



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Enhance your future

with the English
Language Program

2024/2025
INTENSIVE ESL AND
BRIDGING PROGRAMS

English Language Program

Learn English at **UCalgary!**

Learn English in a modern setting from highly-qualified instructors who specialize in teaching English as an additional language. Our programs are for students at all skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and are designed to help you reach your English language learning goals.

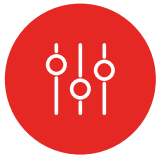


2024/25 English Language Program (ELP) Programs and Courses

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Excellence

You can expect:



Various course lengths



Face-to-face classes



High quality instruction



World-class university facilities



Small class sizes (average of 16 students)



Motivated students from all over the world



Accurate level placement with proficiency testing



Experienced and friendly student service team



Pathway to college and university programs

Value

Tuition includes:



Textbooks and handouts



Access to campus library



Evaluation and Certificate of Participation



Emergency health insurance*



Public train and bus pass**



WiFi access on campus



Use of recreational facilities***



Access to campus computers

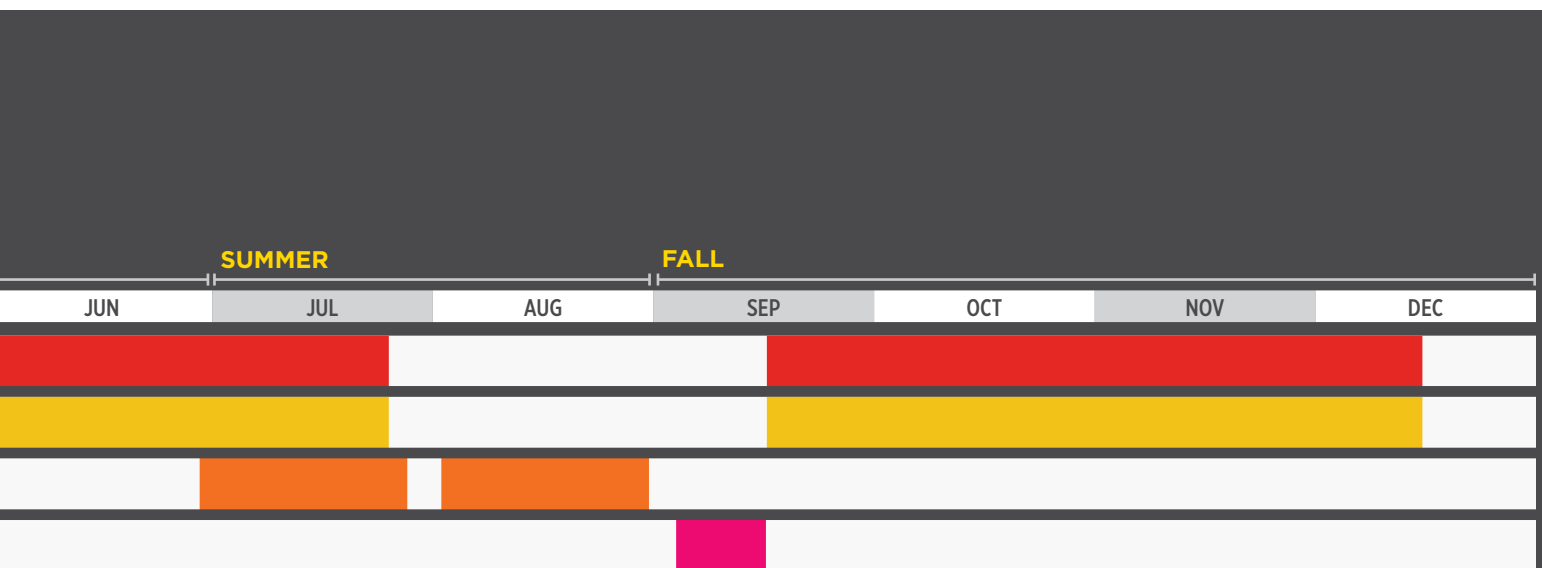


Social events

* International students under 65 only.

** For all courses of 8 weeks or longer. Coverage starts from May 1 for Spring terms.

*** For all courses of 3 weeks or longer.





Learn at UCalgary!

The University of Calgary is one of Canada's top comprehensive research universities, combining the best of university tradition with the city of Calgary's vibrant energy and diversity.



#7 Top research university in Canada*



In the top 200 universities worldwide**



More than 34,000 students



A modern 213-hectare campus with world-class facilities



94% graduate employment rate, 80% employed in related field

* ReSearch Info. Source Inc., 2022.

** Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), 2022.



1 Access to public train (C-Train) station
12 minute ride to downtown from the university



2 Education Tower
Location of the English Language Program office



3 Taylor Family Digital Library
One of North America's most technology and information rich facilities



4 MacEwan Student Centre
Restaurants, shops, a medical/dental clinic, fitness facility and International Student Services



5 Olympic Oval
World-class speed skating facility

Come to Calgary and enjoy Alberta!

Surrounded by Alberta's many beautiful travel destinations, we offer exciting learning opportunities on and off campus, ensuring the best possible international learning experience.



Experience the Calgary Stampede, one of the world's largest outdoor rodeos and festivals.



outdoor adventure



festivals and concerts



shopping and restaurants



4th largest city in Canada*
(population: 1.4 million)



7th most liveable
city in the world**



3rd most diverse
city in Canada*



One of Canada's
youngest city
(median age 37)*



Safe, clean, friendly
and famous for its
western hospitality



Sunniest city in
Canada — over 333
days a year



Most extensive urban
pathway system in
North America*



Warm Chinook winds bring
spring-like temperatures
during the winter months



International airport
located only 20 minutes
from downtown



Longest network of
indoor skyway pedestrian
bridges in North America



Home to Canada's National
Music Centre and the world
famous Calgary Stampede



1 hour from Banff
National Park and
world-class ski resorts



1.5 hours from Drumheller,
dinosaur capital
of the world

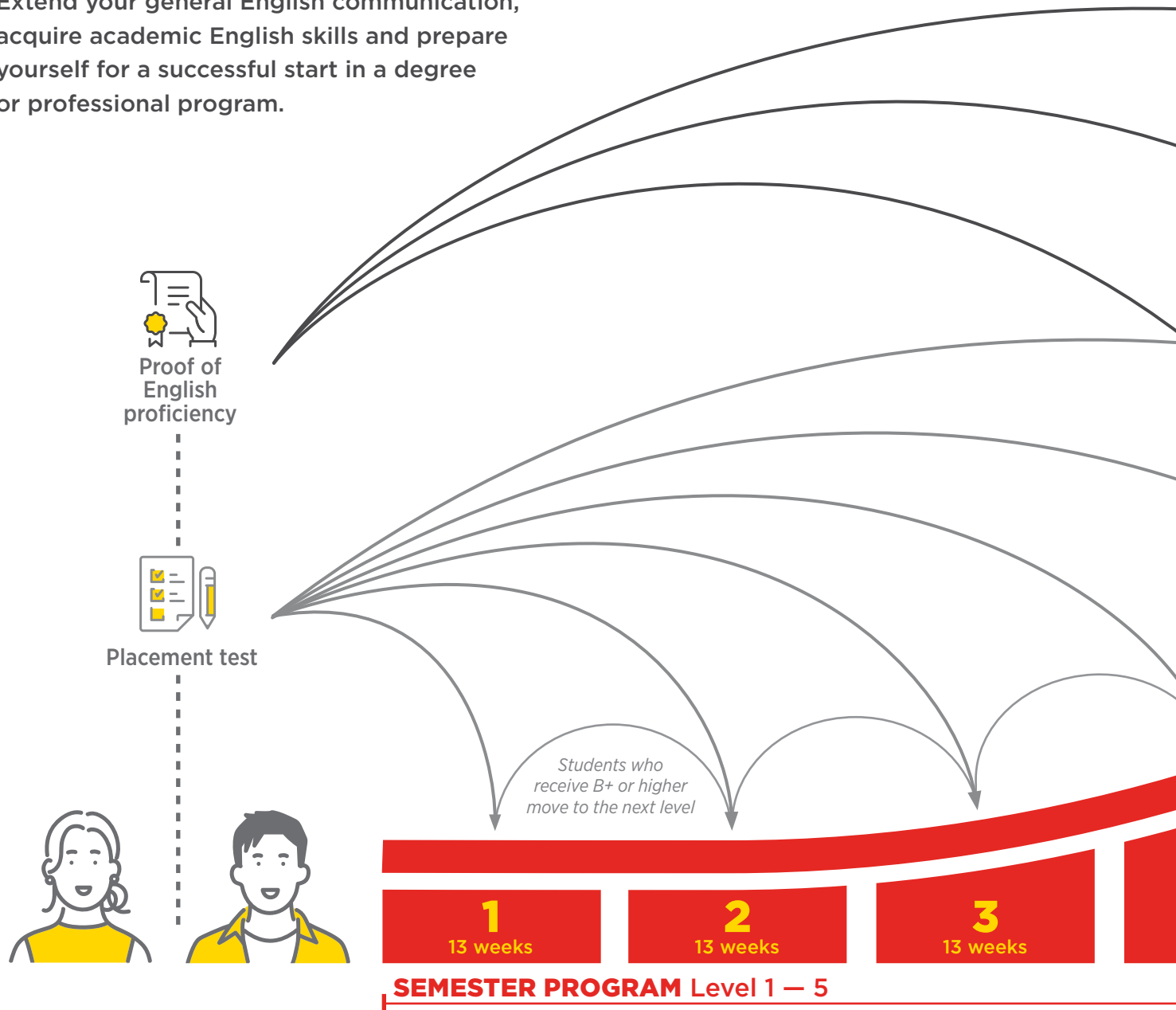


4.5 hours from Jasper,
Canada's largest Rocky
Mountain national park



Your Gateway to University Life

Extend your general English communication, acquire academic English skills and prepare yourself for a successful start in a degree or professional program.



Proof of English proficiency



Placement test



Students who receive B+ or higher move to the next level

1
13 weeks

2
13 weeks

3
13 weeks

SEMESTER PROGRAM Level 1 – 5



General Communication

- Grammar
- Reading and Writing
- Speaking and Listening



Successful completion of Academic Communication Certificate (ACC):

- Conditional admission and acceptance to **UCalgary undergraduate and graduate degree programs**

Successful completion of Semester Program Level 6:

- Acceptance to **UCalgary Continuing Education International Professional Programs**
- Conditional admission and acceptance to **Bow Valley College**

Admission criteria may vary by institution and program type, please contact the institution and program of your interest to obtain admission details.



Academic Preparation

6
13 weeks

University Preparation

13 weeks

- Level 6**
- Academic Grammar and Composition
 - Academic Reading and Vocabulary
 - Academic Speaking and Listening

- ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE (ACC)**
- Academic Writing and Composition
 - Research Writing and Form
 - Critical Listening and Notetaking
 - Oral Communication and Presentation Skills
 - Academic Success Tutorials



ESL 100: 13 WEEKS Semester Program

2024

❄️ **Winter**
1/8 - 4/5

🌸 **Spring**
4/22 - 7/19

🍂 **Fall**
9/16 - 12/13

2025

❄️ **Winter**
1/6 - 4/4

👛 **Price**
\$4,325

🕒 **Program Hours**
275 hours

Level 1 – 5: Acquiring Accuracy: Comprehensive English

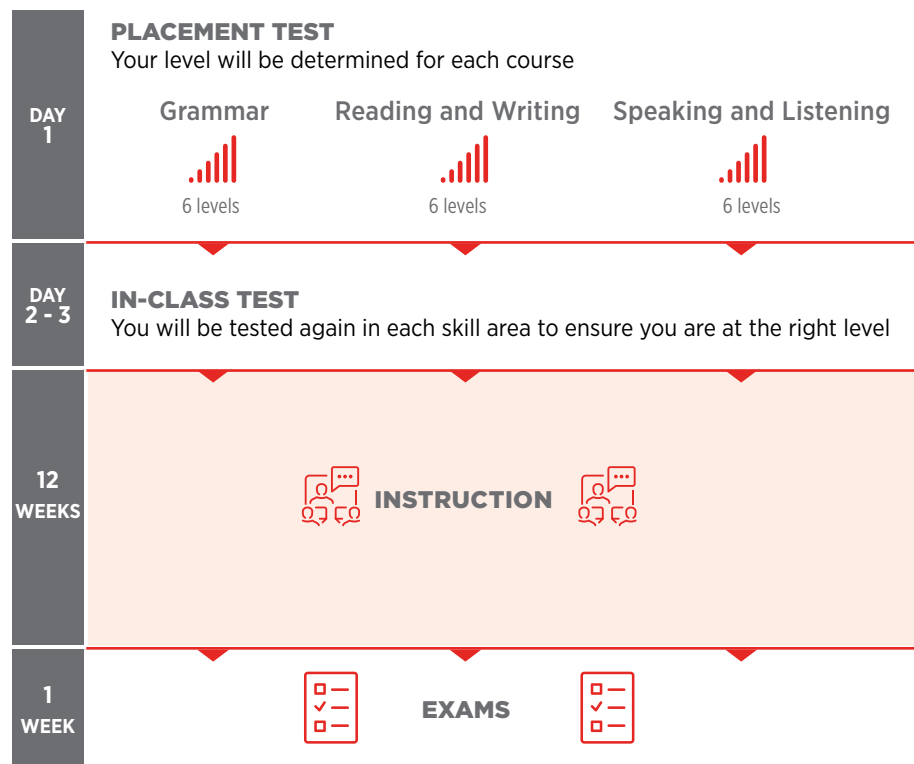
If you are serious about dramatically improving your overall English skills, this is the course for you!

- Separate courses in Grammar, Reading and Writing, and Speaking and Listening
- Levels: high beginner to upper advanced in each skill area
- 12 weeks of instruction and assessment followed by a week of exams
- Enter the program in any session and combine semester programs and/or intensive programs
- Most students can expect to achieve an advanced level of English in 1 year (3 semesters + 1 intensive program) of study

Level 6: Academic Preparation

The top level of our Semester Program focuses on the written and oral skills necessary for success in the English language post-secondary classroom. Students completing Level 6, meet the English language proficiency requirement for:

- Academic Communication Certificate (ACC), see page 11
- UCalgary Continuing Education International Professional Programs, see conted.ucalgary.ca/ipp
- Applicable Bow Valley College certificate and diploma programs



Students who receive B+ or higher move to the next level

// You can improve your English because the teachers are kind, experience multiple cultures and make international friends."

Osuke, from Japan



Admission Requirements

All levels: Proof of English language proficiency is not required to enter the Semester Program; students will be tested at the beginning of the program and then placed in the appropriate level.

Level 5 and 6 advanced placement: Advanced placement into levels 5 and 6 of the Semester Program is available for students wishing to guarantee their level placements. One of the following minimum scores are required:

Level 5

- TOEFL iBT score of 45 overall, 15 in writing
- IELTS Academic score of 5.0 overall, 5.0 in writing, 4.5 in any other skill area
- CAEL score of 40 overall, 40 in writing
- Duolingo English Test score of 85 overall, 75 in production

Level 6

- TOEFL iBT score of 55 overall, 18 in writing
- IELTS Academic score of 5.5 overall, 5.5 in writing, 5.0 in any other skill area
- CAEL score of 50 overall, 50 in writing
- Duolingo English Test score of 95, 85 in production

Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning	Grammar Reading and Writing	Grammar Reading and Writing	Grammar Reading and Writing	Grammar Reading and Writing	Grammar Reading and Writing	Optional Activity Program
Afternoon	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening		



Successful completion of Semester Program level 5 or 6 is a step to be admitted to UCalgary Degree Programs. See page 13 for details.





EAP 200: 13 WEEKS

Academic Communication Certificate

2024

- ❄️ **Winter**
1/8 – 4/5
- 🌱 **Spring**
4/22 – 7/19
- 🍂 **Fall**
9/16 – 12/13

2025

- ❄️ **Winter**
1/6 – 4/4
- 💰 **Price**
\$4,775
- 🕒 **Program Hours**
250 hours

Each 13-week term has a one-week break (Reading Week) with no classes.

Academic Mastery: University Preparation

The Academic Communication Certificate (ACC) prepares English learners to enter UCalgary degree programs. Students learn essential skills for the academic setting, acquire critical knowledge for a successful transition to Canadian university culture, **meet English language proficiency admission requirements**, and **gain transfer credit** toward UCalgary undergraduate program.

ACC Advantages
Conditional Admission

Transfer Credit

Open Studies

Courses

Academic Writing and Composition
⌚ 56 hours
Focus on writing effective academic paragraphs and essays while mastering essential sentence skills and reading critically.

Research Writing and Form
⌚ 56 hours
Focus on the process of writing research papers and critical responses while mastering critical reading and thinking. Students will attain advanced skills in comprehension, analysis, interpretation and citation.

Critical Listening and Notetaking
⌚ 56 hours
Prepare to transition to an English-speaking university setting with the skills to engage in critical academic listening across content areas.

Oral Communication and Presentation Skills
⌚ 48 hours
Develop essential skills that will help English learners defend ideas in academic settings, present coherent concepts, speak thoughtfully in discussions and contribute to group projects.

Academic Success Tutorials
⌚ 24 hours
Seminars designed to facilitate success in the Canadian university degree (credit) environment. Topics include academic integrity, critical thinking, exam conditioning and preparation, health and wellness, learning styles, study strategies, time management, understanding learning objectives and university customs and policies.

Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Academic Writing and Composition Critical Listening and Notetaking	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition Critical Listening and Notetaking	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition Critical Listening and Notetaking
Afternoon		Oral Communication and Presentation Skills	Academic Success Tutorials	Oral Communication and Presentation Skills	



“ I like the writing class where the teacher will chat with me one-on-one about my paper. Saying ‘your grammar here is not correct’, and she explains why.”

Akane, from Japan

Admission Requirements

Students must fulfill one of the following minimum requirements:

- Completion of Level 6 of UCalgary ESL Semester Program (ESL 100) with a minimum final grade of B+ in each course
- TOEFL iBT score of 70 overall, minimum of 20 in Writing
- IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, minimum 6.0 in Writing, 5.5 in any other skill area
- CAEL score of 60 overall, minimum of 60 in Writing
- Duolingo English test score of 110 overall, 100 in production

ACC to Open Studies to UCalgary Undergraduate Degree Programs

UCalgary **Open Studies** allows eligible students to take University degree-credit courses before being admitted into a degree program. Students who have completed the ACC before the fall or winter terms, may take up to four Open Studies courses per term (subject to availability) which may be applied towards their degrees prior to starting their undergraduate degree programs in the fall. Prospective graduate students interested in Open Studies should contact the applicable department.

Undergraduate Degree Transfer Credit

Students successfully completing the ACC will be eligible for 2 courses (6 units) of transfer credit toward an undergraduate degree program.



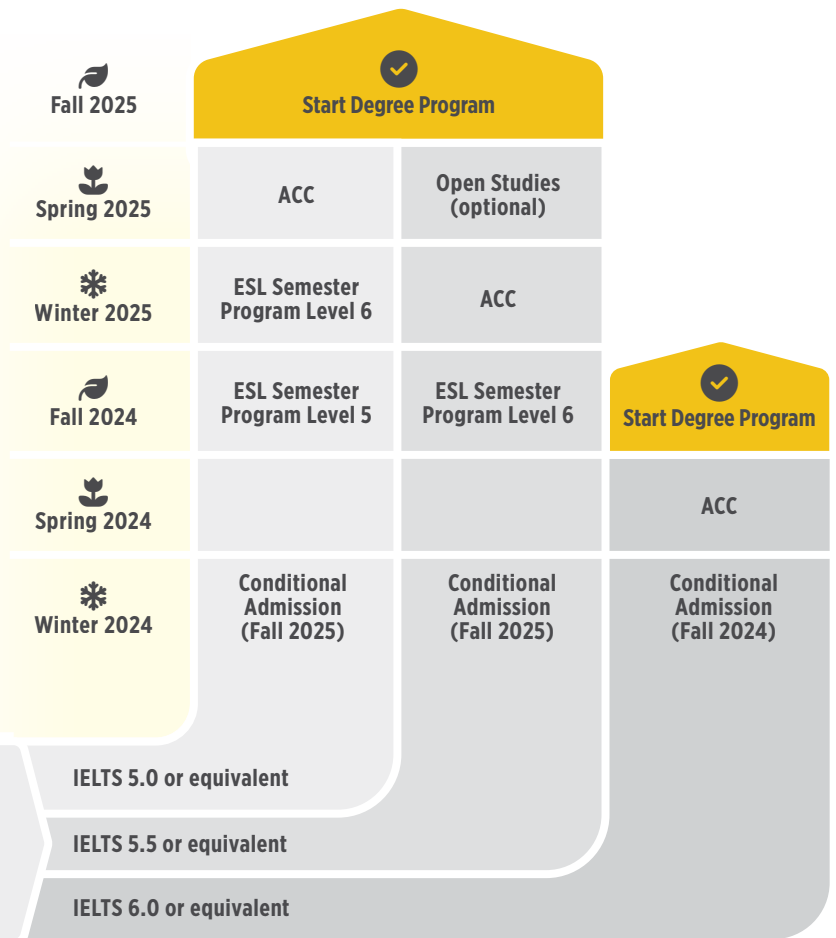
Pathway to UCalgary Degree Programs

Successful completion of the ACC meets the English language proficiency requirement for admission to applicable UCalgary **undergraduate** and **graduate** degree programs.* Students who start our Semester Program at level 5 or 6 may be admitted to the ACC and to degree programs conditionally if other academic requirements are met.



Sample Timeline for Undergraduate Program Admission

Students can start the Semester Program or ACC in any term that allows them to complete the ACC before the fall term.



Students who receive B+ or higher move to the next level.

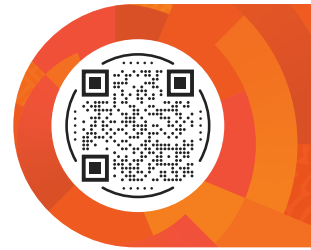
*Nursing and Education do not accept the ACC. Please review the conditional admission details on our website.



Want More Details?

For more information about conditional admission, transfer credit and open studies, please see our website.

ESL 101: 4/5 WEEKS Intensive Program



Building Fluency: Authentic Communication

Boost your oral fluency in an active classroom setting. Our intensive programs focus on improving your overall communication skills through fun, engaging classroom instruction and group activities. Take English out of the textbook and into real life — your path to effective communication starts here. Levels: high beginner to upper advanced.

Courses

General English communication skills

A communicative approach to learning English, including lectures, learning activities, exercises, listening activities, pair/group discussions and class discussions.

Literature Circle discussion groups

Reading to develop critical thinking skills, vocabulary development, oral fluency and discussion skills.

Pronunciation

Improve vowel and consonant sounds, syllable stress, word stress, contractions, rhythm and intonation.

Vocabulary/Idioms (5 week format only)

Build vocabulary in context and learn natural English expressions to be used in conversation.

📅 Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	Optional Activity Program: overnight trip
Afternoon	Vocabulary/Idioms	Literature Circle	Pronunciation	Literature Circle	

2024

❄️ Winter
2/12 – 3/15

☀️ Summer I
7/2 – 7/26

☀️ Summer II
8/6 – 8/30

2025

❄️ Winter
2/10 – 3/14

🏷️ Price
Summer: \$1,850
Winter: \$1,950

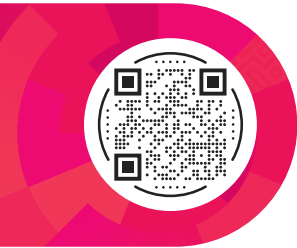
🕒 Program hours
Summer
100 hours
(4 weeks)

Winter
120 hours
(5 weeks)

“ I highly recommend this amazing learning environment. They have the best teaching methods. You will be placed into the right level, and teachers are really qualified!”

Iliana, from Costa Rica





ESL 111: 2 WEEKS Language and Culture Course



2024

Spring
4/8 - 4/19

Fall
9/3 - 9/13

Price
\$975

Program Hours
50 hours

Focus on Canada: Pre-Semester Preparation

This short, intensive course will boost your oral fluency and functional English communication abilities. It is the best way to prepare for the Spring or Fall Semester Program.

In this course, you will:

- Focus on improving speaking and listening skills
- Learn about Canadian society, populations and government
- Build vocabulary and expressions related to Canadian society
- Learn about Calgary and Alberta through activities and a full-day field trip

Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class	ESL Class
Afternoon	ESL Class	ESL Class	Afternoon Activity	ESL Class	Afternoon Activity



ESL 102/103 Optional Activity Program

Fees include

transportation, admission, accommodation, and equipment rentals, if applicable.

You can register for the full activity program package or separate excursion components.

Make new friends, improve your English communication skills, and visit some unforgettable destinations. The activity program is made up of information sessions and guided excursions.

SAMPLE DAY TRIPS:

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump

- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Guided tours with information on traditional ways of life from local Blackfoot peoples

Norquay Ski/Snowboard Trip

- Level-appropriate lessons for all participants
- Evening stop at Banff townsite

Drumheller

- Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology
- Hoodoos Trail
- Horseshoe Canyon



Homestay

Living with a Canadian family is an excellent way to improve your English language and intercultural skills.

We accept only respectable, considerate, and dependable families who treat our students well and help them to learn English and Canadian culture.

Homestay accommodation includes:

- A private room
- A desk or table at which to study
- Three meals a day (at least one prepared) 7 days a week
- Free laundry facilities to do your laundry
- Shared common areas (E.g., kitchen, living room)
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Student support by a homestay coordinator and the admin team

We conduct a thorough homestay family screening:



📅 Homestay Schedule

Homestay starts on the Saturday before the course start date and finishes on the Saturday after the course end date.

Semester/ACC
ESL 900 | \$3,575
13 weeks

Intensive
ESL 901 | \$1,100
4 weeks
ESL 901 | \$1,375
5 weeks

Language & Culture
ESL 911 | \$550
2 weeks

🏠 **Price**
\$275 per week
or \$40 per day

Additional Fees:
See page 17



SAMPLE OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

Jasper

- Maligne Canyon
- Athabasca Falls, Peyto Lake and Bow Lake
- Athabasca Glacier tour and Columbia Icefield Skywalk

Waterton

- Lake Cruise Tour
- Red Rock Canyon
- Prince of Wales Historic Hotel
- Bar U Ranch National Historic Site

Lake Louise Ski/Snowboard and Banff Sightseeing

- Skiing/snowboarding at a Rocky Mountain resort
- Lessons included (if necessary)
- Sightseeing in Banff National Park and others



Program Information

Visas

Most international students require an entrance document to enter and study in Canada — either a visa (TRV) or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) for shorter programs — or a study permit for programs of study over 6 months. Check with your nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate for more information on applying for entrance documents and study permits.
canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html

Admission Requirements

- 18 years of age or older*
- High beginner to advanced level of English**
- Willing to participate in all classroom activities

Deadlines

Applications and non-refundable deposits must be received 30 days before the start of the course. Full payment is due 15 days before the course begins; if full payment is not received, the student will be withdrawn from the course, forfeiting the course deposit.

Two weeks after the course begins, students not present will be withdrawn in accordance with the refund policy. Please inform the office if you cannot start the course on time.

English Language Program Certificate

A certificate of participation will be given at the end of the course to students who attend a minimum of 90% of classes.

Conditional Admission to Undergraduate Programs

The condition of admission for undergraduate programs will be met once a student successfully completes EAP 220, 225, 230, 235 with a minimum grade of B+ and EAP 249 with a CR by August 1 in the year they received conditional admission for.***

Conditional Admission to Graduate Programs

The condition of admission for graduate programs will be met once a student successfully completes EAP 220, 225, 230, 235 with a minimum grade of B+ and EAP 249 with a CR by August 1, or as designated by the department. Some graduate programs require a minimum grade of A- in some ACC courses. Please contact the graduate program directly to confirm admission requirements.

Emergency Health Insurance

Emergency health insurance is provided for international students under 65 from the Saturday before the English course start date to the Saturday after the English course end date. All fees must be paid in full for insurance to be processed and valid. Additional insurance is available between courses at an additional cost.

Payment Information

All course fees are in Canadian dollars. Visa, MasterCard, or American Express are the preferred methods of payment. Convera (formerly Western Union) payment is also available. Cash or debit card payments are accepted if paying in person.

International bank wire transfers are accepted, but require a \$60 processing fee. Bank wire refunds usually take a minimum of 3 months and require a \$60 processing fee.

Deposits:

A deposit is required for each course at the time of registration. All course deposits are towards tuition, not in addition to it. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable (exceptions may apply if conditions are met).

- ESL 100/EAP 200: \$500
- ESL 101/111: \$200
- ESL 102/103: \$150 for package, see each course for individual activity deposit amount.
- ESL 900/901/911: \$275

Application Fee

A non-refundable \$200 application fee is required for admission into the English Language Program. This is a one-time fee.

Homestay Fees

A non-refundable \$275 placement fee is required to apply for homestay. This fee is required each time a placement is requested.

A storage fee of between \$225 and \$250 may apply for periods when students are absent from the homestay between semesters. Regular homestay fees will not be charged during this period.

Refund Policy

All withdrawals must be made in writing. All refunds will be made via the original payment method. Please note that **program application fees and homestay placement fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. No refunds will be made for courses that have no deposit.**

Tuition Refunds and Transfers

Tuition Refund/transfer eligibility is relative to the course/program start date.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND/TRANSFER
15 or more days before	Full tuition less deposits
2 - 14 days before	50% of tuition
Less than 24 hours before	No refunds/transfers

Homestay Refunds and Transfers

14-day written notice is required to cancel homestay. Unused homestay fees and deposits will be refunded on a prorated basis, calculated after the amount of the 14-day notice period has been deducted. Homestay refunds of two nights or less will not be processed. Homestay refunds can be transferred to future homestays.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND/TRANSFER
15 or more days before starting homestay	Full homestay fee less placement fee
Less than 15 days before starting homestay	Full homestay fee less placement fee and two weeks notice
After starting homestay	Full homestay fee less the number of weeks used, placement fee, and two weeks notice

Refunds and Transfers Related to Visa/Permit Status

If you submitted an application for entry to Canada at least 3 months prior to your program start date and the Government of Canada does not provide you with the required visa/permit to enter Canada, your course tuition fees and deposits will be refunded/transferred as follows.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND/TRANSFER
15 or more days before	Full tuition less administrative fee of \$50
2 - 14 days before	50% of tuition
Less than 24 hours before	No refunds/transfers

Refunds/transfers related to entry status require supporting documents from the Government of Canada Immigration and Citizenship:

1. A copy of the visa/permit refusal letter
2. A copy of the visa/permit Application Status webpage indicating the application is still in progress and date of application.

Please be advised that the policy above pertains to program applicants only, not family members or dependents.

* If you are 17 and have completed high school, please contact us.

** See program pages for additional admission requirements for the Academic Communication Certificate and advanced placement into level 5 and 6 of the Semester Program.

*** Where programs have additional requirements, conditional admission is only valid for the year of application.

Get Started

1

FIND YOUR COURSES

Visit our website at esl.ucalgary.ca or contact us at esl@ucalgary.ca to find courses that work for you.



2

REGISTER ONLINE

Complete the online application, pay the application fee and tuition (deposit or full fee).



3

RECEIVE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

The letter will be sent by email.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the English Language Program office at esl@ucalgary.ca or +1-403-220-3301.

“Calgary is a beautiful clean, quiet city with parks and mountains nearby. It is comfortable and familiar.”

Karina, from Chile



Your Program Planning

Sample Study Plans

5 Months: Calgary Highlights

Move your English abilities up to the next level! The combination of a 13-week comprehensive English program with a 4-week communication focused program will improve both your language accuracy and fluency. Experience Calgary and the Rocky Mountain's best seasons: spring skiing in the Rockies, catching the sights at the Calgary Stampede or white-water rafting in Banff in the summer.

ESL 111: Spring Language and Culture Course	Apr	\$975
ESL 100: Spring Semester Program	Apr – Jul	\$4,325
ESL 102: Optional Activity Package	Apr – Jul	\$875
ESL 101: Summer Intensive Program	Aug	\$1,850
ESL 103: Optional Activity Overnight Trips (2 trips)	Aug	\$500
TUITION TOTAL		\$8,525
APPLICATION FEE		\$200
HOMESTAY (21 WEEKS)		\$6,050
TOTAL		\$14,775

1 Year: University Pathway

Improve your English to meet the English language proficiency requirement to enter UCalgary degree programs! Two terms of advanced and upper advanced ESL programs plus one term of ACC will help you achieve successful transition to a UCalgary degree program.

ESL 100: Fall Semester Program: level 5	Sep – Dec	\$4,325
ESL 100: Winter Semester Program: level 6	Jan – Apr	\$4,325
EAP 200: Spring Academic Communication Certificate	Apr – Jul	\$4,775
TUITION TOTAL		\$13,425
APPLICATION FEE		\$200
HOMESTAY (44 WEEKS)		\$12,375
TOTAL		\$26,000



This year, let us help you realize your dreams

For more than 40 years, international students and professionals from all over the world have been coming to the University of Calgary English Language Program to acquire the skills necessary to realize their dreams.



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