

# ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS (EFAS)

*Improve your academic English skills while studying at a renowned Canadian university.*

English for Academic Success (EFAS) is a unique program in that it offers students more than just English language instruction in the conventional way. Students who participate in the EFAS program not only improve their English language competence, but do so in an integrated and dynamic manner that reflects what is truly needed to succeed in an academic and professional environment. The EFAS program is benchmarked to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), a global standard in English language proficiency. The program has three levels including level 200 (low-intermediate, CEFR B1), level 300 (high-intermediate, CEFR B2), and level 400 (advanced, CEFR C1). Successful completion of EFAS level 400, satisfies the English language requirement for studies at the University of Waterloo. It also equips you with the skills and strategies you need to do well on any standardized proficiency test.

The EFAS program at the English Language Institute at the University of Waterloo is a great option for a variety of students looking to improve their academic English. EFAS is ideal for students interested in studying abroad in Canada and/or meeting the language requirements for admission to undergraduate or graduate studies at the University of Waterloo. As an EFAS student, you will benefit from individualized supports, as well as opportunities to improve your English inside and outside the classroom while gaining the skills needed for a successful university career. You may also have the opportunity to participate in the Conversation Partner Program, which pairs you with a University of Waterloo student so you can practice your English outside of the classroom with a fluent speaker.

**ASMA  
EFAS GRADUATE**

I chose English for Academic Success because this program provides intensive courses that help students improve their English language skills. We're not only learning the English language, we are learning a lot of skills that are hard to find anywhere else. It's very helpful and has made my academic journey less stressful. I'm so happy that I joined the EFAS program. I really recommend that any international student join EFAS because it helps us to be successful.

**ONE OF CANADA'S TOP  
INNOVATION UNIVERSITIES**

## CEFR LEVELS



# WHO IS EFAS DESIGNED FOR?

EFAS is designed for individuals who are:

- > prospective undergraduate or graduate students interested in meeting the language requirements for admission to the University of Waterloo, or
- > conditionally admitted to a graduate studies program at the University of Waterloo, but have not met the language requirements, or
- > interested in studying English in Canada at one of the nation's most innovative universities, or
- > looking to develop test-taking skills and strategies to prepare for a standardized English exam



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

While dates and fees are subject to annual planning, the EFAS program typically begins in September, January, May, and July.

For more information, please visit our website.



### CLASS LEVELS

Suitable for low-intermediate to advanced (CEFR B1 – C1)  
Students can complete one EFAS level per term

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:00 - 11:30AM</b>	Academic Reading and Listening	Writing and Research	Academic Reading and Listening	Academic Reading and Listening	Academic Communication
<b>LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM</b>					
<b>1:00 - 3:00PM</b>	Writing and Research	Academic Communication	Academic Communication	Writing and Research	Student Success Workshop
<i>Optional activities and trips are offered after classes during evenings and weekends</i>					

### ACCOMMODATION (additional \$)

On-campus residence and homestay is subject to availability.

In addition to the core EFAS program, university partners may be interested in the EFASplus option; this option would enable students to audit a University of Waterloo course. For more information, contact [grant.leach@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:grant.leach@uwaterloo.ca).

[Learn more about the EFAS program](#)

## SUPPORTS



### > PEER LEADERS

Waterloo students who attend social events and bus trips with you to enhance your immersion experience.



### > STUDENT ADVISOR

Dedicated staff to support your academic experience in the EFAS program including helping you through the application process to the University of Waterloo or other Canadian institutions.




### > STUDENT EXPERIENCE TEAM

Enthusiastic staff to help you make the most of your experience in Canada, the city of Waterloo, and the University of Waterloo.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEATURES

The EFAS program also includes:

- > Support in researching programs at the University of Waterloo and other institutions
- > Assistance with university or college admission applications
- > Help with searching for a graduate supervisor
- > Support with adapting to academic life in Canada
- > Individual check-in meetings
- > Co-curricular events and activities
- > Informative workshops in the areas of, but not limited to:
  - > adjusting to life in Canada
  - > developing self-directed learning strategies
  - > using University of Waterloo library resources for research
  - > using technology for academic citation and formatting
  - > using social media networks for professional networking
  - > prioritizing your mental health wellness



# WHAT YOU WILL LEARN



## WRITING AND RESEARCH IN ACADEMIC CONTEXTS

In this course you will:

- › improve your knowledge of grammar
- › improve your essay writing skills
- › apply the process approach to writing (organize, draft, revise, and edit) to craft essays using various rhetorical patterns
- › apply critical thinking skills to develop an argument
- › develop self-editing skills
- › write an annotated bibliography
- › improve research skills
- › learn how to apply referencing techniques to avoid plagiarism



## ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION THROUGH CONVERSATION AND PRESENTATION

In this course you will:

- › improve your pronunciation and speaking skills
- › develop confidence in various speaking situations
- › participate in small group discussions
- › identify and use appropriate register in various speaking situations
- › distinguish between, and correctly use, formal and informal vocabulary
- › prepare and deliver an academic presentation



## ACADEMIC READING AND LISTENING

In this course you will:

- › improve active listening skills through authentic lectures
- › apply note-taking skills and strategies
- › develop vocabulary strategies to decipher unfamiliar vocabulary in context of readings
- › properly paraphrase and summarize texts
- › interpret and analyze information from charts, graphs, and other visuals
- › analyze and respond to academic reports and literature reviews

# ABOUT WATERLOO

The University of Waterloo and Renison University College are located in the Region of Waterloo, which is considered Canada's Silicon Valley and home to the second-highest density of startups in the world and a variety of renowned companies such as BlackBerry, Google, and ApplyBoard. Students can immerse themselves in the area's entrepreneurial culture while enjoying Southwestern Ontario's most unique tourist sites and activities. From shopping and the CN Tower (Canada's tallest building), just 100 km away in Canada's largest city Toronto, to the incredible views of Niagara Falls, to the sounds, scents, and colours of St. Jacobs Farmers' Market (the largest year-round market in Canada), students are guaranteed a diverse experience where the urban, rural, and entrepreneurial collide.



WATERLOO, ONTARIO

## UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

The University of Waterloo is Canada's #1 university for entrepreneurial learning with over 42,000 students cumulatively between undergraduate and graduate programs. As a globally renowned and recognized institution, the University of Waterloo has been the start for countless company and student success stories through its bold start-up culture, a creator-owned intellectual property policy, and the largest cooperative education program in the world. Students benefit from an ecosystem that stays active and engaged 365 days a year with world changing research, innovative technology, and inspired teaching.



UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

## RENISON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Renison University College, an affiliated college at the University of Waterloo, provides a close-knit community experience within the larger University of Waterloo campus and student population. Renison provides unique educational programming in Social Development Studies, Social Work, and a variety of language and culture courses such as Arabic, Chinese, English, Japanese, and Korean. Since 1970, Renison's English Language Institute (Renison ELI) has delivered innovative English courses and programs that help students, teachers, and other professionals succeed in academic and professional environments. Additionally, Renison offers an enriching residence experience that includes an extensive meal plan featuring cuisine from around the world. All Renison ELI students will benefit from high-quality intensive English programming embedded within a unique, diverse, and interculturally aware Canadian university environment.



RENISON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We are dedicated to ensuring you have an exceptional experience during your time in the EFAS program. Our enthusiastic team of peer leaders, a student advisor, and student experience staff are here to help you enhance your language skills!





## EXPERIENCE LIFE IN CANADA

As an EFAS student, you'll be invited to join in on a variety of optional excursions to popular tourist sites in Southwestern Ontario such as Toronto, Niagara Falls, and a variety of educational centres/ museums. This is in addition to the academic excursion you'll complete as part of the EFAS program.



## PRACTICE YOUR SOCIAL AND ENGLISH SKILLS

Benefit from many events and activities aimed at improving your social and English conversational skills! Examples of events include speed friending, carnival nights, meet and greet events, and conversation lunches – great opportunities to build your skills while having fun. Additionally, you can participate in the Conversation Partner Program where you'll be paired with a University of Waterloo student. You will meet each week to practice your English and learn more about life in Canada.



## BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Our Student Experience team is here to help you reach your goals as an EFAS student. You'll be offered a variety of opportunities to help you succeed, such as one-on-one meet-ups to improve your conversational skills, regular mandatory check-in meetings, and access to program peer leaders who are here to support your English language development.



## BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Renison ELI has a variety of volunteer opportunities that are a great way for you to improve your English and gain leadership skills while you study in EFAS! Examples of volunteer opportunities include participating in the EFAS student council, campus and community events, local food drives, fairs, and more.



## STAY CONNECTED

Our Student Experience team is committed to exceptional communication before you begin your program, during your studies, and after you graduate from EFAS, including ongoing invitations to our events (virtual and/or in-person). This way you will always remain connected to the vibrant Renison and Waterloo communities even after you graduate!

[Learn more about the student experience at Renison's English Language Institute](#)



# ACCOMMODATION

*Small residence – great student experience.*

Our residences are centrally located on the University of Waterloo campus and fill up quickly. The campus is home to Canadian students 12 months of the year. Renison is known for its small, family-like community of students and faculty, making it an ideal place for international students to learn English.

**FLEXIBLE  
HOMESTAY  
OPTIONS**



Homestay options available for you.  
Meals are included in fees.  
Learn more by visiting:

[uwaterloo.ca/eli/accommodation](http://uwaterloo.ca/eli/accommodation)

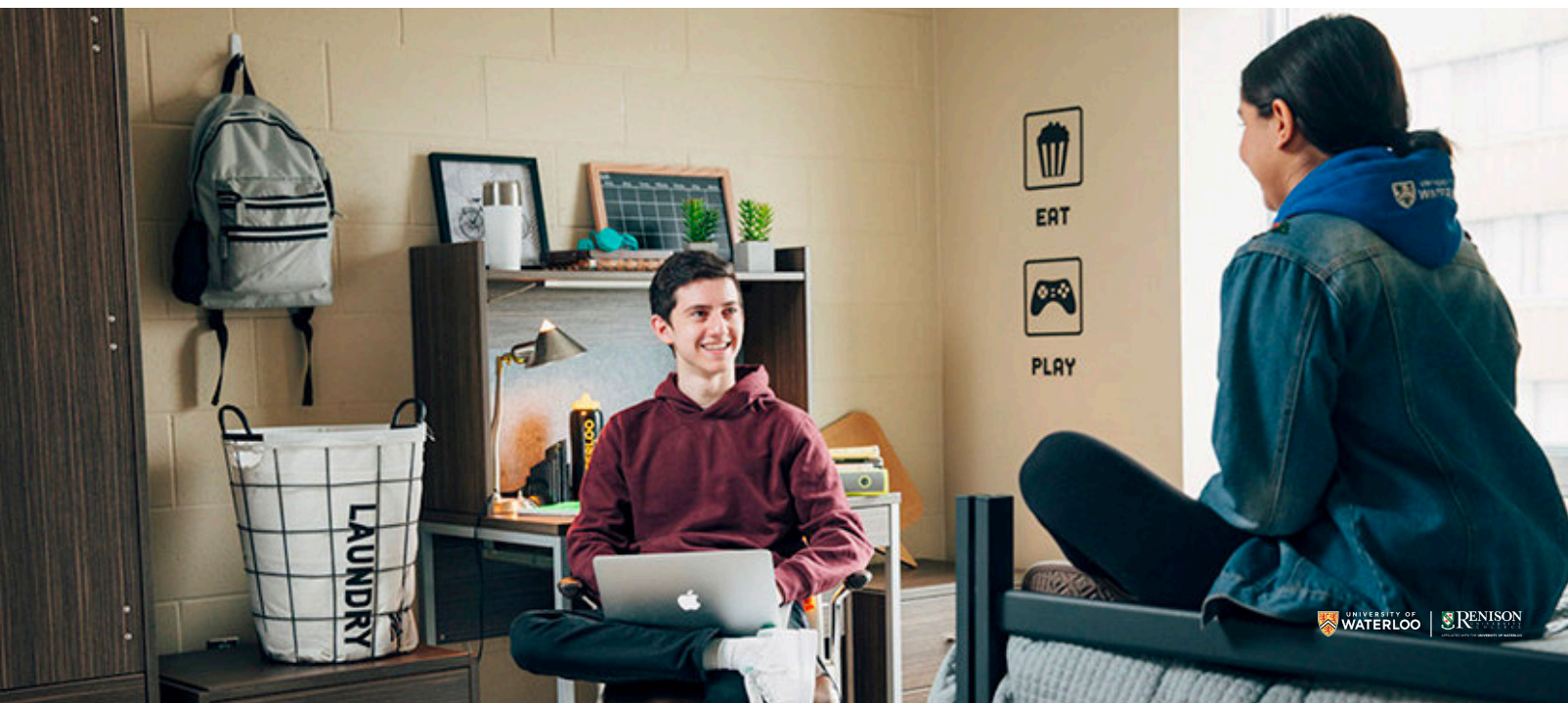
## ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE\*

- › Two-minute walk to the major student hubs on campus (e.g. Student Life Centre and Physical Activities Complex)
- › Upper-year student leaders on each floor to help international students learn about life in Canada
- › Organized activities available
- › Wellness programming available exclusively to students living or studying at Renison

**\*Due to high demand, residence spots are subject to availability**

## FOOD IN RESIDENCE

- › Fill your plate up to six times per day at our cafeteria (your meal plan is included if you live in residence)
- › Acknowledging the diverse student population at Renison, our food services team prides itself in offering a wide variety of cuisine from around the world, accommodating a host of dietary restrictions and allergies, and ensuring students have food options that feel like home
- › “My Pantry” is a separate kitchen for residents who want to create their own culinary masterpieces. Ingredients are fully stocked by our cafeteria



# FACILITIES

› Stay active in our two major sports facilities: Physical Activities Complex (PAC) and Columbia Icefield (CIF). With the purchase of a one month membership, you'll have access to on campus sport facilities including gyms and a pool (subject to availability).

› The University of Waterloo has a health care clinic on campus just two minutes from Renison. Health Services provides convenient, confidential and comprehensive medical care that is included as part of your fees.

## HEALTH CARE SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS



## ACCOMMODATION FEES

There are many options available to Renison ELI students looking for accommodation in Waterloo. For more information, please visit our website.





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## HAVE QUESTIONS?

Connect with a member of our team to learn more about the program

