

Area of Interest: Creative Media and Communications

Pre-English for Academic Purposes

College Certificate

Program Code: 1915X01FWO

14 Weeks

Ottawa Campus

Our Program

This two-level program is intended to prepare beginner-level English second language students to enter the General Arts and Science - English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. Students build English language skills through reading, writing, grammar, listening and speaking practice.

Class sizes provide an interactive and dynamic classroom experience. Students are part of a rich international and cross-cultural environment created by classmates from a wide-range of language, work and educational backgrounds.

Graduates of the program receive an Algonquin College Certificate and meet the language requirements to enter the EAP program at Algonquin College.

A placement test determines the appropriate level of study.

SUCCESS FACTORS

This program is well-suited for students who:

- Possess a minimum of high beginner-level English skills.
- Are motivated to pursue further studies.
- Desire an intensive immersion experience in English language and Canadian culture.
- Enjoy dynamic multicultural environment
- Do not speak English as their first language.
- Possess basic computer skills.
- Are comfortable learning in a digital environment.

Program of Study

Level: 01	Courses	Hours
ESL0100	Pre Writing 1	35.0
ESL0101	Pre Reading 1	35.0
ESL0105	Pre Grammar 1: Listening and Speaking	70.0
Level: 02	Courses	Hours
ESL0200	Pre Writing 2	35.0
ESL0201	Pre Reading 2	35.0
ESL0205	Pre Grammar 2: Listening and Speaking	70.0

Fees for the 2024/2025 Academic Year

Information on tuition fees, ancillary fees and program expenses (including books and supplies) can be found at <https://www.algonquincollege.com/languages/programs/pre-english-for-academic-pu>.

The cost of textbooks per level is approximately \$100 per level.

Admission Requirements for the 2025/2026 Academic Year

Program Eligibility

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- All applicants must complete a placement test through the Test Centre, and will be required to pay the current fee of \$50 (subject to change).
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Additional Information

Curriculum and materials:

The curriculum for each skill prepares the students to progress through the program. Required texts must be purchased.

Teachers and methodology:

Faculty are certified to teach EAP to adult learners. Professors use the latest teaching methods and adapt techniques to meet the needs of diverse groups of students. Students participate in a variety of activities including discussions, presentations and group work. Teachers are available for academic advising.

Placement:

A placement test is used to determine entry level. A review of previously obtained sub-scores on standardized tests (IELTS, TOEFL, CELPIP, CAEL) may support a student's placement.

Evaluation:

For progression to the next level, a minimum grade of B- (70%) is required. Upon successful completion of all courses in the program, students receive an Algonquin College Certificate. Students receive regular evaluation through lab assignments, mid-terms and final tests.

Course Descriptions

ESL0100 Pre Writing 1

Students with limited knowledge of English require basic writing skills for day-to-day communication. Students write well organized paragraphs that describe people, places or things, narrate simple events and describe how to do something. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

ESL0101 Pre Reading 1

Students with limited knowledge of English require basic reading skills for day-to-day communication. Students read level-appropriate texts, employ reading strategies and engage in simple reading response tasks to develop reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

ESL0105 Pre Grammar 1: Listening and Speaking

Grammatical accuracy is essential for effective oral communication in social, academic and career situations. Through teacher instruction and small group listening and speaking activities, students develop the ability to use basic verb tenses and form simple sentences for a variety of real-world and academic situations. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

ESL0200 Pre Writing 2

Students write coherent and organized narrative and process paragraphs using a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Emphasis is placed on paragraph structure: introduction, support and conclusion. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1+.

Prerequisite(s): ESL0100

Corerequisite(s):none

ESL0201 Pre Reading 2

Students improve comprehension and develop specific reading strategies and vocabulary. Students read a variety of short texts and participate in text analysis activities. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1+.

Prerequisite(s): ESL0101

Corerequisite(s):none

ESL0205 Pre Grammar 2: Listening and Speaking

Clear communication is critical for social, academic and occupational success. Students continue to build their grammar base to produce meaningful, accurate and appropriate oral communication through focused grammar instruction. Students are presented with many opportunities to practise listening and speaking through meaningful and engaging group activities. Students who excel in this course demonstrate language skills that align with Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages Level A1+.

Prerequisite(s): ESL0105

Corerequisite(s):none