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English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs

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Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Non-Credit

The Program

The VIU English Language Centre (ELC) is committed to providing to community and international students quality ESL education, including both language and culture, and to fostering a student-centered environment that honours the diversity of students and teachers.

The ELC provides a wide range of ESL levels and support services to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English, and who have various goals for the acquisition of competence in English.

All programs provide small classes, highly qualified, friendly, approachable teachers, and a wide range of learning materials. Classes are held 20 hours per week; students can get additional assistance in the Learning Centre.

Program Outline

English Language Centre Programs

VIU's English Language Programs consist of 5 levels (13 weeks each). Every level is divided into two courses of 6.5 weeks and students must successfully complete both courses before moving to the next level:

1. Listening and Speaking
2. Reading and Writing

Language Foundations Level 1 to 3 helps students to develop their English language fluency and accuracy skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

In University Preparation Level 4 and 5 there is a focus on academic reading, writing, and an introduction to literature. A passing grade in University Preparation Level 5 will allow students direct entry to VIU academic programs without further English testing. Three academic elective credits for prior learning will also be awarded to VIU students who complete University Preparation Level 5.

- ESLF 011 - (Language Foundations 1: Reading and Writing)
- ESLF 012 - (Language Foundations 1: Listening and Speaking)
- ESLF 021 - (Language Foundations 2: Reading and Writing)
- ESLF 022 - (Language Foundations 2: Listening and Speaking)
- ESLF 031 - (Language Foundations 3: Reading and Writing)
- ESLF 032 - (Language Foundations 3: Listening and Speaking)
- ESLU 041 - (Language Foundations 4: Reading and Writing)

- ESLU 042 - (Language Foundations 4: Listening and Speaking)
- ESLU 051 - (Language Foundations 5: Reading and Writing)
- ESLU 052 - (Language Foundations 5: Listening and Speaking)

Start and End Dates for ESL programs

- September to December
- January to April
- April to August

Admission Requirements

All students must:

- be a citizen, landed immigrant, or hold a valid visitor or student authorization;
- complete a Vancouver Island University ESL language assessment test.

Contact

Please email admission officers at study@viu.ca regarding the status of applications. Contact 250-740-6424 or 250-740-6318 for further information about ESL programs.

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