



Richie, an international undergraduate student, wanted to strengthen her communication skills in English and work towards achieving her potential as an effective multilingual speaker.

▶ Watch the video to learn more about how Richie made her English an asset through EMLS undergraduate courses: bit.ly/RichieEMLS

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English for Multilingual Speakers courses are delivered by the English Language Studies unit of the Department of Culture and Language Studies. The Department is multidisciplinary, offering courses in Applied Language Studies, English for Multilingual Speakers, East Asian Studies, Fine Arts, Religious Studies, and more. It is dedicated to supporting Renison's commitment to "Global Engagement through Languages and Cultures."

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

Strong communication skills are essential for academic and professional success. If you are a University of Waterloo student whose first language is not English and you want to improve your English communication skills, you can register for an English for Multilingual Speakers (EMLS) credit course.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

English for Multilingual Speakers (EMLS) courses are offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and focus on

- pronunciation, phonetics, and presentation skills
- reading and listening comprehension skills
- writing skills for undergraduate academic documents
- thesis and article writing at the graduate level

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- **EMLS 101R: Oral Communication for Academic Purposes**
Improve your speaking fluency in both informal and formal settings by working on pronunciation, patterns of information presentation, vocabulary development, and non-verbal communication.
- **EMLS 102R: Clear Communication in English Writing**
Develop your ability to write and edit sentences and paragraphs. There is a strong emphasis on grammatical accuracy and vocabulary development.
- **EMLS 103R: Effective English Pronunciation**
Learn about the English sound system. A focus on individual sounds, as well as syllable and sentence stress, rhythm and intonation will help you identify key aspects of pronunciation.
- **EMLS 104R: Reading and Listening for Academic Purposes**
Improve your reading speed and listening comprehension. You will learn reading and listening strategies and develop your note-taking skills. There is a significant focus on vocabulary expansion.
- **EMLS 110R: Communicating in Canadian Academic Contexts**
Develop an understanding of North American academic expectations. Identify attitude and intent in text, recognize North American patterns of organization, learn to use primary and secondary sources, and present your ideas cohesively in speaking and writing.
- **EMLS 129R: Written Academic English**
Learn how to write effectively in an academic environment. You will learn grammar, writing, and organizational patterns of essays. **This course is also offered online.**



As an international PhD student at the University of Waterloo, Reza frequently interacts with his supervisor, fellow researchers, and undergraduate students in English.

▶ Watch the video to learn more about Reza's experience in EMLS graduate courses at Renison: bit.ly/RezaEMLS

GRADUATE COURSES

- **EMLS 601R: Speaking English for Professional Purposes**
Develop oral communicative competence for academic and many professional contexts. The course addresses accent comprehensibility, vocabulary enhancement, theoretical concepts of oral communication, and speech preparation and presentation.
- **EMLS 602R: Scholarly Writing in English**
Develop the writing skills required for academic and many professional contexts. The course provides instruction in grammatical accuracy, written fluency, vocabulary enhancement, and rhetorical patterns of writing.
- **EMLS 621R: Speaking Effectively About Research**
Develop the oral skills required for thesis proposals, comprehensive exams, and thesis defences. Through oral-defence scenarios, students receive thorough feedback on their speaking, listening, and presentation skills to enhance their confidence and abilities.
- **EMLS 622R: Thesis Writing in English**
Develop the skills required to write theses and journal articles. A guided analysis of academic texts clarifies disciplinary conventions.

EARN THE EMLS CERTIFICATE TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Demonstrate your commitment to improving your English communication skills by earning an English for Multilingual Speakers Certificate.

- **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EMLS CERTIFICATES**
(three courses with a required average)

For more information about the certificate and required averages, visit uwaterloo.ca/cls/emls-certificate