

January 2027 - Language & Culture Program

Details	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 4 Arrive at UVic by 8:30am. English Language Centre (ELC) staff will help you find your placement test locations. Please bring your lunch! Find your schedule here! January 5 Class placements will be available on your "My Account" login at www.uvic.ca/elc. Classes begin at 9:00am. January 5 - 28 English Classes Morning class: 9:00am-11:30am Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm Afternoon class: 12:30pm-3:00pm January 13, 20 and 27 Join us for Conversation Club. Meet other ELC students for casual social games January 22 Join Coffee Social for themed activities, coffee and prizes January 29 Enjoy the farewell event and certificate presentation with your classmates. \$Additional Cost Activities\$ Purchase your tickets at the Continuing Studies Student & Financial Services Office, or purchase online.	3 Arrival Day - Welcome to Victoria!	4 Testing, WELCome to the English Language Centre, Campus Tours, and Orientation Find your schedule here!	5 Find out what class you're in at your My Account page English Classes	6 English Classes	7 English Classes	8 Downtown Tour \$Additional Cost Activity\$ 7PM: Victoria Royals Hockey Game 	9 Free Day 
	10 \$Additional Cost Activity\$ High Tea	11 English Classes	12 English Classes	13 English Classes Conversation Club	14 English Classes	15 AM: Royal BC Museum \$Additional Cost Activities\$ 2-Night Vancouver	16 \$Additional Cost Activity\$ 2-Night Vancouver Trip (Continued)
	17 \$Additional Cost Activity\$ 2-Night Vancouver Trip (Return) 	18 English Classes	19 English Classes	20 English Classes Conversation Club	21 English Classes	22 PM: Coffee Social and Sports \$Additional Cost Activities\$ 2-Night Vancouver Trip	23 \$Additional Cost Activities\$ 2-Night Vancouver Trip (Continued) 
	24 \$Additional Cost Activities\$ 2-Night Vancouver Trip (Return)	25 English Classes	26 English Classes	27 English Classes Conversation Club	28 Final Class	29 Farewell Event and Certificate Presentation 	30 Farewell and good luck from the staff and teachers at the English Language Centre!

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English Language Centre

Study English



IN VICTORIA



Victoria, British Columbia



#1 Small City in the World (2025)

Condé Nast Traveler
Readers' Choice Awards
(US)



#1 Friendliest City in the World (2024)

Condé Nast Traveler
Readers' Choice Awards
(US)



Top 10 Most Walkable Cities in the World (2024)

Skyscanner



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)
- 441,491: 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

“Living in Victoria was calm, safe, and inspiring. The city has beautiful nature, friendly people, and a relaxed atmosphere that made it easy to focus on studying while enjoying daily life. It felt like the perfect place to balance learning and personal growth.



Jihoon Hong
KOREA





University of Victoria (Uvic)

QUICK FACTS

- Consistently ranked one of Canada's top "comprehensive universities"
- Offers undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs in 10 academic faculties, and is renowned for leading research in oceans, climate, sustainability and Indigenous studies
- Student population: 22,000+
- International students from 100+ countries
- Located 15 minutes to downtown Victoria; 15 minutes to the beach
- Active student community: 35 sports clubs and 150 student clubs

CAMPUS FACILITIES + SERVICES

- Gym – Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA)
- Library and bookstore
- Cafeterias, restaurants and cafes
- Computer labs
- Pharmacy and dentist
- Hiking trails, gardens and natural spaces
- Movie theatre and student theatre
- Multifaith Centre
- Bus depot with service throughout Victoria
- Campus security office with 24/7 service

ACADEMIC FACULTIES

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| • Business | • Health |
| • Education | • Humanities |
| • Engineering and Computer Science | • Law |
| • Fine Arts | • Science |
| • Graduate Studies | • Social Sciences |



UVIC BENEFITS FOR ELC STUDENTS

- ✓ While studying at the ELC, students have access to all of UVic's services and facilities
- ✓ Upon graduation, ELC students are granted official UVic Alumni status





English Language Centre (ELC)



AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT

- **2025 Winner:**
BCCIE Award for Excellence in International Student Support
- **2023 Winner:**
BCCIE Award for Outstanding Program in International Education
- **2023 Finalist:**
PIEoneer Award for Language Training Provider of the Year
- Languages Canada Accreditation



The ELC is a Canadian leader in education, developing and delivering English programs at UVic for 56 years. Nearly 2,000 students choose the ELC every year. Here are some reasons why:

- Award-winning programs and student support
- Program quality is ensured by accreditation through Languages Canada
- Instructors are TESOL-trained with international teaching experience
- Programs begin almost every month of the year
- Options to support preparation for UVic degrees, diplomas and certificates
- In-house homestay, student support and socio-cultural activity staff
- Central location on UVic's beautiful campus

The ELC is located in the Continuing Studies Building, a modern facility where students attend classes and activities, and may access support services and resources such as:

- 27 classrooms
- Computer labs
- Atrium student lounge and study space
- ELC Learning Centre
- Pronunciation workshops and tutorials
- Conversation volunteers
- Registration services staff
- Student Immigration Advising
- Student Support Counselling





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 and guided 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. In addition to the fun you're sure to have with our CAs, talking with them is a great way to practice “real English” and meet Canadian students.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES + ADVENTURES

Free activities:

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

Additional cost:

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





Language and Culture

(September – March)

QUICK FACTS

- 20 class hours per week, Monday–Thursday
- Intensive class schedule with five study hours/day
- Three to six General English class levels
- Focus on speaking and listening skills
- “English Through Themes” curriculum (Canada, global issues, society and culture)
- “International Culture and Conversation” workshops
- Weekly Coffee Social
- ELC Learning Centre access after classes
- Free and optional activities led by Cultural Assistants
- Materials included
- Certificate of Completion + Record of Grade

“During the month I spent studying at ELC, I became much more comfortable using English in my daily life. The course strongly focuses on speaking, which helped me become more confident in using English in practical situations. In addition, other language skills were taught through games, movies, activities, and conversations. All my teachers were kind, helpful, and supportive. Another special part of the program was meeting many new friends from different places, backgrounds, and cultures. [...] Therefore, more than learning English, I also learned about different cultures which helped broaden my perspective on the world.”



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4 WEEKS

STARTS IN

January, February, March,
September

CLASS LEVELS

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 + MEALS

Homestay





Homestay accommodation + meals

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

QUICK FACTS

- Experience Canadian life with a family carefully selected 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

- All meals and snacks provided by homestay family
- Airport pick-up and drop-off (YYJ), 8 am–10 pm (weekends only)
- Free wifi
- Laundry access

“People in Victoria really like ‘small talk’—they enjoy talking even with a stranger who they met on the bus. My host family asked me, ‘How was your day?’ at dinner time every day. After I came back to Japan, I still enjoy talking about daily life!”



Tsugumi Kato
JAPAN





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