

2024–25

Vancouver Island University

English Language Programs



Learn English at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Dates (2024)	Tuition
Language Foundations (levels 1-3)	An English language program focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students can enter ESL university preparation course upon successful completion of Level 3. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks * Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	two 7-week terms	Jan 8 – Feb 23 (Term A) Feb 29 – Apr 17 (Term B) Jan 8 – Apr 17 (GP) May 1 – June 18 (Term A) June 24 – Aug 9 (Term B) May 13 – Aug 21 (GP)	\$2,731 and \$5,462
University Preparation (levels 4 & 5)	Academic preparation for students who want to study in a Canadian university. Students can enter undergraduate credit studies after successful completion of level 5. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks * Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	two 7-week terms	Sept 3 – Oct 18 (Term A) Oct 24 – Dec 11 (Term B) Sept 3 – Dec 11 (GP)	\$2,731 and \$5,462
Graduate Preparation	Academic preparation for students accepted to a graduate program at VIU. Students can enter their academic program after successful completion of Grad Prep.	14.5 weeks	Jan 8 – April 17 May 13 – Aug 21 Sept 3 – Dec 11	\$5,462
TESL Certificate	A TESL Canada accredited certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language (TESL) with 100 hours of theory plus a 20-hour supervised practicum.		Program Under Review	

* Students must finish two terms to complete a level
In order to assign a student to the appropriate course level, an English Placement Test (EPT) must be submitted with the application to VIU.

Direct entry scores to ESL courses	
IELTS or equivalent test requirement	Level of direct entry
IELTS 4.0 (no band lower than 3.5)	Language Foundation 1
IELTS 4.5 (no band lower than 4.0)	Language Foundation 2
IELTS 5.0 (no band lower than 4.5)	Language Foundation 3
IELTS 5.5 (no band lower than 5.0)	University Preparation 4
IELTS 6.0 (no band lower than 5.5)	University Preparation 5
IELTS 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0)	Grad Prep

Sample budget for one ESL semester (14 weeks)	
Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$5,462
Ancillary Fee	\$310
Student Union Fee	\$99.52
Medical Insurance	\$246
Homestay Registration Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$1050/month) Arranged by Canada Homestay Network (CHN)	\$4,200
Total	\$10,742.52

Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.

English Language and Culture Programs

Summer and Winter ELCP (for ages 18+)

2024

January 4-week: January 9 – February 2, 2024
February 3-week: February 13 – March 1, 2024
July 4-week: July 2 – 26, 2024
August 3-week: August 6 – 23, 2024
* Preferred homestay provider is Canada Homestay Network (CHN)

Cost

4-week ELCP
Tuition: \$2,222.33*
Homestay Placement/Service Fees: \$350
Homestay Rent: \$1,370 (26 nights)
Medical Insurance: \$65 (1 month coverage)
Total cost: \$4,008

3-week ELCP
Tuition: \$1,847.48
Homestay Placement/Service Fees: \$350
Homestay Rent: \$1,005 (19 nights)
Medical Insurance - \$45 (21 days coverage)
Total cost: \$3,248



English Language Courses

The **English as a Second Language** Program at **Vancouver Island University** offers academic ESL programs for students intending to continue to university, and short-term summer and winter programs for students who want to improve their English and **experience Canadian culture**.



Mohsen Samadi · Iran
ESL & MEd-Leadership
I will apply the practical skills, information, and experience that I have acquired in the ESL Program to my future career.

The Learning Centre staff does an excellent job of assisting students in their academic endeavors. It's crucial to have committed staff members who can assist students in identifying their skills and shortcomings and give them the tools and facilities they need to succeed.



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Getting to campus



Airplane

20 minute flight from Vancouver



BC Ferries and Hullo Ferry

Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay (1.5 hours)

Tsawwassen to Duke Point (2 hours)

Downtown Vancouver to Downtown Nanaimo (75 min)



Float plane

There are two float plane companies that link Vancouver to Nanaimo

Harbour Air (20 minutes)

Sea Air (20 minutes)

