

ENGLISH FOR SUCCESS (EFS)

Canadian immersion

The English for Success (EFS) program at Renison University College is an exciting short-term English immersion program offered in Canada's summer months. This program includes a vibrant social calendar with daily activities and weekend day trips designed to help you practice your English skills outside of the classroom. You will visit famous attractions such as Toronto's CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland, and Niagara Falls (all less than 2 hours away).

You will live on campus in residence and participate in a true Canadian university experience. The University of Waterloo has a bustling community all year - so you will get an authentic campus experience with Waterloo students. Peer Leaders, Residence Assistants, and Peer Helper Volunteers provide support so you can enhance your language lessons with extra opportunities to practice English.

FUN IN THE CANADIAN SUN

As an EFS student, you will have the opportunity to visit some of Canada's most popular attractions, and hang out and speak with highly engaged Canadian students. Best of all, it's really fun, and you will practice your English skills the whole time!

#EXPLORECANADA

#RENISON

25 HOURS OF ENGLISH INSTRUCTION PER WEEK

WHO IS EFS DESIGNED FOR?

EFS is designed for individuals who are:

- > at a high-beginner to advanced English language level with an interest in developing cross-cultural communication skills
- > interested in exploring popular Canadian tourist destinations while developing their English skills



PROGRAM INFORMATION

While dates and fees are subject to annual planning, the EFS program typically begins in July and August.



For more information, please visit our website.

CLASS LEVELS

Suitable for high-beginner to advanced

Note: Multiple class levels are dependent on sufficient student numbers

ACCOMMODATION

Residence and meal plan included in program fees.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Cultural Studies	Integrated Skills	Listening and Speaking	Integrated Skills	Listening and Speaking
		Cultural Studies			
LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM					
1:00 PM - 3:00PM	Presentation Skills	Presentation Skills	Integrated Skills	Presentation Skills	Cultural Studies
<i>EFS program activities and trips are offered after classes during evenings and weekends</i>					

Learn more about the EFS program

SUPPORTS



> RESIDENCE ASSISTANTS

Upper year Waterloo students who live with and support you during your time in residence.



> PEER LEADERS

Waterloo students who organize social events and bus trips to enhance your immersion experience.



> PEER HELPER VOLUNTEERS

Waterloo students who attend social activities to help you practice your English.



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN



PRESENTATION SKILLS

In this course you will:

- › build your confidence when giving presentations
- › practice strategies for using your voice effectively in public speaking situations
- › develop effective presentation slides to support your delivery
- › enhance the impact of your presentations through the use of nonverbal techniques
- › deliver planned and unplanned individual and group presentations



INTEGRATED SKILLS

In this course you will:

- › engage in the analysis and critique of various text types
- › identify and discuss stylistic, grammar and language choices made in relation to audience and purpose for writing
- › develop learning strategies in the areas of vocabulary expansion and self-editing
- › build your confidence to understand and produce written texts for different contexts
- › write on a variety of topics to improve accuracy and fluency



LISTENING AND SPEAKING SKILLS

In this course you will:

- › improve active listening and speaking strategies for effective interpersonal communication
- › explore and practice different contexts for speaking that require you to describe, summarize, explain, argue and persuade
- › increase your understanding and use of new vocabulary
- › practice and improve your pronunciation
- › actively participate in group discussions to share ideas and perspectives



CULTURAL STUDIES

In this course you will:

- › build your awareness of different aspects of culture
- › develop an understanding of the social and cultural features of language
- › explore and practice communication strategies to facilitate cross-cultural communication and manage cultural misunderstandings
- › discuss similarities and differences in cultural phenomena while avoiding generalizations
- › represent and share your unique cultural insights and experiences of Canadian culture using images, text and oral storytelling





CANADA'S SILICON VALLEY



TORONTO, ONTARIO



ST. JACOBS FARMERS' MARKET



NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO



WATERLOO, ONTARIO

ABOUT WATERLOO

Prepare to be charmed.

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



RENISON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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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.

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.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We are dedicated to ensuring you have an exceptional experience during your time in the EFS 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 EFS student you will have the opportunity to visit popular tourist sites in Southwestern Ontario such as Toronto, Niagara Falls, and participate in on-campus social activities and events.



PRACTICE YOUR SOCIAL AND ENGLISH SKILLS

Benefit from many events and activities aimed at improving your social and English conversation skills! As an EFS student, you will be invited to events planned and attended by peer leaders (upper-year University of Waterloo students) such as speed friending, carnival nights, meet and greet events, and conversation lunches – a fantastic opportunity to practice your English, gain invaluable social skills, and have fun!



BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

Our Student Experience team is here to help you reach your goals as an EFS student. You will be offered a variety of opportunities to help you, including one-on-one meet-ups to improve your conversation skills, as well as access to program peer leaders who are here to support your English language development.



STAY CONNECTED

Our Student Experience team is committed to exceptional communication before you begin your program, during your studies, and after you graduate from EFS, 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!

The following calendar is provided as a sample of activities and events.

Learn more about the student experience at Renison's English Language Institute



EFS JUNE EVENTS

ENGLISH FOR SUCCESS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 RESIDENCE MOVE-IN DAY! WELCOME TO CANADA! 	6 YOUR FIRST DAY! » WELCOME BREAKFAST AT 8:00AM » REGISTRATION » PLACEMENT TEST » ORIENTATION » CAMPUS TOUR » DONS SNACK TIME & FLOOR MEETING	7 CLASSES BEGIN SHOPPING AT FAIRVIEW PARK MALL » 6:15PM - 9PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 6:15PM 	8 SPEED FRIENDING » 4:00PM - 5:30PM » GET TO KNOW NEW FRIENDS AND PRACTICE YOUR ENGLISH!	9 BOWLING BUS TRIP » 6:15PM - 9:30PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 6:15PM	10 WELCOME PARTY BONFIRE » 8:00PM - 11:00PM » RENISON COURTYARD » MAKE FRIENDS WITH WATERLOO STUDENTS AND ENJOY A CANADIAN BONFIRE WITH SNACKS	11 ST. JACOBS BUS TRIP » 11:15AM - 2:45PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 8:15AM » AT 11:15AM » EXPERIENCE A CANADIAN FARMERS' MARKET
12 TORONTO BUS TRIP » 8:15AM - 9PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 8:15AM » EXPERIENCE THE CN TOWER & DINNER AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY 	13 EXPLORE WATERLOO PARK » 6:30PM - 9:30PM » MEET AT 6:30PM » TO WALK TO WATERLOO'S BEAUTIFUL PARK 	14 ESCAPE ROOM BUS TRIP » 6:15PM - 8:30PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 6:15PM » WORK IN TEAMS TO SOLVE CLUES TO ESCAPE A MYSTERY ROOM!	15 FUN WITH DONS! » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » YOUR RENISON RESIDENCE DONS WILL BE PLANNING A FUN EVENING	16 MAKE YOUR OWN FOOD NIGHT » 7:30PM - 9PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » JOIN RENISON'S CHEF TO LEARN A NEW FOOD DISH YOU CAN MAKE!	17 NEON PARTY » 8:00PM - 10:30PM » DRESS IN BRIGHT CLOTHING, ENJOY YUMMY MOCKTAIL DRINKS, AND COME DANCE WITH US!	18 NIAGARA FALLS BUS TRIP » 8:15AM - 11:00PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 8:15AM » ENJOY A BOAT RIDE, EXPLORE CLIFTON HILL, AND ENJOY DINNER TOGETHER
19 RAFTING BUS TRIP » 11:00AM - 5:00PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 11AM » ENJOY THE CANADIAN WILDERNESS BY RAFTING ALONG THE GRAND RIVER	20 SURPRISE EVENT HOSTED BY YOUR PEER LEADERS » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » PARTICIPATE IN SOME FUN ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR PEER LEADERS	21 SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK BUS TRIP » 6:15PM - 8:30PM » MEET IN THE RENISON ATRIUM FOR THE BUS AT 6:15PM	22 LET'S GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS! » 4:00PM - 6:00PM » MEET AT 4:00PM TO WALK TO WARRIOR FIELD!	23 FUN WITH DONS! » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » YOUR RENISON RESIDENCE DONS WILL BE PLANNING A FUN EVENING	24 RENISON CARNIVAL » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » ENJOY COTTON CANDY, FUN GAMES, LEARN HOW TO JUGGLE, AND MORE!	25 Canada's Wonderland BUS TRIP » 8:15AM - 9:30PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 8:15AM » VISIT THE LARGEST AMUSEMENT PARK IN CANADA
26 BEACH DAY BUS TRIP » 11:00AM - 9:00PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 11AM » VISIT THE BEACH IN GRAND BEND	27 SURPRISE EVENT HOSTED BY YOUR PEER LEADERS » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » PARTICIPATE IN SOME FUN ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR PEER LEADERS	28 SPORTS WORLD BUS TRIP » 5:15PM - 9:30PM » MEET FOR THE BUS AT 5:15PM » ENJOY MANY FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES	29 FUN WITH DONS! » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » PLAY GAMES WITH YOUR RENISON RESIDENCE DONS	30 SKIT NIGHT & TALENT SHOW » 7:00PM - 9:00PM » RENISON CAFETERIA » BE READY TO PERFORM AT 7:00PM » PERFORM YOUR SKIT THAT YOUR CLASS HAS PREPARED TOGETHER	1 GRADUATION CEREMONY » 10:00AM - 12:00PM	2 RESIDENCE MOVE-OUT DAY! SAFE TRAVELS!

MEET IN THE RENISON ATRIUM FOR ALL EVENTS UNLESS LOCATION IS OTHERWISE LISTED



ACCOMMODATION

Small residence – great student experience.

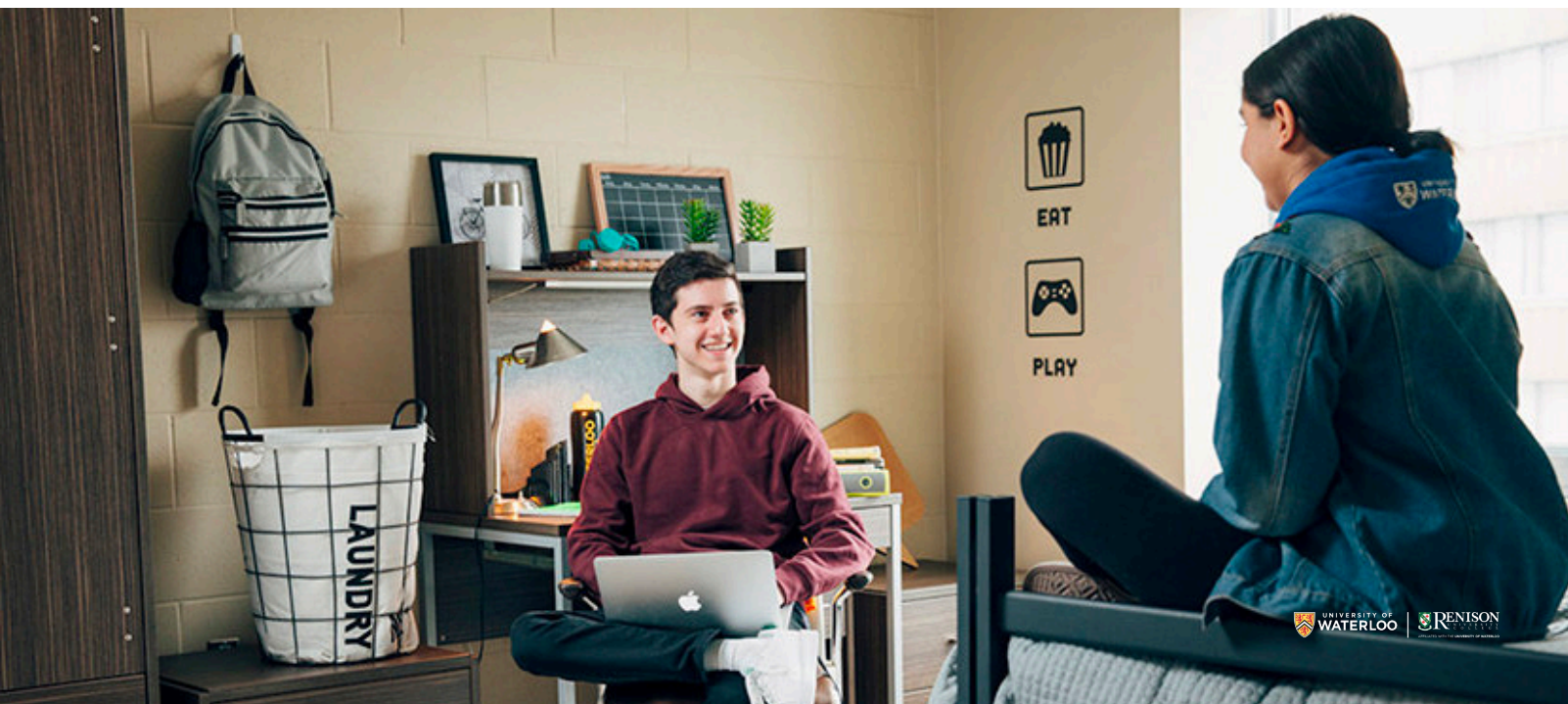
Our residences are centrally located on the University of Waterloo campus and fill up quickly. The campus is home to Canadian students 12 months of the year. Renison is known for its small, family-like community of students and faculty, making it an ideal place for international students to learn English.

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

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

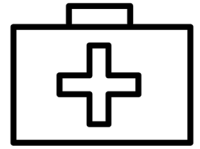


FACILITIES

› 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 a pool, ice rink, gyms, squash courts, studios, playing fields, and more.

› 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**



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