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# ***SELC in Vancouver***

Welcome to SELC's campus in Vancouver, Canada!

SELC was founded in 1985 in the city of Sydney making us one of the longest established schools in Australia. We are proud to have welcomed over 38,000 students from over 35 countries in our long history as a quality English language college. SELC opened its doors in Vancouver in 2012.

We offer a wide range of English courses and levels, flexible entry dates and study paths to suit your individual needs. SELC organizes all kinds of activities to help you feel comfortable in our city and to provide extra opportunities for practicing your English skills.







# About SELC Vancouver



## Well equipped classrooms

Our two-level campus features ten classrooms, a computer room with free Wi-Fi, and a welcoming student lounge where you can cozy up by the fireplace. Our waterfront location gives you a breathtaking view of the Vancouver Harbor and mountains.

## WHY Canada?

- A multicultural country that has welcomed over 15 million immigrants from various ethnic groups over the past century.
- A peaceful, safe and stable country where different perspectives are respected, making it an obvious choice for international students.
- English is the official language spoken making Canada a world leader in language training.
- Recognized as a world class city in which to live and work.
- Known for its varied cultural activities and attractive lifestyles.
- Geographically diverse and has one of the most beautiful natural environments in the world.

## Why Vancouver?

Vancouver is a warm and welcoming city that has been voted as the number #1 city in the world to live in. The city has a mild climate, friendly people and many unforgettable sightseeing attractions. This vibrant city is home to over 6 million people from all ethnic backgrounds. Whether you are interested in studying, shopping or purely taking advantage of the beautiful parks and beaches, Vancouver has something to offer every palate and is sure to exceed your expectations.



*"All the experiences at SELC Vancouver have been incredible! I made friends from all over the world and the SELC staff is awesome and really friendly. The teachers are very knowledgeable and kind. The city is beautiful! There are a lot of things to do here, especially outdoors. I love this place!"*

Pablo, Ecuador

## Fast Facts about SELC

- ✓ 28 years of academic excellence
- ✓ Highest level teachers and student services
- ✓ Friendly and supportive staff
- ✓ Unique and practical language programs
- ✓ Customized English courses
- ✓ Work experience programs to practice in the real world
- ✓ English only policy to help you improve your skills
- ✓ Great student nationality mix
- ✓ 38,000 students from over 35 countries
- ✓ Top level facilities in a beautiful location



# Why SELC?



## 1. Quality Education

SELC is an institution committed to excellence in teaching. SELC instructors are well qualified and take part in ongoing professional development.

## 2. Long History

SELC was established in 1985. There are four locations in total, two in Australia, one in Canada (Vancouver), and a brand new location in the Philippines.

## 3. Great Location

SELC is situated in historic Gastown where tourists from around the world visit all year round.

## 4. A Truly International School

Our student body is made up of individuals from over 20 different countries from all parts of Europe, Asia, Central and South America.

## 5. Friendly Atmosphere

At SELC, students have a friendly relationship with their instructors, allowing more personalized learning. Students know their instructors on a first name basis, and due to the diverse culture, are able to mingle effortlessly.

## 6. Exciting Programs

In addition to General English, SELC offers a variety of specialized programs. Such programs include: Accent Reduction, Business English, Introduction to Barista, as well as IELTS and TOEIC Prep.

## 7. Exceptional Student Service

SELC's number one priority is not only to provide a great learning environment but also provide individuals with personalized student services. We ensure that all the needs of our students are met to their satisfaction.



### Unique atmosphere

SELC has developed its own friendly unique atmosphere which separates us from large-scale ESL schools in Vancouver.



### Canadian experience

Our dedication to academic excellence and high quality personalized service provides students with an unforgettable and unique Canadian experience.

### Course Levels

- ✓ Elementary
- ✓ Pre-Intermediate
- ✓ Intermediate
- ✓ Upper Intermediate
- ✓ Advanced

### All major skills are covered

#### Language Skills

- ✓ Speaking and Pronunciation
- ✓ Listening
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Grammar

#### Life Skills

- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Assertiveness
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Problem Solving





# Timetable & Course Options

Depending on your English level and the number of hours that you study, you may select courses from three different blocks:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00am					
<b>Morning English (15hrs)</b>	Intensive English Program		Core 1	Intensive English Program	
10:40am					
11:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<b>Morning English (15hrs)</b>	Intensive English Program		Core 1	Intensive English Program	
12:30pm	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1:20pm					
<b>Intensive English (20hrs)</b>	Intensive English Program		Core 1	Intensive English Program	
2:20pm	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:35pm					
<b>Intensive Plus English (25hrs)</b>			Core 2		
3:40pm					



"After almost 1 year at SELC, I just can say that it was the best experience in my life. I would never have imagined that I could have friends from Colombia, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Denmark, Slovakia, Japan, Thailand, China, Russia, Ukraine... but better than having all these contacts is that they are my friends, real friends, now I have one house in those countries and they have one in Spain! and all thanks to SELC!"

Pelayo, Spain

		Course Length	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper-Int.	Advanced
<b>Intensive English Language Program</b>		12 weeks					
<b>Core 1</b>	Accent Reduction	4 weeks					
	Listening & Speaking	4 weeks					
	English for Business Basics	4 weeks					
	Work Skills	4 weeks					
	Introduction to Barista	4 weeks					
	IELTS	4 weeks					
	TOEIC	4 weeks					
	Presentation & Public Speaking	4 weeks					
<b>Core 2</b>	Conversation and Fluency/Error Correction	On-going					
	Canadian Studies	4 weeks					
	Discussion and Debate	4 weeks					
<b>Core 1&amp;2</b>	English for Business Basics (9 hours /week)	4 weeks					
	TOEIC	4 weeks					
	EAP (9 hours per week)	4 weeks					
	IELTS (9 hours per week)	4 weeks					
<b>Intensive Courses</b>	IELTS (Intensive)	4 weeks					
	EAP (Intensive)	4 weeks					

# SELC Courses at a Glance



SELC offers courses to suit all students' needs and levels. All courses are modular in design so that students can choose to study from 2 to 52 weeks.

## Intensive English Program - 9:00am -2:20pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Integrated skills approach. Elementary through Advanced Levels.

### Core 1

9:00am - 2:20pm every Wednesday

- Accent Reduction
- Listening & Speaking
- English for Business Basics
- Work Skills
- Introduction to Barista
- IELTS
- EAP
- TOEIC
- Presentation and Public Speaking

### Core 2

2:35pm - 3:40pm Monday to Friday

- Conversation & Fluency / Error Correction
- Discussion & Debate
- Canadian Studies

### Core 1 & 2

9:00 am- 2:20 every Wednesday and  
2:35pm - 3:40pm Monday to Friday

- English for Business Basics
- TOEIC
- EAP
- IELTS

## Listening & Speaking (Pre-intermediate - Upper-intermediate)

The Listening and Speaking course provides learners the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of native and non-native accents which helps develop their listening skills in real-life situations. Learners will develop their listening and speaking skills through practicing a range of skills including negotiating, persuading, expressing opinions and requesting information. The listening component consists of authentic scenarios and practices various listening skills such as listening for details, identifying emotions or listening for opinions.

## Intensive English Program

### Course Description

Fundamental English is the best choice if you want to be able to use English better in a variety of situations. While all skills are taught, Fundamental English emphasizes speaking and listening and includes a wide range of functional English to help you feel at ease in any situation. With time you will start to feel more at home in the English-speaking world. This course offers the perfect balance of grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation skills in order to help you use English more effectively.



### Core 1

## Accent Reduction (Intermediate and below)

The Accent Reduction course will enable learners to improve their pronunciation of English so that they can be better understood by native speakers in both formal and informal settings. This course will introduce learners to the English sound system and help them to practice the necessary skills needed to improve their pronunciation. This course will provide training with: vowel and consonant sounds, processes of rhythm, pausing, linking and intonation.

## English for Business Basics (Intermediate)

The English for Business Basics course will enable learners to greatly improve their ability to communicate in English in a wide range of business situations, as well as help learners to enlarge their knowledge of the business world. Areas of focus in this course include: case studies linked to various business topics, essential business communications skills such as; negotiating and telephoning, in addition to authentic reading and audio recordings.

## Work Skills (Intermediate and above)

The Work skills course offers learners the skills that are required in order to have success in finding, applying for and getting a job during their stay in Canada. Learners will have the opportunity to develop their interview skills, compose resumes and cover letters specific to the Canadian workforce, as well as practice listening, speaking and pronunciation skills that are required for job interviews.

## Introduction to Barista (Pre-intermediate and Intermediate)

The Introduction to Barista course is intended for anyone who is interested in learning how to make a great coffee in their job or at home. It is a training program that aims to train individuals in the necessary skills to making amazing coffee. Learners that can benefit from the Barista Program are job seekers who are interested in working as a Barista and anybody who is interested in knowing the secret behind a perfect cup of coffee.



## IELTS (Upper-intermediate and above)

### IELTS course is aimed at helping

Learners improve and develop their language skills and familiarity with the various testing methods and techniques. In addition, learners will gain an increased confidence and better time and stress management skills in order to achieve a higher success rate for each of the above tests.



## EAP (English for Academic Purposes) (Upper-intermediate and Advanced)

Students planning to go on to further study in an English speaking environment should choose EAP. This course is designed to help students develop the language and study skills necessary for success at university or college in an English-speaking country.

- Academic reading and writing
- Vocabulary extension
- Text analysis
- Report and essay writing
- Study skills and strategies
- Listening and note-taking skills
- Seminar/presentation delivery
- IELTS test preparation skills
- Grammar and punctuation

## Presentation and Public Speaking (Upper intermediate and above)

This course focuses on developing learner fluency in language rather than grammatical accuracy. Furthermore, it encourages learners to become aware of their personal strengths and weaknesses, to express their preferences in an assertive way, as well as to be able to express ideas in small or large group situations with a higher level of confidence. The course consists of 3 different sections; Assertiveness Training and Negotiation and Presentation Skills.



## TOEIC (Intermediate)

(TOEIC) Test of English for International Communication is an English language test designed specifically to measure the everyday English skills of people working in an international environment. This course will provide learners with the fundamental skills that are required to gain confidence and achieve a higher score in both the TOEIC Speaking & Writing and Listening & Reading Tests. Areas of study include: pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and fluency, overall coherence, structure and organization.







## Discussion and Debate (Intermediate and above)

The purpose of this course is to give learners the opportunity to develop oral and communicative skills. This course will focus on the fundamentals of preparing and participating in debates through the usage of dynamic speaking techniques. Some of the applications of this course are reflected in raising the efficacy of job interviews, giving presentations in the work place in addition to facilitating the means for a more confident clear communication of ideas both with safety and authority. An outstanding feature of this course is that it enables learners to engage in international debates with professional debaters globally through a website which facilitates online communication. This is a very effective method as it allows learners to have access to a real-life platform to voice their opinions and exchange ideas regarding the issues of the day.



## Canadian Studies (Intermediate and above)

The goal of this Canadian Studies course is to provide learners with background knowledge of Canada's geography, history, politics and culture. Students will be able to apply their knowledge of Canadian culture to relate to Canadians in a variety of social situations.

## Core 2

### Conversation and Fluency/ Error Correction (Elementary to Advanced)

This course gives learners the opportunity to improve their fluency by focusing on a wide variety of topics. Learners are helped to express themselves more freely in small group discussions, with special attention given to important language functions. Lower level learners will study basic day-to-day interactions such as initiating conversation, agreeing or disagreeing, and giving directions. Higher level learners will study more advanced functions such as persuasion, countering arguments, and hypothesizing. Additionally, learners will be exposed to a variety of components such as speaking, pronunciation, and grammar and writing activities. The ultimate aim in this course is to assist learners to eliminate their errors which will automatically result in a higher level of accuracy and fluency due to the practical exercise-based nature of the course.



*"I have found SELV to be very unique due to the fact students and teachers have a close relationship and have strong bonds which allow me to feel comfortable to speak and practice English anytime while at the school. The programs are varied and I loved the fact that I can intensively study on my weak areas of English through Elective courses on Wednesdays. SELV is not the biggest school in Vancouver but it sure is one of the best schools to study and gives the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world. My 3-month course at SELV will be a memorable time in my life."*

Minjae Kim, Korea

*I think studying at SELV is a wonderful experience that I will not forget. I have new experiences everyday at school. I feel that my class is like my family. I have learned so much. The staff working at SELV is totally professional. When I have a problem, they always help me.*

Sonia, Spain





# Testimonials



*I love the diversity of people and the interactions with them. I have met some really nice people at school. The school is a great place to meet a lot of interesting people from all over the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to study here.*

Jana, Czech Republic

*It's been a great experience studying at SELC. I started from the elementary level and my teacher was very patient with my poor English. I was afraid of speaking with my classmates, but I became confident after taking classes at SELC. Don't be afraid and try harder!*

Che Guen Lim, Korea



*I enjoy studying at SELC with different ages, cultures and backgrounds. The staff is very supportive. Even with my Japanese friends, I never speak Japanese at SELC. I was surprised to hear my friend's Japanese dialect after being his friend for a few months. I had never heard him speak Japanese before! The magnificent view from the classrooms motivates us to study!*

Kazuhiro Katahira, Japan



*SELC is a great atmosphere. The teachers are open-minded, friendly and have an active teaching style so that the lessons are not boring. I Improved my English a great deal and I met a lot of new friends from different countries. I am very pleased that I chose SELC. What I learned at SELC will be very valuable for my future life.*

Lucia, Slovakia

*The courses are very good, my classmates and staff are great. It is a very good environment. Vancouver is a nice city and the Canadians are nice too.*

Frederica, Italy



*It was a perfect decision to study at SELC. We do much more than just study English. I have good teachers, I have many lovely friends from different countries and my English has improved a lot. I am really happy with my life in Canada. Thank you SELC for every experience. It's the best thing that I have ever done.*

Siwanya Phongkhum, Thailand



*The most fun thing about studying at SELC is meeting new people from different countries; which gives us the opportunity to experience new cultures. I have the support of the school to achieve my goals.*

Tiago, Brazil



# SELC Teachers and Staff

What makes SELC teachers and staff really special is the caring and personalized attention given to students, both in and out of the classroom



## Welcome message from Chief Executive Officer

At SELC Vancouver we are committed to helping all our students achieve their individual language goals. Our teachers and staff provide high quality, personalized language learning opportunities and student services in a dynamic and supportive environment. We welcome you to a unique multicultural and Canadian experience at SELC Vancouver. Whether you are participating in our short or long term customized English courses, your experience will be a rewarding one!

We look forward to welcoming you and providing you with new opportunities.

Sincerely, Bruce Anderson

Chief Executive Officer SELC Vancouver

## Welcome message from Director of Studies

Here at SELC we guarantee a unique experience for our students. During your stay you will get the opportunity to improve your language and life skills as well as enjoy the multi-cultural aspect of our school. We offer a fundamental English program and a wide variety of core courses and workshops to meet the needs of all students from different backgrounds. We pride ourselves in having professional and friendly instructors that help enrich students' learning experience during their time abroad.

We welcome and encourage you to begin your educational journey with SELC.

Anna Raposo

Director of Studies



Our teachers



Our staff



# SEL C Activities

Our activities are the best way for students to enjoy their time while in Vancouver. We organize a variety of in-house activities, as well as work in conjunction with West Trek Tours to ensure that students fully enjoy themselves while they explore Vancouver and above all, practice English!

- ✓ Sports activities
- ✓ Sightseeing trips
- ✓ Picnics
- ✓ Weekend trips
- ✓ Movie nights
- ✓ Special cultural events
- ✓ And many more!



*I learned many valuable things at SEL C. It's not only English, but understanding different people, their culture and so on. Staff and teachers were very helpful developing my English skills. I made so many friends who came from around the world. I would like to visit some of them in the future. This is one of my dreams.*

Takumi, Japan



Stanley Park, Vancouver



Surfing trip, Tofino



Yoga class at SEL C Vancouver



Rocky Mountains, Kelowna





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