

# Learn English in Vancouver

SUMMER ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM 2024-25



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Located in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Langara provides programs to more than 21,000 students annually, including close to 5,000 international students. The Summer English Language Program (SELP Program) allows students to improve their English skills and to broaden their cultural understanding through classroom activities, off-campus educational visits, and cultural activities.

### LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

The SELP Program is open to students of all language levels. On the first day, students will take a placement test and be assigned to a class with students who have similar language abilities.

In the first week, students self-assess their English abilities and list their learning goals for the program. This information is reviewed at the end of the program as a reflection of their progress and the goals achieved.

Instructors will assess students throughout the program, basing their assessment on participation, achievement, and attendance. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion and graded report card at the closing ceremony.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**Three week program**

**Full-time program**  
Approximately 27 hours of instruction and activities per week.

### LANGUAGE LEARNING COMPONENTS

The SELP program uses an integrated approach to learning that allows student to practise language skills through different activities such as pair-work, group activities, instructor presentations, skill-development workshops, and individual study.

Language classes will focus on weekly themes:

#### Week One | English Essentials

A focus on the information, language, and resources that the students will need during their time in Vancouver.

#### Week Two | Cultural Studies

An exploration of cultural differences and similarities. Students will be introduced to the theories of deep and surface culture and of cross-cultural communication. They will also learn about the importance of non-verbal communication, 'small talk,' culture shock, and ways to deal with it.

#### Week Three | Global Studies

A consideration of what 'globalization' means in a personal and world context. Students will gain knowledge and understanding of this topic through research, role plays, and information interviews.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am–12:00 pm	English Language Instruction				
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Lunch break				
1:00 pm–3:00 pm	Skills Workshop	Skills Workshop	Kayaking	Skills Workshop	Visit to Granville Island



## SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Most afternoons, students will participate in workshops designed to help them develop or enhance skills that are useful in academic or real-world environments. Workshops might include: journal and reflective writing, note-taking, story-telling, presentations, group discussions, and conversation skills.

## OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL OUTINGS

Students will also participate in several off-campus activities to learn about Vancouver, including its history and culture, and to interact with local people.

### Discover Vancouver

Students are put into small groups and paired with a Cultural Assistant. The group leaves Langara for a full-day scavenger hunt around Vancouver. Students travel on various forms of transit to visit different places of interest, speak to local Vancouverites, and take photographs that will be used for a future in-class presentation about their experience.

### Kayaking

A fun afternoon in Deep Cove, where experienced guides help students learn to kayak, take them on a guided tour, and teach them about local history and wildlife. While kayaking, students often see seals, eagles, sea stars, and other marine animals.

### Vancouver Aquarium

Students will learn about the local marine environment, visit the exhibits, experience the 4-D theatre show, and listen to presentations made by experienced aquarium staff.

### Museum of Vancouver

At the museum, students develop an understanding of Vancouver through the stories, objects, and shared experiences presented in the museum's collections and exhibits. Students complete an information sheet about the visit.



## INSTRUCTORS

Our experienced instructors have been selected not only for their teaching skills, but also for their cross-cultural awareness and commitment to helping students achieve success.



## HOMESTAY

Students in the program can choose to stay with host families who welcome them into their homes, introduce them to the city, and help them practise their English. Students learn about local culture through involvement in daily family life and activities.



## FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES

After class, students can take advantage of the many fun and interesting places to visit in Vancouver. Popular tourist locations include Queen Elizabeth Park (located near Langara), Grouse Mountain, Van Dusen Gardens, Metrotown shopping centre, and Gastown. For more information about Vancouver, please visit: [destinationvancouver.com](http://destinationvancouver.com)



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