



SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



#### Since our foundation in 2003,

VGC International College has been recognized with a number of awards as one of Canada's leading English Language Schools.

Year after year we strive to maintain a standard of excellence in order to provide our students with the best possible learning experience.



**Top Choice Award** 

Voted Top Choice Language School in Vancouver 2023 for the 5th year in a row.



ST Star Awards 2022

Winner in the category ST English Language School North America 2022



**Top Choice Award** 

Voted Top Choice Language School in Vancouver 2022.



**Consumer Choice** Award 2022

VGC International College is exclusive winner of the 2022 Consumer Choice Award in the Greater Vancouver Area.



#### EducationStars 2022 **Student Choice Award**

VGC has been rated by students as the Best International Language School in Vancouver and Canada!



#### Ryugaku Compass Award 2022 (Japan)

VGC's International School of Business honoured with the Most Excellent College award for 2022.



#### **CBRB Best Business** Award 2021

Best English Language School 2021! VGC is being recognized for its high customer satisfaction rate, outstanding service, innovative vision, and excellent business leadership.



# **Top Choice Award**

Voted Top Choice Language School in Vancouver 2021.



#### Ryugaku Compass Award 2021 (Japan)

**VGC International College** honoured as the Most Excellent ESL School in 2021.



**Top Choice Award** 

Voted Top Choice Language School in Vancouver 2020.



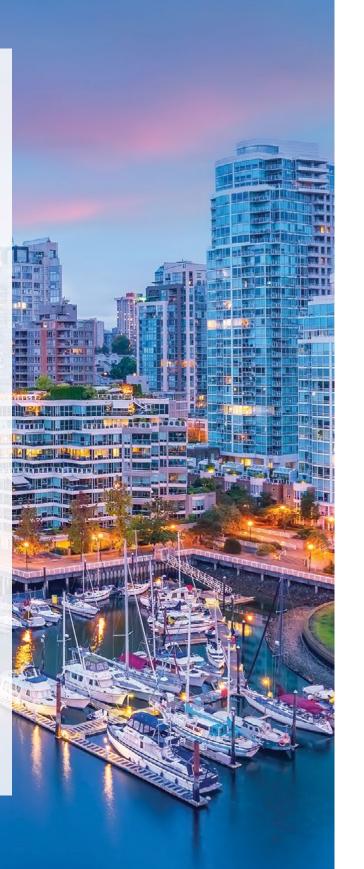
Top Choice Award

Voted Top Choice Language School in Vancouver 2019.



Ryugaku Compass Award 2014-2021 (Japan)

VGC International College wins several awards in different categories, including the Grand Prize Award.





# **Message From Our Executive Director**

Your future starts with the right education. We know that the decision to choose the best school is an important one and we are honored that you are considering us.

At VGC, we have built a reputation for providing an amazing student experience. By perfectly blending an academically focused curriculum with practical application, we've created a truly immersive learning experience. Through VGC's programs, our students not only excel in language skills but are also better prepared for the real world.

Consistently awarded as one of the Best Schools in Vancouver, we have always put our students' needs first. As a result of the pandemic, our students have had an exceptionally challenging year navigating a completely new learning environment. To ensure that they were still able to reach their academic goals, we pivoted our programs and services to offer online schooling, created a student support team, and continued to add new programs to fit our students' needs.

More than just a school, we know that the best way to support your learning is to create a warm, supportive, and culturally diverse environment that will foster your personal growth. This means providing you with opportunities to make friends from across the globe, learn about and take part in Canadian culture, as well as making sure we are available to help you throughout your journey.

Our belief in always putting our students first has resulted in outstanding service, a strong vision, and innovative business leadership. Today we have become one of the fastest-growing schools in Canada. The future is bright and we look forward to welcoming you to VGC International College.

#### **Dominic Walton**

**Executive Director** BA (English), DELTA, MBA

# Why Students **Choose VGC**

#### **TEACHERS**

VGC's hiring policy ensures that our teachers are not only highly qualified, but also committed to helping you accomplish your goals. Our School of English Language is proud of its reputation as one of the most academic language schools in Vancouver. All teachers must have a university degree and a recognized Teaching Certificate.

Our School of International Business boasts a practical curriculum taught by qualified teachers who hold a masters degree in a businessrelated field. Bringing a wealth of relevant Canadian industry experience, our teachers are experts in their field and focus on providing a hands-on learning experience in the classroom.

#### PERSONAL ATTENTION

VGC's teachers and staff strive to get to know each of our students as individuals. Teachers are aware of your progression and adapt their approach to best guide you through your learning experience. Every VGC course provides you the opportunity to receive personalized feedback from your teachers.

#### **RESULTS**

For over 20 years, we have helped thousands of international students reach their goals. Every year we help 2,000 graduates improve their language skills, gain entrance into a Canadian university, successfully take a standardized test, or get a job. With our proven record, we can help you achieve your academic goals.

#### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY: BECOME A GLOBAL CITIZEN**

We are very proud of our cultural diversity. Our students come from over 85 countries to study in Canada. Your class will be filled with students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, helping you to grow an international network and become a global citizen.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Our **School of English Language** offers a unique program called Global English (a hybrid of general English and academic skills). You get the everyday usefulness of general English while developing specialized skills needed for professional communication or English for academic purposes. Our School of International **Business** focuses on the practical skills you will need to achieve and advance your career goals in Canada and abroad.

#### A TRUE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

We are proud to have a team who focuses on offering you amazing activities and tours to ensure you have a unique Canadian experience.

# **Your VGC Team**



**Dominic Walton Executive Director** 



Clark S.G Bae Chief Financial Officer



Jude Conroy Director of Studies



lain Angus Academics & Youth **Programs Administrator** 



Mirren Smillie Co-op Coordinator & Academic Administrator



Mariana Mello Global Marketing & Recruitment Manager Brazil & Europe



**Eddy Leite** Marketing Manager Brazil



**Pablo Contreras** Youth Programs Director & Business Development & Team Leader Latin America



Julio Durante Marketing & Recruitment Manager Latin Āmerica



**David Lee** Marketing & Recruitment Manager Korea



Chie Miyaji Marketing & Recruitment Regional Manager



Sakiko Kudo Student Services & Admissions Manager



**Nora Montiel** Admissions & Homestav Administrator Homestay Manager



**Brent Warman** Activities & Accommodation Coordinator



Jessica Munoz Administrative Officer



Avery Leung Admissions & Recruitment Officer

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# SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE



WHERE THE WORLD COMES TO STUDY

# **English Equivalency**

At VGC's School of English Language, we are proud of our academic reputation. We have earned this through our exceptional teaching staff, well-designed English courses and personal attention to our students.

All of our students take a placement test either online or upon arrival at VGC, to ensure they are assigned to classes that are suitable for their needs and goals. We follow our students' progress carefully by counselling, guiding and helping them achieve their language objectives.

All VGC levels are based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and have equivalent band scores for the IELTS Exam, TOEFL Exam and Cambridge Exams. This allows our students to have a full understanding of where they are in relation to all major international standards.

To ensure student objectives are met, each VGC student receives a student folder where their individual work and progress is collected.

	Core Classes					Proficiency Equivalents			
Levels	Global English	IELTS	TESL	University Preparation	IELTS Score	TOEFL Score	Cambridge Test	CEFR	
8	Upper Advanced	IELTS Prep	TESL Diploma	Advanced	7	100	CAE		
7	Lower Advanced	IELTS	TESL	University Prep	6.5	90		C1	
6	Upper Intermediate	Foundation	Certificate	Intermediate	5.5	70	FCE	B2	
5	Intermediate			University Prep	5	60	PET	B1	
4	Pre-intermediate						721	ы	
3	Elementary						KET	A2	
2	Beginner							A1	
1	Intro								

# Program Schedule

VGC's School of English Language is recognized by thousands of students from all over the world and prestigious post-secondary institutions, as the premier English language school in Vancouver, Canada. We understand that every student has different goals so that is why we offer students a wide variety of English programs to choose from based on their unique learning needs and schedules.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
	Core Class						
8:45am - 1:50pm	Core Class						
	Elective Choice	Core Class	Elective Choice	Core Class	Weekly Workshop		
		BREAK	(				
2:05pm - 3:25pm	Afternoon Plus Class	Afternoon Plus Class	Afternoon Plus Class	Afternoon Plus Class	Daily After Class and		
	BREAK						
3:40pm - 4:40pm	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Weekend Activities Available		

CORE CLASSES	<ul><li>Global English</li><li>IELTS Preparation</li><li>University Preparation</li></ul>
SUMMER PROGRAMS	Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) Preparation
AFTERNOON PLUS CLASSES	<ul> <li>Speaking and Error Correction Plus</li> <li>Beginner Plus</li> <li>Pronunciation Plus</li> <li>Academic Preparation Plus</li> <li>Grammar Plus</li> <li>TOEFL Plus</li> <li>Job Search Plus</li> <li>Business English Certificate Program</li> </ul>
ELECTIVE CHOICES	<ul> <li>Grammar through Speaking and Writing</li> <li>Reading, Vocabulary and Discussion</li> <li>Speaking</li> <li>Listening and Pronunciation</li> <li>Writing</li> <li>Grammar</li> <li>English in the Workplace</li> <li>Expressions and Conversation</li> <li>Exam Preparation IELTS</li> </ul>

Advanced Grammar and WritingReading, Vocabulary and Debate

Academic Reading and Vocabulary BuilderNote Taking Through Canadian Culture

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# **GLOBAL ENGLISH**



Global English is a unique program that combines both general English and academic English skills. This proven program has helped thousands of VGC students reach their English language goals for exam preparation, academics, daily communication, and business.

As an integrated course, Global English works on speaking, listening, writing and reading, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Whether for academics, everyday communication, or business, this is the perfect class to help you improve your English.



- Have expanded your vocabulary in relation to everyday topics.
- Have improved your general English skills, such as the ability to speak and listen to real life situations in English.
- Have developed the confidence to use your English.
- Have developed fluency and accuracy in spoken and written English.
- Have improved your grammar skills.
- (L) DURATION
- Each English level is 8 weeks in length.
- Students can register for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- **START DATE** Students can start every Monday.



- Integrates general English and academic English skills to get the best results.
- Fosters critical thinking and develops vital study skills for higher education.
- Learn English in a supportive classroom environment.
- Bi-weekly personal feedback.



**EXPERIENCE** A UNIQUE WAY **OF LEARNING ENGLISH** 





**ACHIEVE** YOUR TARGET SCORE



# **IELTS PREPARATION**





If you need to achieve your target IELTS score, VGC's IELTS Preparation program is based on a time-tested curriculum that has helped many international students achieve their goals. The program includes 2 course levels, Foundation and Advanced. The lessons are designed to give maximum teacher-to-student interaction and to provide opportunities for you to refine your English for each section of the exam. Every two weeks you will take a practice IELTS exam to provide you with a measurable assessment of your improvement.



**OBJECTIVES** By the end of this program you will:

- Be better able to achieve your maximum possible score on the IELTS exam.
- Have improved your English speaking and writing through personalized
- Have learned the skills and strategies to successfully take the IELTS exam.
- Be familiar with the IELTS exam requirements.
- (L) DURATION
- Each IELTS course is 12 weeks in length.
- Students can register for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- \* Students can start every Monday.



- Highly qualified and experienced teachers with an in-depth understanding of the IELTS exam.
- Two levels of classes allow you to improve your IELTS score from the ground up.
- Proven success rates.



**GIULIANO** from Brazil

VGC helped me achieved my goal! The IELTS preparation class helped me to get the overall band score I needed to apply for my ideal college in Canada!

# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION



Successful completion of VGC's University Preparation Program prepares you for your academic career at a college or university in Canada. It will allow you to meet the necessary language requirements for admission (direct entry) into our partner colleges or universities. This means there is no need to take an IELTS, TOEFL, or any English placement test.

This program is delivered at both intermediate and advanced levels. In University Preparation Intermediate, you will be introduced to academic English and communication skills while learning grammar and other general English skills needed at this level. In University Preparation Advanced, you will focus more on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) ensuring you are university ready.

Please note: Advanced University Preparation classes have no elective class.



**OBJECTIVES** By the end of this program you will:

- Have learned how to listen to lectures and take effective notes.
- Have read critically with a healthy level of skepticism.
- Have written effective essays, arguing a case, supported by reading and using empirical evidence.
- Have delivered university level oral presentations.
- Have developed exam strategies to better your results.



• University Preparation Intermediate and Advanced levels consist of 16 weeks of curriculum each.



\* Students can start at every main start date. Please check VGC's start date calendar.



- Receive personal feedback from a teacher who specializes in English for Academic Purposes (EAP).
- Every two weeks your teacher will have a one-on-one meeting with you to discuss your progress.
- Personalized university preparation with the help of our pathway administrator who will help you choose and apply for a university in Canada.
- Field trips to our partner schools in Vancouver and guest lectures from our pathway partner schools.



# **Our partnering universities** and colleges in Canada

- BCIT
- Douglas College
- Capilano University
- Camosun College
- University Canada West
- Royal Roads University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- New York Institute of Technology
- Acsenda School of Management
- Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts
- Vancouver Film School
- Vancouver Institute of Media Arts VanArts
- Selkirk College
- Code Core College
- John Casablancas Institution JCI
- Arbutus College
- LaSalle College
- University of Regina\*
- Lakehead University\*
- \* These partners are located outside of BC and are in other Canadian provinces.



# Our University Pathway Partners

Students looking to go to college or university in North America after graduating from their Pathway program at VGC have the opportunity to access our network of accredited universities and colleges in Canada.

VGC International College holds pathway agreements with universities and colleges in Canada that allow seamless entry without having to write the IELTS, TOEFL, or any English placement test.

The universities and colleges in the VGC pathway network provide accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs in various areas of study. VGC has a pathway department dedicated to providing personalized attention and guidance to students interested in applying to one or more of our partner colleges and universities in Canada. Let us find the perfect fit for you and take the next step to your academic future.

# How to apply



Take our free online English placement test at www.vgc.ca



Contact our team or VGC authorized agent to discuss your education plan.



Take the program placement test to determine your Pathway level.



Email VGC your enrolment form and Pathway school application package.



Receive VGC's Letter of Acceptance and Pathway school Conditional Letter of Acceptance\*

\*Please contact VGC for BCIT application procedure.

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Apply for student visa/permit if applicable.

PARTNER SCHOOL	PATHWAY REQUIREMENT	LOCATION	IELTS	TOEFL	INFORMATION
BCIT	UP Intermediate UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	5.5 - 7.0	70 - 90	Type: Public Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Associate Diploma, Degree Popular programs: Trades, Engineering, Business, Human Resources Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$13,000 - CAD \$20,000
Douglas College	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.5	83	Type: Public Credentials: Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Popular programs: Business, Accounting, Arts, Hospitality, University Transfer Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$17,000
CAMOSUN	UP Advanced	Victoria, BC	6.0 - 6.5	83 - 88	Type: Public Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma Popular programs: Business, Sport and Exercise, Trades, Nursing Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$14,000 - CAD \$17,000
University Canada West  UNIVERSITY CANADA WEST	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.5	88	Type: Private Credentials: Associate Degree, Bachelors and Masters Popular programs: Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication, Bachelors of Commerce and Master of Business Administration Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$17,400
Capilano University  CAPILANO UNIVERSITY	UP Intermediate	Vancouver, BC	5.5 No band under 5.0	67	Type: Public Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Associate Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Bachelors and Masters Popular programs: North American Business Management, North American & International Manaagement, Early Childhood Care Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$19,450
Royal Roads University  Royal Roads UNIVERSITY	UP Intermediate UP Advanced	Victoria, BC	5.5 - 6.5	60 - 88	Type: Public Credentials: Degree, Pre-Master, Masters Popular programs: Business, Global Tourism, Justice Studies, Environmental Science, Tourism Management Intakes: January, May, August, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$19,000 - CAD \$30,000

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PARTNER SCHOOL	PATHWAY REQUIREMENT	LOCATION	IELTS	TOEFL	INFORMATION
Fairleigh Dickinson University  THE LEADER IN GLOBAL EDUCATION FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	5.5 - 6.0	68 - 79	Type: Private Credentials: Pre-University, Pre-Master, Degree, Masters Popular programs: Business Administration, Information Technology, Hospitality and Tourism Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$23,000
Arbutus College  ARBUTUS COLLEGE VANCOUVER + CAHADA	Global English	Vancouver, BC	5.0	64	Type: Private Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Co-Op, Transfer Programs Popular programs: Hospitality Management, Business Management, Marketing, International Trade Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$5,000 - CAD \$20,000
Acsenda  ACSENDA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT WATCHOOLER	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.5	84	Type: Private Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Degree Popular programs: Business Administration, Hospitality Management Intakes: January, April, July, October Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$15,000
Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts	UP Intermediate	Vancouver, BC	5.5 - 6.0	65 - 78	Type: Private Credentials: Diploma Popular programs: Baking and Pastry Arts, Culinary Arts Intakes: April, July, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$24,000 - CAD \$48,000
Vancouver Film School  ✓ VANCOUVER  FILM SCHOOL	UP Intermediate UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.0 - 6.5	60 - 80	Type: Private Credentials: Certificate, Diploma Popular programs: Animation, Acting, Digital Design, Film Production, Programming Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$10,000 - CAD \$50,000
VanArts  Vanarts  Vancouver institute of Media arts	UP Intermediate	Vancouver, BC	6.0	68	Type: Private Credentials: Diploma Popular programs: Acting, Broadcasting & Online Media, Web Development, Game Art Design Intakes: March, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$18,000 - CAD \$32,000

PARTNER SCHOOL	PATHWAY REQUIREMENT	LOCATION	IELTS	TOEFL	INFORMATION
Selkirk College  Selkirk College	UP Advanced	Nelson, BC	6.0	79	Type: Public Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Post-Graduate Diploma Popular programs: Business, Tourism, Trades, Arts Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$11,000
University of Regina  University of Regina	UP Advanced	Regina, SK	6.5	80	Type: Public Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Masters Popular programs: Business, Arts, Engineering, Kinesiology, Science Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$24,000 - CAD \$26,000
Code Core College  CodeCore College	UP Intermediate	Vancouver, BC	6.0	78	Type: Private Credentials: Diploma Popular programs: Web Development Bootcamp, Programming Fundamentals Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$950 - \$16,500
John Casablancas Institution	UP Intermediate	Vancouver, BC	4.5 - 5.5	60 - 70	Type: Private Credentials: Certificate, Diploma Popular programs: Body Spa, Fashion & Beauty, Make up Artistry, Hair Art Intakes: Multiple Intakes Depending on Program Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$10,000 - CAD \$22,000
Lakehead University  Lakehead	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.5	83	Type: Public Credentials: Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Popular programs: Business, Accounting, Arts, Hospitality, University Transfer Intakes: January, May, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$17,000
New York Institute of Technology  NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	6.0	79	Type: Private Credentials: Masters Popular programs: MBA Intakes: March, September Tuition fee per year (approximate): CAD \$15,000
LaSalle College LaSalle College	UP Intermediate/ UP Advanced	Vancouver, BC	5.5 - 7.0	70 - 100	Type: Private Credentials: Certificate, Diploma, Degree Popular programs: TBA Intakes: January, April, July, October Tuition fee per year (approximate): TBA

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# **ELECTIVE CHOICES**



Our elective classes complement the Global English, University Preparation Intermediate and IELTS Preparation programs. Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, you will enjoy a skills-focused elective class.

VGC provides you a choice of skill or topic-based electives as part of your English Core program. These elective classes allow you to focus on the areas you are most interested in or would most like to improve. Every two weeks, you can pick and choose from a variety of electives for your level.

As you progress from level 3 upwards, you will have a choice of speaking, reading, listening, writing, or theme-based elective classes. Level 1 and 2 continue with the core class at this time.

**LEVELS** 

ELECTIVE CLASSES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
FULL TIME CORE CLASS	•	•						
Grammar through Speaking and Writing			•	•				
Reading, Vocabulary and Discussion			•	•				
Speaking			•	•				
Listening and Pronunciation			•	•	•	•		
Writing					•	•	•	•
Grammar					•	•		
English in the Workplace					•	•	•	•
Expressions and Conversation					•	•	•	•
Exam Preparation IELTS					•	•	•	•
Reading, Vocabulary and Debate					•	•	•	•
Academic Reading and Vocabulary Builder					•	•	•	•
Advanced Grammar and Writing							•	•
Note Taking through Canadian Culture						•	•	•

Please note: Advanced University Preparation does not have an elective.



ENHANCE YOUR CORE CLASSES



**AYAKA** from Japan

Studying at VGC is a wonderful experience! Teachers are kind and friendly. They care about each student and always give good advice to improve my English speaking, writing, and reading.

# **AFTERNOON PLUS CLASSES**

Our Afternoon Plus Classes are designed to give you further knowledge and practice after you finish your Global English, IELTS Preparation or University Preparation lessons. These classes are interactive and allow you to deepen your knowledge and understanding of a specific area of English. They also give you plenty of opportunities to put these skills into practice! Students can choose from a range of different Afternoon Plus Classes.



• Each class is 8 weeks in length.



**START DATE** • Students can start every Monday.

- The ideal complement to the core classes, helping you to improve your English language skills quickly and build a solid foundation.
- Encourages you to apply your knowledge to practical situations to grow in confidence when speaking English.
- Encourages active learning to ensure you improve as quickly as possible.
- Allows you to engage in a proactive learning experience.
- Addresses different learning styles and skills.

# **Beginner Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 1 - 3

Designed for lower level English, this integrated skills course helps you build a solid foundation to speak English in everyday situations. You will be able to quickly build competency in English grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Using texts and tasks found in daily life, you will gain the confidence you need to progress to the next



# **OBJECTIVES**

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Understand and use familiar everyday expressions in English.
- Have learned how to listen for general context.
- Be able to ask and answer a variety of basic questions.
- Be able to write and read simple texts, and extract specific information.
- Know how to name and use basic English grammar structures.

# **Speaking and Error Correction Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 3 - 8

Speaking and Error Correction Plus is a structured English speaking course that allows you to get more knowledge and practice with spoken English. The program is divided up into well designed daily themes and situations. Through challenging conversation and discussion in English, you will be able to use newly-acquired English grammar and vocabulary in real conversations. This class is designed to focus on error correction and encourages students to build confidence when talking to native English speakers.



#### By the end of this class you will:

- Be able to identify errors you and other speakers make.
- Have enhanced your English pronunciation.
- Be able to speak English with more confidence using precise language structures.
- Be able to take part in English conversations related to various topics.
- Have learned to use solid techniques to achieve effective communication in English.



## **Pronunciations Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 3 - 8

We know how important it is for you to have accurate pronunciation and speak English clearly. That is why in our Pronunciation Plus class, you will study the basics of Canadian English pronunciation and intonation. You will learn about a variety of topics such as English vowel rules, word stress, and syllable length. We want to make sure you are equipped with the English skills you need for clear and understandable speech.

# **OBJECTIVES**

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Have significantly improved your spoken English.
- Produce sounds clearly.
- Model Canadian English rhythm and word stress that makes the Canadian accent the clearest of all English speaking countries.
- Model Canadian English syllable stress, linking and intonation.
- Feel more confident when speaking with native English speakers.

# Academic **Preparation Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 4 - 8

Extend your day by further working on language as it relates to a university or professional setting in our Academic Preparation Plus class. Develop your writing, listening, reading, speaking, and English grammar through practice and constructive debates. The Academic Preparation Plus class offers a highly interactive classroom that fosters critical thinking and active learning in English.



# **OBJECTIVES**

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Have developed your English speaking skills for interacting with fellow students and presenting confidently in public.
- Have developed your academic English writing skills from sentence structures and paragraphs to academic essays.
- Have developed your English listening skills for academic purposes, such as for effective note-taking.
- Have developed your reading skills, recognizing different text types and approaching them critically in English.



#### **RURIKO** from Japan

In my opinion VGC's business English class is a perfect chance to improve your business knowledge. They have small classes and you have special attention from teachers. You need to speak English all the time so you have no other chance than learning and improving the language.

### **Grammar Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 5 - 8

In this student-centered course, you will be exposed to a variety of grammatical structures common for intermediate level learners and beyond. The aim is to give you further practice in these structures, reinforcing what you have studied before and introducing new ways of using the grammar. It will also help you to use these structures with greater ease and therefore gain confidence when using them in your writing and speaking.



### **OBJECTIVES**

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Be able to write and speak English using the grammatical structures studied.
- Be able to identify and correct typical mistakes in commonly used grammatical structures.
- Be able to use target structures to clearly and precisely convey meaning.

# **TOEFL Plus**

Designed for VGC levels 5 - 8

At VGC, you will not only use the TOEFL Plus course as a tool to achieve the exam score you need, but also build the academic language and skills necessary for your success in business or university. This course provides authentic practice material to make you comfortable with the exam and TOEFL iBT procedure, as well as the opportunity to take practice tests. Our experienced TOEFL teachers review your work and give you personalized feedback, so you can take your exam with confidence.



# **OBJECTIVES**

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Have improved your English speaking and writing skills through personalized feedback.
- Be familiar with the requirements of the
- Be familiar with the skills and techniques necessary for exam success.





**OBJECTIVES** 

#### By the end of this class you will:

- Demonstrate how to research employment opportunities.
- Understand how to build a professional
- Plan, design and create an effective cover letter and professional resume.
- Gain the skills needed to make a great impression in a job interview.
- Demonstrate presentation skills and business writing specific to the search for employment.

Please note: Job Search is for students taking a VGC business diploma, but will be offered to ESL students if there is space.

**EXPERIENCE INTERACTIVE** CLASSES

# **BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**



Whether you are currently working in business, want to be in business or plan to use English for business in the future, this program is for you. You will gain a solid foundation of Business English for a range of workplace situations.

#### **Topics include:**

- International Business and Global Marketing in English
- Human Resource Management in English
- Business Communication in English
- Intercultural Interactions in English



- Have demonstrated proficiency with the vocabulary of the business world.
- Have developed the language skills required in order to conduct international business in English.
- Be able to organize effective international meetings in English.
- Demonstrate appropriate use of English grammar.
- Be able to analyze and interpret texts written in English and discuss topics of general interest to business people.
- Have developed knowledge about international business behavior.



• Each class is 4 weeks in length.



- Students can start every main start date. Please check VGC's start date calendar.
  - \* At the end of each successful four-week module you will be awarded a certificate to recognize your achievement.





# SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



FORMING LEADING PROFESSIONALS

# Introduction

Following the same high academic standards as our School of English Language, VGC's School of International Business provides students the skills they need to understand and thrive in the Canadian job market.

Our specially designed curriculum, allows students the option to develop their business and English language skills simultaneously. Our courses provide students a strong foundation in business by teaching key frameworks and strategies commonly found in Canadian businesses.

Co-Op students can get hands-on experience in a Canadian company, allowing them to apply their skills to real-world work settings. The diversity of our classes also prepares students to work in international environments.

To apply for our Business programs, students will take our online placement test and sign up for an interview.

# **English Requirements**

	English Classes		Business	s Classes			Proficiency	Equivalents	
VGC Levels	Global English	Diploma in Applied Communications (with optional Co-Op)	Business Diploma Programs (with optional Co-Op)	Business Certificate Programs	Two Week Business Seminars	IELTS Score	TOEFL Score	Cambridge Test	CEFR
8	Upper Advanced					7	100	CAE	
7	Lower Advanced	1 Year / 2 Year Duration	6 Month / 1 Year Duration	4 Week Duration	2 Week Duration	6.5	90	CAE	C1
6	Upper Intermediate				_	6 5.5	70	FCE	B2
5	Intermediate					5	60		
4	Pre-intermediate							PET	B1
3	Elementary							KET	A2
2	Beginner							710Tala	A1
1	Intro								

# Program Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class
8:45am - 1:50pm	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class
	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Weekly Workshop
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2:05pm - 3:25pm	Afternoon Plus Class/Job Search*	Afternoon Plus Class/Job Search*	Afternoon Plus Class/Job Search*	Afternoon Plus Class/Job Search*	Daily After Class
		BREAK	(		and
3:40pm - 4:40pm	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Study Lab/ Writing Center	Weekend Activities Available

<sup>\*</sup>Job Search Plus Classes are typically completed early in the program for all Co-Op students.

Two Year Business Diploma Program:	Diploma in Applied Communications with Co-Op
One Year Business Diploma Programs:	<ul> <li>Diploma in Business Communications with Co-Op</li> <li>Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships with Co-Op</li> <li>Diploma in Applied Communications</li> </ul>
Six Month Business Diploma Programs:	<ul><li>Diploma in Business Communications</li><li>Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships</li></ul>
Four Week Business Certificate Programs:	<ul> <li>Practical Business Calculations</li> <li>Business Presentations and Practices</li> <li>Business Communication Essentials</li> <li>Applied Leadership in the Workplace</li> <li>Communication for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence</li> <li>Practical Sales Techniques</li> <li>Principles of Managing Customer Relationships</li> <li>Marketing Essentials</li> <li>Introduction to Canadian Business Management</li> </ul>
Two Week Intensive Business Programs:	<ul> <li>Entrepreneurship: How to Create a Successful Business</li> <li>Marketing Through Social Media</li> <li>Leadership</li> </ul>

# Diploma in **BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**



For a business to succeed, it needs effective communication. VGC's Diploma in Business Communication teaches students the various forms of communication they will need to efficiently and effectively deliver and execute a variety of business and sales requirements.



**OBJECTIVES** Upon completing this diploma program, you will:

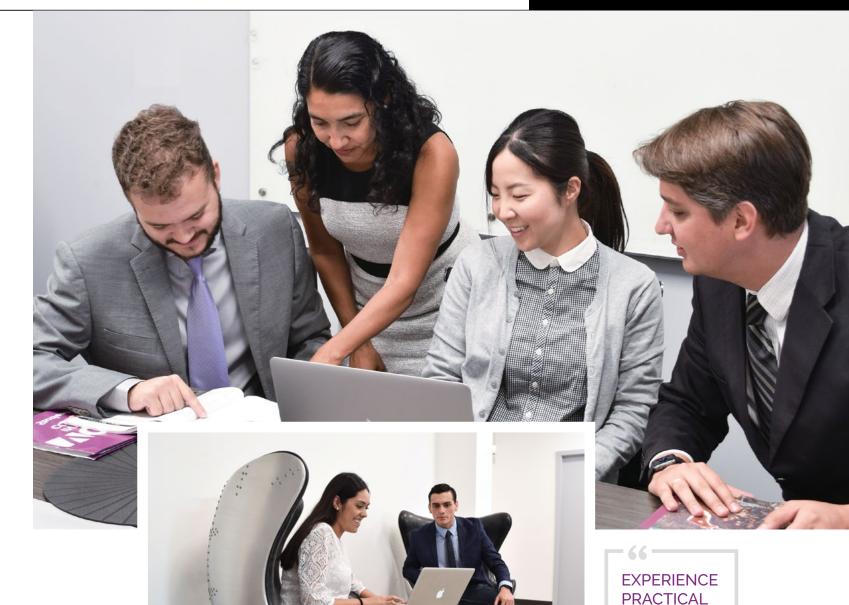
- Gain skills and experience through individual and team-based instruction
- Build on your knowledge base of sales and marketing best practices from leading Canadian business.
- Learn basic mathematics, business terms, theories and organizational structure for everyday use.
- Demonstrate the ability to write and deliver an effective presentation.
- Be able to write a variety of correspondences and be familiar with various forms of business communications.
- Develop your own leadership styles and techniques.
- Demonstrate exceptional customer service in a sales relationship whether face-to-face, online, or over the phone.



**START DATE** • Please check VGC's start date calendar.



- 520 hours of instruction, 26 weeks in duration.
- \*Please consider reading breaks when planning the duration of your studies.



#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.
- Reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic) or TOEFL 70 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 6 Upper Intermediate or pass the VGC placement test.
- Pass an admissions interview.

#### **DOMESTIC STUDENTS**

**EDUCATION** 

• Complete high school.

• Pass an admissions interview.

# Diploma in **BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS** with CO-OP



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• 540 hours of instruction + 540 hours of Co-Op over 50 weeks (1 year)

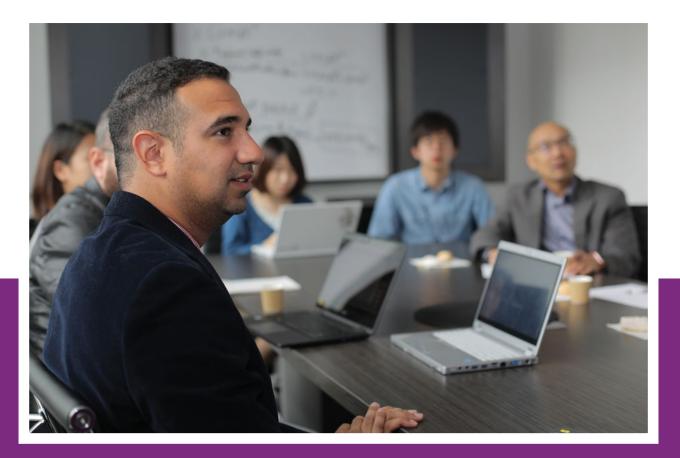
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Over the course of the academic program, Co-Op students will take a four-week Job Search course. It will help them with researching employment opportunities, understanding their own strengths and weaknesses and building a professional image.

Students will work with a Co-Op Coordinator to find suitable work opportunities and be assisted to successfully complete their Co-Op program. Following the completion of the Co-Op portion, each student will complete a two-week Capstone project to finish their diploma program.

# Diploma in MANAGING CUSTOMER **RELATIONSHIPS**



The Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships sets students up for success by providing a comprehensive set of theories, skills, and practices to effectively manage customer relationships in a business environment. This program includes sales techniques, managing customer expectations, and understanding consumers, taught through individual and group-based instructional models.



**OBJECTIVES** Upon completing this diploma program, you will:

- Learn to manage customer expectations in a North American business
- Discover proven sales techniques and gain a deeper understanding of your customers.
- Prepare and execute various customer service strategies.
- Master basic mathematics, business terms, theories and organizational structure for everyday use.
- Demonstrate effective communication skills in business writing and business
- Recall, generalize and demonstrate leadership skills as they relate to staff management and customer management.
- Have a good understanding of, and be able to apply marketing strategies to business.



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#### **DOMESTIC STUDENTS**

- Complete high school.
- Pass an admissions interview.

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# Diploma in MANAGING CUSTOMER **RELATIONSHIPS with CO-OP**



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- **START DATE** Please check VGC's start date calendar.
- (L) DURATION
- 540 hours of instruction + 540 hours of Co-Op over 50 weeks (1 year)

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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#### **DOMESTIC STUDENTS**

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- Pass an admissions interview.





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# NEW

# Diploma in **APPLIED COMMUNICATIONS**



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Along with in-class lessons, this unique program gives students a pathway with their diploma, providing them seamless entry to any of our partner institutions to continue their professional development.

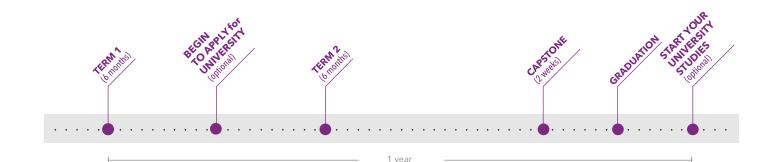
#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DOMESTIC STUDENTS ADMISSION** • Complete high school or be a mature Complete high school. **REQUIREMENTS** student of 18 years and older. • Pass an admissions interview. • Reach an IELTS 5.0 (academic) TOEFL 60 or equivalent, or achieve a VGC Level 5 Intermediate or pass VGC Placement test • Pass an admissions interview.



**START DATE** • Please check VGC's start date calendar.

(1) DURATION

• 1000 hours of instruction, 52 weeks (1 year) in duration.



#### TERM 1 - (6 MONTHS)

#### Communications 100 (8 weeks)

This course is designed as a foundation for students who want to improve their communication skills in a professional or academic setting. Students will work on clear interpersonal communication and will be equipped with effective strategies to communicate thoughts and ideas clearly to avoid misunderstanding.

#### Communications 200 (8 weeks)

This course builds on Communications 100 and further develops the interpersonal communication skills, with emphasis on communicating more complex ideas with clarity. Students will learn how to clearly structure and present ideas to avoid miscommunication and how to critically think about their own work and ideas as well as the work of others.

#### Communications 300 (8 weeks)

This course focuses on intercultural communication. Already equipped with high-level communication skills, students will focus on strategies for understanding more complex ideas and analyzing them with a critical eye. Through debates and discussions students will learn how to objectively and persuasively deliver ideas to be successful in an academic or professional environment.

### TERM 2 - (6 MONTHS)

Once the Communication courses have been completed, students will take an additional three compulsory and three elective courses to complete their diploma.

#### The compulsory courses are:

- Applied Leadership in the Workplace
- Business Communication Essentials
- Business Presentations and Practices

Students have the choice of choosing three of the following courses to complete their diploma:

- Communication for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence
- Introduction to Canadian Business Management
- Practical Business Calculations
- Marketing Essentials
- Practical Sales Techniques
- Principles of Managing Customer Relationships

Each of the compulsory and elective courses is 4 weeks in duration. Due to possible scheduling conflicts, students may not get all their choices of elective courses. Please consult with a VGC Advisor at the start of the program.

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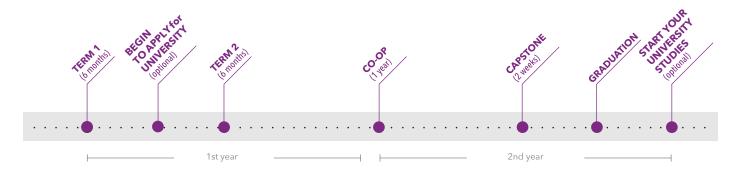
• 1020 hours of instruction + 1020 hours of Co-Op over 104 weeks (2 years)



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#### **DOMESTIC STUDENTS**

- Complete high school.
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# **BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**



# **Practical Business Calculations**

Students will learn about business mathematics used in everyday businesses. The skills learned in this course will serve the student well both in their professional and personal financial life.



#### **MOBJECTIVES**

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Demonstrate the use of weighted averages.
- Use calculations for gross earnings, hourly wages, and commissions.
- Demonstrate and know the differences between Simple and Compound Interest.
- Demonstrate their knowledge of amortization, mortgages, and sinking funds.

## (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



Please check VGC's start date calendar.

# **Business Presentations** and Practices

This course provides hands-on experience on how to create exceptional business presentations using a variety of software. Students will deliver multiple presentations over the course of 4 weeks to build their confidence. Daily constructive feedback from both the instructor and fellow students will be given.



### (S) OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Demonstrate best practices in business presentations.
- Demonstrate and recall key concepts of Audience Intent Message.
- Write and present a persuasive argument.
- Use digital communications in an effective and professional manner (e.g. social media, mobile technologies, IM and text).
- Write and deliver an effective presentation.

# (1) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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- Reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic) or TOEFL 70 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 6 Upper Intermediate or pass the VGC placement test.
- Pass an admissions interview.

#### **DOMESTIC STUDENTS**

- Complete high school.
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# **Business Communications Essentials**

This course prepares the students in both technical skills and soft skills for effective business communications. With the aid of technical tools and role-playing, the students will learn a variety of business writing frameworks that will help any organization communicate with clarity, sensitivity and efficiency in today's demanding business world.



# (A) OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Communicate across cultures and generations.
- Plan, write, and revise written messages.
- Write a persuasive email.
- Write a variety of correspondences and be familiar with various forms of communication.
- Demonstrate effective business writing and presentation skills.

## (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



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# **Applied Leadership** in the Workplace

This course provides an overview of theories in applied leadership in the workplace as it relates to managing customer relations. The students learn about themselves to determine their own leadership style. Through studying the leadership styles of historical and current business leaders, students will learn various approaches to managing customers in diverse situations.



## **◯** OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Demonstrate their own personal leadership style and vision.
- Describe various leadership styles and techniques.
- Lead teams using motivation and delegation.
- Demonstrate knowledge of leadership qualities through role-play.
- Take the lead in customer conflict scenarios.

## (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



• Please check VGC's start date calendar.



# **Communication for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence**

In this course, the students learn how to provide exceptional customer service for any organization. The students will study concepts of customer service across a range of channels including face-to-face, over the phone, and online applications. They will learn how to handle a variety of customer behaviours. Students will be able to apply these practical concepts to any organization.



### (III) OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Define and deliver exceptional service.
- Effectively handle complaints using the strategies learned.
- Create a customer service brand.
- Demonstrate exceptional customer service in a sales relationship whether face-to-face, online, or over the phone.

### (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



## START DATE

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# **Practical Sales Techniques**

In this course, the students learn the essentials of how to be a salesperson and how to develop a personal sales approach. The students will learn about the opportunities in sales in the age of information and technology. The students will get practical experience on how to develop professional relationships with their clients using communication and buyer psychology.



#### (A) OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Recall and describe key milestones in the evolution of various selling models.
- Understand the key ethical and social considerations in personal and business sales and selling.
- Develop relationship, customer, and product
- Develop questionnaires for determining customer needs.

## (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



#### START DATE

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In this course, the students will learn the fundamentals of Customer Relationship Management. From a sales and selling perspective, the student will learn the principles of customer acquisition, customer engagement and developing long-term customer relationships.



# (I) OBJECTIVES

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of personal selling skills to further career progression.
- Demonstrate knowledge of personal selling philosophies, concepts of buying and selling, differences between consumers and business buyers, and key points that shape these buying behaviours.
- Demonstrate an understanding of key principles, methods, and concerns relating to strategies and techniques.

# (1) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



### START DATE

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**CERTIFICATE COURSES** 

**EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT BUSINESS CULTURES** 



This course provides students an overview of marketing with a focus on specific skills needed in a typical marketing lifecycle, sales, customer relationship building, and communication.



#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Apply concepts of value, pricing strategies, consumer segmentation, targeting, and positioning.
- Analyze the marketing environment and buyer psychology.
- Create a brand based on customer value.
- Analyze and apply marketing frameworks such as the 4 Ps.

# (L) DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



• Please check VGC's start date calendar.

# **Introduction to Canadian Business Management**

Students will gain an understanding of the best practices used by Canadian businesses. This course will provide the theory and practical knowledge to understand how businesses operate, strategize, structure, develop and manage their companies.



### **OBJECTIVES**

#### Upon completing this program, you'll be able to:

- Have a good understanding of business terms, theories and organizational structure as they apply to Canadian businesses.
- Demonstrate knowledge of management terms, processes of planning, organizing, leading, and controlling organizational work activities as well as roles and responsibilities for hiring.
- Demonstrate the process of quantitative decision making.
- Understand and better integrate into Canadian company culture.

## **(L)** DURATION

- 80 hours of instruction.
- 4 weeks in duration.



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# **BUSINESS SEMINARS**

**VGC Levels** Designed for VGC levels 6 - 8 **English Levels** 

# **Entrepreneurship**

How to create a successful Business

Discover the basics of entrepreneurship and find out what it takes to ensure the success of a business. Through case studies and lectures, students will understand the importance of industry analysis, writing a business plan and financing a new venture. By the end of the course, they will develop and present a new business, getting first-hand experience of taking a business idea to realization.



- Identifying opportunities and generating ideas
- Feasibility analysis
- Competitor analysis
- Examining various business models
- Financing and funding
- Components of a business plan
- Writing, presenting, and critiquing a business plan
- Designing a business model

# **Marketing through Social Media**

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# **COURSE OVERVIEW**

- Understanding the risks, threats, and opportunities in social media
- Social media psychology Understanding
- Social media platforms and their use in business
- Developing and applying a social media marketing strategy
- Presenting and critiquing a social media strategy

# (L) DURATION

- 37 hours of instruction.
- 2 weeks in duration.



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# Leadership

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# **COURSE OVERVIEW**

- Defining leadership What makes a good leader?
- Leadership approaches and styles
- Establishing vision and mission
- Building the leadership skill set
- Self evaluation of leadership skills
- Presenting and critiquing leadership strategies

\* These programs are offered as part of our Summer Seminar Series during July and August, Winter Seminar Series during January as well as upon special request for groups throughout the year. For group quotes and custom start dates please contact: marketing@vgc.ca





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# **SUMMER CAMP**

The VGC Summer Camp is one of Vancouver's most exciting English camps, providing students from all over the world now have the opportunity to learn English while experiencing the Canadian summer of a lifetime in one of the world's most beautiful and livable cities.

The program is tailor-made for young students, adults and families to give them an immersive learning environment to build their language skills both in and out of the classroom. We've taken the same, high-quality English curriculum VGC is known for and blended it with themed activities throughout the week. This allows students to learn the language in the classroom and then practice their newfound skills in a real-world, fun-filled setting.

# JUNIOR CAMP (9 to 12 years old)\*

Especially designed for young learners to sharpen their language skills while experiencing local culture through a series of fun indoor and outdoor activities. Every student will work on their speaking, listening, writing and reading skills through a carefully-crafted, age-appropriate program.

\*Students travelling to attend this camp must be accompanied by an adult

# TEEN CAMP (13 to 17 years old)

Perfect for students who want to build on English skills that are relevant to the daily life of a teenager, as well as prepare them academically to transition to a Canadian high school or to college or university in North America.

Suitable for students of all levels, this program also integrates workshops to enhance soft skills, communication and leadership. VGC levels are mapped to the CEFR and their Cambridge Levels. Students who have PET or KET equivalent levels will spend the afternoons strengthening the foundations of their skills, working on fluency, vocabulary and error corrections to enhance their communicative abilities. Students who have FCE or CAE equivalency will have the opportunity to learn about intercultural communication, with a focus on developing their leadership skills in our Global Leadership program.

#### **JUNIOR & TEEN WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
9:00 - 10:20		English in Use									
10:20 - 10:30			Break								
10:30 - 12:00			English Through Canadian Culture								
12:00 - 1:00	Weekend Activity (Optional)		Lunch								
1:00 - 2:10	(optional)		Global Leadership*/ English Skills and Vocabulary for Life		Global Leadership*/ English Skills and		(Optional)				
2:10 - 2:20		3		Applied English Activity	Vocabulary for Life Global Leadership*/	Applied English Activity					
2:20 - 3:30			Global Leadership*/ Expressions and Conversation		Expressions and Conversation						

<sup>\*</sup>Students with FCE and CAE levels will take Global Leadrship Program. Teen students with lower English levels (PET and KET levels) and all junior students will take English Skills and Vocabulary for Life (1:00 - 2:10) and Expressions and Conversation (2:20 - 3:30)

# 30+ ADULT CAMP

This camp is for the mature student who wishes to have an experience for the modern adult. No child's play here. It caters to a more refined taste that includes cultural experiences, cooking classes, wine tasting and so much more.

This program is perfect for (but not restricted to) parents of students in the Junior or Teen programs. This arrangement gives families the perfect opportunity to learn English together, allowing the parents to focus on their own classes without having to worry about their children's safety and whereabouts.

For a fully-immersive experience, students will have the options to stay with English-speaking host families that have been carefully selected to provide a safe and comfortable home away from home. Homestay and furnished apartments are also available for adult learners and families attending the VGC Summer Camp.





# **CAMBRIDGE** PREPARATION COURSE

#### **Designed for CAE Level**

#### CAMBRIDGE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE) PROGRAM

This program is designed to help you attain a level of proficiency and accuracy as it relates to your goals when taking the Cambridge exams. All four language skills are systematically developed and practiced during the course and in-depth exam training is provided throughout. You will focus on using the English language flexibly and creatively as it relates to a variety of exam situations and topics. Being an advanced course, you will learn subtle differences in grammar and vocabulary relevant to the CAE exam. This course will also help you to develop a greater understanding of the significance of culture as it relates to language. All these skills will help you better prepare to take the CAE exam.

Students must be at the appropriate level of English to enter this course (a level test can be found on our website).



## **OBJECTIVES** By the end of your studies in this course you will:

- Have developed the necessary skills to confidently take the CAE.
- Have developed Cambridge Exams strategies.
- Have read, understood, and answered questions on the content of various text types related to the CAE exam.
- Be able to answer different types of English grammar questions with
- Handle the various sections of the oral test with confidence.
- Apply the use of different language structures appropriately.
- Summarize, reconstruct, and present arguments coherently for the Cambridge exams.



• The CAE Preparation Course is 8 weeks in length.



• This program is offered in the summer months only. Please check VGC's start date calendar.



- Experienced and knowledgeable teachers for the CAE exam.
- Individualized feedback to focus you on areas that need improvement.
- Practice Cambridge exams every two weeks to monitor your progress and results.

# **TEACHER TRAINING** (TESL) PROGRAM

### Teach Abroad or Teach Locally, Your Teaching Career Starts Here



The TESL certificate program is perfect for international students who will return to their country to teach.

DIPLOMA Designed for	VGC Levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VGC level 8	English Levels	Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced

The TESL diploma includes a 25 hour practicum week where students will have hands on practice experience in the classroom. This is for fluent English speakers.

This program provides pedagogical theory, teaching methodology, strategies and practical approaches to developing the skills and knowledge base you require to become an effective English language teacher. You will be given the opportunity to apply methodology and skills in a real teaching and learning environment.

This program includes the following areas:

- Learning and teaching: background and theory
- Practical methodology: teaching skills and systems
- Language awareness
- Observations
- Practicum (for diploma students only)

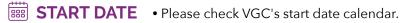


#### **OBJECTIVES** Upon successful completion of this program you will have reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- Plan a series of ESL lessons that cover different skills and systems for learners at different levels.
- Competently deliver lessons you have planned to a class of ESL learners. (for diploma students only)
- Provide and receive meaningful feedback to and from peers.
- Reflect on your own learning and teaching, act on feedback, and demonstrate improvement.



**CERTIFICATE** • 4 weeks in length • 105 hours in total **DIPLOMA** • 5 weeks in length. Final week in-class Practicum • 130 hours in total



• Class time: Monday to Friday, 8.45am - 3.25pm



#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	DOMESTIC STUDENTS
TESL Certificate	<ul> <li>Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.</li> <li>Reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic) or TOEFL 70 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 6 Upper Intermediate or pass the VGC placement test.</li> <li>Pass an admissions interview.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Complete high school.</li><li>Pass an admissions interview.</li></ul>
TESL Diploma	<ul> <li>Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.</li> <li>Reach an IELTS 7 (academic) or TOEFL 100 or equivalent or achieve a VGC Level 8 Upper Advanced or pass the VGC placement test.</li> <li>Pass an admissions interview.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Complete high school.</li><li>Pass an admissions interview.</li></ul>



#### **NIINA** from Japan

VGC is the only place that gives such useful knowledge and techniques in detail as well as provide lots of in class teaching practice in the TESL program. It is really challenging, but these skills I learned for teaching the English Language are a treasure that cannot be bought from anyone. I will definitely utilize what I learned in the TESL course when I become an English teacher.



# EXTRA STUDENT SERVICES





# **Study Lab**

Designed for VGC Levels 1 - 5

We understand that you may sometimes need a little extra help, a place to study, or simply some additional practice to learn English faster. With our Study Lab, you can access a welcoming place where you can meet with a highly qualified VGC teacher to:

- Get help with your homework and study for exams.
- Clarify language related doubts.
- Obtain extra material for study or practice.
- Receive individual attention and tips to improve your English.
- Learn English with other students in a smaller, more intimate setting.
- Get help with your writing.

You can drop in to the Study Lab any day you want, Monday to Thursday after class between 3:40 - 4:40 pm.

# **Writing Center**

Designed for VGC Levels 5 - 8

Writing is a difficult skill to master, especially in a second language. That's why we created a special after school program to help you improve your writing skills. Designed for ESL and business students level 5 and higher, you will:

- Get help forming compelling introductions
- Work on structure for supporting paragraphs.
- Improve Thesis Statement creation and placement.
- Learn to create solid conclusions.

The Writing Center will be hosted by one of our many highly trained instructors four days a week from Monday to Thursday after class between 3:40pm-4:40pm.

# Workshops

Designed for VGC Levels 3 - 8

Our Friday afternoon English workshops provide students with interactive training sessions. Students gain practical information and feedback on various topics including: resume and cover letter writing tips, succeeding in a job interview, understanding Canadian culture and more. Join us in a casual setting and get helpful tips for your professional and academic life.

Our English workshops take place every Friday afternoon.

# **Continuing Studies**

Designed for VGC Levels 1 - 8

VGC online platform for our alumni only

For our English language students, one of the biggest challenges of studying English abroad comes when you go back home. Our Continuing Studies program is an online platform designed to help our alumni maintain the English level they have achieved at VGC. We provide English lessons every week that help you retain your Reading, Writing, and Listening skills.

Being able to practice and continue learning English online, ensures that you don't lose the amazing accomplishments you've worked so hard to achieve. This is just one of many ways that you, our alumni, will always be a part of the VGC family.

**VGC** International College

**EXPERIENCE** THE GREAT CANADIAN **OUTDOORS** 

# **VGC ACTIVITIES**

We understand that your trip to Canada is more than just studying - it's the experience of a lifetime! We want you to have as much fun as possible in Vancouver, make new friends, and network using your newly-acquired language skills!



To ensure that students have the time of their lives, VGC organizes its very own afternoon activities and excursions from local sightseeing outings to weekend trips to the Rocky Mountains and the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

As part of the VGC family, you can join one of our once-in-a-lifetime weekend adventures and choose from a variety of exciting Canadian cultural experiences. This lets you make the absolute best of your time here in Canada. Learn to ski and snowboard in the mountains of British Columbia, kayak along the shores of downtown Vancouver and Granville Island, enjoy a tasty beach BBQ in Stanley Park, fish for salmon, catch a Canucks hockey game - the adventures are endless!









- VGC has its own activities team, which means that you get access to unique experiences exclusively for VGC students.
- VGC's activities are conducted in English so you can continue developing your skills outside the classroom.



# HOUSING and ACCOMMODATION



One of the most important things you need to consider when coming to Canada is your accommodations. While there are a variety of housing opportunities available for international students, deciding where to live will be critical in helping you settle in quickly and let you focus more on your classes.

VGC offers you a homestay or residence options that provide you with a comfortable, safe, and welcoming environment - your home away from home - while creating lifelong friendships.

### **HOMESTAY**

By living with a Canadian host family, you will be deeply immersed in Canadian lifestyle and culture, while giving you the opportunity to further practice your English skills outside the classroom. This will give your English learning a whole new dimension while you experience the friendliness and hospitality Canadians are famous for.

All of our homestay families are carefully selected so you can experience a safe and casual environment during your studies in Canada. Our families enjoy meeting students from around the world and some have been hosting students for many years.





#### What to expect in your homestay

**ROOM:** a private, clean, and comfortable room for every student.

**FURNITURE:** bed and bedding, dresser and a place to do homework.

**ACCESS:** to bathroom and laundry facilities

**PROXIMITY:** approximately 30 to 60 minutes commute to school by public transport.

**FAMILIES:** friendly and welcoming English speaking homestay families from diverse backgrounds that reflect Vancouver's multicultural population. Some families may host more than one international student.

**LIFESTYLE:** you can indicate your preferences on diet, smoking/non-smoking, children, etc.

**AMENITIES:** 2 or 3 meals per day included, Wi-Fi Internet access, 24-hour emergency contact number. Airport pickup/return can be booked for an additional fee.

### **VGC STUDENT RESIDENCES**

#### **VGC Downtown Penthouse Residence**

With the VGC Downtown Penthouse Residence at Howe St, the VGC campuses are just a 20-minute walk away. You will never be too far from the classroom and will experience downtown living at its best! Being in the heart of Downtown, you'll have shops, restaurants and transportation easily accessible right out of your doorstep. Come home to a safe and fully-furnished penthouse suite, with top-notch amenities and a panoramic view of the Vancouver city skyline and Northshore Mountains.









#### **AVAILABLE ROOMS**

**Shared Room**Consists of 2 twin beds for two students with access to the apartment's fully-equipped kitchen, bathroom, and living area

Shared Room with Balcony and Ensuite Shared room consists of 2 twin beds for two students with an ensuite bathroom, balcony, and access to the apartment's fully-equipped kitchen, and living area.

#### **VGC Cambie Residence**

When you stay at VGC Cambie Residence, 'get-togethers' becomes a way of life. You'll get every opportunity to meet new people and create lifelong memories from a community of fellow international students in South Vancouver. Plus, you're never too far away from the essentials: less than 30 minutes to the VGC campuses by SkyTrain and minutes away from shops and restaurants. 10 minutes to Marine Gateway SkyTrain and shopping mall. Enjoy a safe neighborhood and unwind in your very own private room with top-notch amenities and furnishings.









#### **AVAILABLE ROOMS**

Private Room

Fully enclosed private bedroom with loft bed and desk. Access to shared bathroom, kitchen, and living area.

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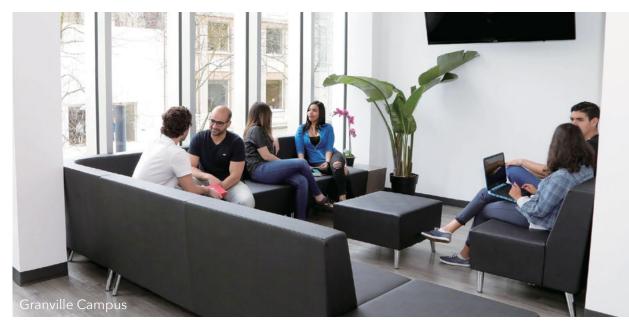
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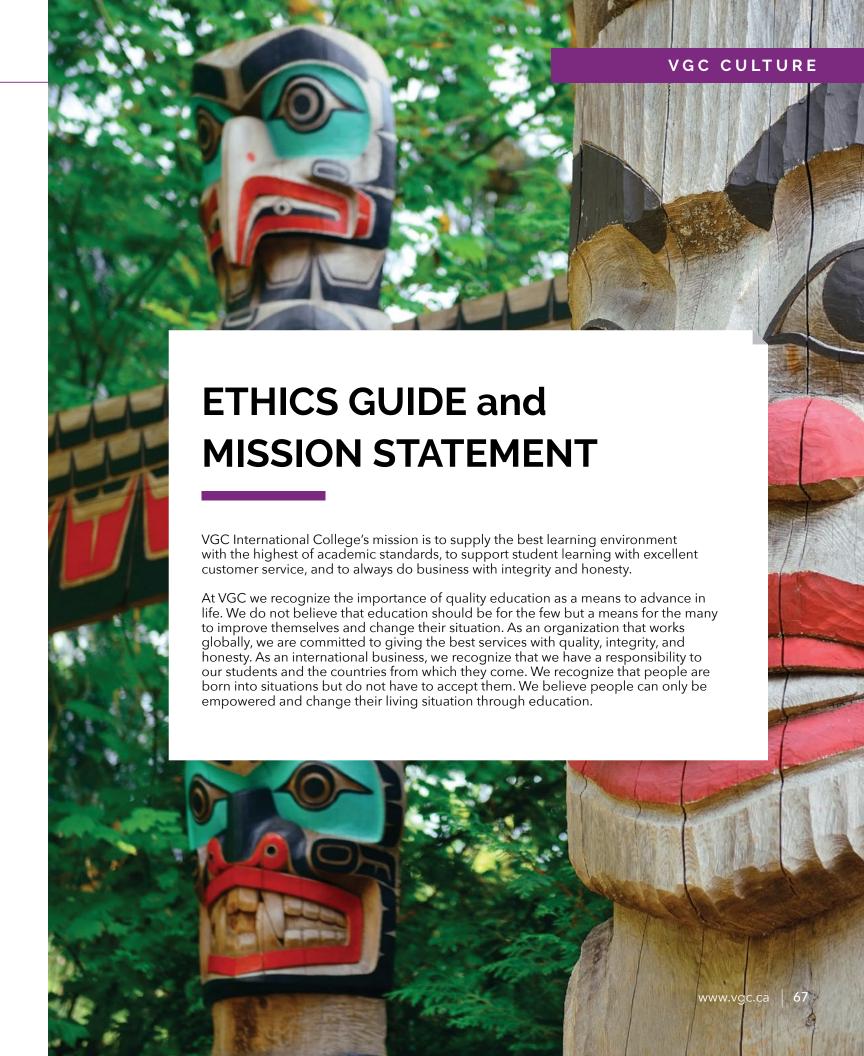
# **CAMPUS CULTURE**

At VGC we pride ourselves with our global student community. To date, VGC has been home to students of over 85 nationalities, and this number continues to grow! We take great care in creating a family-like atmosphere from the minute you you walk through our school. You will be greeted and supported by our warm and friendly staff, and make VGC your home away from home. Our campuses are designed with plenty of student spaces so that you can build strong professional networks and lasting friendships from people around the world. To really learn English, you must communicate and practice the language. VGC gives students plenty of opportunities to do this as everyone is encouraged to communicate in one universal language - English.



CREATE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS





# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

VGC's Educate for Change



#### **BRAZIL**

#### **CASA DO ZEZINHO**

Located in what is called the "triangle of death" between Jardim Angela, Jardim Sao Luiz and Capao Redondo in the outskirts of São Paulo, Brazil. They help young adults living below the poverty line, most of whom live in no more than two room shacks with large families and who are often immersed in violence in and out of their home. Casa do Zezinho creates positive conditions, through education, art and culture, for low income children and young adults under extremely vulnerable conditions. They help young people overcome the barriers imposed by their living standards to become self-reliant and able to make mature decisions about their own lives.

The international initiative to put money back into NGOs that support education in developing countries is a project VGC International College cares deeply about. With partners from Brazil, Panama, and Thailand, VGC pledges to give a dollar a day for every Brazilian, Panamanian, and Thai student who attends our school. The collected funds are utilized to purchase school supplies and goods aimed at assisting low income families interested in improving themselves through education.

Note: Donations are made in tangible goods such as: textbooks, pens, and paper. VGC does not benefit from any tax breaks.



Despite limited resources, Instituto Urraca promotes academic excellence and calls for young students to work hard towards attaining higher academic and professional goals. Instituto Urracá delivers a structured theory and hands-on high school program to students from low income families and various cultural backgrounds.



### **THAILAND**

#### MIRROR FOUNDATION

This NGO is run by Thai and hill tribe staff who work for the social development of the community and for the benefit of ethnic minorities. The foundation runs Rai Som School which works specifically to give access to basic education to stateless children. The school's curriculum is designed to fit with the lives of the local community. It teaches the local language as well as Thai and English.



# **VANCOUVER**

Vancouver is the city of choice for studying in Canada. Set against a stunning backdrop on Canada's west coast, Vancouver is consistently ranked one of the top cities in the world to live in. Its naturally beautiful, mild in climate and one of the safest cities in North America, with a liberal outlook and fantastic career opportunities.

Nestled between snow-capped mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver offers the perfect blend of year-round outdoor activities and urban excitement. Relax on one of its many sandy beaches, wander through the boutique shops in historic Gastown or catch some air snowboarding or hiking on Grouse Mountain - in Vancouver there is something for everyone! There is no other city in the world like Vancouver, and VGC's campuses are located right in the heart of it!





#### **Granville Island**

Granville Island is an artistic community with an excellent public market. Famous for local food, art and entertainment, it's always exciting and full of new experiences.



### **English Bay**

There are seven large beaches surrounding the Vancouver area including beautiful English Bay. Come and enjoy some sun, beach volleyball or watch our amazing sunsets.



#### **Granville Street**

Granville Street is the main downtown entertainment district. Countless restaurants, bars and nightclubs make this a popular late-night hangout.





#### **Robson Street**

Robson Street is known for having the best shopping in Vancouver. Spend your afternoon browsing at premier fashion stores or sipping coffee on an outdoor patio.



#### Stanley Park

Stanley Park is a magnificent green oasis in the midst of the urban landscape of Vancouver. It's 10% bigger than New York's Central Park. There is an abundance of unique plants, majestic trees, and diverse wildlife, not to mention the stunning seawall.







#### **Yaletown**

Yaletown is a trendy, upscale, and renovated district. Converted heritage buildings are home to some of the top fashion brands and hip restaurants and bars.



#### **Vancouver Lookout**

Located at the top of the Harbour Centre, the Vancouver Lookout tower was officially opened in 1977 by Neil Armstrong. Glass elevators take visitors 168 meters (553 feet) above the harbour, to enjoy breathtaking views of beautiful Vancouver and the North Shore Mountains.



#### **BC Place**

BC Place is a multi-purpose stadium and home to the BC Lions and Vancouver Whitecaps. It also served as the main stadium for the 2010 Winter Olympics and will be one of the host stadiums for the 2026 World Cup.





#### Gastown

VGC's Hastings Campus is situated right on the edge of historic Gastown. This is one of Vancouver's oldest areas, where you can find the first steam clock built in 1977 by Raymond Saunders.



#### **Waterfront Station**

Waterfront Station is Vancouver's main transit hub. All trains, buses, SeaBuses and SkyTrains use this as the terminal station. Conveniently located two blocks away from our Hastings and Granville campuses. Waterfront Station makes VGC an easy commute from wherever you are coming from.

### **SCHOOL** of **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

#### START DATES 22/23

# **SCHOOL** *of* **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

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# Canadian Holidays

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#### Summer Camp (July 4 - August18) \_\_\_\_ Cambridge Preparation

Canadian Holidays

Main Start Dates/ University Preparation

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Alternative Start Dates

(July 2 - August 16)

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### Canadian Holidays

### DIPLOMA START DATES

# CERTIFICATES START DATES

#### January 3 / July 4: Business Presentations and Practices Marketing Essentials

#### January 30 / July 31: Applied Leadership in the Workplace

#### February 27 / August 28: Satisfaction and Excellence Practical Sales Techniques

#### April 3 / October 3: Practical Business Calculations

#### May 1 / October 30: Business Communication Essentials Principal of Managing Customer

#### May 29 / November 27: Introduction to Canadian Business

#### Management **BUSINESS SEMINARS**

# Leadership

#### Entrepreneurship: How to Create a Successful Business

## Marketing Through Social Media

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# CERTIFICATES START DATES

#### January 2 / July 2: Business Presentations and Practices Marketing Essentials

#### January 29 / July 29: Applied Leadership in the Workplace

# Communication for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence

# Practical Business Calculations

# • Principal of Managing Customer

#### May 27/ November 25: Introduction to Canadian Business

## **BUSINESS SEMINARS**

# Leadership

### Entrepreneurship: How to Create a Successful Business Marketing Through Social Media

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DIPLOMA START DATES

# February 26 / August 26:

#### Practical Sales Techniques April 2 / October 1:

#### April 29 / October 28: · Business Communication Essentials

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