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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

English Language Institute

VANCOUVER | CANADA



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VANCOUVER



Often named one of the world's most livable cities, Vancouver offers both natural beauty and cosmopolitan flair. Situated on the west coast of Canada, surrounded on one side by beaches and on the other side by mountains, Vancouver's natural beauty is world class. Vancouver is a multicultural city shaped by an exceptional variety of cultures and ethnicities. With so many nationalities represented, Vancouverites are known to be friendly, culturally aware and welcoming to visitors.

POPULATION

- 2.1 million

WEATHER

- Mildest climate in Canada with warm springs, beautiful summers and rainy autumns and winters
- Temperatures range from an average of 25°C in the summers and 5°C in the winters

VANCOUVER LIFE

- Enjoy the local mountains year round with skiing and snowboarding in the winter, and hiking and mountain biking in the spring and summer
- Explore international flavours at one of many world-class restaurants
- Go for a shopping day in a variety of neighbourhoods; along Robson Street, South Granville, 4th Avenue or Commercial Drive

GETTING AROUND

- Vancouver has an award-winning transit system with many buses going directly to UBC



UBC

ACADEMICS

- Consistently ranked among the world's top 40 universities
- Four Rhodes Scholars in the last five years
- Over 99% of full-time professors have PhDs
- 12 faculties, 11 schools, 3 colleges
- 187 undergraduate programs, over 150 masters programs, 95 doctorate programs

STUDENTS

- UBC students come from over 140 countries
- International students represent 19% of students at UBC's Vancouver campus
- Over 30,000 undergraduate students at UBC's Vancouver campus

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 37 varsity athletic teams: 91 national championships, over 240 Olympic athletes
- Over 300 student clubs
- Campus-wide recreation events
- Music and theatre performances
- Student art galleries

FACILITIES

- UBC Library, with 22 branches and over 12 million items
- Museum of Anthropology
- Beaty Biodiversity Museum
- Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
- Aquatic centre with Olympic-size swimming pools
- Gardens: Nitobe Japanese Garden, Botanical Garden and the Rose Garden
- Student Union Building with restaurants, pubs and shops
- Student Recreation Centre

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ACADEMICS

- Leader in English language training
- Over 80% of instructors have a master's degree or doctorate
- Level 600 of the English for Academic Purposes program meets the UBC English Language Admission Standard
- Conditional Admission available into UBC degree programs

STUDENTS

- English Language Institute students come from over 70 countries
- Many students go on to degree programs at UBC or other universities
- Varied backgrounds and interests: medicine, film, culinary arts, commerce, athletics

STUDENT LIFE

- Variety of social activities with undergraduate students
- Intramural sports with undergraduate students
- Homestay with Canadian families

FACILITIES

- Student Study Centre
- Three computer labs
- Free wireless Internet
- Access to UBC facilities





PROGRAMS

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

16 or 8 weeks, full-time, 24 hrs/week + 4 hrs/week of optional workshops

This program is designed for students looking for a full-time intensive program to develop their English skills in all areas.

- 7 levels: Elementary – Advanced
- Skills-based courses: reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Placement tests upon arrival to determine your level
- Transcripts provided each semester
- Certificates awarded for successful completion of 3 courses at one level

You can come for just one session, or stay for longer as our multi-level program ensures that you will have new challenges as your English improves. Students who successfully complete level 400 and wish to focus on academic English have the option of joining the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at the 500 level.

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

16 or 8 weeks, full-time, 24 hrs/week + 4 hrs/week of optional workshops

This program is designed for upper-intermediate to advanced students looking for a full-time program focusing on developing their Academic English skills.

- 3 levels: Upper Intermediate – Advanced
- Integrated skills: academic reading & writing and academic speaking & listening
- Placement tests on arrival to determine your level
- Transcripts provided each semester
- Certificates awarded for successful completion of a level
- Level 600 Certificate of English Language (CEL) satisfies UBC's English Language Admission Standard

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Don Erhardt Photograph



ENGLISH FOR THE GLOBAL CITIZEN

3 or 4 weeks, full- or part-time, 27 or 18 hours per week

This program is designed for students seeking to improve their English skills while discussing global citizenship, civil society, and sustainability.

- 3 distinct modules
- Integrated skills: conversation, writing, vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar
- Activities: debates, guest speakers, interviews, class exchanges, group projects, presentations, and educational outings
- Themes: culture and society, food and environment, consumerism, media and technology, employment, etc.
- Start dates throughout the year

ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

3 weeks, full-time, 27 hours per week

This program is designed for intermediate- and advanced-level students to build English skills and confidence in a business context. Classes are designed to meet the specific needs of students.

- Speaking: English for business meetings, presentations, negotiations, cross-cultural business practices, etc.
- Writing: business letters, emails, reports, etc.
- Special activities: case studies, local business visits, discussions with guest speakers and panelists

ACADEMIC ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT FOR UBC DEGREE PROGRAMS

If you meet the general admission and program-specific requirements for a UBC degree program but you do not meet UBC's English Language Admission Standard, you should still apply to a UBC degree program. You may be eligible for admission through UBC's Conditional Admission Program or UBC's Vantage College. For more information, visit you.ubc.ca/academic-english.

For current UBC degree students

ACADEMIC ENGLISH SUPPORT

Academic English Support (AES) is a resource available to UBC students during their degree (undergraduate and graduate) programs. AES offers free, individual support to enhance your academic English and give you the skills to succeed in your program. You will have access to online and face-to-face courses as well as an English language teaching specialist, your language coach. With the help of your language coach, you prepare an AES learning plan tailored to your needs and to your schedule. Your coach will check in with you throughout the year, in person and online, as you work through your AES learning plan. For more information, visit aes.ubc.ca.



STUDENT LIFE



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Expand your learning and discover Canadian life and culture
- Take part in an exciting variety of activities and events, organized by Cultural Assistants (UBC students) who accompany you on all socio-cultural activities
- Visit local attractions or explore Vancouver's many shopping districts
- Attend special UBC ELI events, including International Night, Welcome and Farewell parties
- Explore beyond Vancouver with trips to Whistler, Victoria and more
- Play intramural sports and enjoy outdoor activities such as beach volleyball, skiing and snowboarding
- Join a club: volunteer, cooking, music and more





HOMESTAY

- Improve your English while living with a Canadian family
- Furnished private room and three meals per day
- Host families include students in daily family life
- Host families are selected carefully with students' comfort and safety in mind
- Pre-homestay campus accommodation is available before the homestay placement day



CAMPUS STAY

- Available from mid-May through mid-August
- Single or shared room in a campus dormitory
- Meet Canadian and international students
- Experience campus life
- Other options available to Conditional Admission students





- WHISTLER
- SKIING
- SNOWBOARDING
- HORSEBACK RIDING
- RIVER RAFTING
- VICTORIA
- WHALE WATCHING
- KITSILANO
- CYCLING
- FITNESS
- BEACH VOLLEYBALL
- SWIMMING
- BARBECUES
- GASTOWN
- ROBSON STREET
- SHOPPING
- GRANVILLE STREET
- NIGHT LIFE
- MUSIC
- THEATRE
- STANLEY PARK
- GROUSE MOUNTAIN

UBC CAMPUS



Flight times to Vancouver (transfer may be required)



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