



# LEVEL UP YOUR ENGLISH

Western English Language Center (WELC)  
Your pathway to success at Western  
University

**Top 1%**  
of universities  
in the world  
Centre for World University  
Rankings 2024





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# Western University

Ranked in the top 1 per cent of universities worldwide, Western takes academics seriously. But we also believe a university education is about more than simply acquiring knowledge—it's about your experiences and finding a supportive community that inspires you to do your best and be your best.

**TOP 3**  
in Canada for  
student services

Maclean's University Rankings  
2024, Medical/Doctoral

**TOP 5**  
fastest-growing  
cities in Canada

Statistics Canada 2022

## World-Class Academics

- 400+ undergraduate degree combinations and 160 graduate programs
- 100% of students have access to internships, co-ops or practicums

## International Connections

- Top-10 Alumni Network in the world
- More than 362,000 Western alumni in 150 countries
- 4,300 international students from 127 different countries

## Welcoming Environment

- London, Ontario, is renowned for its excellence in education, health care and information technology.
- Every day, our students, staff, faculty and local alumni contribute in countless ways to the city's cultural, social and educational landscape.

# What is Western English Language Centre (WELC)?

As the official language school on campus at Western University, WELC provides English instruction to international students with conditional admission to Western or its Affiliated Colleges.



## Academic Excellence

- Develop essential academic and communication skills through cultural learning activities for success at Western.



## Flexible Learning Options

- We offer both in-person and online options for our programs.



## Pave Your Own Path to University

- Affiliated with Western University, King's and Huron University College offer collaborative academic experience and global opportunities.



93%

Completion rate

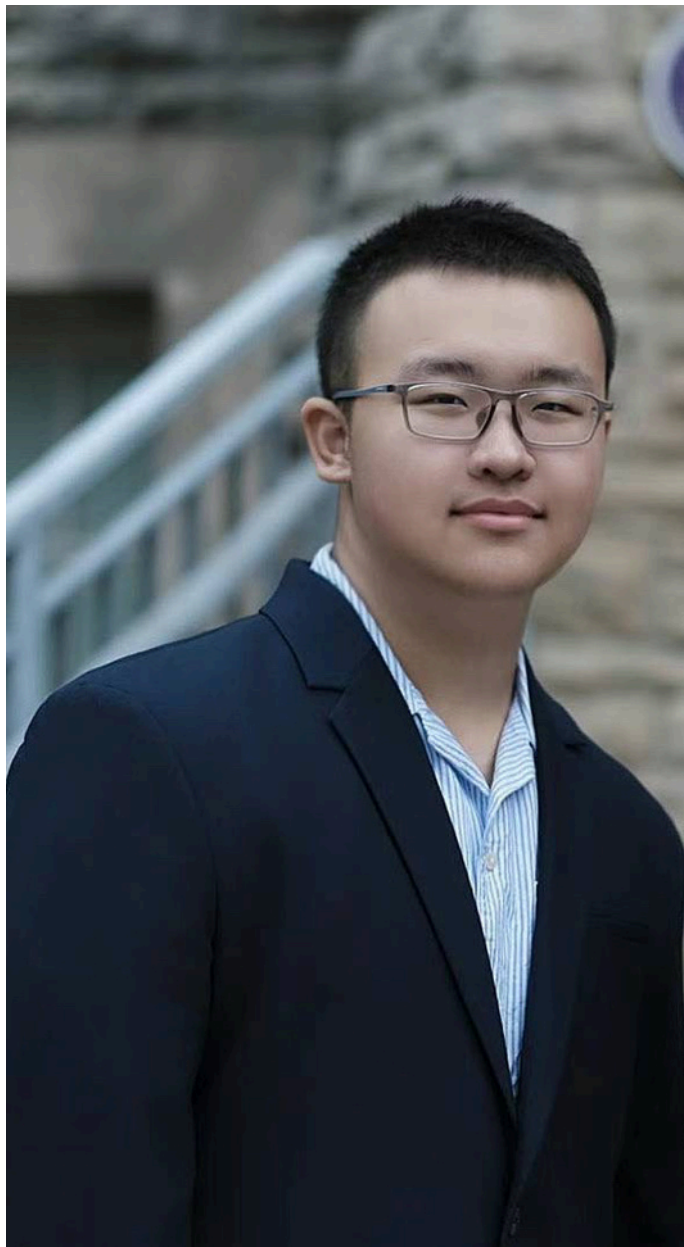
2000+

Graduates since 2013

97%

Retention Rate

“WELC improved my English through outdoor activities and supportive teachers, offering both learning and social experiences.”



Ruihan Zhao is a graduate of the Academic English Program (AEP) at WELC. He is from Shanxi Province, China, and has a passion for music and traveling. While he has a strong interest in science courses, he recognized the need to improve his English skills, which led him to complete a year of academic English at WELC.

His favorite part of the program was the outdoor activities. During the summer, teachers organized various activities that allowed students to practice their English in a fun and relaxed environment. These experiences not only enhanced their language skills but also provided valuable social interactions.

The person who influenced Ruihan the most at WELC was his first and favorite teacher. When he initially joined, his English was weak, but she used creative methods to spark his interest in the language. She also offered him significant support in his personal life.

↗ Ruihan Zhao | China  
Academic English Program (AEP) Graduate  
Bachelor of Computer Science Student

# Academic English Program

(Minimum IELTS 4.5 / Duolingo 65)

The Academic English Program is designed for students with conditional admission to Western University, King's or Huron University Colleges and those pursuing ESL studies. We cultivate student success by developing communicative skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – in conjunction with the cultural knowledge required to thrive in Western's demanding academic environment.



## Comprehensive Learning

- 3 levels to progress through
- Small class sizes
- Develop your abilities in listening, speaking, reading and writing skills with focused skill-building.



## Various Start Dates

- Flexible start options: January, May, or September
- Available in-person and online
- **\$6512 tuition per term\***



## Structured Program

- 16 weeks per level
- 20 hours of instructional time per week

\*Price is subject to change





# English Language Proficiency Requirements

Depending on your English language proficiency level when you apply, you will study anywhere from one to three terms, for up to 20 hours per week. Each term is 16 weeks in length.

Our Levels Chart below will help you determine how much time is required for you to successfully complete the program. It details the minimum scores required on various standardized English language tests (IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo).

If you have not taken any of these tests, we also offer a placement test to determine your English proficiency level.

WELC Academic English Program	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Duolingo
<b>High Intermediate</b>	Overall: 4.5 Reading: 4.5 Writing: 4.5	Overall: 34 Reading: 3 Writing: 12	Overall: 65 Literacy: 75
<b>Advanced</b>	Overall: 5.0 Reading: 5.0 Writing: 5.0	Overall: 35-45 Reading: 10 Writing: 14	Overall: 85 Literacy: 85
<b>High Advanced</b>	Overall: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.0	Overall: 46-59 Reading: 12 Writing: 17	Overall: 95 Literacy: 95

# English Boost Program

(Minimum IELTS 5.5 / Duolingo 100)

The English Boost Program provides 9 weeks of training for students who are just below the English standard for admission to their degree program. The program is designed for students with conditional admission to Western University or one of its affiliates, and gives them the “boost” they need to meet the standard and succeed in their degree.



## Intensive Learning

- Intensive curriculum designed to boost your language skills in a short amount of time
- 28 hours of instructional time per week



## Flexible Delivery

- Available in-person or online: study from the comfort of your home, anywhere in the world, or at our beautiful campus
- **\$6080 tuition\***



## Short-Term Program

- Complete the program in just 9 weeks: Start in July and finish by the end of August
- Enter your degree program right after Boost



\*Price is subject to change





**“I love how WELC’s supportive instructors and engaging teaching methods uniquely contributed to my growth.”**

Arya Khalili, a graduate of the Academic English Program at WELC and a DAN Management & Organizational Studies student from Iran.

What he loves most about the program are the instructors and their teaching methods. He highlights their excellent planning and the friendly, supportive environment they create, which made it easier for him to learn and engage with the material.

Each instructor impacted Arya’s experience in unique ways, contributing to his learning and personal growth. His advice to future students is to actively participate in all activities, engage with both instructors and classmates, and make the most of the resources and support available to enhance their learning experience.



↖ Arya Khalili | Iran  
Academic English Program Graduate, and DAN  
Management & Organizational Studies Student

**WELC students have access to all Western University support services:**

- Academic support
- Career support
- Health and wellness
- Sports and recreation

# Are you ready to begin your journey?

At WELC, we are a diverse group of teachers, students and staff passionate about teaching and learning the English language. We know each other by name and celebrate all cultures of the world, creating a learning environment that is fun, safe and effective for everybody.



# 1

## Get to know us better

Contact a member of the WELC team by email, or join one of our virtual drop-in sessions to have your questions answered right away. More information can be found [here](#).

# 3

## Monitor your application

Application decisions are made on an ongoing basis. Make sure to monitor your application, and accept your offer before your deadline.

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# 2

## Submit your application

Apply to one of our programs either through the [Ontario Universities Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#), or the [WELC website](#).

# 4

## Begin your journey

Stay tuned for important information from WELC leading up to the start of your program, and get ready to begin your pathway to success at Western University.



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website and contact us today!**

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