



CIC ESL PROGRAMS

Our ESL program is designed to give you a strong foundation for success in the Academic Courses.

We offer 5 levels of instruction ranging from Beginners to Advanced.

- ESL AO
- ESL BO
- ESL CO
- ESL DO
- ESL EO

There is no short cut in learning a new language - all languages. Learning a new language requires practise. Lots of practise. Practise requires time. Therefore, you should give yourself time and be diligent in your studies.

A solid foundation is needed to give yourself support to learn the next level of the English language. Without a solid foundation, you will find the next higher level of learning to be more difficult. Therefore, you should treat each level of ESL study seriously and make the best results from each session.

Placement

Our students come with different background and learning experience in ESL. All new students are assessed and placed according to their ability in English.

Placement is determined by:

- Your level of English proficiency
- Grade and Equivalent Credits (EQV) achieved, and
- In some case, Age

Fast-Track is possible

4-week and 8-week sessions

All students are initially placed in the 4-week program. Serious students who achieved 65% or higher may continue to the 4-week ESLBO or ESLCO.

Students have different learning style and effectiveness in their ESL studies. Students who are not capable of handling a 4 week program will be given the opportunity to learn over a longer period of time.

- All new students will have equal chance to demonstrate their learning style and effectiveness. Initially, all new students will be placed into AO, BO and CO 4 week program.
- At the end of their first 4 week session, students who showed difficulties in gaining a solid foundation will be required to take the next level of study over a longer period of time - 8 week session.

ASSESSMENTS	INITIAL PLACEMENT	ESL FINAL MARKS	PROGRESSION
1) TOEFL, IELTS, SLEP, SSAT, OR CIC ENGLISH DIAGNOSTIC TEST 2) EQV /GRADE 3) AGE	AO 4 week	< 50	Repeat same level ESL 8 week session
	BO 4 week		
	CO 4 or 8 week	50—64%	Progress to next level and study 8 week session
	DO 4 week	65% and higher	Continue to next level and study 4 week session
EO 4 or 8 week			

LEVEL 1

ESLAO: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This ESL course builds on students' previous education and language knowledge to introduce them to the English language and help them adjust to the diversity in their new environment. Students will use beginning ESL skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing for everyday essential academic purposes. They will engage in short conversations using basic English language structures and simple sentence patterns; read short adapted texts; and write phrases and short sentences; and make short classroom oral presentations. The course also provides students with the functional knowledge and skills they need to begin to adapt to their new lives in Canada.

Prerequisite: None

LEVEL 2

ESLBO: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This course expands ESL students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills for everyday and academic purposes. Students will participate in conversations and structured situations on a variety of familiar and new topics; make short classroom oral presentations; read a variety of texts designed or adapted for ESL learners; expand their knowledge of English grammatical structures and sentence patterns; and link English sentences to compose paragraphs. The course also supports students' continuing adaptation to the Ontario school system by expanding their knowledge of diversity in their new province and country.

Prerequisite: ESLAO or equivalent

LEVEL 3

ESLCO: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This ESL course further extends students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English for a variety of everyday and academic purposes. Students will make short classroom oral presentations; read a variety of forms of texts in English' and write using a variety of forms of text. As well, students will expand their academic vocabulary and their study skills to facilitate the transition to the mainstream school program. This course introduces students to the rights and responsibilities inherent in Canadian citizenship, and to a variety of current issues in Canada.

Prerequisite: ESLBO or equivalent

LEVEL 4

ESLDO: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This ESL course prepares students to use English with an increasing fluency and accuracy in classroom and social situations and to participate in Canadian society as informed citizens. Students will develop the oral presentation, reading, and writing skills required for success in all school subjects. They will extend listening and speaking skills through participation in discussions and seminars; study and interpret a variety of grade-level tests; write narratives, articles, and summaries in English; and respond critically to various print and media texts.

Prerequisite: ESLCO or equivalent

LEVEL 5

*ESLEO: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

This ESL course provides students with skills and strategies they need to make the transition to college and university prep courses in English and other secondary school disciplines. Students will be encouraged to develop independence in a range of academic tasks. They will participate in debates and lead classroom workshops; read and interpret literary works and academic texts; write essays, narratives, and reports; and apply a range of learning strategies and research skills effectively. Students will further develop their ability to respond critically to print and media texts.

Prerequisite: ESLDO or equivalent

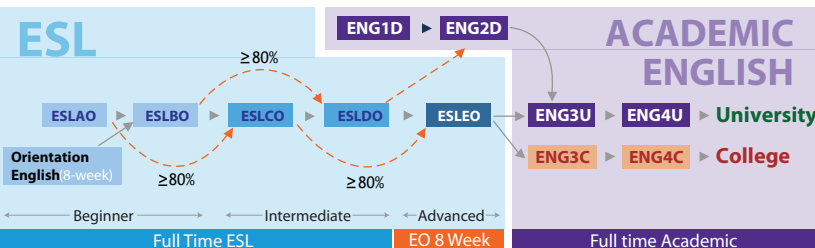
ESL vs ENG

All new arrivals to Columbia International College will be placed in an English / ESL course corresponding to ENG1D / ESLDO or ENG2D / ESLEO depending on which is best suited to their specific needs as suggested by the chart.

Progressions of students who are moving on from ESLCO will be determined by the same chart.

CONSIDERATIONS	DETERMINING ESL VS ENG PLACEMENT			
	ESL DO	ENG 1D	ESL EO	ENG 2D
Age	17(+)	16(-)	17(+)	16(-)
Grade	Gr. 11/12	Gr. 9/10	Gr. 11/12	Gr. 9/10/11

English Progression Chart



Combines learning

- ESLAO to DO : Full time 4 week ESL
- EO : 4 or 8 week ESL, If in 8 week course, can study with 2 academic courses
- After EO level, student will take full time academic courses

Why study in Ontario, Canada?

Ontario is an excellent place to learn, live and work!

More than half of Canada's new immigrants choose to settle in the province, making its cities diverse and thriving cultural centres. Schools offer international students a world-class education and first-class immersion experience, which is probably why 60 per cent of international students studying in Canada choose to study in Ontario.

Columbia International College offers a comprehensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program for Canadian and international students with various ESL proficiency levels. The ESL program offers 5 levels of instruction ranging from Beginners (ESLAO) to Advanced (ESLEO).

Through the ESL lessons, students will:

- Learn to communicate clearly and effectively.
- Develop and gain confidence in their English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- Improve and expand on their vocabulary, comprehension, conversation and pronunciation skills.
- Have opportunities to practise and perfect their English both inside and outside the classroom.
- ESL students learn English in a Canadian classroom environment.

Maximizing students' English Skills

- Increased opportunities for ESL students to participate in school life activities
- Small class sizes and small student-teacher ratio for better learning
- Tutors available in school and in residence
- 6 intakes per year; July, August, October, January, March, May
- ESL courses are offered on a 4 week or 8 week basis
- Top achieving students recognized in an ESL awards ceremony each month

Class Instruction

- Up to 33 hours of ESL classes per week (5-6 hours a day, Monday to Friday), allowing students to improve their English.
- Reinforce everyday functional English as well as academic English ensuring students are prepared for life in, and out, of the classroom.
- English only policy in all classrooms (ESLAO and ESLBO excluded).
- Certified ESL teachers use comprehensive teaching practices and methods to maximize students' English skills.