



LANGUAGES
ACROSS BORDERS

**FIND YOUR
NEW VOICE
IN VANCOUVER**



LAB in Vancouver provides an active, friendly and engaging environment where you can improve your English skills both inside and outside of the classroom. Our professional and helpful teachers and our wide variety of English courses enable all students to focus on their areas of interest and overcome their weaknesses.

Through break-time games, parties, sports clubs, special events, and international theme nights we stimulate a cultural, social, and educational exchange in English allowing you to meet students from all over the world, make lifelong friends, and enjoy all that Vancouver has to offer.

From your first day, you will feel like you are among family; our staff and student hosts are always available to answer your questions, give guidance and recommendations, and help you adjust to living in Vancouver.

I hope you take advantage of the opportunity to see how LAB in Vancouver can change your life!

Erika Herndier,
Languages Across Borders in Vancouver
LCI Education Network



WELCOME TO LAB IN VANCOUVER



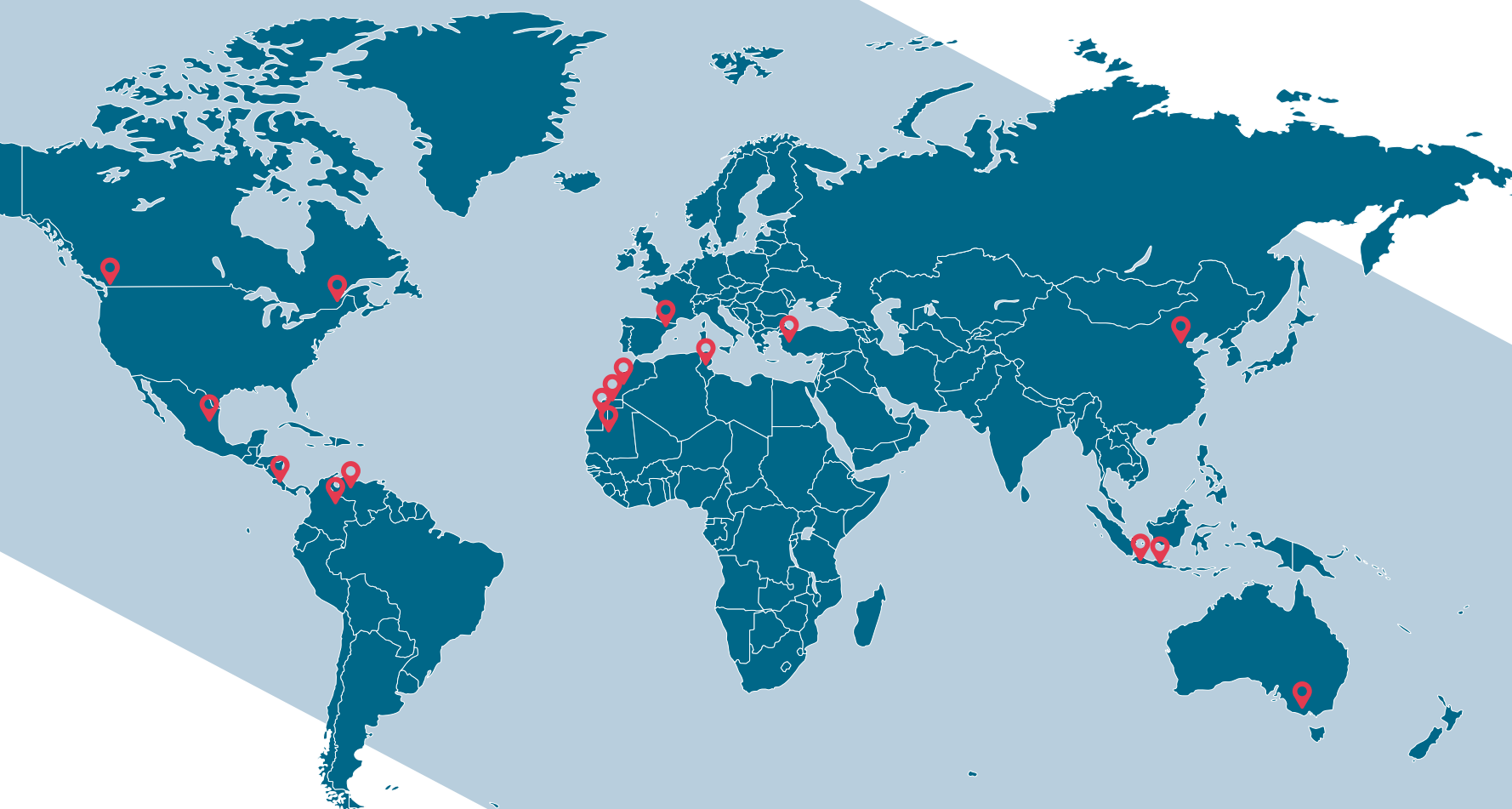
ABOUT LAB IN VANCOUVER



AWARD-WINNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Languages Across Borders (LAB) in Vancouver is an award-winning language school located in the trendy district of Yaletown in downtown Vancouver. Since 1992, LAB in Vancouver has been Canadian-own and Canadian-run, providing quality and professional English classes for students from more than 103 countries, connecting each and everyone to the world with English.

LAB in Vancouver offers a wide variety of English courses for all levels. Our curriculum is diverse and designed to balance conversational and academic English. Our highly qualified teachers ensure that you receive the best educational experience. With our interactive teaching style, a variety of activities and social events, learning English is enjoyable! Our dedicated and caring staff creates a friendly environment allowing students not only to achieving their English goals easily but also making friends from around the world. We pride to be every student's boutique-style home-away-from-home!



SHARED VALUES AROUND THE WORLD

MONTRÉAL
VANCOUVER
SAN JOSÉ
MELBOURNE
BARCELONA
ISTANBUL
MOROCCO
TUNISIA
INDONESIA
COLOMBIA
MEXICO



A NETWORK OF 23 CAMPUSES ACROSS 5 CONTINENTS

The LCI Education Network provides high quality education around the world. Each year, we see the incredible thirst for knowledge and skills exhibited by more than 12,000 students.

From one country to the next, we harmonise our programs, which creates confidence in the quality of our courses.

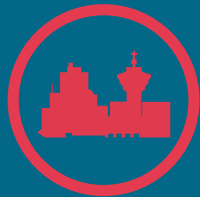
The LCI Education Network stands for a set of shared values: Quality; Initiative; Creativity; Mutual Consideration; Commitment; and Sharing.

VANCOUVER

Rated one of the most desirable places to live

The modern cosmopolitan city of Vancouver makes for an exceptional setting to pursue studies at LAB in Vancouver. Year after year, Vancouver continues to be ranked among the top three most livable cities in the world by The Economist Group's Global Liveability Report.

Located between the ocean and the mountains, with parks and beaches surrounding its harbour, the picturesque city with spectacular green views attracts visitors from all around the world. With modern conveniences that include trendy restaurants, convenient public transportation, and multiple shopping & entertainment districts, Vancouver has a lifestyle that you will easily adapt to and enjoy.



CANADA

A multicultural country with stunning landscapes.

Canada is a vast territory with quite varied landscape from region to region. Although geographically large, most Canadians live on the southern fringes of the country.

Canada is divided into ten provinces and three territories. Vancouver is the most populous city in the province of British Columbia, which is the westernmost province and is set between the Pacific Ocean and the Rocky Mountains.

With spectacular landscapes and a great sense of cultural diversity, it's no surprise that since 1994, Canada has been among the top 10 countries with the best quality of life in the world, according to the United Nations.

Living in Vancouver also means having easy access to other cosmopolitan North American cities like Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. With a short flight, students can plan trips to visit and enjoy the United States*.

*Visa permitting



OUR COURSES

Do you want to attend university in Canada? Is your aim to be fluent in Business English? Do you want to learn English to travel the world? Will you return home to an exciting career? Whatever your goal in learning English, enroll at LAB in Vancouver and find your voice to make it happen.

		LAB Courses				Versant Placement Score	GSE Score	IELTS			
GSE Global Scale of English	ADVANCED	10	Customized Classes on Request (Private Lessons)					85+			
		9	General English	Academic Pathway	Listening & Accent Reduction	Business	68-70	76-84	8		
	8	General English	63-67				67-75	7			
	INTERMEDIATE	7	General English	English for Effective Communication	Job Readiness	57-62	59-66				
		6	General English			Academic 5	Listening & Pronunciation	51-56	6.5	51-58	6
		5	General English			Academic 4	46-50	5.5	43-50		
		4	General English			Academic 3	40-45	4.5	36-42	5	
	BEGINNER	3	General English	Academic 2	34-39	30-35					
		2	General English	Academic 1	24-33	22-29					
		1	Customized Classes on Request (Private Lessons)				Below 24	Below 22			

Global equivalents of Languages Across Borders' programs

English Language Courses

LAB's approaches to teaching and course design are informed by the latest advancements in the TESOL field, so you can be assured of receiving a cutting edge education in English. LAB Teachers are invested in their students, and are extremely passionate about developing their craft.

Pathways

The excellent English skills you develop in a LAB course will open doors to exciting further opportunities. You could continue your studies at a university or college in Canada. LAB in Vancouver has accredited academic pathways with a number of Canadian and international colleges and universities.

DAY SESSION EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

Part-Time | 15 hours per week

Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Mornings) or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Afternoons)

Full Time | 30 hours per week

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Combine Mornings and Afternoons)

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Part-Time Mornings	9:00 am to 10:30 am	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time
	10:30 am to 10:50 am	Class Break (20 Minutes)			
	10:50 am to 12:00 pm	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time
Part-Time Afternoons	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch Break (1 hour)			
	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time
	2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Class Break (30 Minutes)			
	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time	Class Time

Free Friday Activities or Academic Classes

EVENING SESSION EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

5 hours per week | Tuesday & Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Part-Time Evenings	6:00 pm to 7:20 pm			Class Time	
	7:20 pm to 7:30 pm		Class Break (10 Minutes)		Class Break (10 Minutes)
	7:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Class Time		Class Time

COURSES

General English

Ideal for students who want to improve their overall English language proficiency for general purposes and gain confidence to communicate effectively in real life situations.

Following a dynamic and interactive approach, students do a range of every day speaking, listening, writing and reading activities. The aim of this course is to help students activate

learned grammar structure and vocabulary in speaking, and increase confidence to communicate effectively.

This course focuses on:
 → Conversation (Speaking & Listening skills)
 → Speaking Accuracy & Fluency
 → Everyday Vocabulary Building
 → Pronunciation

DURATION
1 to 52 weeks

INTAKES
Every Monday

SCHEDULE
Morning, Afternoon, or All-day

ENTRY LEVEL
All levels

English for Effective Communication (EEC) Diploma Program is also available for advanced-level students to further develop their communications skills in public speaking, presentations, and work-related functions.

The diploma program is a 4-week part-time course and can be combined with another course for a full-time program.

Listening & Pronunciation

Through specific listening exercises, students work to improve not only their listening comprehension skills but also their vocabulary and use of idioms and expressions.

Students also learn about the English sound system, rhythm, intonation, and how sounds are linked together. Students are guided to make self-corrections and to focus on clear

pronunciation during in-class activities, allowing students to improve articulation and reduce accents.

This course focuses on:
 → Overall Listening Comprehension
 → Listening Skills
 → Clear Pronunciation

DURATION
1 to 52 weeks

INTAKES
Every Monday

SCHEDULE
Morning or Afternoon*

ENTRY LEVEL
Level 6+

*may vary per level

Listening & Accent Reduction Diploma Program is also available for Students Level 7+ to further improve their articulation in speech and reduce their accent.

The diploma program is a 4-week part-time course and can be combined with another course for a full-time program.

Academic English

This course allows students to improve their reading skills and accuracy in both spoken and written English. A wide variety of reading texts are studied in detail.

The diversity in content exposes students to a broad range of vocabulary and grammar, as well as different literature forms.

After successful completing the Academic English course, students can take the pathway to one of the many universities or colleges we have academic partnerships with, including LAB's partner and sister-institution, LaSalle College Vancouver.

This course focuses on:
 → Grammar Structure
 → Academic Vocabulary Building
 → Reading Comprehension
 → Writing Skills

DURATION
4 weeks

INTAKES
First Monday of every month
See schedule for more information.

TIMETABLE
Morning or Afternoon*

ENTRY LEVEL
All levels

*may vary per level

IELTS Preparation

Designed to teach different techniques and strategies to help students fully demonstrate their language ability on the exam.

Prepare to succeed in the IELTS test! This course is designed to help students who plan to take the IELTS exam in the near future.

The course will help students become familiar with the requirements of the exam and its four sections: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking.

Students will practice each of these skills extensively, as well

as focus on improving their grammar, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and pronunciation.

Students will also learn exam-writing strategies and techniques, such as time-management, and will have the opportunity to take full practice exams to review their knowledge and familiarize themselves with the test style.

This course focuses on:
 → Test-taking skills
 → Grammar Structure
 → Time Management
 → Strategies

DURATION
4 weeks

INTAKES
DAY PROGRAM:
See Schedule
EVENING PROGRAM:
First Tuesday of every month

TIMETABLE
Morning or Afternoon*, Evening

ENTRY LEVEL
Level 6+

*may vary per level and month

COURSES

Business English

This course focuses on students who wish to improve their English skills for a business setting.

This course is designed to give students a hands-on opportunity to develop all the skills needed for any business situation. Students will participate in hypothetical meetings, give presentations, refine telephone skills, and read and write emails to build strong business and finance vocabulary.

The aim of this program is to build on a student's previous education and experiences, giving greater insight into business from an international perspective. Students will increase their confidence to communicate effectively in English at school, with coworkers and supervisors, and with foreign business partners.

DURATION
4 weeks

INTAKES
See schedule

TIMETABLE
Morning or Afternoon*

ENTRY LEVEL
Level 7+

*may vary per level

Job Readiness

This course allows students to improve their speaking and listening skills to prepare them for a job setting.

This course is intended to give students the extra boost they need in order to find an entry-level job in Canada or apply for international jobs where the work is primarily done in English.

If you are planning to divide your time in Vancouver between working and studying, this course will develop the language skills you need to apply for a job, succeed at an interview, and feel

confident using English while gaining work experience.

This course focuses on:
→ Speaking and Listening Skills
→ Interview Skills
→ Customer Service Vocabulary Building

DURATION
4 weeks

INTAKES
See Schedule

TIMETABLE
Morning or Afternoon*

ENTRY LEVEL
Level 5 and 6

*may vary per level



LAB IN VANCOUVER ALSO OFFERS SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS:

- English + Arts Certificate
- Working Holiday Programs
- Seniors Program (Golden Experience Program)
- English Master Plan
- Teens Summer/Winter Camps
- Teens Summer/Winter Creative Studios
- Corporate Group Packages
- Private Lessons
- Study Plan Services

For detailed information, contact the school or check the website.

PATHWAYS

When you successfully complete the advanced levels of the Academic English program at LAB in Vancouver, we can provide you with options to study with several post-secondary institutions.

LAB in Vancouver's Pathway program is designed to provide students with the academic skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary studies. LAB in Vancouver has pathway agreements with a number of colleges and universities which you can transfer to without an IELTS or TOEFL exam.



LASALLE COLLEGE VANCOUVER

Are you interested in pursuing a creative career? Study at LAB in Vancouver's partner college, LaSalle College Vancouver (LCV)!

LaSalle College Vancouver is an applied arts school which offers programs in the creative fields of Fashion, Game Design & VFX, Audio & Film, Culinary, Interior Design, and Graphic Design.

With over 30 creative programs and credentials ranging from certificates to Bachelor degrees, pursuing your studies at LCV will put you ahead of the game and allow you to discover all the facets of the different career opportunities available in the world of arts and design.

How to apply to LaSalle College Vancouver

To study at LaSalle College Vancouver, international students must achieve an equivalent Academic IELTS score of 5.5 (with no skill band less than 5.0) for certificate and diploma programs, or 6.5 (with no skill band less than 6.0) for Bachelor degrees.

1. Apply in 1 step: apply directly to LaSalle College Vancouver, following the entry criteria and requirements. If your application is successful, LaSalle College Vancouver will issue you a conditional offer to study one of their programs. You will also be automatically offered a place to study first at LAB in Vancouver.

OR

2. Apply in 2 steps: apply first to LAB in Vancouver to improve your English to the required level; then we will help you apply to LaSalle College Vancouver.

SOCIAL LIFE AT LAB

At LAB, we believe that learning is most effective when you are relaxed and feel part of a community. Our activity calendar is great to inform you of what is going on in the city and our free Friday activities will help you get to know other LAB students so you can explore your new city with friends. Among the many activities are sightseeing tours around Vancouver, hiking in beautiful natural settings, cultural experiences, and sports games!

FREE FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Flexible Friday classes, fun and exciting activities!

Use your English in fun and practical situations with LAB's famous free Friday Activities! Activities help students recognize that English is not just a school subject, but also something they can use in their daily life. Every week (with the exception of Monthly Graduation Days), students can choose from six to eight different activities planned for the week and join them without paying extra fees. Among the many activities are sightseeing tours around Vancouver, hiking in beautiful natural settings, cultural experiences, and sports games!

Student Support

LAB students come from over 103 different countries and our student support team is dedicated to helping each one of you settle quickly into Vancouver. We offer advice on all the practical things you need to know to make Vancouver your home, including:

- Currency Exchange
- Finding a doctor in case you get sick
- Getting a Canadian phone number
- Weekend activities and trips
- Local events and festivals



LIFE IN VANCOUVER

Climate

Vancouver's weather is incredibly mild. It is known to be the "greenest" city in the world. The breathtaking scenery contributes to it being known as the second best country, globally. Even on the sunniest days, you can still see the surrounding snow on the mountains.

Food

Our population is fairly multicultural, so we have a wide variety of authentic cuisines. We have everything from Japanese izakaya, Greek taverns, formal high tea, Italian pizzerias, and vegan bars, not to mention all the different food trucks. No matter what you're craving, Vancouver is sure to have it.

Sport

Vancouver is and has been an exciting city in both professional and amateur sports. It's four professional teams and their respective leagues are the Vancouver Canucks (NHL), the BC Lions (CFL), the Vancouver Whitecaps (MLS) and the Vancouver Canadians (MLB). Vancouver was the host city for the 2010 Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games. It hosts the Vancouver Sun Run, a 10KM running event every April and is one of the top four of its kind in all of North America. From the shores to the mountains Vancouver has many sports to offer: water polo, lacrosse, softball, field hockey, skiing, snowboarding to name a few but no matter what you are seeking, there is always something to do in this amazing city.

Transport

Experience one of the world's most beautiful city's via transit. TransLink transit is convenient and affordable and is Vancouver's public transportation made up of buses, the SkyTrain and the SeaBus.

ACCOMMODATION

When you arrive, it can be easier to stay in temporary accommodation like a homestay. This will give you time to get to know Vancouver, make friends, and look for more permanent accommodation options if desired.

Staying with a Host Family is an ideal way to experience a new way of life and to improve all aspects of English language communication. You have the option of a private or shared bedroom, two or three meals a day. All homestays offer access to shared TV, telephone, and laundry.

At LAB in Vancouver, we place our students with host families through an expert accommodation agency. Student counsellors and a Homestay Coordinator are available at LAB Vancouver to discuss any concerns in order to make sure your stay in Canada is as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

HOMESTAY

A popular accommodation choice for students.

Single Room

Twin Shared Room

Meal Options

3 Meals Per Day

2 Meals Per Day

**Private Bathroom for fee subject to availability.*

STUDENT HOUSING

A premier student residence for the complete experience.

For Students Ages 19 +

Short term 4 weeks to 11 weeks

Twin Shared Room

Full access to the building facilities such as gym, lounge, laundry room

Full access to SHAC (Student Housing Activities Centre)

24/7 student services by Housing Department staff

Short term bookings will only be available subject to room availability.

Airport Pickup

Take the stress out of arriving in a new city! You can book an airport pick up through LAB Vancouver, before you leave home.



NATIONALITY MIX

LATIN AMERICA

EUROPE

MIDDLE EAST

SOUTH EAST ASIA

NORTH EAST ASIA

CHINA

HOW TO APPLY

1. Decide what course you would like to study.
2. Check course dates and fees.
3. Fill out and submit the LAB online International Student Application Form on our website and pay registration fee of CAD\$ 150.00.
 - Or fill out the paper form and send to: esl@languagesacrossborders.com
4. You will be assigned an Admissions Advisor, who will review your application.
5. LAB in Vancouver will email you a Letter of Acceptance. Canadian immigration will require you to show this document when applying for a student visa.
6. Apply for your Canadian student or visitor visa.
7. Make a payment via bank transfer, credit card or in person at LAB in Vancouver's campus. The amount required, and details of how to pay, are included in your invoice.
8. We look forward to meeting you in person in Vancouver!



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MAINLAND STREET
YALETOWN-ROUNDHOUSE SKYTRAIN STATION

CAMBIE STREET

NB CAMBIE ST AT NELSON ST
TRANSIT BUS #006

NELSON STREET
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