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Getting to campus

- Airplane: 20 minute flight from Vancouver
BC Ferries: There are two car/passenger ferry routes linking Vancouver to Nanaimo
Float plane: There are two float plane companies that link Vancouver to Nanaimo



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English Language Programs

Vancouver Island University
2021-22
International Admissions



world.viu.ca/esl



LEARN ENGLISH at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Dates (2022)	Tuition
Language Foundations (levels 1-3)	A language and culture program focusing on English for personal and professional communication. * Listening & Speaking - 6.5 weeks, Reading & Writing - 6.5 weeks	6.5 week and 13 weeks	Jan 5 - Feb 22 Feb 23 - Apr 12 Jan 5 - Apr 12 (13 weeks) Apr 27 - June 14 June 15 - Aug 2 Apr 27 - Aug 2 (13 weeks)	\$2,550 and \$5,100
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 - 6.5 weeks, Reading & Writing - 6.5 weeks	6.5 week and 13 weeks	Sept 7 - Oct 25 Oct 26 - Dec 13 Sept 7 - Dec 6 (13 weeks)	\$2,550 and \$5,100
Graduate Preparation	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree at VIU. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	13 weeks	Jan 5 - Apr 12 Apr 17 - Aug 2 Sept 7 - Dec 13	\$5,100
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.	3 months part-time	Jan - Apr Sept - Dec	\$2,499

*Students must finish both 6.5 week courses 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 (13 weeks)	
Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$5,100
Ancillary Fee	\$303.70*
Student Union Fee	\$83.60
Medical Insurance	\$246
Homestay Application Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$950/month)	\$3,800
Total	\$9,958.30

Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.
*Subject to Board Approval.



Surfing - Tofino



Long Beach



River kayaking

English Language and Culture Programs (ELCP)

Summer and Winter ELCP (for ages 18+)

Dates

Jan 11 - Feb 4, 2022 (4 week ELCP)
Feb 15 - Mar 4, 2022 (3 week ELCP)
Jul 5 - 29, 2022 (4 week ELCP)
Aug 9 - 26, 2022 (3 week ELCP)

Cost

4-week ELCP

Tuition - \$2,075
Homestay Placement/Service Fees – \$250
Homestay Rent - \$884 (\$34/night; 26 nights)
Medical Insurance – \$65 (1 month coverage)

3-week ELCP

Tuition - \$1,725
Homestay Placement/Service Fees – \$250
Homestay Rent - \$646 (\$34/night; 19 nights)
Medical Insurance - \$46.55 (21 days coverage)

Summer High School ELCP (for ages 14 - 18)

Dates

Jul 4 – Aug 26, 2022
(choose between a 1-8 week duration)

Cost

\$1,194/ week**

(Prices listed are subject to change)

**The cost includes tuition, activities, medical insurance and Homestay accommodation (with 3 meals). Add \$250 for program application fee, and \$200 for homestay application fee.

Sample schedule: world.viu.ca/high-school/summer-programs

If you apply after the 6-week deadline, the homestay application fee will be \$275.

Both programs feature:

- 20 hours of English Language instruction per week
- Topics: listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, writing, vocabulary, grammar, and phonetics
- 3 levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
- Immersion into Canadian language and culture
- Social and cultural activities and group day trips

English Language Courses

If you have a bachelor's degree, top it up with an affordable Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate (TESL) and add it to your travel documents for an exciting work and travel abroad experience!

VIU's TESL Certificate is accredited by TESL Canada. Graduates may go on to teaching English abroad, working as language tutors, and teaching English in Canada at private language schools. International teachers requiring a formal certificate for Professional Development purposes would also benefit from this TESL certificate.



“ I met great teachers during my ESL program. A lot of them went further to help me be comfortable with my classmates by encouraging speaking circle and singing; which was a great way for me to expand my vocabulary. I am grateful for becoming a hard-working student. ”

— **Lethy Makwenge**
Democratic Republic of Congo