

# VGC





# OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

**Thank you for considering VGC International College to be a part of your education journey.**

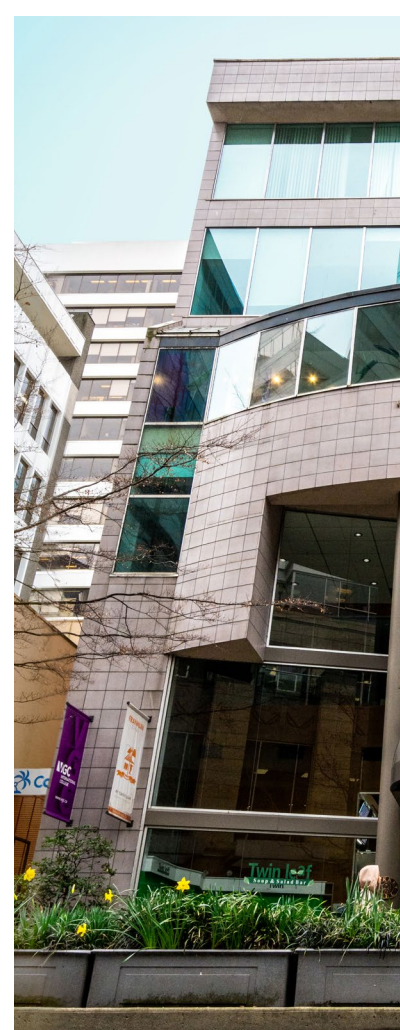
At VGC our greatest priority is always our students, which is why we pledge to support you every step of the way to ensure that your experience in Vancouver is truly special. From the moment you arrive, you'll be welcomed into a community dedicated to your growth and success. We are here not only to give you a place to learn, but also to provide the guidance and experiences that will help to shape your future.

VGC has a proven track record of excellence and we are committed to ensuring that our students are always supported in their learning journey. We do this by providing a carefully crafted curriculum that balances theory with real life application and practice to prepare you for an ever-changing global landscape. All members of the VGC team are experts in their field and our dedicated and highly-trained teachers and staff are committed to your success and ready to support you every step of the way to have the best educational experience in Canada.

We believe that education is a powerful tool that can empower everyone to grow both personally and professionally. We are honored to be a part of that process with you and provide you with the support you need as you work to achieve your goals.

At VGC we strive to embody the values that define Vancouver - diversity, respect, collaboration and excellence. We believe the international experience is key to encouraging our students to embrace new ideas, broaden their horizons and develop new skills. Here you will do all of that in a supportive environment where you will build a network of friendships and have experiences that will last a lifetime.

We are excited to be on this journey with you and can't wait to welcome you to VGC and to the beautiful city of Vancouver!







**MGC**  
INTERNATIONAL  
COLLEGE

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# ABOUT

VGC International College is an award-winning English language and business school in downtown Vancouver. Founded in 2003, VGC has built a strong academic reputation by offering high-quality and well-designed English courses and international business programs to students from over 85 nations.

VGC's **SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE** is recognized by thousands of students from all over the world, as well as prestigious post-secondary institutions, as the premier English language school in Vancouver, Canada.

VGC's **SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS** provides a specially-designed curriculum that allows students to simultaneously enhance their business knowledge and English language, positioning them for success in the Canadian job market.

## OUR TEACHERS

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.

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 Master's Degree in a business-related 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.

# WHY VGC?

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY

With over 85 nationalities, our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. Our diverse classrooms will help you grow an international network of contacts and become a global citizen.

## CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

As Vancouver specialists, we provide more than education. Our in-house Activities Department offers events and tours that help students explore the city and beyond, while fostering a strong, connected student community. At VGC, you'll gain global experience and a deeper understanding of Canada – both inside and outside the classroom.

## EXTRA STUDENT SERVICES

At VGC International College, your tuition covers more than just classes. We offer three additional services to ensure our students excel. All services are included in the tuition, making VGC the best choice for a well-rounded education.

**Study Lab & Writing Center:** Personalized support from expert teachers for homework, writing improvement, exam prep, and skill enhancement. Drop in after class for individual attention.

**Workshops:** Weekly interactive sessions offering practical tips on job hunting, English skills, and Canadian culture.

**Continuing Studies:** Stay connected after graduation with our online platform, offering interactive exercises to maintain your English skills.

## AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION

Since 2003, VGC International College has built a strong academic reputation through high-quality English courses and business programs. We've been recognized multiple times as a leader in education, with award-winning programs taught by exceptional teachers in a focused environment.



### Top Choice Award 2025

Voted Best Language School in Vancouver 2025 for the 7th year in a row.



### CBRB Best Schools in Canada 2023

Recognized for its high customer satisfaction, outstanding service, and excellent business leadership for the 3rd year in a row.



### ST Star Awards 2022

Winner in the category ST English Language School North America 2022.



### Consumer Choice Award 2022

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



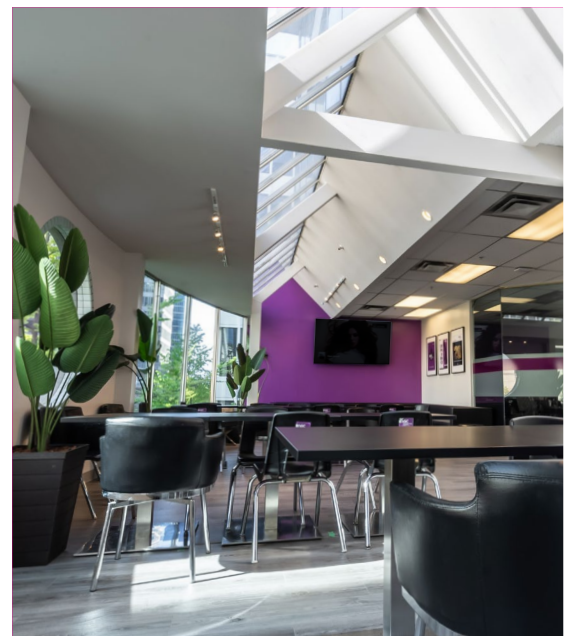
### EducationStars 2022 Student Choice Award

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



### Ryugaku Compass Award 2014-2025 - JAPAN

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



# STATE OF THE ART CAMPUSES

**OUR PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED ACROSS THREE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED CAMPUSES IN DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER, ALL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER.**

Each campus provides an immersive and welcoming learning environment, allowing students to focus on what matters – their studies.

Featuring plenty of student spaces, our campuses are designed to encourage language practice and foster strong professional networks and lasting friendships with individuals from around the world.

## HASTINGS CAMPUS

411 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, BC, Canada | V6B 1L4

Nestled on the edge of Vancouver's historic Gastown district, our Hastings Campus is a charming heritage building that captures the character of the city.

Spread across three floors with iconic brick walls, it features two cozy student lounges and top-of-the-line classroom equipment. Typically hosting students in beginner to intermediate levels, this centrally located campus is surrounded by coffee shops, boutiques, and is just steps from Waterfront Station.





## GRANVILLE CAMPUS

535 Granville Street  
Vancouver BC, Canada | V6C 1X6

Located on bustling Granville Street, this modern campus was purpose-built for VGC in 2016. Bright, spacious, and equipped with the latest classroom technology, it spans two floors and boasts a large student lounge perfect for socializing or hosting events.

Situated just a five-minute walk from Waterfront Station and surrounded by shops, cafes, and attractions, Granville Campus is home to upper-intermediate and advanced level students, as well as specialty programs.

## HORNBY CAMPUS

530 Hornby Street  
Vancouver BC, Canada | V6C 2E7

Opened in 2022, our Hornby Campus is exclusively dedicated to the VGC School of International Business.

Located a short walk from Granville Campus and Vancouver's waterfront, this campus features large, well-equipped classrooms and a bright, airy student lounge filled with natural light. With a convenient food court right in the building, it's the perfect setting for business-focused learning in the heart of the city.

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

## SCHOOL of ENGLISH LANGUAGE

University  
Preparation Program



**YUEH-CHEN**  
VGC Alumni from Taiwan

"This program helps to strengthen our English proficiency and logical thinking. Through the continuous process of learning and academic writing, our progress is really noticeable. Teachers encourage interaction and cultural exchange among students through speaking. VGC also provides a unique life experience in Vancouver through organizing different activities."

TESL Program



**BRANDON**  
VGC Alumni from the USA

"My classes here at VGC are fantastic. Really great instructors, they're relatable and friendly. It's a really cool experience. Everything you learn in the classroom about teaching English as a foreign language, it gives you all the information and confidence to teach English to real students. Working with the students one-on-one and helping them understand English."

Global English Program



**JIYOUN**  
VGC Alumni from Korea

"Vancouver has different places, beautiful parks, and mountains. If you want to study English systematically and engage in various activities, I highly recommend VGC!"

Global English Program



**JULIE**  
VGC Alumni from France

"VGC offered me a culturally rich and diverse environment. The teachers are kind, approachable, and genuinely invested in helping us progress."

Adult Camp Program



**DENIS**  
VGC Alumni from Brazil

"My summer camp in Vancouver was fantastic. It's a beautiful city full of peculiarities. What you learn in the classroom, you take into your daily life here. I encourage people to come not only to improve their English, but also to live a different experience."

Global English Program



**MARIA**  
VGC Alumni from Columbia

"The classes and cultural activities not only improved my language skills but also allowed me to make great friends from all over the world. The staff and teachers were amazing people, always supportive and friendly. Studying at VGC was an enriching adventure that I will always cherish."

# SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Diploma in Applied Communications with Co-Op Program



**KELLY**  
VGC Alumni from Brazil

"The diploma has equipped me with communication and teamwork skills that are essential for leadership roles, especially in international business settings. The facilities are modern and well-equipped, and the central location in Vancouver makes it easily accessible. It's a great environment for learning."

Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships Program



**KAHO**  
VGC Alumni from Japan

"This program has helped me learn not only about marketing but also about leadership, practical business calculations, presentation skills, and effective communication with customers. My background is in education, but by learning the basics of business, I have greatly expanded my career options. The knowledge I have gained will be useful in any industry I work in."

Marketing Through Social Media Certificate Program



**KENNYA**  
VGC Alumni from Mexico

"I had a wonderful time learning about marketing through social media. I had a wonderful teacher and the classes were very hands-on."

Diploma in Applied Communications with Co-Op Program



**NAHATHAI**  
VGC Alumni from Thailand

"The curriculum is well-designed and the teachers are experienced. If you're unsure whether a career in business is right for you, this school is a great place to start and you'll be well-prepared to pursue it further."

Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships with Co-Op Program



**JAIRO**  
VGC Alumni from Panama

"I started at Level 2 in English and just understood 1-10 and "Hello". Then I finished Level 6 and started my business program. This is the best experience for me in my life because it changed everything. I 100% recommend VGC!"

Marketing Essentials Certificate Program



**ROMAIN**  
VGC Alumni from Belgium

"I am very happy to have joined the "Marketing Essentials Certificate" program, because I obtained more detailed knowledge combining all the English I learned before and applied it in a marketing certificate in just 4 weeks. In addition to discovering new subjects."



# THE CITY OF VANCOUVER



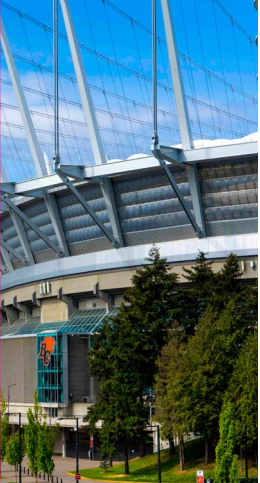
## VANCOUVER IS THE CITY OF CHOICE FOR STUDYING IN CANADA.

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. It is 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 get 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!

## MAP OF VANCOUVER





## AVERAGE COST OF LIVING<sup>1</sup>

Studying in Vancouver means enjoying world-class amenities, diverse cultural experiences, and a safe, welcoming environment. Here's a quick look at typical monthly expenses to help you plan:

### Housing:

**VGC Homestay:** starting at \$1,300/month inc. meals

**VGC Residence:** starting at \$1,400/month

**One Bedroom Apartment:** \$2,530<sup>2</sup>

### Public Transit (Compass Card)<sup>3</sup>:

**Single trip:** \$2.60

**Monthly pass:** starting at \$107.30

**Cell Phone Plan:** \$50-\$100

**Groceries:** \$200-\$400

### Dining Out:

**Low-cost/Fast-food:** \$15-\$20/person

**Mid-range:** \$30-50/person

**Coffee:** \$4-\$6

### Entertainment:

**Movie ticket:** \$10-\$20

**Sports Event:** Starting at \$50-\$100

**Gym memberships:** \$55-\$60

**Tipping:** 15% of the bill on meals and services

**Sales Tax (GST + PST):** 12% with some exceptions

<sup>1</sup>Averages are based on 2024 data, for reference only.

<sup>2</sup>Rentals.ca, "Rent Report."

<sup>3</sup>Fare varies according to Translink.

## MAP OF VANCOUVER - DESTINATIONS

### 1 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.

### 2 ENGLISH BAY

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

### 3 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.

### 4 STANLEY PARK

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

### 5 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.

### 6 VANCOUVER LOOKOUT

Located at the top of 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.

### 7 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.

### 8 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.

### 9 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 wherever you are coming from.

# STUDENT ACCOMODATIONS

## HOMESTAY

### A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Choosing the right accommodation is an important step when studying in Canada. With VGC International College's homestay program, you can fully immerse yourself in Canadian culture and practice your English skills in real-life settings. Living with a Canadian host family adds a unique dimension to your learning experience, helping you connect classroom lessons to everyday life.

All of our homestay families are carefully selected to provide you with a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment during your studies. Many of our families have years of experience hosting students from around the world, and they are excited to welcome you into their homes. Homestay can also help you settle in more quickly, giving you the opportunity to adjust to life in Canada with confidence and ease.



### WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR HOMESTAY

#### Accommodation

Enjoy a private, clean, and comfortable room with a bed, bedding, dresser, and a study area. You'll have access to bathroom and laundry facilities.

#### Families

Stay with friendly, welcoming English-speaking families from diverse backgrounds that reflect Vancouver's multicultural community. Some families may host more than one international student, offering additional opportunities to connect.

#### Lifestyle

Share your preferences on diet, smoking/non-smoking, children, and more to ensure a great match with your host family.

#### Amenities

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

#### Location

All homestay families are conveniently connected to public transportation across Metro Vancouver, with an average commute time of 45-60 minutes.



# STUDENT RESIDENCES

## MODERN LIVING WITH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

For students seeking more independence and a vibrant atmosphere, VGC's student residences offer a great way to connect with both Canadian and international students. With modern living spaces and the choice of private or shared accommodations, our residences provide the perfect balance of comfort and community.

Located across Vancouver and Burnaby, these options are well-connected to public transit, ensuring easy access to VGC's downtown campuses. All options are designed with students in mind, offering affordable pricing and amenities tailored to your needs.

### Convenient Locations

All residence options are strategically located in Metro Vancouver, providing easy access to public transit and VGC's downtown

campuses. Enjoy vibrant neighborhoods with shops, dining, and entertainment right at your doorstep.

### Move-In Ready Comfort

All accommodations are fully furnished and thoughtfully designed for students. Whether you prefer private or shared rooms, studio apartments, or multi-bedroom options, each living space is modern, equipped with essentials, and tailored to make settling in easy and stress-free.

### All-Inclusive Living

With WiFi, utilities, and essential amenities included, our residences provide an affordable, hassle-free experience so you can focus on your studies and explore life in Vancouver.



Disclaimer: The images shown are for reference only.





# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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 their situation through education.

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

## CASA DO ZEZINHO Brazil

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, Casa do Zezinho helps young adults living below the poverty line, most of whom live in no more than two room shacks with large families and 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 regarding their own lives.

## INSTITUTO URRACA Panama

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.

## MIRROR FOUNDATION Thailand

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.





# VGC TEXTBOOKS



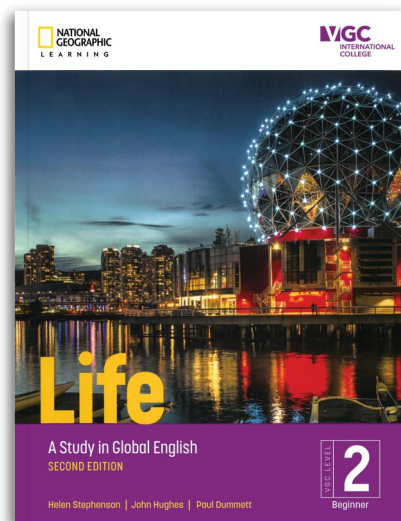
## IMMERSIVE LEARNING with ENGAGING TEXTBOOKS

VGC has partnered with **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LEARNING** to create English-learning textbooks tailored to complement our award-winning Global English program. These textbooks aim to equip non-native speakers with essential grammar and vocabulary lessons required to master the language, as they progress through the levels. These learning modules also offer an interactive and immersive education experience, leveraging the stunning content

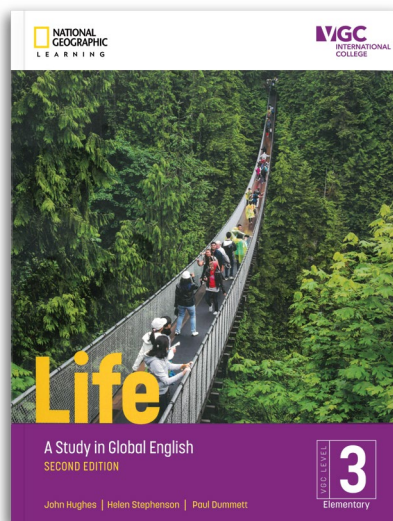
which National Geographic is renowned for. Practical English learning is seamlessly woven with intellectually stimulating topics, coupled with gripping imagery and video links.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LEARNING** is an acclaimed publisher of educational materials catering to the English Language and secondary education markets.

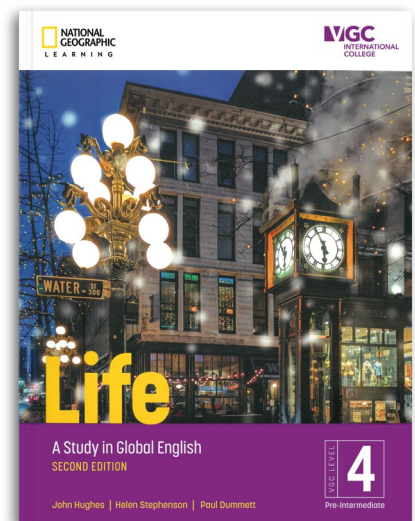
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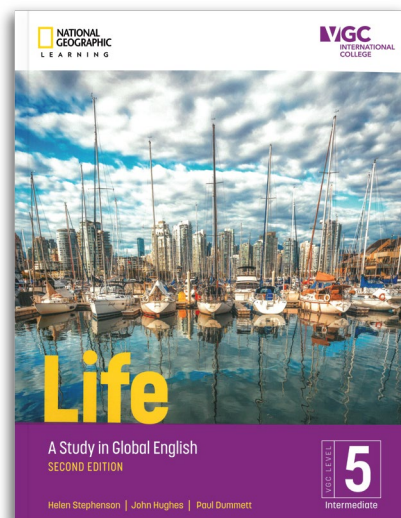
Level 2 - Beginner



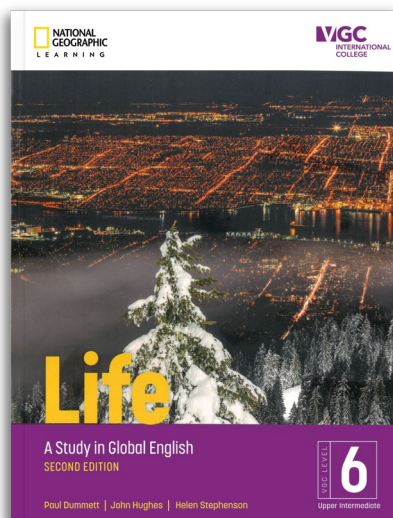
Level 3 - Elementary



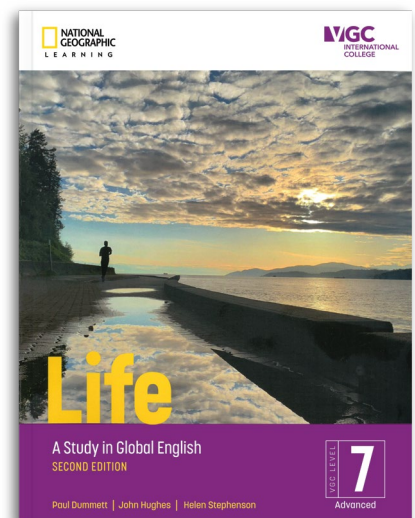
Level 4 - Pre-Intermediate



Level 5 - Intermediate



Level 6 - Upper-Intermediate



Level 7 - Advanced



# EXTRA STUDENT SERVICES INCLUDED IN YOUR TUITION

### OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF EDUCATION

At VGC International College, we believe that every student deserves to have access to all the necessary tools and support needed to improve their English, enhance their communication skills, and achieve their

career goals. That is why we have created four extra services to ensure students reach their highest potential while studying at VGC. Current students can utilize our Study Lab, Writing Center, and Workshops, while alumni can access our Continuing Studies services at no extra cost.

#### 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.
- Work on your English with other motivated students in a designated space.
- 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 can:

- 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 English and professional 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 workshops take place every Friday afternoon.

## CONTINUING STUDIES

(VGC online platform for our alumni only)  
Designed for VGC Levels 1 - 8

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 achieved at VGC. We provide English lessons that help you maintain 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.



■ ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

# ACTIVITIES

EXPERIENCE THE GREAT CANADIAN OUTDOORS





VGC has its own activities team, which means that you get access to unique experiences exclusively for VGC students.



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!

VGC's activities are conducted in English so you can continue developing your skills outside the classroom.

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, the Sunshine Coast, and beautiful Vancouver Island.

As part of the VGC family, you can join one of our once-in-a-lifetime adventures and choose from a variety of exciting Canadian cultural experiences. This lets you make the most 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, or catch a Canucks hockey game – the adventures are endless!











# SCHOOL *of* ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

## GLOBAL ENGLISH

**VGC Levels:** 1-8  
**Start Dates:** Weekly  
**Duration:** Min 2 Weeks<sup>1</sup>

## IELTS PREPARATION

**VGC Levels:** 6-8  
**Start Dates:** Weekly  
**Duration:** Min 2 Weeks<sup>1</sup>

## UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

**VGC Levels:** 5-8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** Min 2 Weeks<sup>1</sup>

## TESL CERTIFICATE

**VGC Levels:** 6-8  
**Start Dates:** Select Start Dates<sup>2</sup>  
**Duration:** 4 Weeks

## TESL DIPLOMA<sup>3</sup>

**VGC Levels:** 8  
**Start Dates:** Select Start Dates<sup>2</sup>  
**Duration:** 5 Weeks

<sup>1</sup> Language classes are ongoing. Each level takes an average of two months to complete.

<sup>2</sup> For select dates please inquire at [marketing@vgc.ca](mailto:marketing@vgc.ca) or visit <https://vgc.ca/start-dates/>

<sup>3</sup> Starting in 2026, TESL Diploma will be renamed to TESL Certificate with Practicum.

# SCHOOL *of* ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Award-Winning Curriculum



Diverse Classrooms



Personalized Services

Want to know your English level?

Scan the code and take our FREE online test.



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Core Class	Core Class	Core Class	Core Class	Core Class	
8:45AM - 1:50PM	Core Class	Core Class	Core Class	Core Class	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 Weekend Activities Available	
	BREAK					
3:40PM - 4:40PM	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center		

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

Levels	Core Classes				Proficiency Equivalents			
	Global English	IELTS	TESL	University Preparation	IELTS Score	TOEFL Score	Cambridge Test	CEFR
8	Upper Advanced	IELTS Prep	TESL Diploma	Advanced University Prep	7	94	CAE	C1
7	Lower Advanced		TESL Certificate		6.5	79		
6	Upper Intermediate	IELTS Foundation		Intermediate University Prep	6	60	FCE	B2
5	Intermediate				5	46		
4	Pre-intermediate						PET	B1
3	Elementary						KET	A2
2	Beginner							A1
1	Intro							

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 is collected, allowing them to easily see their progress.

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

## 2025 START DATES

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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## 2026 START DATES

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-  Canadian Holidays
-  Main Start Dates / University Preparation Start Dates
-  Alternative Start Dates
-  Cambridge Preparation
-  TESL

## CORE CLASSES

# GLOBAL ENGLISH

### EXPERIENCE A UNIQUE WAY OF LEARNING ENGLISH

Global English is a unique program that combines both general 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. Whatever your reason for studying, this is the perfect class to help you improve your overall English level.

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

- 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.

### CAMBRIDGE PREPARATION COURSE (CAE) SUMMER ONLY

The Cambridge Preparation Course is designed to build proficiency and accuracy in preparation for the Cambridge exams. All four language skills are systematically developed, with in-depth exam training provided throughout.

In this advanced-level course (Level 8), you will learn to use English flexibly and creatively in various exam contexts while gaining a deeper understanding of the cultural significance of language as well as focussing on the subtleties of high level grammar and vocabulary. With bi-weekly practice exams and targeted preparation, this program equips you with the skills and confidence needed to excel in the CAE exam.

#### By the end of this program, you will:

- Have the strategies to confidently tackle all sections of the CAE exam
- Master subtle grammar and vocabulary differences relevant to the CAE
- Handle complex texts and oral components with precision and fluency
- Demonstrate flexibility in using English in various exam scenarios

*This program is offered in the summer months only.*



**Avery  
Leung**

**VGC Marketing and Recruitment Officer**



"At VGC International College, we are proud to be Vancouver's premier language and business institution with our commitment to academic excellence and personalized student support. We strive to provide an unforgettable education journey for you, making us the top choice in Vancouver."



## Designed for VGC Levels 1 - 8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

### DURATION

- Each English level is 8 weeks in length.
- 21 hours of study per week.
- 168 hours of instruction in total per level.
- Students can register for a minimum of 2 weeks.

### START DATES

- Students can start every Monday.

### THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- 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.

# CORE CLASSES

## IELTS

VGC is an IELTS test venue.

# IELTS PREPARATION

## ACHIEVE YOUR TARGET SCORE

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.

\*IELTS is jointly owned by the British Council, IDP IELTS: Australia and Cambridge English Language Assessment.

### 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 feedback.
- Have learned the skills and strategies needed to successfully take the IELTS exam.
- Be familiar with the IELTS exam requirements.

## TAKE YOUR IELTS EXAM AT VGC

VGC International College is an official IELTS test venue, offering computer-delivered IELTS testing at our Granville campus in downtown Vancouver.

This provides a unique advantage for our students, as you can take the test in the same familiar environment where you prepared for it.

Being comfortable with your surroundings can help reduce stress and boost your confidence on test day, giving you the best opportunity to achieve your target score.





**Gustavo Gandra**

**VGC Marketing and Recruitment Manager**



"What enchants me the most about VGC is its excellence and care for international students. As I reflect on my time as a foreign exchange student, I am reminded of the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion within any community. I work for a company that cares, and work very hard to make every dream come true. This motivates me every day."



Designed for  
**VGC Levels 6 - 8**  
**IELTS 5.5** or Equivalent

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

**DURATION**

- Each IELTS course is 12 weeks in length.
- 21 hours of study per week.
- 252 hours of instruction in total per level.
- Students can register for a minimum of 2 weeks.

**START DATES**

- Students can start every Monday.

**THE VGC DIFFERENCE**

- 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.

# ELECTIVE CHOICES

### ENHANCE YOUR CORE CLASSES

Our skills-focused elective classes every Monday and Wednesday complement the Global English, University Preparation Intermediate, and IELTS Preparation programs.

These skills and theme-based elective classes are part of your English core program and 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 elective classes. Level 1 and 2, and UP Advanced continue with the core class at this time.

### ELECTIVE CLASSES

**Grammar through Speaking and Writing** - A great way to improve your grammar is to practice it in context. This class will help improve your communication skills by providing lots of opportunities for real-life practice.

**Reading, Vocabulary and Discussion** - Reading is active, exciting, and a great way to improve your English! In this class you look at a wide variety of texts that will help you develop your vocabulary, conversation, and reading skills.

**Speaking** - Do you want to practice your speaking skills? This class will help you increase your vocabulary, fluency, and confidence for speaking about common, everyday situations.

**Listening and Pronunciation** - Struggling to understand spoken English? In the Listening and Pronunciation Elective, you'll improve your listening skills and learn key pronunciation techniques to boost both comprehension and clarity in English.

**Grammar** - Grammar can be practical and fun! In these classes you will get lots of practice using a variety of activities that will help improve your grammatical accuracy and confidence.

**English in the Workplace** - This course is for students who are interested in working in an English speaking environment and want to learn about practical everyday things, such as dress-code, time off, pay, and more.

**Expressions and Conversation** - Do you find it hard to participate in conversations? Learn new vocabulary and practice using it in conversations about a wide variety of topics.

**Exam Preparation IELTS** - Whether you are taking IELTS now or plan to do so in the future, this course will help you understand the format of the test, give you valuable tips on how to get a higher score, and provide practice in all areas of the test.

**Reading, Vocabulary and Debate** - A debate forces you to think about the multiple sides of an issue and to interact with fellow students. This course is a great way to improve both your English and critical thinking skills.

**Academic Reading and Vocabulary Builder** - Do you find academic texts challenging? Learn strategies to help you better understand academic texts and improve your academic vocabulary in the process.

**Advanced Grammar and Writing** - Further develop your knowledge and use of complex grammatical structures to achieve effective written communication skills at an advanced level.

**Note Taking through Canadian Culture** - Learn different techniques and practice skills for note taking for reading and listening while learning about Canadian history and culture.





## Pablo Contreras

**VGC Latin America Business Development & Team Leader**



"We're THE local school in Vancouver! Our dedication to providing excellent education and personalized services ensures our students have an outstanding and unique learning experience in this beautiful city."

## Designed for VGC Levels 3 - 8



### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday and Wednesday - 12:30pm to 1:50pm

### DURATION

Electives have the same duration as the student's Core class.

### START DATES

Students can start every Monday.

### 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						●	●	●

# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

### 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.*

#### **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.

### OUR UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PARTNERS

Students looking to go to college or university in North America after graduating from their Preparation 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 towards your academic future.



## Designed for VGC Levels 5 - 8



### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

**Note:** To join the University Preparation program, students must pass an academic skills test (UP test) in addition to the online English placement test.

### DURATION

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

- 21 hours of study per week.
- 336 hours of instruction in total per course.

### START DATES

Students can start at every main start date. Please check VGC's start date calendar on page 26.

### THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- 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 help from our preparation administrator when choosing and applying for a university in Canada.
- Field trips to our partner schools in Vancouver and guest lectures from our pathway partner schools.



**Stacey  
Marcoux**

**University Pathway Coordinator  
& Academic Administrator**



"As a proud Vancouverite, I'm so happy to be part of the VGC team! Whether you're here for a short time of English and fun or pursuing academic goals like our University Preparation program, we're here to support you every step of the way."

## HOW TO APPLY

1 Take our free online English placement test at [www.vgc.ca](http://www.vgc.ca)

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

3 Email VGC your enrolment form and Pathway school application package.

4 Take the academic skill test to determine your Pathway level.

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

\*Please contact VGC for BCIT application procedure.

6 Apply for Student Visa/ permit if applicable

# OUR UNIVERSITY PATHWAY PARTNERS

PARTNER SCHOOL	PATHWAY REQUIREMENT	IELTS	TOEFL	INFORMATION
<b>BCIT</b> 	UP Intermediate / UP Advanced	5.5 - 7.0	70 - 90	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Associate Diploma, Degree <b>Popular programs:</b> Trades, Business and Media, Engineering, Computing and Information Technology, Health Sciences <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$17,000 - CAD \$22,000
<b>DOUGLAS COLLEGE</b> 	UP Advanced	6.5	83	<b>Location:</b> New Westminster and Coquitlam, BC <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Business, Accounting, Arts, Hospitality, University Transfer <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$19,000
<b>CAMOSUN COLLEGE</b> 	UP Advanced	6.0 - 6.5	83 - 88	<b>Location:</b> Victoria, BC <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Business, Sport and Exercise, Trades, Nursing <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$16,000 - CAD \$18,000
<b>ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY</b>  <b>Royal Roads UNIVERSITY</b>	UP Intermediate / UP Advanced	5.5 - 6.5	60 - 88	<b>Location:</b> Victoria, BC <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Degree, Pre-Master, Masters <b>Popular programs:</b> Business, Global Tourism, Justice Studies, Environmental Science, Tourism Management <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, August, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$19,000 - CAD \$30,000
<b>CAPILANO UNIVERSITY</b>  <b>CAPILANO UNIVERSITY</b>	UP Intermediate	5.5 No band under 5.0	67	<b>Location:</b> North Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Associate Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Bachelors and Masters <b>Popular programs:</b> North American Business Management, North American & International Management, Early Childhood Care <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$19,450
<b>FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY</b> <small>THE LEADER IN GLOBAL EDUCATION</small>  <b>FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY</b>	UP Advanced	5.5 - 6.0	68 - 79	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Pre-University, Pre-Master, Degree, Masters <b>Popular programs:</b> Business Administration, Information Technology, Hospitality and Tourism <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$23,000
<b>ARBUTUS COLLEGE</b>  <b>ARBUTUS COLLEGE</b> <small>VANCOUVER • CANADA</small>	Global English	5.0	64	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Co-Op, Transfer Programs <b>Popular programs:</b> Hospitality Management, Business Management, Marketing, International Trade <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$5,000 - CAD \$20,000
<b>PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF CULINARY ARTS</b> 	UP Intermediate	5.5 - 6.0	65 - 78	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Baking and Pastry Arts, Culinary Arts <b>Intakes:</b> April, July, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$24,000 - CAD \$48,000

PARTNER SCHOOL	PATHWAY REQUIREMENT	IELTS	TOEFL	INFORMATION
<b>VANCOUVER FILM SCHOOL</b> 	UP Intermediate/ UP Advanced	6.0 - 6.5	60 - 80	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Animation, Acting, Digital Design, Film Production, Programming <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$10,000 - CAD \$50,000
<b>VANARTS</b> 	UP Intermediate	6.0	68	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Acting, Broadcasting & Online Media, Web Development, Game Art Design <b>Intakes:</b> March, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$18,000 - CAD \$32,000
<b>CODE CORE COLLEGE</b> 	UP Intermediate	6.0	78	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Web Development Bootcamp, Programming Fundamentals <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$950 - \$16,500
<b>JCI INSTITUTE</b> 	UP Intermediate	4.5 - 5.5	60 - 70	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Body Spa, Fashion & Beauty, Make up Artistry, Hair Art <b>Intakes:</b> Multiple Intakes Depending on Program <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$10,000 - CAD \$22,000
<b>NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b> 	UP Advanced	6.0	79	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Masters <b>Popular programs:</b> MBA <b>Intakes:</b> March, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$15,000
<b>LASALLE COLLEGE</b> 	UP Intermediate/ UP Advanced	5.5 - 7.0	70 - 100	<b>Location:</b> Vancouver, BC <b>Type:</b> Private <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Degree <b>Popular programs:</b> Design, VFX, Film & Audio, Fashion <b>Intakes:</b> January, April, July, October <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$16,000 - CAD \$33,000
<b>UNIVERSITY OF REGINA</b> 	UP Advanced	6.5	80	<b>Location:</b> Regina, SK <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Masters <b>Popular programs:</b> Business, Arts, Engineering, Kinesiology, Science <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$24,000 - CAD \$26,000
<b>LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY</b> 	UP Advanced	6.5	83	<b>Location:</b> Thunder Bay, ON <b>Type:</b> Public <b>Credentials:</b> Diploma, Degree, University Transfer, Post-Degree Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma <b>Popular programs:</b> Business, Accounting, Arts, Hospitality, University Transfer <b>Intakes:</b> January, May, September <b>Tuition fee per year (approximate):</b> CAD \$17,000

## AFTERNOON CLASSES

# AFTERNOON PLUS CLASSES

### EXPERIENCE INTERACTIVE 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.

### 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.

#### 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 structure and paragraphs to academic essays.
- Have developed your English listening skills for academic purposes, such as effective note-taking.
- Have developed your reading skills, recognizing different text types and approaching them critically in English.

### BEGINNER PLUS

Designed for VGC Levels 1 - 3

Designed for students with a lower level of 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 level.

#### 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.



## BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Designed for VGC Levels 5 - 7

*Please note that each class is 4 weeks in length. Students can start every main start date. Please check VGC's start date calendar.*

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.

### Certificates offered:

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

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

- 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.

Designed for  
VGC Levels 1 - 8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday - 2:05pm to 3:25pm

## DURATION

Each class is 8 weeks in length except for the Business English Certificate Program and Job Search Plus which are 4 weeks in length.

## START DATES

Students can start every Monday.

## THE VGC DIFFERENCE

- 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 using 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.

## AFTERNOON CLASSES



### 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.

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

- Be able to write and speak in 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.

### JOB SEARCH PLUS

Designed for VGC Levels 6 - 8

*Each class is 4 weeks in length. Students can start every main start date. Please check VGC's start date calendar. Job Search is for students taking a VGC Business Diploma, but will be offered to ESL students if there is space.*

This course introduces you to job search strategies such as understanding your strengths and areas of improvement, building a professional image, and gaining key insights in finding employment opportunities. You will learn to use Microsoft Office to create resumes that stand out to an employer and meet Canadian employers' expectations. The valuable skills gained in this course will last a lifetime.

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

- Demonstrate how to research employment opportunities.
- Understand how to build a professional image.
- 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.





## PRONUNCIATION PLUS

Designed for VGC Levels 4 - 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.

### 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.

## 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 and accuracy 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.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

# CAMPS AT VGC

## WINTER & SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

The VGC Summer and Winter Camps are one of Vancouver's most exciting English camps, providing students from all over the world the opportunity to learn English while having the Canadian experience 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, giving 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.

AVGC Camp is so much more than just an English program – it's an unforgettable experience. Imagine discovering Vancouver's vibrant city life, exploring stunning natural attractions like mountains, beaches, and forests, all while meeting new friends from across

the world. Whether you're kayaking in the Pacific, hiking our local trails, or sharing stories over a meal - every moment of our camp is designed to help you grow, build meaningful connections and create memories. Students leave our camps not only with improved English skills and a deeper understanding of Canadian culture, but also with new friendships, and memories of adventure and fun that will last a lifetime.

### VGC DIFFERENCE

- Students are future-proofed by learning English and other soft skills in and out of the classroom.
- Diverse student mix with students coming from around the world with an English-only policy to ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- Classes will be held in Vancouver with highly-qualified teachers and highly trained, multilingual staff.



## JUNIOR CAMP (Ages 9 to 12 years old)

- 25 hours of study per week
- Weekly intake
- Books and Materials included
- Extra supervision
- Age-appropriate Applied English Activity (Wednesday/Friday)
- Extra optional afternoon/ weekend activities

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 (Ages 13 to 17 years old)

- 25 hours of study per week
- Weekly intake
- Books and Materials included
- Cambridge KET to CAE levels
- Age-appropriate Applied English Activity (Wednesday/Friday)
- Extra optional afternoon/ weekend activities

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 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 correction 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.

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This afternoon course is specially designed for today's teens who will become the leaders of tomorrow. Students will learn about intercultural communication and communicative competence. They will look at leadership strategies and examples from everyday leadership to leading a team or a group. Each week of the course will give them insight and help them develop their own leadership skills.

## JUNIOR & TEEN WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

*\*Students with FCE and CAE levels will take Global Leadership 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 (2:30 - 3:30).*



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS



## ADULT CAMP (Ages 30+)

- 17 hours of study per week
- Weekly intake
- Books and Materials included
- Furnished accommodations available
- Age-appropriate Applied English Activity (Tuesday/Thursday)
- Extra optional afternoon/weekend activities

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 option 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 camp.

## 30+ ADULT WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 - 10:20	Practical English for the Contemporary Adult				
10:30 - 10:40	Break				
10:40 - 12:20	English Through Canadian Culture				

- Applied English Activities are included in program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- Weekend activities are also available to adult students.





## VGC FAMILY CAMP

- For parents and children (ages 9-17)
- 17 hours of study per week for parents
- 25 hours of study per week for kids
- Weekly intake
- Books and Materials
- Age-appropriate Applied English Activities for kids (Wednesday/Friday)
- Optional afternoon/weekend activities for parents and kids
- Supervised programs for children while parents study

VGC's Family Camp offers the perfect opportunity for families to learn English and experience Vancouver together.

All classes for our Family camp are located in the same campus. This means that parents can join our Adult Camp, enhancing their language skills and enjoying cultural activities with peers, while kids participate in our Junior or Teen Camps, building their English in a safe, fun environment carefully supervised by VGC teachers and camp staff.

With age-appropriate classes and activities for everyone, plus special family events to explore Vancouver's vibrant culture and stunning scenery together, this program is ideal for families seeking a shared adventure.

**Eddy Leite**  
Executive Director

“Be part of VGC, where diversity and excellence are celebrated! We treat each student as an individual, not a number. It's motivating to create unique camp experiences that become milestones in their lives.”



# TEACHER TRAINING (TESL) PROGRAM

### TEACH ABROAD OR TEACH LOCALLY, YOUR TEACHING CAREER STARTS HERE

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)

**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

#### Admission Requirements

##### International Students:

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.
- Pass an admissions interview.

##### Domestic Students:

- Complete high school
- Pass an admissions interview

**All students (International and Domestic) must meet the following language requirements:**

- Successful completion of VGC's Intermediate University Preparation program OR reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic) or TOEFL iBT 46. We also accept other ways of proving English language proficiency including a number of other tests. Please see the website for the complete list at [VGC.ca/policies](http://VGC.ca/policies)

### DIPLOMA\*

#### Admission Requirements

##### International Students:

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.
- Pass an admissions interview.

##### Domestic Students:

- Complete high school
- Pass an admissions interview

**All students (International and Domestic) must meet the following language requirements:**

- Successful completion of VGC's Advanced University Preparation program OR reach an IELTS 7.0 (academic) or TOEFL iBT 100. We also accept other ways of proving English language proficiency including a number of other tests. Please see the website for the complete list at [VGC.ca/policies](http://VGC.ca/policies)



**Jessica  
Munoz**

**Administrative Officer**



"At VGC, we strive to make you feel at home. Our team is committed to offering special support, providing personalized guidance, and being there for you during your educational journey. Here at VGC, you're not just a student – you're an important part of VGC family."



\* Starting in 2026, TESL Diploma will be renamed to TESL Certificate with Practicum.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Friday – 8:45am to 3:25pm

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

## START DATES

Please check VGC's start date calendar.

## CERTIFICATE

- The TESL certificate program is perfect for international students who will return to their country to teach.
- 105 hours of instruction, 4 weeks in duration.

Designed for  
**VGC Levels 6 - 8**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced

## DIPLOMA\*

- The TESL diploma includes a 25 hour practicum week where students will have hands on, practiced experience in the classroom. This is for fluent English speakers.
- 130 hours of instruction, 5 weeks in duration.

Designed for  
**VGC Level 8**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Intro	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Lower Advanced	Upper Advanced





# SCHOOL *of* INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

## TWO YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS WITH CO-OP

**VGC Level:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** 2 Years

## ONE YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS WITH CO-OP

**VGC Levels:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** 1 Year

## ONE YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

**VGC Levels:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** 1 Year

## SIX MONTH DIPLOMA PROGRAMS\*

**VGC Levels:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** 26 Weeks

## FOUR WEEK BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

**VGC Levels:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Monthly  
**Duration:** 4 Weeks

## TWO WEEK BUSINESS SEMINARS

**VGC Levels:** 6 - 8  
**Start Dates:** Select Start Dates  
**Duration:** 2 Weeks

\*Starting in 2026, the following courses will undergo name changes: the Diploma in Business Communications (6 months) will be renamed to Executive Certificate in Business Communications (6 months), and the Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships (6 months) will be renamed to Executive Certificate in Managing Customer Relationships (6 months).

# SCHOOL of INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:45AM - 1:50PM	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class
	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class
	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Business Class	Weekly Workshop
BREAK					
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 and Weekend Activities Available
	BREAK				
3:40PM - 4:40PM	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center	Study Lab/Writing Center	

\*Job Search Plus Classes are typically completed early in the program for all Co-Op students

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

VGC Levels	English Classes	Business Classes				Proficiency Equivalents			
	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	94		
7	Lower Advanced	1 Year / 2 Year Duration	6 Month / 1 Year Duration	4 Week Duration	2 Week Duration	6.5	79	CAE	C1
6	Upper Intermediate					6	60	FCE	B2
5	Intermediate					5.5	46		
4	Pre-intermediate								
3	Elementary								
2	Beginner								
1	Intro								

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 must demonstrate English proficiency by successfully completing VGC's Intermediate University Preparation Program or by submitting results from an accepted standardized test. Full details can be found on the program pages.

## 2025 START DATES

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## 2026 START DATES

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○ Canadian Holidays

■ Business Start Dates

Two Week Business Seminars:

■ Leadership

■ Entrepreneurship: How to Create a Successful Business

### January 26 / July 27:

- Business Presentations and Practices
- Marketing Essentials

### February 23 / August 24:

- Applied Leadership in the Workplace

### March 30 / September 28:

- Communication for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence
- Practical Sales Techniques

### April 27 / October 26:

- Practical Business Calculations

### May 25 / November 23:

- Business Communication Essentials
- Principles of Managing Customer Relationships

### June 29 / December 28:

- Introduction to Canadian Business Management

# BUSINESS PROGRAMS

# DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

DIPLOMA **1** YEAR

DIPLOMA WITH CO-OP **2** YEARS

## APPLIED COMMUNICATIONS with optional Co-Op

Offered **EXCLUSIVELY at VGC**, the Diploma in Applied Communications equips students with the practical communication skills they need to succeed in the business world.

Through a range of business-related topics such as customer and public relations as well as corporate and interpersonal communications, we teach relevant and applicable skills in a business focused environment.

This all-in-one program better prepares students for a future in Canada or abroad through:

### STUDY

Get all the practical and technical communication skills tailored for a business-focused environment.

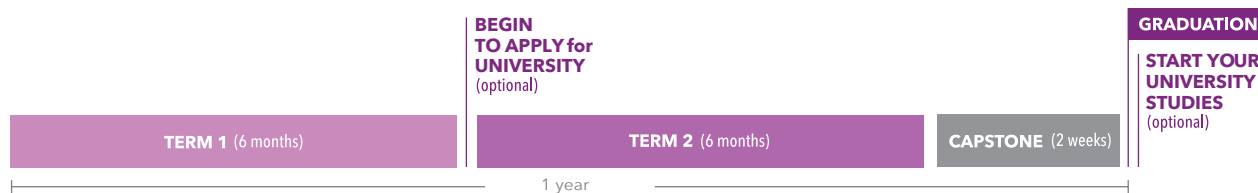
### WORK

Participate in a paid Co-Op Program with a Canadian company and get the opportunity to work part-time off campus while studying.

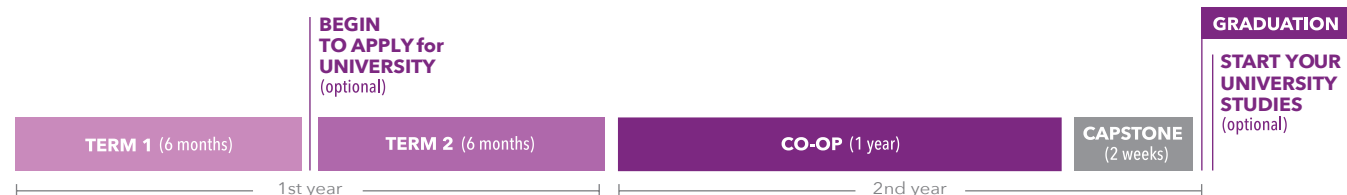
### PATHWAY

Experience seamless entry to our partner institutions by receiving a pathway equivalency in the first 6 months of the program, eliminating the need to take an IELTS or TOEFL test!

## Applied Communications Journey Map



## Applied Communications with Co-Op Journey Map



## Applied Communications Course Outline

### 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.

#### Communications 200 (8 weeks)

This course builds on Communications 100 and further develops interpersonal communication skills, with emphasis on communicating more complex ideas with clarity. Students will learn how to clearly structure and present ideas 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:

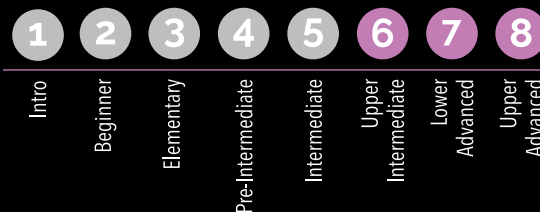
- Applied Leadership in the Workplace
- Business Communication Essentials
- Business Presentations and Practices

#### 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.

Designed for  
**VGC Levels 6 - 8,**  
**IELTS 5.5** or Equivalent



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

*This program is not eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).*

## DURATION

- **Diploma:** 1000 hours of instruction, 52 weeks (1 year) in duration.
- **Diploma with Co-Op:** 1020 hours of instruction + 1020 hours of Co-Op over 104 weeks (2 years)

## START DATES

Please check VGC's start date calendar.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### International Students:

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.

#### Domestic Students:

- Complete high school

#### All students (International and Domestic) must meet the following language requirements:

- Successful completion of VGC's Intermediate University Preparation program OR
- reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic), TOEFL iBT 46, or Duolingo DET 95. We also accept other ways of proving English language proficiency including a number of other tests. Please see the website for the complete list at [VGC.ca/policies](http://VGC.ca/policies)

# DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

DIPLOMA  
6 MONTHS

DIPLOMA WITH CO-OP  
1 YEAR

## BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

with optional Co-Op

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

### Upon completing this diploma program, you will:

- Have gained skills and experience through individual and team-based instruction.
- Have built your knowledge base of sales and marketing best practices from leading Canadian businesses.
- Have learned basic mathematics, business terms, theories and organizational structure for everyday use.
- Have demonstrated 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.
- Have developed your own leadership styles and techniques.
- Have demonstrated exceptional customer service in a sales relationship whether face-to-face, online, or over the phone.

### Courses:

- Business Presentation and Practices
- Applied Leadership in the Workplace
- Communications for Customer Satisfaction and Excellence
- Practical Business Calculations
- Business Communication Essentials
- Introduction to Canadian Business Management

## MANAGING CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

with optional Co-Op

This diploma program 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. It is taught through individual and group-based instructional models.

### Upon completing this diploma program, you will:

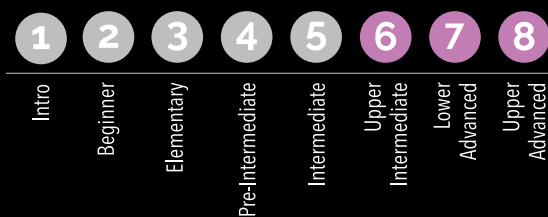
- Have learned to manage customer expectations in a North American business setting.
- Have discovered proven sales techniques and gain a deeper understanding of your customers.
- Have prepared and executed customer service strategies.
- Have mastered basic mathematics, business terms, theories and organizational structure for everyday use.
- Have demonstrated effective communication skills in business writing and presentations.
- Be able to recall, analyze, 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.

### Courses:

- Marketing Essentials
- Applied Leadership in the Workplace
- Practical Sales Techniques
- Practical Business Calculations
- Principles of Managing Customer Relations
- Introduction to Canadian Business Management



Designed for  
**VGC Levels 6 - 8,**  
**IELTS 5.5** or Equivalent



**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
 Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

*This program is not eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).*

**DURATION**

- **Diploma:** 520 hours of instruction, 26 weeks in duration.
- **Diploma with Co-Op:** 540 hours of instruction + 540 hours of Co-Op over 50 weeks (1 year)

**START DATES**

Please check VGC's start date calendar.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**International Students:**

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.

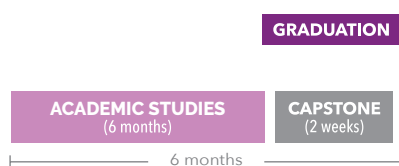
**Domestic Students:**

- Complete high school

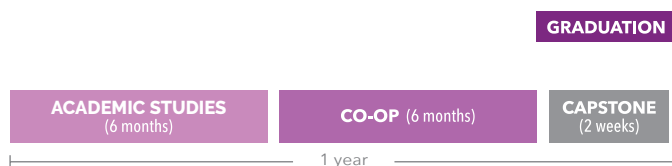
**All students (International and Domestic) must meet the following language requirements:**

- Successful completion of VGC's Intermediate University Preparation program OR
- reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic), TOEFL iBT 46, or Duolingo DET 95. We also accept other ways of proving English language proficiency including a number of other tests. Please see the website for the complete list at [VGC.ca/policies](http://VGC.ca/policies)

**Business Communication & Managing Customer Relationships** Journey Map



**Business Communication & Managing Customer Relationships with Co-Op** Journey Map



# CO-OP WORK EXPERIENCE

### Take Your Learning Beyond the Classroom with Co-Op.

At VGC International College, we offer three dynamic diploma programs: Diploma in Business Communications, Diploma in Managing Customer Relationships, and our Diploma in Applied Communications. Each of these programs can be enhanced with an optional Co-Op experience, giving students the opportunity to apply their classroom learning in a real-world work setting.

With Co-Op durations ranging from six to twelve months depending on the program, students gain invaluable professional experience, paving the way for success in the global job market.

#### Work Experience Tailored to Your Goals

The paid Co-Op work experience is an important part of your program, designed to help you bridge the gap between theory and practice.

This experience allows students to apply classroom lessons in a variety of real-world work settings while developing key skills for future success.

During the academic portion of the program, Co-Op students will participate in a four-week Job Search course. This tailored course prepares you for success by teaching you how to:

- Research employment opportunities in Canada.
- Build a professional image and craft an impressive resume.
- Understand your strengths and areas for improvement.
- Master interview techniques and workplace communication.

You will work with a Co-Op Coordinator to find suitable work opportunities and be assessed to successfully complete your Co-Op Program.

After completing your Co-Op, you will complete your learning experience with a two-week Capstone project designed to reflect on your professional experience.

#### Why Choose a Co-Op Program in Canada?

- **Build Canadian Work Experience:** Gain firsthand knowledge of the Canadian workplace, including its culture, expectations, and professional standards.
- **Expand Your Network:** Meet industry professionals and build connections for your future career.
- **Enhance Your Resume:** Stand out in the global job market with practical experience from a Canadian company.
- **Paid Learning Experience:** Through the paid Co-Op, you can support yourself while gaining hands-on experience in a Canadian work environment.
- **International Perspective:** Work in diverse teams and enhance your cross-cultural communication skills.

Co-Op students can choose a self-placement option, or get assistance through VGC in finding a suitable work opportunity for the Co-Op portion of their program.

Our Co-Op students have successfully completed placements in renowned organizations such as: Cactus Club, Fairmont Vancouver, Flyover Canada, Kate Spade, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, The Keg, Vancouver Aquarium, and more!





# BUSINESS PROGRAMS

## FOUR WEEK BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### 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. You will learn about yourself to determine your own leadership style. Through studying the leadership styles of historical and current business leaders, you will learn various approaches to managing customers in diverse situations.

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

- Demonstrate your 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.

### BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ESSENTIALS

This course prepares you with both technical skills and soft skills for effective business communications. With the aid of technical tools and role-playing, you 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.

#### 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.

### BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS and PRACTICES

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

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

- Create and deliver an effective presentation.
- 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).

### COMMUNICATION for CUSTOMER SATISFACTION and EXCELLENCE

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

#### 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.



## Julio César Durante Ramos

VGC Marketing and Recruitment Manager



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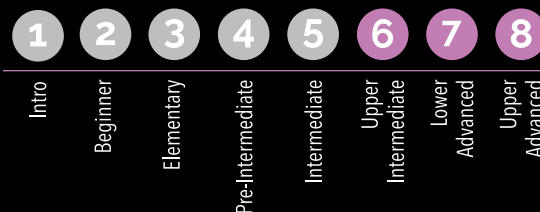
## INTRODUCTION to CANADIAN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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.

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

- Have a good understanding of business terms, theories, and organizational structures 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.

Designed for  
**VGC Levels 6 - 8,**  
**IELTS 5.5** or Equivalent



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

Class start dates may vary as schedules will be modified to accommodate Canadian holidays.

## DURATION

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

## START DATES

Please check VGC's start date calendar.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### International Students:

- Complete high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.

### Domestic Students:

- Complete high school

### All students (International and Domestic) must meet the following language requirements:

- Successful completion of VGC's Intermediate University Preparation program OR
- reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic), TOEFL iBT 46, or Duolingo DET 95. We also accept other ways of proving English language proficiency including a number of other tests. Please see the website for the complete list at [VGC.ca/policies](http://VGC.ca/policies)

## FOUR WEEK BUSINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### MARKETING ESSENTIALS

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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.

### PRACTICAL BUSINESS CALCULATIONS

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You will learn about business mathematics used in everyday businesses. The skills learned in this course will serve you well both in your professional and personal financial life.

**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.

### PRACTICAL SALES TECHNIQUES

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

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

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

### PRINCIPLES of MANAGING CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

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

**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.



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Ogawa**

**VGC Marketing and  
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## TWO WEEK BUSINESS SEMINARS

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

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

#### Course Overview:

- 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.

### LEADERSHIP

Throughout this course, you will develop an understanding of strong leadership. You gain this knowledge by studying real world cases of both successful and ineffective leaders. You will also explore how leaders are made, the importance of having vision, and the various styles of leadership.

#### 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.



## David Lee

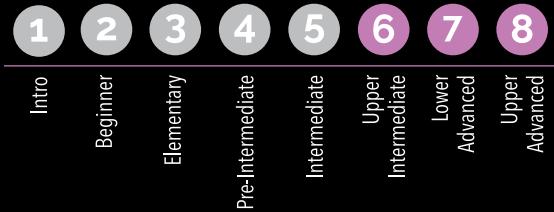
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Monday to Thursday - 8:45am to 1:50pm  
Friday - 8:45am to 11:40am

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## DURATION

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

## START DATES

Please check VGC's start date calendar.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### International Students:

- Have completed high school or be a mature student of 18 years and older.
- Reach an IELTS 5.5 (academic), TOEFL 46 or equivalent, achieve a VGC Level 6 Upper Intermediate, or pass the VGC placement test.

### Domestic Students:

- Completion of grades 9-11, including English 11 with a grade of 'C' or higher from a country where English is one of the principal languages.



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