



VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY

English Language Centre



EXPLORE. DISCOVER. EXCEL.



English as a Second
Language Programs (ESL)

Language & Culture
Programs

Group Programs

Customized Training
Programs



To learn more about
why Vancouver Island
University's English
Language Centre is the
right choice for you,
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viu.ca/esl

DISCOVER Canada's west coast while
studying English at Vancouver Island
University (VIU). Our English Language
Centre offers fully-accredited:

- Academic Preparation Programs
- English Communication Programs
- Language and Culture Programs
- Group Programs and Customized
Contract Training.

The English Language Centre is located in
the International Education Centre (IEC),
with modern classrooms, computer labs,
internet stations, and easy access to your
teachers. The International Education Centre
is unique in Canada and provides a one-
stop service centre for admission inquiries,
advising, and support services to facilitate
student success.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs



Vancouver Island University was the right choice for me. I studied 3 semesters in ESL before my academic program. The nice thing about studying at VIU was that classes were small. At the start, I was shy but I learned to ask questions so that I was sure of what I learned. As a Peer Helper, I helped new international students and organized many activities. I made many friends at VIU and I enjoyed it very much. VIU definitely played a big part in my life and it will continue to benefit me in many ways.



Lisha Yu, China
Alumni
Bachelor of Business Administration

English Language Programs

University Programs

Academic Preparation 5

- Research Skills
- Research Papers
- Academic Presentation Skills
- Academic Study and Analysis Skills

Students who want to move from the Communications Program into the Academic Program will be retested and placed at the appropriate level at the end of each semester.

Academic Preparation 4

- Academic Essays
- Critical Reading Skills
- Academic Communication Skills
- Academic Lecture

Academic Preparation 3

- Introduction to Academic Writing
- Cultural Studies
- Integrated Skills: Reading, Writing, Listening, Spelling, Grammar

Communications 3

- Community Volunteering
- Presentation Skills
- Global Issues
- Guest Lectures

Foundations 2

- Paragraph Development
- Grammar Applications
- Reading & Writing
- Pronunciation Practice

Communications 2

- Campus Activities
- Debates
- Speaking Skills
- Cultural Studies

Foundations 1

- Sentence Structure
- Reading & Writing Skills
- Grammar
- Pronunciation

Communications 1

- Conversation Skills
- Pronunciation
- Listening & Speaking Practice
- Cultural Awareness

ACADEMIC PREPARATION PROGRAM

14 weeks per level

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

7 weeks & 14 weeks per level

EXPLORE your English Language program options with Vancouver Island University's English Language Centre. Choose from the comprehensive Academic Preparation Program or English Communication Program. You will be assessed and placed in the appropriate level upon arrival.

Academic Preparation (AP) Program

- 5 level integrated skills program
- 14-week modules
- 20 to 26 hours per week of instruction
- Start in January, May, or September
- Costs: \$4,700 Cdn per module

Are you a quick learner? The fast track system accelerates your learning:

- AP Fast Trackers who exceed expectations can move to the next level at mid-term
- GOALS courses provides extra practice and support to help you focus on specific skill development – reading, writing, grammar, communication skills, or IELTS Preparation (additional fees apply)

Conditional Acceptance

Completion of Level 5 of VIU's English Academic Preparation program meets the English language requirement for VIU academic programs; IELTS or TOEFL scores will not be required.

English Communication Program (ECP)

- 3 level integrated skills program
- 7 or 14-week modules
- 24 to 26 hours per week of instruction
- Flexible start dates
- Costs: 7 weeks for \$2,400 Cdn; 14 weeks for \$4,700 Cdn

Improve your English communication skills for work, travel, or personal development with the exciting, intensive English Communication Program. Learn how to manage conversations, use idioms, and communicate effectively in English. Develop your speaking, listening, and cross-cultural communication skills while learning about life in Canada. Interactive class work includes exercises, projects, readings, activities, volunteering, day trips, community visits and interactions with Canadian students.

For more information on how you can become a VIU English Language student, go to viu.ca/esl or e-mail studyesl@viu.ca.

Short-Term Language and Culture Program



Join VIU's Language and Culture Program for 3 or 4 weeks starting in July, August, or January. Start the program in one of three levels – developing, intermediate, or advanced. Each level offers integrated skill development in reading and writing with a special emphasis on listening and speaking. As a student, you will benefit from a combination of in-class language instruction, cultural activities, and day trips. The Language and Culture Program prepares you to communicate effectively and fluently. For more information and to apply, visit viu.ca/esl or e-mail studyesl@viu.ca.

Program activities

Canoeing, cooking, skating, tennis, golfing, rock climbing, horseback riding, hiking and more

DAY TRIPS to explore Vancouver Island from Tofino to Victoria with towns, beaches, markets and historical landmarks in between

OPTIONAL REGIONAL TOURS to Vancouver, Whistler, Okanagan wine tours and Canada's Rocky Mountains

Sample Schedule

Language and Culture Program

(20 hours per week of English language instruction)

Each Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 am to 12 pm	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	Group Day Trip	Free Time or Optional Regional Tours	Free Time or Optional Regional Tours
1 pm to 3 pm	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class			
	Study Time	Beach Volleyball	Study Time	Bowling			

*Program is **subject to enrolment**, students **must begin** on program start date.

Program Costs, Start Dates and Deadlines

Language and Culture Program	Start Date	Cost	Application Deadline
July Program	3-week program: July 4, 2011	\$1,450 Cdn	June 15, 2011
	4-week program: July 4, 2011	\$1,800 Cdn	
August Program	3-week program: August 8, 2011	\$1,450 Cdn	July 15, 2011
	4-week program: August 2, 2011	\$1,800 Cdn	
January Program	3-week program: January 3, 2012	\$1,450 Cdn	November 15, 2011
	4-week program: January 3, 2012	\$1,800 Cdn	

Group Programs and Customized Training

Choose VIU for custom designed, year-round contract training for your group or business. Our International team will work with you to develop customized classes, training opportunities, and recreational activities to match your group's interests, age range, and language ability.

Samples of Group Programs:

VIU works with student groups to deliver customized programs in:

- English Language Instruction
- Canadian Culture/Leisure/Sport
- Tourism/Recreation/Sport
- Drama/Music/Art
- Baking/Culinary Arts
- Nursing/Child Care and Youth Care
- Academic/Technical/Business
- Horticulture

Samples of Customized Training:

VIU partners with businesses, government, educational institutions, and industry to deliver first-class educational consulting services. We offer a wide range of customized training that includes:

- Teacher Training
- Leadership Training
- Human Resource Management
- Administration and Governance
- Executive Training
- Management Training
- Vocational Education Training
- Project Development
- Technologies Training

Contact Information

For more information on group programs and customized training, please visit viu.ca/groups or e-mail groups@viu.ca.

English Language Centre



When I came to VIU, I joined a teaching team that doesn't stop working to meet its students' learning needs. That attitude re-ignited my passion for teaching and made me a better teacher. Also, I live and learn in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Who could ask for anything more?

Maurice Gallant,
ESL Instructor



Accommodation Options

VIU Homestay: Practice your English and learn about Canadian culture as a member of a Canadian family. You will be matched with a host family who has been carefully selected by program staff to ensure that you live in a safe, comfortable and welcoming home. A private, furnished room is provided with three meals per day. One or two students are placed per home depending on availability. To guarantee homestay placement, submit your profile 8 weeks before your program start date. For more information, visit www.viu.ca/international/housing.asp



On-Campus Residence: Live on campus and enjoy the spectacular VIU view every day. The residence program includes a private room with a desk, small fridge, sink, and shared bathroom. Each residence floor has a large kitchen and television lounge. Laundry facilities are available. A meal plan can be arranged for an additional cost. For groups programs, residence is available from May until mid August. For more information, visit www.viuresidences.ca

Get Involved

Vancouver Island University offers many choices for students to practice English and interact with campus and community partners. We offer a wide range of activities, Peer Helper programs, volunteer programs, work experience opportunities and events on and off campus. For more information on how you can get involved at VIU, visit www.viu.ca/international/studentactivity.asp

Explore, Discover and Excel in your English Language Studies

Choose VIU's English Language Centre to improve your English communication skills, prepare for academic studies, explore Canadian culture, or fulfill your organization's customized training needs.

VIU offers you:

- Quality Canadian programs
- 2 start dates every semester
- Fast Track Options
- Blend of social, cultural, and academic activities to practice English
- Pathways to higher learning – English and Academic
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Interactive learning
- Award winning service
- Affordable tuition
- Beautiful island location with a mild climate

Contact information

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How to Apply

Complete, sign, and submit the International Application Form for Admission online (with payment) at www.viu.ca/international/apply.asp

