

Study English in Niagara



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College
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Entrance



2026/2027

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Become an empowered, confident and competent English speaker.

The Niagara College School of English Language Studies offers various English as a Second Language (ESL) programs to provide a customized learning experience for students.

- Enhance your English language proficiency in all skill areas
- Maximize your learning through experiential activities and excursions
- Receive continuous support to help meet ESL program expectations
- Learn from Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Certified teachers
- Build confidence using English in academic, social, and professional settings
- Get personalized attention in small classes, averaging 15–18 students
- Transition smoothly into your Niagara College studies with guidance from a dedicated advisor
- Join a trusted program from a College with 20+ years of proven expertise in educator training
- Benefit from a high-quality program accredited by Languages Canada

*This brochure's information is accurate as of December 10, 2025, but is subject to change.
For the latest details, refer to the Niagara College websites for the most up to date information.



ESL

English as a Second Language Programs

“When I came to Canada, I understood half of what people said and couldn’t communicate my thoughts properly. My English is understood today because I studied in NC’s EAP program and now English has become my second language, which is a credit to my wonderful teachers. The EAP program helped me a lot with my post-secondary studies, with getting a job, and with being able to talk to people here.”

Ingrid Vitalino

Program: EAP, Construction Engineering
Hometown: Brazil



Start Dates

English for Academic Preparation (EAP)	
2026	2027
January 12	January 11
March 9	March 8
May 11	May 10
July 6	July 5
September 9	September 8
November 2	November 1

English Language and Culture Program (ELCP)	
2026	2027
January 12	January 11
March 9	March 8
May 11	May 10
July 6	July 5
August 4	August 2
September 9	September 8
November 2	November 1

English as a Second Language (ESL) Online	
2026	2027
January 12	January 11
March 9	March 8
May 11	May 10
July 6	July 5
September 9	September 8
November 2	November 1

EAP

English for Academic Preparation



Do you want to succeed in an English-speaking academic or professional environment?

Niagara College's EAP is a high-quality, comprehensive program designed to help you build confidence and master the English language skills needed to thrive in college, university, or the workplace.

Applicants to this program should be in the process of completing, or have completed, their final year of secondary school.

Goals:

- Improve your English for school or work

NC's EAP will help you to...

- Get ready for post-secondary studies at Niagara College or other Colleges or Universities
- Improve your personal and professional development
- Build on your secondary school education
- Prepare for your future career
- Gain English skills for your life in Canada

Program Features:

- Six session starts per year
- Classes are offered at five levels, beginner through advanced
- Weekly organized social events and activities
- 23-25 hours of classes per week
- Earn a certificate of achievement upon successful completion of Level 5

Learn skills in:

- Academic Writing and Grammar
- Career Readiness Strategies
- Cultural and Educational Adaptation Techniques
- Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Expansion
- Effective Speaking, Pronunciation, and Presentation.
- Active Listening and Note Taking
- Research Methodologies for Academic Success

...and more!

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Sample Class Schedule for EAP

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30	Speaking Production		Comprehension Skills	Academic Writing	Academic Writing
10:30	Applied Grammar	Comprehension Skills			
11:30				Applied Grammar	Speaking Production
12:30					
1:30	Academic Writing	Applied Grammar			
2:30		Speaking Production	Academic Writing	Applied Grammar	Speaking Production
3:30	Comprehension Skills				

Short Term EAP

Join mid-term by enrolling in the final 7 weeks of a 14-week semester – ideal for those unable to arrive at the start of the term and who want to improve their English and immerse themselves in Canadian culture in as little as two months.

*This class schedule is to provide an example of a possible week for an EAP student. Times and days will vary by term.

Your NC Journey Find out which level you will place in to begin your EAP journey!

Step 1	Step 2				Step 3
Determine your level	Complete the required EAP levels based on your placement test (Levels 1-5)				 <p>Graduate Level 5 of EAP Meet language requirements for Niagara College programs</p>
	Level 1 and 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
Placement Test	English Foundations	Academic Foundations	Academic Foundations	Career and Academic Readiness	
	24 hours a week	23 hours a week	25 hours a week	23 Hours a week	
Complete Niagara College English proficiency testing at the EAP Orientation or Submit an external test	Speaking Listening Reading Writing Grammar		Applied Grammar Comprehension Skills and Strategy Development Speaking Production Developing Academic Writing	Applied Comprehension and Multimedia Literacy Active and Accurate Writing Speaking Production Listening and Note Taking Skills for College Preparation	
	 <p>Apply for NC programs or use new English skills in your profession</p>				

EAP to Postsecondary Scholarship \$2,500 - \$5,000

Open to students who complete Level 5 of Niagara College's EAP Program and are entering an academic postsecondary program at Niagara College.

Award Amounts:

- . \$2,500 scholarship toward Term 1 of an academic program at Niagara College.
- . An additional \$2,500 is awarded in Term 2, contingent upon achieving a minimum average of 80% in Term 1

* No form submission is required to receive this scholarship/bursary. All actively enrolled eligible students after Day 10 of term start will receive the scholarship/bursary onto their student account.

These opportunities are available for 2026.

EAP Bursary* \$750 - \$1,500

Open to international students enrolled full-time in the English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program.

Eligible students may receive the bursary for each term they are enrolled in EAP, including both new and returning students.

Award amounts:

- . \$1,500 for the four-month offering.
- . \$750 for the two-month offering.

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ELCP

English Language and Culture Program



Do you want to develop practical English skills while experiencing Canadian culture?

Niagara College's ELCP combines language learning with cultural exploration through interactive classes, excursions, and social activities – helping you build confidence in real-life communication.

Goals:

- Have fun learning English and exploring Canadian culture

NC's ELCP will help you:

- Enhance your English skills, focusing on speaking, listening, and pronunciation, to communicate with confidence
- Gain exposure to postsecondary education in an international context, as you experience life as a Canadian college student
- Develop cross-cultural relationships and make friends from Canada and all over the world

Program Features:

- Small class sizes, average is 15 to 20 students per class
- Duration: approximately one month
- State-of-the-art digital languages labs and use of all college services and facilities
- Engaging educational trips, including Niagara Falls, and fun social events
- Language testing and assessment
- Friendly, supportive staff
- Language learning games, role-playing, problem solving and group activities aimed at improving communications

Accommodation options:

- Homestay: live with a friendly Canadian family (all sessions)
- Residence: experience life on campus (only summer sessions)

Enhanced Academic Preparation

For Fall, Winter, and Spring sessions, ELCP classes include integration with Niagara College's English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program. Students gain all ELCP benefits plus:

- Preparation for postsecondary studies at Niagara College or other institutions
- Career readiness strategies



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Sample schedule for ELCP

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30	English Through the Arts	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Cultural Studies	Cultural Studies
10:30					
11:30					
12:30	Integrated Skills	Cultural Studies		Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills
1:30					
2:30					
3:00					

*This class schedule is to provide an example of a possible week for an ELCP Summer student. Times and days may vary.

Gap Year Program

Do you want to explore your academic and career options while improving your English?

Experience Niagara College during your Gap Year, a break between high school/secondary school and postsecondary education. Discover your potential through the English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program, sample a variety of college program areas, or combine EAP with exploring college programs.



Goals:

Customize your program by choosing from:

- **EAP:** 1 or 2 semesters (4 or 8 months)
- **College program exploration:** 1 or 2 semesters
- **EAP plus college program exploration:** combine 1 or 2 semesters of EAP with 1 or 2 semesters of college programs

* Language proficiency requirements apply.

NC's Gap Year Program will help you:

- Reflect on your skills, abilities, and aptitudes to make an informed choice about your future
- Explore career options available to you in many program areas through the program's customizable options to reflect your interests while enhancing your English language skills

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English Plus Program

Do you want to develop your English skills PLUS earn academic credits?

This program combines academic and professional English language training with academic courses. Diversify your credits, transfer them to your home university, and learn in a multicultural environment alongside Canadian and international students.

Goals:

- Gain English as a Second Language skills through either NC's **English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program** or **English Language and Culture Program (ELCP)** PLUS experiential learning and exposure to a particular area of interest
- Create your own customized cohort experience, with flexible start and end dates

NC's English Plus Program will help you:

- Get ready for postsecondary studies at Niagara College or other colleges or universities
- Compare key program learning outcomes from your home country and Canada
- Enhance English learning with vocationally focused classes in any academic area, such as English Plus Technology, English Plus Culinary, English Plus Hospitality, and more.
- Prepare for your future career

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*Possibility of transferring your Niagara College credits to another postsecondary institution (*check with your home institution for transfer credit options).

ENGLISH

as a Second Language (ESL) Online



Do you want to improve your English from anywhere in the world?

Niagara College's ESL Online program is flexible and interactive – designed to help you build confidence, master essential skills, and thrive in real-world settings from the comfort of your home.

Level Duration:
7 weeks

Weekly Classes:
15 hours

Goals:

- Improve your English for school or work from anywhere in the world

Program highlights

- Fully virtual program delivered through synchronous online learning.
- Live, interactive video classes across 10 levels, each spanning seven weeks, with 15 hours of weekly cameras-on classes.
- Learning activities that build speaking, writing, listening, and reading skills and test-taking skills at the higher levels

Program features

- Exit tests every 7 weeks, with the opportunity to move up one or more levels as your proficiency improves.
- NC Community Online access, including seminars, social events, and more.
- Certificate of Achievement after successfully completing Level 10.
- Flexibility to apply and transition to NC's in-person EAP program at any time.

NC's ESL Online will help you to...

- Fit your studies around your lifestyle while advancing at a pace driven by your dedication and progress.
- Immerse yourself in Canadian culture while learning English in a supportive, collaborative and dynamic environment, alongside a diverse, global student community.
- Gain a deep understanding of the English language and develop practical, professional, and real-life communication skills.
- Get well-prepared to pursue further studies in a postsecondary English environment.
- Meet the language requirements for eligibility to apply for undergraduate diplomas, certificates, graduate programs, or degrees at Niagara College.
- Develop dedicated test-taking strategies and skills to excel in the IELTS exam and other English assessments.



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English as a Second Language Programs Overview

	English for Academic Preparation (EAP)	English Language and Culture Program (ELCP)	Gap Year Program	English Plus	English as a Second Language Online
Duration	2 to 20 months * Students are required to apply for a minimum of 6 months, however, based on their English proficiency skill level, students may study for as little as 2 months	1 month	8 to 16 months	2 months to 2 terms *When paired with the Short Term and EAP Programs. *One-month English Plus Programs can be paired with ELCP	1 to 20 months
Start dates	January, March, May, July, September, November	January, February, March, May, July, August, September, November	January, May, September	January, March, May, June, September, October	January, March, May, July, September, November
Level and structure	Weekly classes: 23-24 hours Classes are offered at 5 levels, beginner through advanced Each level: 7 weeks of study + 1 week break + 7 weeks of study = 4 months	Weekly classes: 20+ hours Paired with educational trips and fun social events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or 2 semesters (4 or 8 months) of English for Academic Preparation (EAP) • 1 or 2 semesters of postsecondary programming in a variety of areas • 1 or 2 semesters of EAP plus 1 or 2 semesters of postsecondary programming 	Weekly classes of English: 20-25 hours Weekly classes in another area of study: 2 to 6 hours *Students should be at least in level 3 to engage in the 'Plus' component of the program	Weekly classes: 15 hours Classes are offered at 10 levels Each level: 7 weeks of study
Cost breakdown	Duration: 4 months Tuition: \$4,995 Medical Insurance: \$320 Activity Fee: \$350 Bus Pass: \$280 (optional) Total: \$5,665 or \$5,945 including Bus Pass	All-inclusive program includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social activities • academic activities • accommodations • meals • airport transportation • health insurance • tuition Total: \$4,495	Duration: 4 months Tuition: \$8,700 Medical Insurance: \$320 Activity fee: \$350 Bus Pass: \$280 (optional) Total: \$9,370 or \$9,650 including Bus Pass	Customized program. Email for additional information: gctc@niagaracollege.ca	\$1,450 CAD (per 7-week session)
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve your English for school or work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have fun learning English • Explore Canadian culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Niagara College during your Gap Year. • Discover your potential through the EAP program, sample a variety of college program areas, or combine EAP with exploring college programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain English as a Second Language skills and exposure to a particular area of interest • Create your own customized cohort experience with endless programs to choose from and flexible start and end dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve your English for school • Work from anywhere in the world
Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ready for post-secondary studies • Improve your personal and professional development • Prepare for your future career • Gain English skills for your life in Canada while also advancing your academic studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance your English skills, focusing on speaking, listening, and pronunciation, to communicate with confidence • Gain exposure to international postsecondary education as you experience life as a Canadian college student • Develop cross-cultural relationships and make friends from Canada and all over the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on your skills, abilities, and aptitudes to make a better-informed choice about your future • Explore career options available to you in many program areas through the program's customizable options to reflect your interests while enhancing your English language skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ready for post-secondary studies • Compare key program learning outcomes from your home country and Canada • Gain English skills for your life in Canada while also advancing your academic studies • Prepare for your future career 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit your studies around your lifestyle while advancing at your own pace • Immerse yourself in Canadian culture while learning English • Develop practical, professional, and real-life communication skills • Get well-prepared for postsecondary studies in an English environment

Living in the Niagara Region

Be a part of a diverse and multicultural community that services more than 13 million tourists from around the world every year.*

* Niagara Region Economic Development



“The Niagara Region celebrates diversity, which makes my family and I feel at home. The whole area is perfect for living as a student and raising children.”

Nashwa Higazy

Program: Business Administration – Human Resources

Hometown: Khartoum, Sudan



Lifestyle

Niagara Region is known across Canada for its art, music, food and culture, offering fulfilling experiences for both families and individuals.

100+
wineries

100+
performing arts
establishments

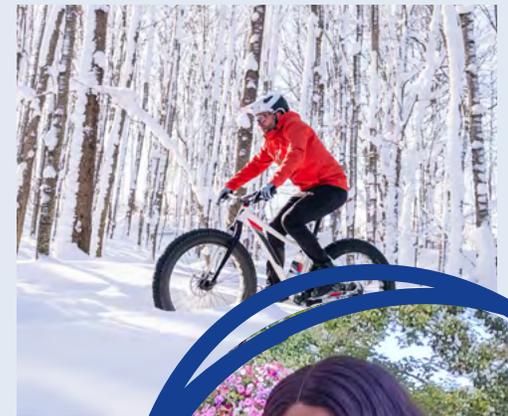
40+
nature conservation areas

2,800+
tourist attractions

300 km
of bike trails

40+
golf courses

1,200+
restaurants



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“Discovering the Niagara Region has been an incredible journey. From its picturesque landscapes to the rich history, leisure options, and the welcoming community, it’s a perfect place for singles.”

Theophilus Grace Fayinka

Program: Office Administration
Hometown: Nigeria



Get involved on Campus

Enhance your student lifestyle through a diverse range of athletics and recreation programs, events, and opportunities for involvement. Make friends, be a part of an active student lifestyle and maintain your health and fitness.

- Join a club
- Take a fitness class
- Participate in a recreational sport
- Attend an on-campus event
- Engage in volunteer opportunities

Accommodations

Choose from several options for housing and accommodations.

- Landing Pad (one month)
- Homestay (two or more months)
- On-Campus Residence
- Off-Campus Living



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Student Services

- Airport Transportation
- Athletics and Recreation
- Career Services and Employment Support
- Health, Wellness and Accessibility Services
- Housing and Settlement
- Multi-Faith Rooms
- Orientation
- Peer Tutoring
- Pre-departure Program: Be NC Ready!
- Social Activities
- Support and Advisement
- Transition and Immigration Support



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