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Why VanWest?

1. Student Success

The primary goal of VanWest is to assist students in achieving their English language objectives whether they are for business, academic purposes, or pleasure.

2. Individual Student Support

Culturally-diverse staff provide support and services to students and agents from over 20 different countries. Our goal is to help students achieve their English language objectives.

3. Quality Teaching Staff

At minimum, VanWest instructors hold an undergraduate university degree and TESOL training from a TESOL Canada recognized school. The teachers are culturally aware, understand the diverse needs of students, and treat learners with dignity and consideration.

4. Small Class Size

With 10 to 12 students per class in Vancouver and 8 to 10 students per class in Kelowna, students receive high-level individual attention that accelerates their English language development.

5. Personal Education Plan

Based on individual language needs, students work with their counsellor to create a Personal Education Plan.

The Plan:

- Helps students understand which courses to study and why.
- Indicates duration of study based on the students desired educational goals.
- Meets personal needs and learning style.
- Is a 100% personalized plan that is re-evaluated and adjusted regularly.

6. Quality Assurance & Quality Control

The College is accredited by the BC government and thirdparty organizations through internationally recognized accreditation standards.

Accreditation and Professional Bodies











Welcome to VanWest College

VanWest College is a privately owned and operated Canadian English language training institution with campuses located in Vancouver and Kelowna, British Columbia.

Established in 1988, the school has a proven reputation for quality, student satisfaction, and student success. VanWest College is a high-end, qualified, boutique school that offers:

- University/College pathways to prestigious postsecondary schools in Canada and the USA.
- Academic English, General English, and Cambridge BULATS and IELTS preparation courses.
- Custom summer and winter programs.
- Full student support and services.

Mission Statement

To deliver English language training that is relevant to learners' present and future needs and is based on principles of second language acquisition and adult learning.

Vision Statement

To be a leader in the delivery of quality English language services that ensure our students achieve their English language objectives in a safe, inclusive environment that promotes global citizenship.

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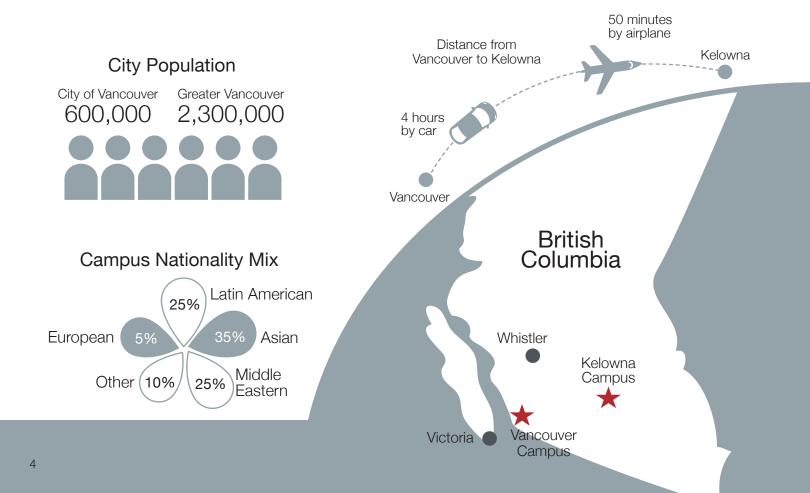




Vancouver

Consistently listed as one of the world's most livable cities, Vancouver offers spectacular super-natural beauty. With a population of approximately 2 million people from many different cultures, Vancouver has a great variety of activities in an exciting, multi-cultural atmosphere.

Shopping, cultural events, festivals, restaurants, and entertainment are all available, as well as an endless variety of sports and recreation in all seasons. Breathtaking sights are guaranteed!



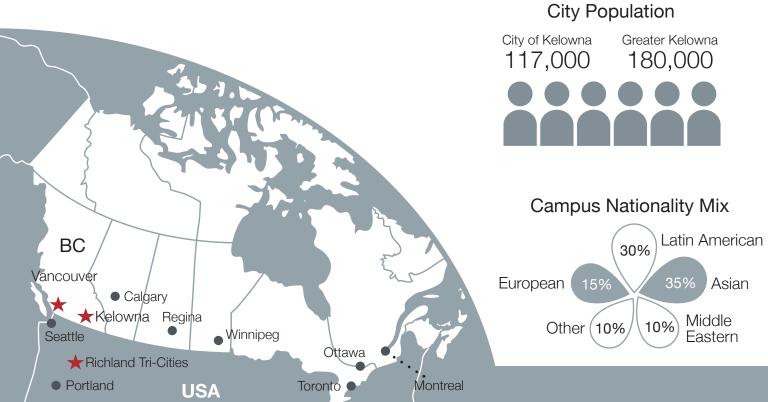




Kelowna

With big city comforts and small town charm, Kelowna provides all the amenities of big city life: one of-a-kind shops, entertainment, festivals, and vibrant culture. Nestled between Okanagan Lake and rolling mountain ranges, Kelowna provides year round outdoor fun.

Local farms, orchards, and vineyards thrive within a 10-minute drive of the downtown core, and provide fresh summer produce and delicious winter wines. From summer fun to winter ski hills, this community has something for everyone.





Program Overview

VanWest prepares and guides students to meet their goals from start to finish. The College offers various English courses to meet the needs and the demands of each student, aided through individual attention and personalized study plans.

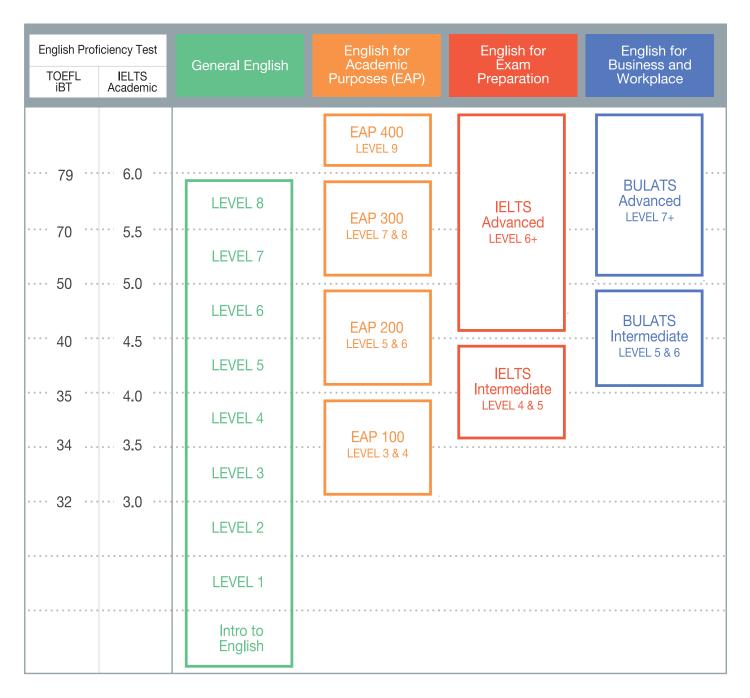
The English language program is based on recent trends in second language acquisition that reflect the needs of the VanWest student population.

Ongoing curriculum review and development considers student feedback, course evaluations, student success rates, and internal stakeholder feedback.

Time Schedule

Period	Time	Monday to Friday
1	8:30 am - 9:15 am	Core English Session 1 General English / English for Academic Purpose (EAP)
2	9:20 am - 10:05 am	English for Business and Workplace (BULATS) / English for Exam Praparation (IELTS)
Break		
3	10:15 am - 11:00 am	Core English Session 2
4	11:05 am - 11:50 am	General English / English for Academic Purpose (EAP) English for Business and Workplace (BULATS) / English for Exam Praparation (IELTS)
Lunch	11:50 am - 12:50 am	Lunch
5	12:50 pm - 1:35 pm	Elective 1
6	1:40 pm - 2:25 pm	Elective 2
Break		
7	2:35 pm - 3:20 pm	One-to-One

VanWest Equivalency Chart



Level Progression

Progression is dependent on a number of considerations including weekly writing and speaking tasks, listening and reading tests, attitude, attendance, and completion of outside classroom course work. To progress to a new level, students must achieve an overall score of 75% or better.



Based on an integrated skill curriculum, CORE classes teach students specific strategies to improve their English while ELECTIVES reinforce the core language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Nine language benchmark levels accommodate student progression from a beginner learner with little English skill to advanced language proficiency.

Highlights of General English

- Personalized Education Plan to track academic progress.
- Theme-based lessons in everyday contexts.
- Weekly lesson assessment.
- Monthly proficiency test.
- 45-minutes lessons

Core English

20 lessons per week / 4 lessons per day

The Core English option will improve the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing plus grammar and vocabulary-building. This course is taught using communicative interaction so students will practice and improve their communication skills throughout their time in class.

Speaking & Listening (Two lessons)

Reading & Writing (Two lessons)

Intensive English

25 lessons per week / 5 lessons per day

The Intensive English option includes Core English lessons plus one additional elective lesson each day. Students can choose from a wide selection of electives designed to further support core language skill development.

Speaking & Listening (Two lessons)

Reading & Writing (Two lessons)

Elective (One lesson)

Optimum English

30 lessons per week / 6 lessons per day

The Optimum English option includes Core English lessons plus two additional elective lessons each day. Students can choose from a wide selection of electives designed to further support core language skill development.



One-to-One Lessons

One-to-One lessons focus on the learner's individual needs and accelerate language learning. Students benefit from personalized attention, guidance, and feedback from our experienced teachers.



VanWest Electives

see details at vanwest.com/program/electives.html

Level	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Speaking	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Communication		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Writing		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Listening		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grammar		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pronunciation		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vocabulary					•	•			
Critical Response					•	•	•	•	•
Digital Communication						•	•	•	•
IELTS Intermediate					•	•			
BULATS Intermediate						•	•		



What is IELTS?

IELTS is a universally recognized English proficiency qualification accepted by most English-speaking universities in the world. VanWest IELTS prepares students from intermediate to advanced levels using authentic test materials.

The VanWest IELTS courses will:

- Improve skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Teach students how to study strategically
- Introduce test strategies and teach how to apply them
- Reduce test anxiety

Course Highlights:

- Weekly intake
- Small class size
- Practice skill and pre-IELTS tests
- One-to-one lessons are available



IELTS Intermediate

Entry Prerequisite: VanWest Level 4 to 5

Learning Focus:

IELTS Intermediate is a test preparation class that provides a solid grounding in the key language and skills needed for success on the IELTS test. In addition to reading, writing, speaking, and listening practice, the course focusses on core grammar and vocabulary development.

IELTS Advanced

Entry Prerequisite: VanWest Level 6+

Learning Focus:

IELTS Advanced will take students to the level required for university admission by covering all four skills, building relevant vocabulary and grammar, and developing learner independence. Students will be encouraged to use language independently with confidence and be motivated to think broadly.



What is BULATS?

BULATS measures the ability of non-native speakers to communicate in English in everyday business environments. The course is an excellent choice for students who use, or plan to use, English for business or the workplace.

BULATS instructors are highly experienced professionals with strong academic English and business backgrounds. Students receive monthly pre-tests and the OFFICIAL BULATS test is offered at the College every 4 weeks.

To improve oral communication skills, BULATS students often complement their study with the elective Pronunciation 103 – "Pronunciation for Business Professionals".

Companies that recognize BULATS:

FRANCE - Accenture, Johnson & Johnson, Airbus, Carrefour, Societe', generale, Nestle'

UAE - Emirates

GERMANY - KPMG, Adidas, Siemens

SPAIN - Iberia, Telefonica

BRAZIL - Banco do Brasil

SOUTH KOREA - Hyundai Group, Group SK

JAPAN - Hitachi

SWITZERLAND - Swiss Post

HONG KONG - HSBC





BULATS Intermediate

Entry Prerequisite: VanWest Level 5 to 6

Length: 8 weeks Learning Focus:

- Introduction to business terminology and conceptual learning about essential communication skills.
- Understanding the local and global business communication skills.

BULATS Advanced

Entry Prerequisite: VanWest Level 7+

Length: 12 weeks Learning Focus:

- Tests communication skills needed in real workplace situations.
- Assessment of the effectiveness of business English for real life business situations.



English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses will prepare students who want to achieve academic success in English speaking colleges and universities. Courses cover a variety of relevant and interesting topics, both Canadian and international.

EAP will provide a solid foundation of academic language skills for students preparing for high stakes official exams such as IELTS and for students who wish to succeed in any post-secondary programs.

VanWest College EAP courses will help students:

- Focus on time management, group project, and study skills for success.
- Have a solid base of academic reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.
- Develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Communicate effectively and confidently in a natural way.
- Prepare and deliver presentations and participate in class discussions.
- Improve organizational skills.
- Feel confident and comfortable in class and the workplace.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

EAP 100

Course Description	EAP 100 emphasizes the integration of reading, listening, speaking, writing, and grammar-building skills for academic success. The goal is to provide a foundation in academic English language to prepare the student to enter EAP 200.
Course Prerequisites	Level 3 with 75% or Placement Test score at Level 3+ proficiency
Course Duration	8 weeks

EAP 200

Course Description	EAP 200 focusses on reading, writing, listening, and speaking in an academic context. The course prepares students to move from intermediate to an advanced level of English.
Course Prerequisites	EAP 100 with 75% or Placement Test score at Level 5+ proficiency
Course Duration	8 weeks

EAP 300

Course Description	EAP 300 integrates the four main skills of English with academic language. Using authentic academic materials, the course provides practical help in developing essential skills for academic study.
Course Prerequisites	EAP 200 with 75% or Placement Test score at Level 7+ proficiency
Course Duration	12 weeks

EAP 400

Course Description	EAP 400 is an advanced English course designed to prepare students to attend university or college at an English-speaking institution. Upon completion of EAP 400, students may apply to VanWest partner college and universities without any further language requirement.
Course Prerequisites	EAP 300 with 75% or Placement Test score at Level 8 proficiency
Course Duration	12 weeks



Pathway Courses assist international students who want to study at colleges or universities in Canada and the US. Upon completion of the Pathway requirement, students meet the language requirement and may then apply directly to partner post-secondary institutions without further language testing.



Universities

University of Waterloo **■◆■**

uwaterloo.ca

Popular Programs:

Engineering, Mathematics, Science, Arts

Pathway Requirement:

FAP 400



Lakehead University [+]

lakeheadu.ca

Popular Programs:

Business, Computer Science, Chemical Engineering

Pathway Requirement:

EAP 300



University of Regina I+I



uregina.ca

Popular Programs:

Business Administration, Engineering, Science

Pathway Requirement:

Level 8



Washington State University



wsu.edu

Popular Programs:

Business, Education, Engineering, Viticulture, Enology

Pathway Requirement:

EAP 300



Texas Wesleyan University



txwes.edu

Fairleigh Dickinson University - Vancouver

view.fdu.edu/

Popular Programs:

Art and Letters Natural and Social Sciences

Pathway Requirement:

Level 6



Popular Programs:

Business Administration Science: Information Technology

Pathway Requirement:

Level 7 or BULATS B2



Colleges

Yukon College I+I



yukoncollege.yk.ca

Popular Programs:

Computer Support Technician Culinary Arts

Pathway Requirement:

Level 7





www.cnc.bc.ca

Popular Programs:

Business Health and Human Services Pathway Requirement:

EAP 300



The Art Institute | | • | Vancouver

Popular Programs:

Graphic Design, Interior Design Digital Film & Video Production

www.artinstitutes.edu/ vancouver



VanWest Pathway English Requirement:

Level 6 or EAP 200



Accommodation

Homestay

Staying with a Canadian family is the fastest ways to improve your English. VanWest College will ensure safe, comfortable, and friendly homestay accomodation. We offer homestays at both of our campuses, Kelowna and Vancouver.

Our homestay families have worked with us for more than 10 years! Homestays are a wonderful way to experience Canadian culture and allow students to get to know and learn about the surrounding area as part of a Canadian family.

Our homestay coordinator will make sure to find the best fit for each individual student.



Homestay

Residence - YWCA

Downtown Vancouver's YWCA is the safe, comfortable, and affordable family-friendly alternative for all travellers – rooms range from single to quint. Conveniently located, the hotel is near to BC Place, Rogers Arena, and Queen Elizabeth and Playhouse Theatres.

It is only a short stroll away from Robson Street, the city's popular shopping hotspot and one block from Stadium SkyTrain for convenient public transportation.



Furnished apartments





Student Life







Rules & Policies

Tuition Refund Policy

Part 1: Refunds before the program of study begins:

If written notice of withdrawal is received by the institution within 7 calendar days after the contract is made, and before the commencement of the period of instruction specified in the contract, the institution may retain 5% of the total tuition only due under the contract to a maximum of \$250.

If written notice of withdrawal is received by the institution 30 days or more before the commencement of the period of instruction specified in the contract and more than 7 days after the contract was made, the institution may retain 10% of the total tuition only due under the contract to a maximum of \$1000.

Subject to Section 2.1.1, if written notice of withdrawal is received by the institution less than 30 days before the commencement of the period of instruction specified in the contract and more than 7 days after the contract was made, the institution may retain 20% of the total tuition only due under the contract to a maximum of \$1300.

Part 2: Refunds after the program of study starts:

If written notice of withdrawal is received by the institution or a student is dismissed up to and including 10% of the period of instruction specified in the contract has elapsed, the institution may retain 30% of the tuition due under the contract.

If written notice of withdrawal is received by the institution, or a student is dismissed where more than 10% and up to and including 30% of the

period of instruction specified in the contract has elapsed, the institution may retain 50% of the tuition due under the contract.

If a student withdraws or is dismissed where more than 30% of the period of instruction specified in the contract has elapsed, no refund is required.

Refunds owed to payee will be paid within 30 days of the institution receiving written notification of withdrawal and all required supporting documentation, or within 30 days of an institution's written notice of dismissal.

If a student did not complete the Study Permit by the start date in the Letter of Acceptance, the student must notify the institution and the institution may issue a second Letter of Acceptance for a later start date. In that case, the institution may charge an additional \$200 administrative fee and retain the balance of the prepaid tuition fees pending the outcome of the Study Permit application. Should a student fail to advise the institution that he/she did not complete the Study Permit application, the refund policy set out in Part 1 above will apply.

If a student advises the institution in writing, prior to the start date, he/she was denied a Visitor Visa/Study Permit and provides a copy of the denial letter issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the institution may retain the lesser of 10% of the total fees due under the contract or \$400.

Should a student fail to advise the institution, or choose to withdraw for other reasons, the refund policy set out in Part 1 above will apply.

English Policy

VanWest is a 100% English immersion school, and students must speak English on VanWest property at all times.

Attendance Policy

If students are late for class, they are not allowed to enter. If students' overall attendance rate is below 80%, they will not receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

Only absences due to illness will be excused. If students' absence exceeds 3 days due to medical reasons, a doctor's note must be provided to their counsellor. Other absences due to extraordinary circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

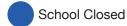
Dispute Resolution Policy

VanWest provides an opportunity for students to resolve disputes of a serious nature and grades appeals in a fair, reasonable, and equitable manner. The policy applies to all VanWest students who are currently enrolled or were enrolled 6 months prior to the submission of their concern to the Executive Director/Academics.

For full information on all VanWest rules and policies visit: vanwest.com/policies

VanWest Calendar





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