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STUDIES@UVIC**

English Language Centre

Study   
English

**IN CANADA**



**University  
of Victoria**

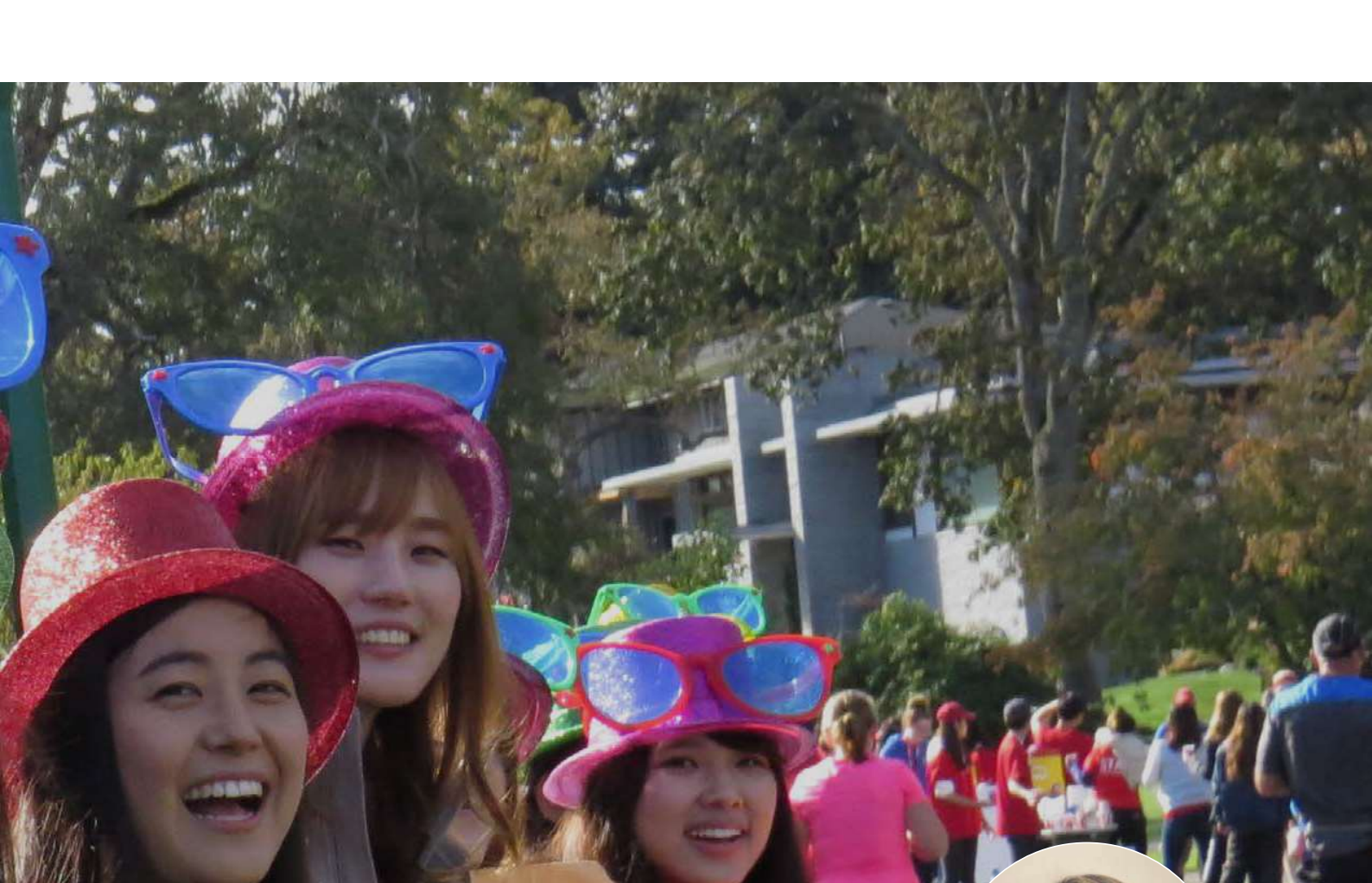


## Since 1970

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!





# Welcome



Please accept my warmest welcome to beautiful Victoria and the English Language Centre. As you embark on this journey, our exceptional staff is ready to help you improve your English, develop your confidence in a new culture, and prepare for future success as a global citizen. *We can't wait to welcome you!* It's now time to find unlimited opportunities to improve your English language skills. This is also a unique environment that allows you to connect with students from around the world, learn about different cultures, and share ideas. Language learning in another country can be a life-changing opportunity—so let us, together, make this an experience to remember.

Dr. Seppy Masoodi  
Director, English Language Centre



# 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



# English Language Centre (ELC)



## AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT

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



## 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





# Summer Language and Culture (SLC)

“ 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)

## GENERAL

### 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)



## 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!

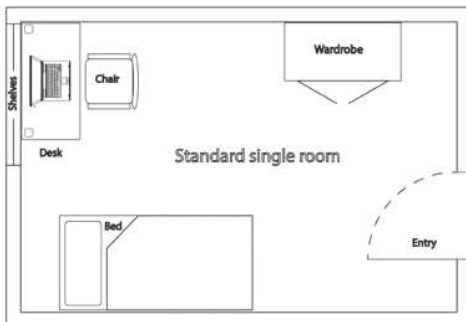


### QUICK FACTS

- 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







# Why study with us?

- ✓ Build your English skills and the confidence to use them
- ✓ Live in a safe, friendly city, famous for its mild weather
- ✓ Join an exciting international community at a top Canadian university
- ✓ Practice “real English” with Canadians each day
- ✓ Enjoy free activities and student support services
- ✓ Gain language and intercultural skills for career success



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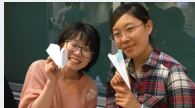




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# Summer Language and Culture 4-Week Program

## July 2026

Details	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>July 5</b> <b>Mix and Mingle</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Meet students from your program for food and an early start to make friends!</p> <p><b>July 6</b> <b>Start Up</b> Cultural Assistant staff will meet you at your residence entrance at 8:00am and escort you to your Placement Tests.</p> <p><b>Class placements will be available by 8:00pm on your "My Account" login at <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/elc">www.uvic.ca/elc</a>.</b></p> <p><b>July 7 - July 31</b> <b>English Classes</b> First class: 8:30am - 10:20am. Second class: 10:40am - 12:30pm.</p> <p><b>July 14, 21 27 &amp; 28</b> <b>Team Building</b> Join a group of peers to show off your skills.</p> <p><b>July 10, 17, &amp; 24</b> <b>Coffee Social and Afternoon Sports</b> Enjoy conversation, snacks and games during Coffee Social and play sports afterwards. Go to the Info Table in the CST Atrium if you want to join.</p> <p><b>July 16 &amp; 23</b> <b>Workshops</b> Join our Cultural Assistants for specially-prepared activities and an afternoon of fun!</p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activities\$</b> Purchase your tickets at the Continuing Studies Student Services Office, or <a href="#">purchase online</a>.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Arrival Day Welcome to Victoria!</p> <p>Check-in to Dorms after 3:00pm</p> <p>7:00pm Mix &amp; Mingle</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Start Up Testing, <b>WEL</b>Come to the English Language Centre, Campus Tours, and Orientation</p> <p>Residence Life Orientation</p> <p><a href="#">Find your schedule here!</a></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>First Day of Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm <a href="#">Downtown Walking Tour</a></p> 	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm Mount Tolmie Hike</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm <a href="#">Royal BC Museum</a></p> 	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>1:30pm: Coffee Social and Sports</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm Amazing Race!</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm: Team Building</p> 	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>1:45pm Discover BC #1 <a href="#">Fort Rodd Hill and Sidney</a></p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm Workshop #1</p> 	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>1:30pm: Coffee Social and Sports</p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activity\$</b> <a href="#">2-Night Vancouver Trip</a></p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activities\$</b> <a href="#">2-Night Vancouver Trip (Continued)</a></p> 
	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activities\$</b> <a href="#">2-Night Vancouver Trip (Return)</a></p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>PM: Hamburger cookout and music</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm: Team Building</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>1:45pm Discover BC #2 <a href="#">Sidney and Fort Rodd Hill</a></p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm Workshop #2</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>1:30pm: Coffee Social and Sports</p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activity\$</b> <a href="#">2-Night Vancouver Trip</a></p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activities\$</b> <a href="#">Butchart Gardens 2-Night Vancouver Trip (Continued)</a></p> 
	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>\$Additional Cost Activities\$</b> <a href="#">2-Night Vancouver Trip (Return)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Kayaking</a></p> <p><a href="#">Whale Watching</a></p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm: Team Building</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm: Team Building Finale</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>2:00pm: Beach Day</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>English Classes</i></p> <p>Free afternoon</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:00 - 11:00am: Final Class</p> <p>Farewell Event &amp; Certificate Presentation</p> 	<p><b>August 1</b></p> <p>Check-out of Dorms by 11:00am</p> <p>Farewell and good luck from the English Language Centre!</p>