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.

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!

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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.

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.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

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LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM

1:00 PM - 2:00PM
Presentation Skills
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Cultural Studies

EFS program activities and trips are offered after classes during evenings and weekends.

Learn more about the EFS program
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

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

INTEGRATED SKILLS

PRESENTATION 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

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
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.
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, 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!
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!

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
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.
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HAVE QUESTIONS?

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