



# ADULT BROCHURE

VICTORIA | CALGARY | 2026



*Where will your GV English adventures take you?*





WE WELCOME *you* TO A  
BOUTIQUE EXPERIENCE.

Established in 1997, thousands of students have studied at GV to improve their English communication skills and to make friends from all over the world.

**Calgary and Victoria** consistently rank among the world's top cities for quality of life and safety. Our intimate school sizes ensure every student receives personalized attention and a truly immersive experience.

**Come and see for yourself!**



Accredited academic courses, safe accommodations, and exciting activities... all while experiencing Canada.

At GV, our philosophy is to provide all our students with quality Academics, Activities, and Accommodations through personalized care and support from our teachers and staff. Our trained, professional, and experienced staff are happy to guide you towards your learning goals!

"If your goal is to speak English fluently, and you are interested in going to a college or university in Canada, I highly recommend the EAP class at GV"

Oliver, Japan

"The staff are very kind and friendly, they always support us so that you can focus on your English"

Takako, Japan

"Thank you GV! Because you have given me all the tools and experience to be better in university!"

Valentina, Colombia

"Now I am more confident in trying to find a job, in speaking with people on the street and gathering the information I need."

Arthur, Brazil

"I have made so many friends here and my English gets better and better!"

Karina, Switzerland



### Our Accreditations



Newly Renovated!

# VICTORIA

Vancouver Island, British Columbia

Study, work, and play,  
while experiencing  
Canada's natural beauty

**Welcome to Victoria, the charming capital of British Columbia** and the perfect place to enhance your English language skills! Nestled on Vancouver Island, Victoria is a city that blends historic charm with modern amenities, offering an idyllic setting for students from around the world.

**Discover the perfect balance of academic excellence and West Coast lifestyle in Victoria!**



Local Kayaking



Whale Watching



High Tea at the Empress Hotel



## What makes Victoria unique?

### Capital City of British Columbia

As the capital, Victoria has something for everyone; including shopping, festivals, dining, nature and even a bike lane system that connects most of the city!

### Whale Watching Capital

The waters around Vancouver Island are home to killer whales, humpback whales, and sea lions making Victoria one of the world's premier whale watching destinations.

### Lovely Summers, Mild Winters

Average temperatures of 19.6°C in the summer and 8.2°C in the winter.

### Top Tourist Attractions:

- > Whale Watching
- > Butchart Gardens
- > Parliament Building

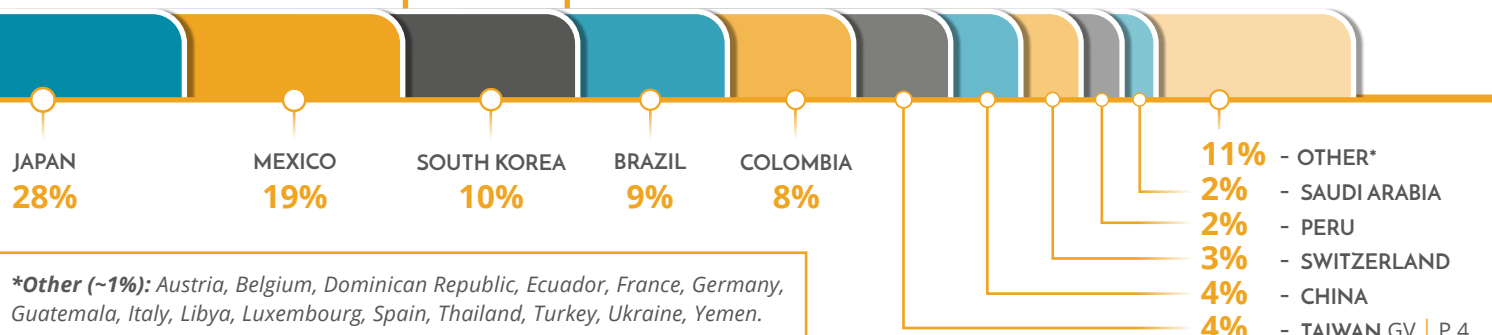
### Sample Costs:

- Transit Ticket **\$3**
- Movie Ticket **\$17**
- Average Meal **\$25**

View our activity calendars!



### Nationality Mix:



\*Other (~1%): Austria, Belgium, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Libya, Luxembourg, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen.

## Victoria has been voted:

### 2025:

- > In The "Travel Green List" (Sustainability, Wanderlust)
- > Top 10 Best Boating Cities in Canada (BoatBooker)
- > Top 10 Most Walkable Cities in the World (Skyscanner)

### 2024:

- > #1 Small City in the World (Condé Nast Traveler - U.S.)
- > #1 Friendliest City in the World (Condé Nast Traveler - U.S.)
- > #1 Sustainable Destination in North America (Global Destination Sustainability Index)

## GV Victoria Details:



### 14 Spacious Classrooms

+ Lounge with games, kitchen areas, and more  
Average class size is 13 students, 16 maximum



### 28 Years Old (24 in the summer)

Year-round, students range from 16-60+



### 30-45 Minutes to homestay

GV Victoria is centrally located in downtown



### 5-minute walk:

Inner Harbour  
Empress Hotel

### 10-minute walk:

BC Parliament Building

# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



# CALGARY

Near famous Banff, Alberta

Learn, grow, and explore  
where city life and mountain  
adventures come together

**Welcome to Calgary, the vibrant heart of Alberta** and an ideal destination to elevate your English language skills! Nestled at the foothills of the majestic Rocky Mountains, Calgary offers a dynamic blend of urban sophistication and outdoor adventure, making it a perfect home for students from around the globe.

**Experience the majesty of the Rocky Mountains with the energy of a thriving, world-class city - Calgary!**



Calgary Stampede



Tourism & Sight-Seeing



Banff & Rocky Mountains



# What makes Calgary unique?

## Sunniest City in Canada

Calgary boasts a massive 333 sunny days per year on average, making it excellent for learning and tourism.

## Affordable Cost of Living

Many people choose to live in Calgary for its beauty and affordability. It is one of the more cost-efficient cities in Canada and about 15% cheaper than Toronto or Vancouver.

## World Famous Rocky Mountains (Banff)

Calgary is only 90 minutes by car to see the unique and jaw-dropping Canadian Rockies.

# Calgary has been voted:

One of the most liveable cities in the world (2025, *The Economist*)

Alberta top employer award (2025, *Mediacorp Canada*)

Forbes Canada top employer award (2025, *Forbes*)



## Top Tourist Attractions:

- > Banff National Park
- > Calgary Stampede
- > Calgary Zoo

## Sample Costs:

- Transit Ticket **\$4**
- Movie Ticket **\$19**
- Average Meal **\$20**

## GV Calgary Details:



### 13 Classrooms

+ Lounges with games, kitchen areas, and more  
Average class size is **13 students, 16 maximum**



### 29 Years Old (24 in the summer)

Year-round, students range from 16-60+



### 45 Minutes from Homestay to School

GV Calgary is centrally located in downtown



### 10-minute walk:

Bow River

### 15-minute walk:

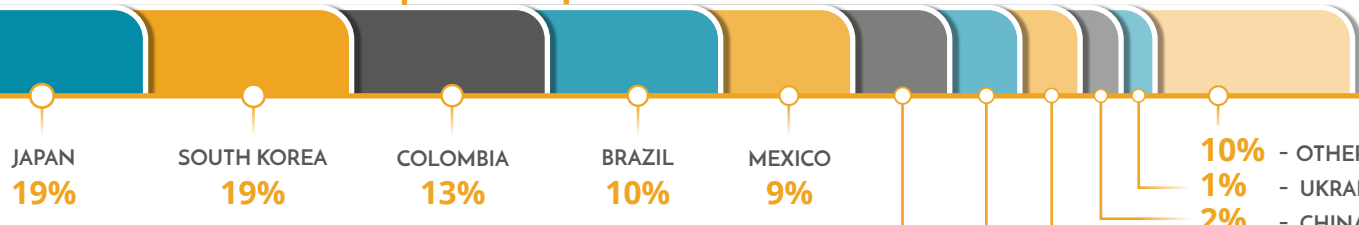
Glenbow Museum

Calgary Tower

## View our activity calendars!



## Nationality Mix:



\*Other (~1%): Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Cameroon, Congo, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Italy, Paraguay, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland

# ENGLISH STUDIES AT GV



**Whether you're a young adult or a mature learner,** our comprehensive courses will help you build your English language skills and aid you in your personal journey to success. If you wish to expand your proficiency in **English for academic, social, career, or travel purposes...**

**We're here to help you reach those goals!**



## GLOBAL VILLAGE SCHOOLS ARE:



Highly secure  
and safe



Staffed by experienced  
and expert teachers



Centrally Located



Government approved  
Designated Learning  
Institutions (DLI)

# COURSES

At Global Village, a world of possibilities opens up to *you!*

## GENERAL ENGLISH (GEP) ————— Levels GV1-8 (Beginner to Mastery)

- > General English lessons focus on communicative fluency and functional language across various topics and areas.
- > 20, 25, or 30 lessons per week.
- > **Weekly start dates.**

## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) ————— GV Placement Test Required

- > English for Academic Purposes combines 20 lessons of General English in the morning, with 10 lessons of academic pathway electives. Placement test required to determine length of study required for Pathways exit.
- > 30 lessons per week.
- > **Weekly start dates.**

## IELTS PREPARATION (*Victoria Only*) ————— Entry Level: CEFR B2- C2 (GV5-8)

- > IELTS Preparation combines 20 lessons of General English in the morning with 10 lessons of IELTS electives. Students must take both IELTS electives.
- > 30 lessons per week.
- > **Weekly start dates.**

## BUSINESS ENGLISH ————— Entry Level: CEFR B2- C2 (GV5)

\*University of Victoria DBA Entry Level: GV 6-7

- > Combines General English in the morning with Business English in the afternoon.
- > 25 or 30 lessons per week.
- > Minimum age: 18 years
- > **Weekly start dates.**

## GAP SEMESTER / GAP YEAR ————— Entry Level: Dependent on program choice

- > Gap years are the perfect opportunity to improve your English, expand your horizons, and meet new people.
- > 20, 25, or 30 lessons per week.
- > **Weekly start dates.**



# ELECTIVE OPTIONS



## Personalize your English journey!

GV offers a wide range of afternoon electives which are constantly being updated based on student feedback and needs. Each school may offer different options depending on student needs. Levels may also change depending on student needs.

ELECTIVES		GV1	GV2	GV3	GV4	GV5	GV6	GV7	GV8
Business / Work Readiness	Job Search Skills					●	●	●	●
	Customer Service Skills					●	●	●	●
	Presentation Skills					●	●	●	●
	Workplace Communication					●	●	●	●
	Marketing					●	●	●	●
	Business Ethics					●	●	●	●
Foundational Skills	Beginner Grammar	●	●	●					
	Everyday Vocabulary & Speaking	●	●	●	●				
	Everyday Listening & Speaking	●	●	●	●				
	Everyday Writing & Speaking	●	●	●	●				
	Conversation & Vocabulary	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
High School Preparation	Canadian Culture & Society				●	●	●		
	Global Issues				●	●	●		
	English for Social Media and Digital Literacy				●	●	●		
Cultural	Slang & Vocabulary				●	●	●	●	●
	English through Music				●	●	●	●	●
	Power Speaking				●	●	●		
	English through Gaming				●	●	●	●	●
	<b>New for 2026:</b> English Study Skills with AI				●	●	●	●	●
	<b>New for 2026:</b> English through Wellness	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Academic & Pathways	Gateway to Academic Writing			●	●	●			
	Reading & Discussion			●	●	●			
	Speaking Strategies for Success			●	●	●			
	Reading & Writing					●	●	●	●
	Listening & Speaking					●	●	●	●
	Conversation & Vocabulary on Global Issues					●	●	●	●

**NOTE:** Sample electives, please inquire for other alternative availabilities.

# CLASS SCHEDULES

## DAILY SCHEDULE - (1 lesson = 50 minutes)

DAY	SESSIONS	TIME	SUPER INTENSIVE	INTENSIVE	STANDARD
MONDAY TO FRIDAY	Morning Session 1	08:45 – 10:25	30 lessons per week	25 lessons per week	20 lessons per week <i>16 Hrs 40 min per week</i>
	Break	10:25 – 10:40			
	Morning Session 2	10:40 – 12:20			
	Lunch	12:20 – 13:05			
MONDAY TO THURSDAY	Elective 1 (5 lessons)	13:05 – 14:10	25 Hrs 20 min per week	21 Hrs per week	
	Break	14:10 – 14:25			
	Elective 2 (5 lessons)	14:25 – 15:30			

## ELECTIVES ONLY OPTIONS

Enjoy the flexibility of taking the “elective only” portion of our popular full-time classes on a part-time basis.

### Available courses:

General English  
English for Academic Purposes  
Business English  
IELTS



*Courses are added periodically. To see our current schedule and a detailed list, please visit: [gvenglish.com](http://gvenglish.com)*

## GV LEVEL GUIDE

GV Levels	CEFR*	CAMBRIDGE	IELTS	TOEIC	TOEFL (iBT)	
GV8	Mastery	C2	C2 Proficiency (CPE)	7	900-990	110-120
GV7	Advanced	C1	C1 Advanced (CAE)	6.5	800-899	98-109
GV6	Upper Intermediate	B2+	B2 First (FCE)	6	700-799	87-97
GV5	Intermediate	B2	B2 First (FCE)	5.5	600-699	57-86
GV4	Lower Intermediate	B1+		5	500-599	
GV3	Pre-Intermediate	B1	B1 Preliminary (PET)	4	400-499	
GV2	Upper Beginner	A2	A2 Key (KET)	3	250-399	
GV1	Beginner	A1		1-2	100-249	

**Note:** This chart is meant to be used only as an approximate guide. Global Village reserves the right to place a student in a level based on completion of a comprehensive oral and written test conducted prior to arrival or on intake day.

\*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

# GENERAL ENGLISH



## The General English Program (GEP) is the “Launchpad” program at Global Village.

With classes for Beginner to Advanced students, we'll have the fit for your current proficiency and future goals. Face-to-face real-time contact in small classes and a wide nationality mix of interesting, motivated students and professionals, ensure full immersion in the language with plenty of engaging dialogue, practice, and correction by qualified and experienced instructors.

- Weekly intake
- Eight levels from Beginner to Mastery
- Average 8-12 weeks per level
- Emphasis placed on conversation and spoken language
- Improves students' ability to speak English in practical situations
- Integrates all skill areas (speaking, listening, reading and writing)
- Core program focuses on communicative grammar and functional dialogue
- Elective classes further develop accuracy, vocabulary, and fluency
- Regular proficiency testing and personal feedback meetings to measure student progress

# BUSINESS ENGLISH & CAREER PREPARATION (Minimum Age: 18)

In the world of international business, **English skills have become the key to global communication.**

This program is designed for students aspiring to a career in international business, or for business people advancing an existing career.

## Key Areas:

- Improve your written and communication skills
- Sharpen your presentation skills
- Choosing an international business career – marketing, finance, sales, admin
- Compose a better resume
- Preparing effectively for job interviews
- How to effectively negotiate
- Business ethics
- Money

## University of Victoria & Royal Roads Business Pathways

A pathway to **University of Victoria's Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)** or **Royal Roads University's Professional Certificate in Global Workforce Skills (GWS)** is available to students who successfully achieve all requirements of Global Village's Business English Program as follows:

- 12 weeks x 30 lessons/week
- Achieve a grade of 80% or higher in core and elective classes
- Receive a Letter of Successful Completion

*Minimum English level for entry: GV6*

CONTINUING STUDIES @UVIC

Royal Roads UNIVERSITY



**I'm extremely satisfied with my experience at GV!**

**The teachers are friendly and experienced and the lessons are engaging.** I've gained confidence in speaking English and can communicate better with friends. The school's supportive environment makes learning enjoyable and effective.

**Pavapootanon Kritsana (Kris), Thailand**

# IELTS TEST PREPARATION



In Canada, IELTS is used as a measure of English language proficiency for immigration, skilled worker applications, university entrance requirements, Masters Programs, and other professional designations.

## The Global Village IELTS Preparation Classes

focus on both the IELTS Academic Test (AC) and General Test (G). Learn important test-taking strategies for each section of the IELTS test: reading, listening, writing, and speaking.

**Full time test preparation classes at Global Village** (*Victoria only, GEP20 + IELTS10*)

**Private and Semi-private IELTS test prep lessons available.**



# 50+ PACKAGE FOR MATURE LEARNERS

WE INVITE *You...*

to enjoy our unforgettable language and cultural immersion experience!

**Victoria:** May 4-15, Aug 31-Sept 11, Nov 30-Dec 11 | **Calgary:** Feb 23 - Mar 6, June 29 - July 10

Global Village's 50+ package combines high quality English lessons (20 lessons/week, mixed with adult students of all ages) with a variety of excursions and social events for mature students. Activities happen after classes and on some weekends.

## Full Program Includes:

- > Registration fee
- > Morning classes
- > Class materials
- > Daily afternoon activities
- > Excursions on the weekend
- > Optional activities
- > Homestay placement fee
- > Half-board homestay
- > Airport pick-up
- > Completion certificate

### Please note:

Some excursions, such as Butchart Gardens, require 2+ hour walks. Please inquire for more details. Please view our website for the most up-to-date activity calendars.

View our activity calendars!



## Sample Calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Day Off/ Free Day	Morning English	Morning English	Morning English	Morning English	Morning English	<b>Calgary:</b> Banff Trip  <b>Victoria:</b> Butchart Gardens
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	Free Time	<b>Calgary:</b> Calgary Tower Tour  <b>Victoria:</b> High Tea at the Empress	Free Time or Pay-as-you-go Activity	<b>Calgary:</b> Heritage Park  <b>Victoria:</b> Beacon Hill Park Tour	Free Time or Excursions (Ex. Whale Watching)	

# UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE PARTNERS

University & college institutions accept Global Village transcripts and Letters of Completion as proof of English proficiency.

**GV** focuses exclusively on local University and College partners in Victoria, Calgary, and the surrounding areas. This allows our students to visit our university and college partners while they study with us and prepare more effectively for their post-GV college or university studies. All of our partners accept successful completion of GV level 6 or 7 instead of an IELTS or TOEFL score.



**"My time at GV Calgary has been a truly life changing experience. The teachers consistently go above and beyond to help students improve, providing guidance and personalized support."**

-Ho Thanh Rhong (Patrick), Vietnam



How do you get started on **your** university or college journey?

## Pre-Arrival



Carefully consider your personal interests and educational goals.



Test your English level via online video call assessment.



Organize your Study Plan with a GV Advisor or study abroad agent.



Apply to the Global Village Pathway Program!

## Post-Arrival



Study hard to complete the GV EAP Course!



Take advantage of Academic Counselling



Get help with university/college document deadlines, transfer credits, etc.



Let us help you connect with your college or university

*GV Victoria in British Columbia is able to offer information on the transfer credit program in BC.*

***Ask us for more information.***

**University & College Pathways** is designed to prepare GV students to succeed at a Canadian college or university.

**This course focuses on strengthening general language skills**, especially in advanced level communication skills and academic reading and writing skills. The course also covers essay writing, research papers, study skills, note-taking, presentations and research.

**As part of the course, regular meetings with the Pathway Advisor are scheduled.**

These meetings will not only review academic progress on the pathway, but can also cover the application process and communication with the college/university to ensure a successful transfer.

## Course Structure:

30

lessons per week of **English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**

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20

lessons per week of **General English studies**

+

10

lessons per week of **Academic Electives**

# ACCOMMODATION



## Homestay away from Home!

**You may choose to live with a GV homestay family for the first few weeks or for the entire length of your studies.** Either way, GV homestay families are committed to ensuring you have a welcoming and warm experience. A homestay is an excellent way to learn about the local culture, practice the English you learn in class, and find a home away from home.

### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

- Adult Homestay (Full and Half Board)
- Underage Homestay (Full and Half Board)
- Premium Homestay (Full Board)
- Roomstay (Self-Catering)
- Private Suites
- Student Residence and Apartments  
*(Based on availability)*

### HOMESTAY MEAL CHOICES:

#### SELF CATERING:

Provide your own breakfast, buy lunches, and eat out for dinner *(no meals provided)*

#### HALF BOARD:

Breakfast and dinner provided 7 days per week, including holidays and weekends *(two meals provided)*

#### FULL BOARD:

Breakfast and bag lunch provided, and dinner served with the family *(three meals provided)*



**Distance to school:**  
35-45 Minutes



**Nutritious meals**



**Private room  
with a desk**



**Our families are a  
reflection of Canada  
- Multicultural!**

**Visit the Accommodation section of our website**  
to learn more about life with GV homestay families!



# Alternative Accommodations

In addition to a first-class homestay program, Global Village is proud to offer the following alternate accommodation options at both of our destination cities.

## Calgary

### Harrington Housing

[harringtonhousing.com](http://harringtonhousing.com)

*Harrington Housing is a student and young professional co-living provider, with many properties located in Calgary. Harrington offers all-female, all-male and mixed apartments, and try to accommodate living preferences.*

### Summer Residence at University of Calgary

[ucalgary.ca/accommodations](http://ucalgary.ca/accommodations)

*University of Calgary has on campus student dormitory spaces during the summer season that offer many amenities in a great central location.*

### SAIT Residence & Conference Centre

[stayrcc.com/locations/calgary](http://stayrcc.com/locations/calgary)

*The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, has an on-campus conference centre with various accommodation options for anyone visiting Calgary.*

### HI Calgary

[hihostels.ca/en/destinations/hi-calgary](http://hihostels.ca/en/destinations/hi-calgary)

*Hosteling International (HI) is newly renovated and located in downtown Calgary, 2-min walk to train station. It boasts 90 years of hosteling experience in Canada and has a wide network of 37 hostels across Canada.*

## Victoria

### Hotel Grand Pacific

[hotelgrandpacific.com](http://hotelgrandpacific.com)

*Located in the heart of Victoria's picturesque Inner Harbour, our partner Hotel Grand Pacific offers exclusiverates for Global Village Students.*

### Ocean Island Suites

[oisuites.com/extended-stay](http://oisuites.com/extended-stay)

*Ocean Island Suites offers 3 suites in a character house in Victoria's historic James Bay neighbourhood.*

### Ocean Island Inn & Hostel

[oceanisland.com](http://oceanisland.com)

*The Ocean Island Inn is located indowntown Victoria and offers a variety of room types to accommodate all kinds of travelers.*

### Private Rooms in Esquimalt and View Royal

*In partnership with local families, GV Victoria is proud to offer private rooms in an independent accommodation located in friendly neighbourhoods.*



**GV has a growing range of alternative accommodation options available.**

Please visit our accommodations webpage to see more details about each accommodation, and more information on new options.



## Free English Level Check



Want to know your current English level?

Take our FREE level check by scanning our QR code or by visiting [gvenglish.com](http://gvenglish.com)

Ready to get started or want to ask a question?

Contact us!

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"When I first arrived at GV, I was really overwhelmed by the new people, a lot of information, a lot of new teachers. But fortunately as soon as I entered GV I met good friends and good teachers. I felt very relaxed because even when I had a trouble, I had people to ask for help. After three days I felt very comfortable."

- Kanaho, Japan

