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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING WITH PURPOSE

At the Renison English Language Institute at the University of Waterloo, you will be part of a rich academic environment at a globally recognized university. The unique ecosystem at Renison promotes engagement between Canadian and international students and offers you a variety of supports to help you succeed in meeting your goals. Whether you're looking to improve your English for an academic or professional environment or simply develop your confidence in communication, the Renison English Language Institute is here to deliver high-quality language instruction for everyone.

Why choose Renison?

RENISON'S CONNECTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

- Part of Waterloo Campus
- 2-minute walk to the Student Life Centre and the Physical Activities Complex
- Waterloo students on campus and living in residence year round
- Home to Social Development Studies, the School of Social Work, and Culture and Language Studies at Waterloo
- Students interested in working with diverse cultures and eager to meet people from around the world

LOCATED IN CANADA'S SILICON VALLEY

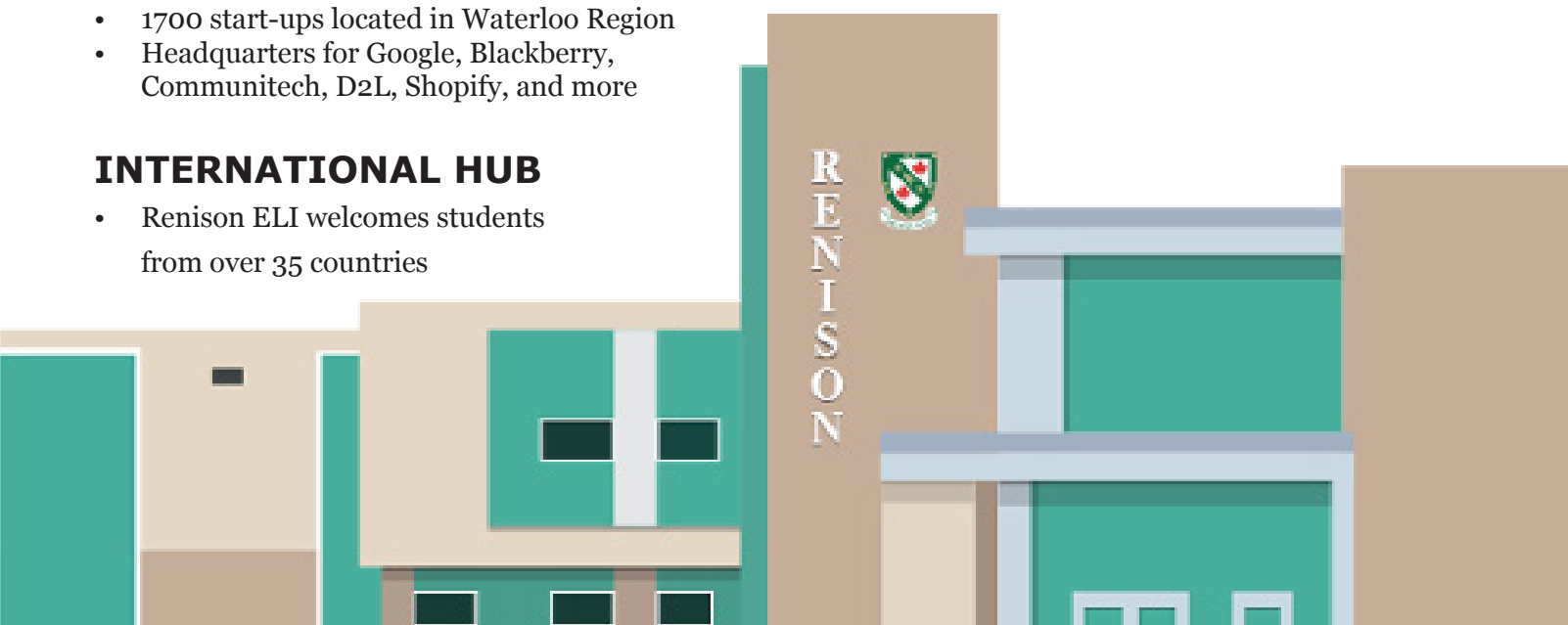
- 1700 start-ups located in Waterloo Region
- Headquarters for Google, Blackberry, Communitel, D2L, Shopify, and more

INTERNATIONAL HUB

- Renison ELI welcomes students from over 35 countries

DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM

- Renison supports the University of Waterloo by providing excellence in the following areas:
 - Undergraduate degree courses in Social Development Studies and Social Work
 - Language and culture courses in Arabic, Chinese, English, Japanese, Korean, and American Sign Language
 - Welcoming residence community and cafeteria facilities for students
 - Academic support and student experience services for registered students





ILIANA

Global Business and Digital Arts, Ecuador

“I really like the family approach that Renison has because for me, as an international student, I have never felt alone.”

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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, opportunities to improve your English inside and outside the classroom while gaining the skills needed for a successful university career. You may also participate in the Conversation Partner Program, which pairs you with a University of Waterloo student so you can practice your English 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
9:00 11:30AM	Academic Reading and Listening	Writing and Research	Academic Reading and Listening	Academic Reading and Listening	Academic Communication
LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM					
1:00 3:00PM	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.

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 SPECIALIST

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

GO ABROAD: LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY (GOALS)

Gain 21st century skills while exploring global issues

This term long, study abroad program is designed to help students enrich their 21st Century Learning Skills so they can effectively engage in academic and professional contexts across cultures.

Through a combination of dynamic courses and practical projects, students will develop their critical thinking, creative problem solving and collaborative communication abilities while exploring relevant global issues such as those emphasised by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Learning how these SDGs are being researched and realized at the University of Waterloo, students will develop their own creative solutions in the process of becoming more socially conscious, globally minded citizens.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Collaborate with others, foster a growth mindset and showcase leadership skills



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Reinforce your learning through through engaging workshops, excursions and participation in social events



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WHO IS GOALS DESIGNED FOR?

GOALS is designed for individuals who are:

- > interested in studying abroad in Canada at one of the nation's most innovative universities
- > looking to explore the SDGs while gaining skills for the 21st century

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

For more information, please visit our website.



CLASS LEVELS

The GOALS program is recommended for students with a CEFR level B1 (intermediate).

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30 11:30AM	Project Course	Project Course	Communication	Project	Communication
LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM					
12:30 2:30PM	Communication	Culture	Innovation	Culture	Innovation
2:30 4:00PM			Study Hall		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.

[Learn more about the GOALS program](#)

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ENGLISH FOR SUCCESS (EFS)

Canadian culture and English immersion

The English for Success (EFS) program at Renison is an exciting short-term English immersion program offered in June, July, and August - 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 Toronto's CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland, and Niagara Falls (all less than 2 hours away), as well as Grand Bend - a beach town located on the shore of one of Canada's Great Lakes.

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 International Social Volunteers provide support so you can enhance your language lessons with extra opportunities to practice English.

SERGIO EFS GRADUATE

This program helps you develop the necessary English skills that will be useful for your personal and professional life. During class, all the teachers will speak to you in English and since all your classmates are from other countries, you will always be speaking English...Participating in extracurricular activities with classmates allows you to create strong bonds of friendship while constantly practicing the English language.

#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

High-beginner to advanced (if student numbers permit)

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 Cultural Studies	Listening and Speaking	Integrated Skills	Listening and Speaking
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.



GENERAL ENGLISH AT RENISON (GEAR)

Learn English through culture.

General English at Renison (GEAR) is an interactive 4-week language program that gives you an opportunity to improve your English skills while you experience Waterloo Region and the University of Waterloo. Through approximately 100 program hours, you will develop the language skills and strategies to confidently communicate in many situations.

With classes such as presentation skills and cultural studies, you will have the opportunity to practice your English while experiencing the culture of the region and learning about advancements in many areas of local society.

As a GEAR student, you will learn more about Canada and Canadian culture through visits to on and off campus sites. Your GEAR instructors connect your experiences from these visits to your course content, giving you the chance to use English in real-world contexts.



FABIO
GEAR GRADUATE

“Renison is a very cool place to study. You will not only learn about Canadian culture, but about many cultures from other students from around the world...You get the best of both worlds because it is a small place inside a very big university. At Renison you find a great community and it’s very familiar – everyone knows each other.”



5+ QS STAR UNIVERSITY
The University of Waterloo is one of only 15 universities in the world to earn a 5+ QS Star Rating

WHO IS GEAR DESIGNED FOR?

GEAR is designed for individuals who are:

- > looking to experience Canadian culture and be part of a Canadian university environment
- > passionate about learning in a challenging 4-week English language program
- > 18 years of age or older

PROGRAM INFORMATION

While dates and fees are subject to annual planning, the GEAR program typically begins in September, January, and February.

For more information, please visit our website.



CLASS LEVELS

Suitable for beginner to high-intermediate

Note: Multiple class levels are dependent on sufficient student numbers

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

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

ACCOMMODATION

On-campus residence and homestay is subject to availability

Learn more about the GEAR program
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SUPPORTS



> RESIDENCE ASSISTANTS

Waterloo students who participate in classes with you and help you practice your English.



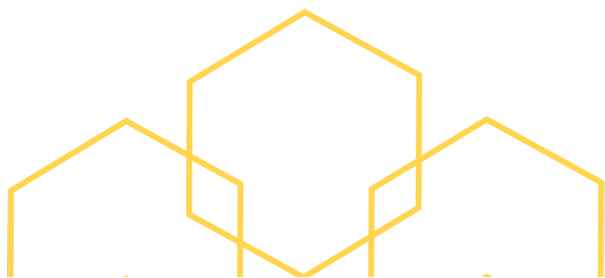
> PEER LEADERS

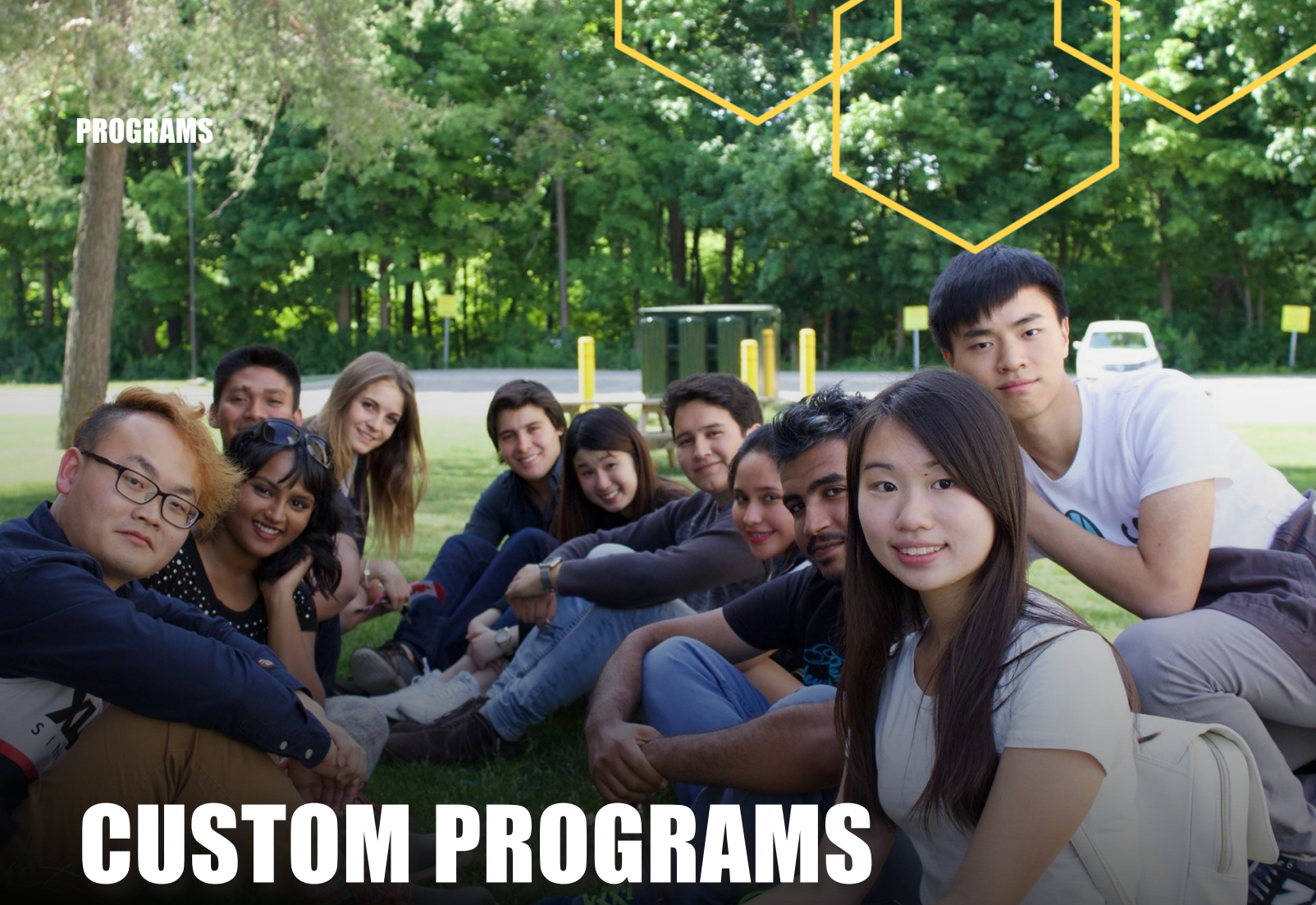
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CUSTOM PROGRAMS

The English Language Institute (ELI) offers customized English language education programs for a variety of audiences, including students, professionals, university staff, and faculty. ELI custom programs are experiential, combining classroom instruction with off-site visits and / or activities. The ELI can offer a custom program based on one of our existing programs or we can work with you to create a custom program specific to your needs.

WHAT IS CUSTOMIZABLE?

- Content areas such as business, innovation, leadership, and STEM
- Scheduling and duration
- Delivery modes including online, hybrid and in-person

WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

- University partners
- Educational agents
- High schools, both international and domestic
- Scholarship programs
- Governments



Interested? Connect with our team at grant.leach@uwaterloo.ca. We are pleased to discuss your goals for a custom program and prepare a proposal for your consideration.

EXAMPLES OF CUSTOM PROGRAMS

The following are examples of past, existing, and potential custom programs developed and offered by the Renison ELI.

ENGLISH FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (E-STEM)

The eSTEM program (English with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Environment, and Mathematics), is a unique opportunity for students to improve their overall English language skills while experiencing one of Canada's most innovative universities. This ten-day immersion online program is designed specifically for high school students to immerse themselves in the University of Waterloo's renowned STEM ecosystem and simultaneously improve their ability and confidence to communicate in English.

ESSENTIAL SOFT SKILLS IN ENGLISH (ESSE)

The Essential Soft Skills in English (ESSE) program is designed for students who want to communicate effectively in English while gaining the soft skills that employers today look for including working in teams, interpersonal communication, presentation skills, and leadership skills.



ESSE courses take place entirely online, through real-time classes and self-directed study



DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC



CULTURAL IMMERSION



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

EXPLORING SCIENCE

Exploring Science is a 3-week program that provides language practice to improve participants' English language proficiency while learning about physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and Canadian culture. The program includes a variety of science lectures, presentations and tours, an introduction to University of Waterloo professors, staff and graduate students, and excursions to local and regional attractions.

BUSINESS LANGUAGE AND LEADERSHIP

The Business Language Leadership (BLLP) program is a 3-week, business and leadership program in which students participate in 5 core classes as well as evening and weekend excursions. This program focuses on aspects of business such as language (oral and written), analysis, leadership, and critical thinking. As a language program, this program looks at language embedded within a local business context and the various nuanced notions of business discourse.



BLLP provides students with theoretical tools of analysis, as well as basic research techniques, in the on-site examination of actual Canadian businesses.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teacher professional development programming may be customized to meet particular needs and/or requirements. Customizable options include content areas such as English as a medium of instruction, educational methodologies, learning theory, and can be delivered in a variety of formats, including online, hybrid, and in-person.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Make new friends, discover new things, and enrich your language learning experience at the University of Waterloo. Features include:

5 libraries on campus

24/7 Student Life Centre open for snacks and coffee

2 fitness centres

250 student clubs

20 food services locations on campus including cafes, market-style eateries, and diner-style shops

250 campus recreation programs

ACTIVITIES

- Weekend trips to Toronto, Niagara Falls, Canada's Wonderland, etc.
- Social events
- Evening activities
- Conversation lunches
- Workshops

SUPPORTS

- Peer leaders
- Success coaching
- Residence assistants
- Academic advising
- Library

RENISON INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

- Immigration advising
- Conversation Partner Program – pairs international and Canadian students to practice their English speaking skills





EXPERIENCE LIFE IN CANADA



**ENGLISH
CONVERSATIONAL
SKILLS**



**BUILD YOUR
LEADERSHIP
SKILLS**



**BE A SUCCESSFUL
STUDENT**



**HAVE FUN AND
MAKE MEMORIES**

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.

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ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE*

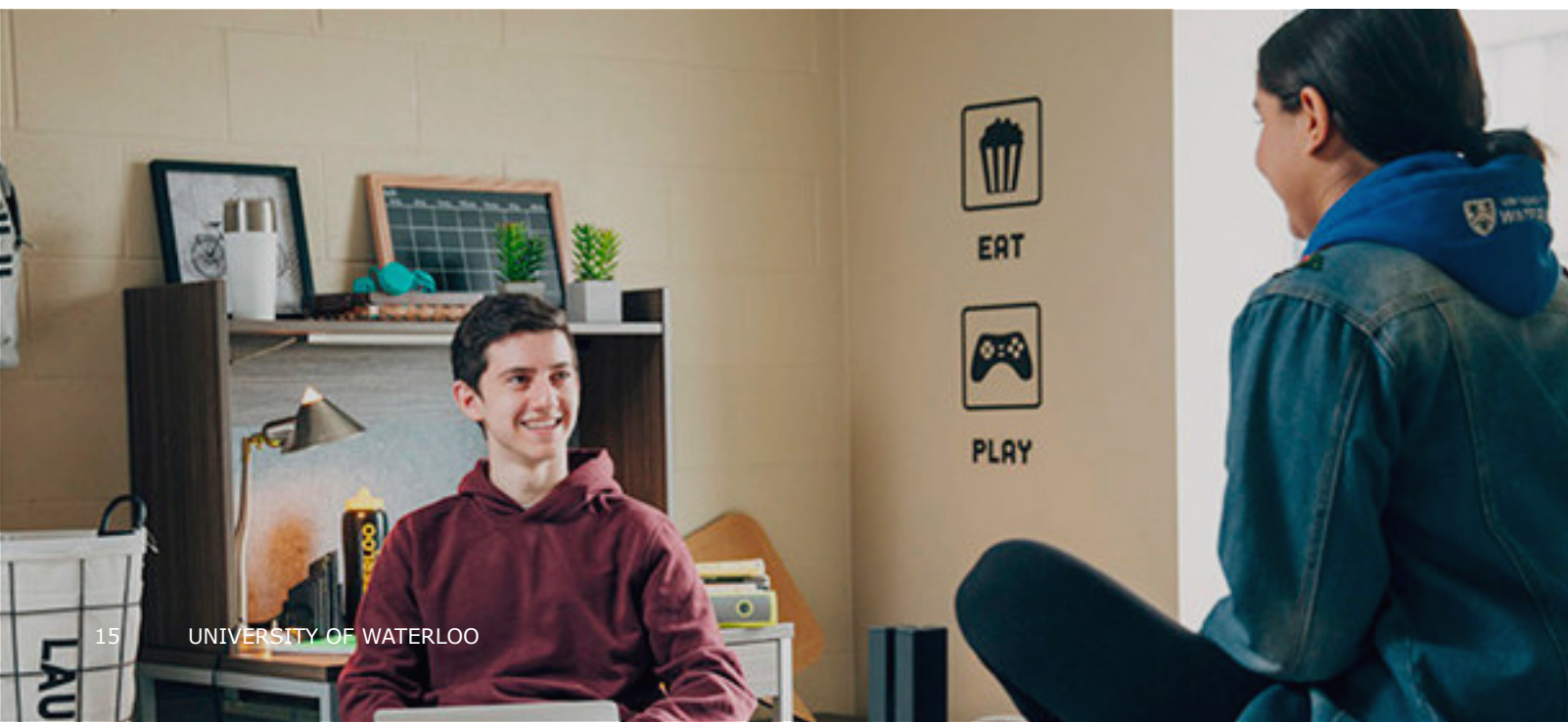
- › Two-minute walk to the major student hubs on campus (e.g. Student Life Centre and Physical Activities Complex)
- › Upper-year student leaders on each floor to help international students learn about life in Canada
- › Organized activities available
- › Wellness programming available exclusively to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

To learn more about Renison residence and fees, visit uwaterloo.ca/renison-residence



HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES

- › Stay active in our two major sports facilities
 - › Physical Activities Complex (PAC)
 - › Columbia Icefield (CIF)

HEALTH CARE SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS



A membership to the University of Waterloo's fitness facilities may be purchased at an additional cost. With your membership, you will 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 a two minute walk from Renison. Health Services provides convenient, confidential, and comprehensive medical care that is included as part of your program fees.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

With gratitude, we acknowledge that Renison University College is located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (also known as Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples, which is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, community building and outreach, and is centralized within the work of our Truth and Reconciliation Working Group and the University of Waterloo's Office of Indigenous Relations.



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ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS with university course audit (EFAS*plus*)

Study abroad in Canada while gaining academic English skills.

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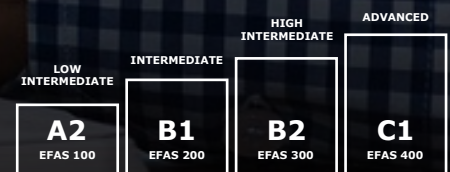
The EFAS*plus* program provides you with the unique opportunity to experience the academic culture of a top-tier academic institution. In EFAS*plus*, you will attend lectures in a Faculty of Arts course offered at the University of Waterloo, and receive targeted language support from certified English language instructors. As an EFAS*plus* student, you will benefit from individualized support such as check-in meetings with your student advisor. You will also have opportunities to improve your English language skills beyond the classroom by participating in the Conversation Partner Program. This program pairs you with a University of Waterloo student so you can practice your English with a fluent speaker.

LAURA EFAS GRADUATE

My goals by taking the EFAS program were first to meet the language proficiency requirement and to improve my English skills because I will need English skills in my academic life, but also in my non-professional life. The EFAS program helped me a lot to achieve these goals and what I learned helped me to be accepted to the Master of Science in Biology Program at the University of Waterloo. I'm sure EFAS will continue helping me achieve future academic success. It couldn't be a better suggestion, or better opportunity to learn English.

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CEFR LEVELS



WHO IS EFAS PLUS DESIGNED FOR?

- > Students interested in studying abroad in Canada at one of the nation's most innovative universities and experiencing top tourist destinations in Southern Ontario
- > Students wanting to improve their English language proficiency while gaining strong academic skills for success in university
- > Students looking to participate in and experience a course in humanities or social sciences at a prestigious Canadian university

PROGRAM INFORMATION

DATES

Winter term (January 5 - April 6, 2023)

Spring term (April 27 - July 21, 2023)

Fall term (September 6 - December 8, 2023)

CLASS LEVELS

To participate in the EFAS plus program, students must be at a minimum CEFR B1+ language proficiency

PROGRAM FEES

Winter 2023 - \$6552

Spring 2023 - \$6489

Fall 2023 - \$6552

Note: Fees are listed in Canadian dollars (CAD) and are subject to change at any time. Program fees include registration, tuition, university course audit, student services and health insurance.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30AM	Oral Communication Skills	Effective Writing and Research	Academic Reading and Listening	Oral Communication Skills	Lecture Support
LUNCH 11:30AM - 1:00PM					
1:00 - 3:00PM	Effective Writing and Research	Academic Reading and Listening	Oral Communication Skills	Academic Reading and Listening	
6:00 - 9:00PM			University of Waterloo Arts lecture		
<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.

Learn more about the EFAS program
uwaterloo.ca/eli/efas

SUPPORTS



> PEER LEADERS

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



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> STUDENT EXPERIENCE SPECIALIST

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



> IMMIGRATION ADVISOR

Committed to supporting you as you complete your study permit and/or visa application.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEATURES

The EFASplus program also includes:

- > Assistance with university or college admission applications
- > 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:
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 - > prioritizing your mental health wellness

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