

EXPLORE (SUMMER LANGUAGE BURSARY) PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OBJECTIVES OF THE ENGLISH PROGRAM

1. To create a total immersion atmosphere
2. To use only English in teaching and conversation
3. To develop oral and written skills at the university level
4. To develop an understanding of Canadian English, literature and culture
5. To develop skills needed for working in an English-speaking environment
6. To explore the similarities and differences between English and French
7. To discuss differing points of view regarding economic, social, political and cultural matters between English- and French-speaking people in Canada
8. To develop an understanding of British Columbia and Western Canada
9. To establish a better understanding of minorities within Canada.

CONTACT HOURS

Students have four and a half hours of classes/seminars a day taught by up to three instructors. This generally includes three hours in the morning, five mornings a week, and one and a half hours in the afternoon, five afternoons a week. More than **100 hours** are spent in classes and workshops, with a total of more than 120 contact hours when compulsory socio-cultural activities are included.

CERTIFICATE

UBC does not give credit for this course. However, students will receive a certificate at the end of the program indicating the time period involved and the level attained. A file will be kept for each student containing records of marks, attendance, participation, etc. The certificate together with this file may enable participants to obtain credits from institutions other than UBC. A photocopy of a student's file will be sent to any institution requesting it.

PLEASE NOTE

Levels on the certificate reflect traditional levels from 1 to 6. Level 1 students know very little English and are not able to communicate in that language for everyday purposes. Level 2 students have a basic knowledge that allows them to travel in English-speaking countries and receive the services for which they ask. Level 3 students have an intermediate level and have no difficulty making themselves understood, though with many mistakes in grammar and vocabulary. Level 4 students speak and write English well with occasional mistakes. Communication is easy and fairly sophisticated. Level 5 students are advanced students and have usually reached a level where they will remain for the rest of their lives unless they make a specific effort to improve their oral or written language skills. Level 6 students are capable of studying in English at an English-speaking university and of completing a degree there.