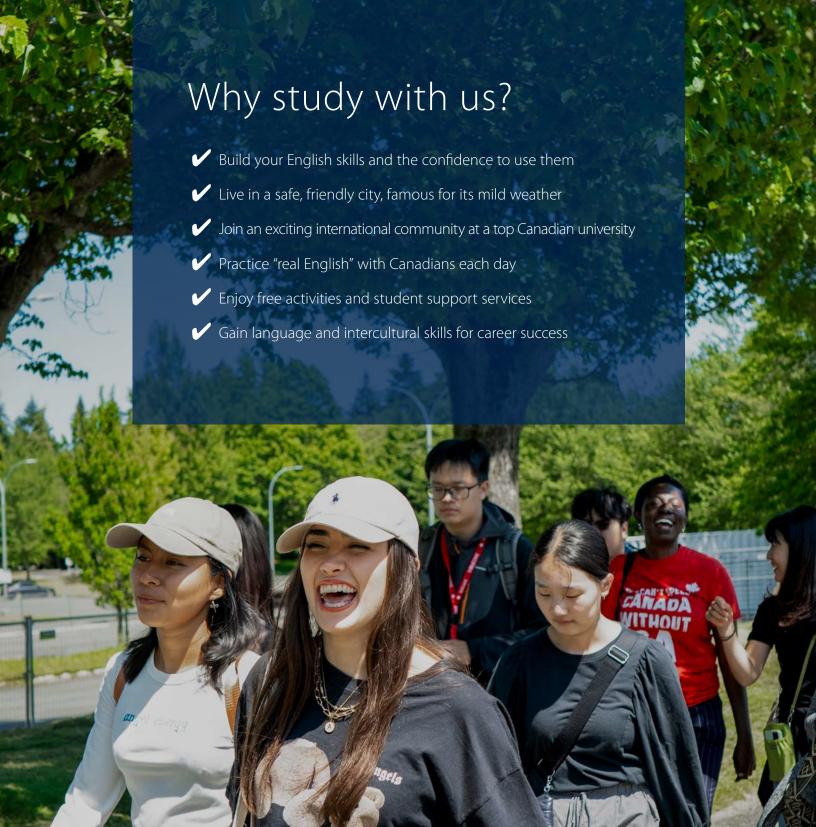
ADRIANA CASTIBLANCO | COLOMBIA

"The ELC program is special because it allowed me to improve my academic English skills through practical exercises and under the guidance of the best language teachers I have ever met. In addition, the program is very well designed because it allows international students to learn English in a simple and effective way."



SORAKA AGATA | JAPAN

"I studied English with students of various nationalities who had the same goal of improving their English. At first, it was difficult for me to understand what they said because they had different accents. However, the more time we spent together, the more I got used to the way they talked, and the more we got to know each culture. In addition, my teachers and CAs were incredibly kind and friendly. Thanks to them, I became able to speak English with confidence and learned useful phrases and idioms."





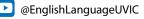
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