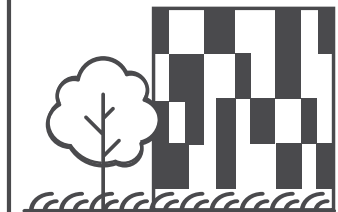
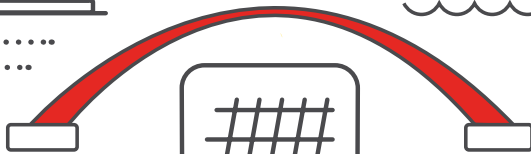
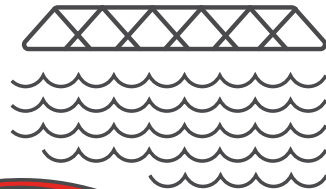
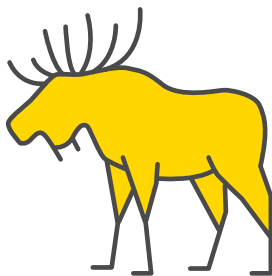
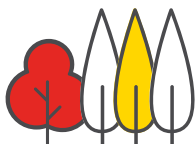
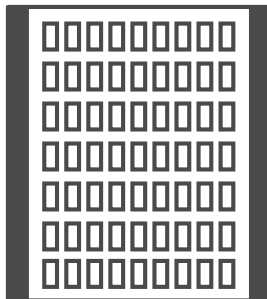


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**Academic Communication
Certificate Viewbook**

for 2025/2026 applicants



Your **English** language pathway to the **University of Calgary**

Get the skills you need to enter and succeed in your degree with the UCalgary Academic Communication Certificate.

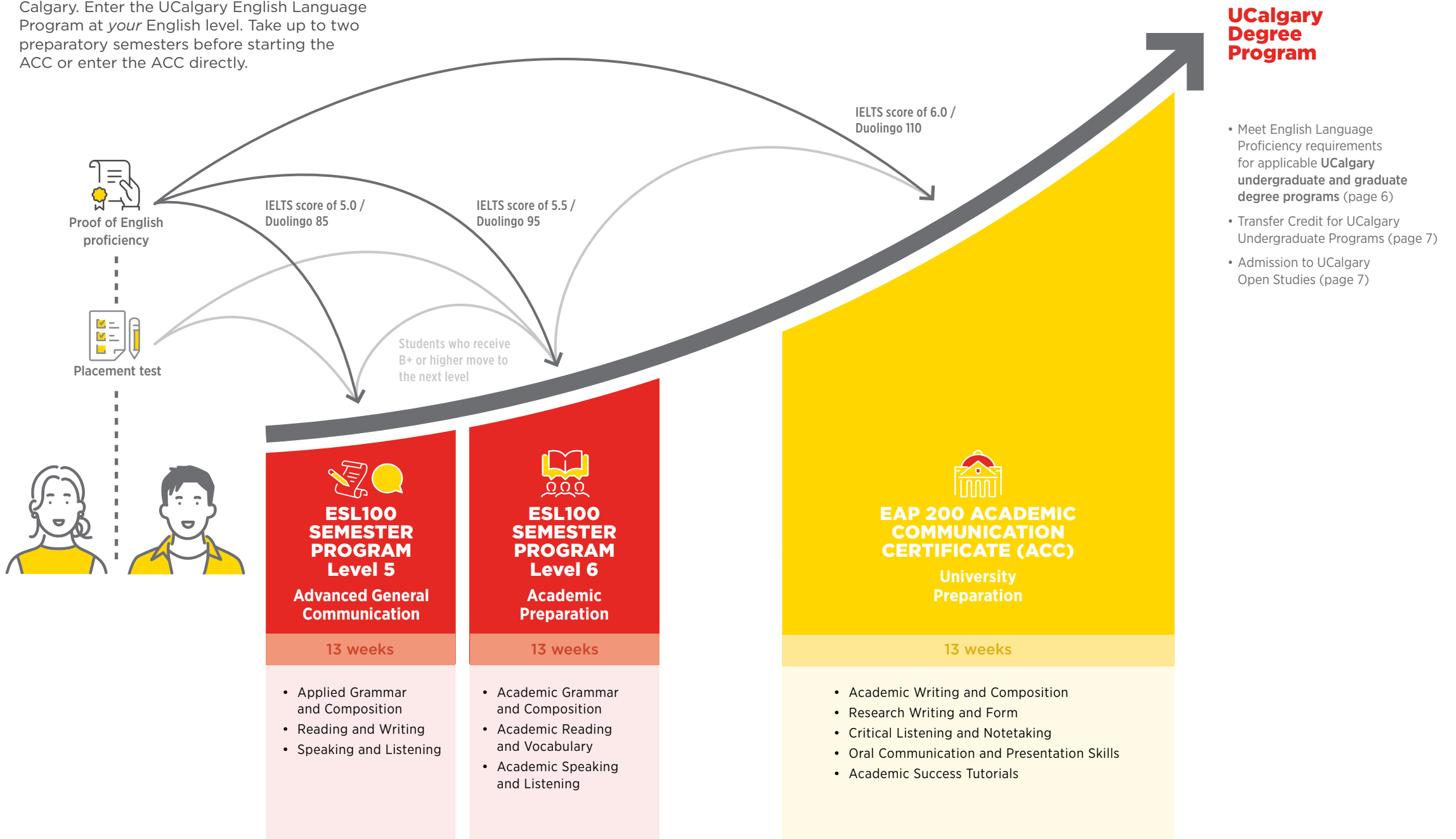
UCalgary Academic Communication Certificate (ACC) advantages:

-  UCalgary Campus
-  UCalgary English requirements
-  Conditional Admission
-  Transfer Credit
-  Three intakes per year
-  Three Entry Levels
-  Small classes with EAP specialist instructors
-  Open Studies



Your Gateway to UCalgary

Improve general English communication, acquire academic English skills, and prepare to succeed in your degree while studying at the University of Calgary. Enter the UCalgary English Language Program at *your* English level. Take up to two preparatory semesters before starting the ACC or enter the ACC directly.



UCalgary Degree Program

- Meet English Language Proficiency requirements for applicable **UCalgary undergraduate and graduate degree programs** (page 6)
- Transfer Credit for UCalgary Undergraduate Programs (page 7)
- Admission to UCalgary Open Studies (page 7)



ESL100 SEMESTER PROGRAM Level 5
Advanced General Communication

13 weeks

- Applied Grammar and Composition
- Reading and Writing
- Speaking and Listening

ESL100 SEMESTER PROGRAM Level 6
Academic Preparation

13 weeks

- Academic Grammar and Composition
- Academic Reading and Vocabulary
- Academic Speaking and Listening

EAP 200 ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE (ACC)
University Preparation

13 weeks

- Academic Writing and Composition
- Research Writing and Form
- Critical Listening and Notetaking
- Oral Communication and Presentation Skills
- Academic Success Tutorials

For more information

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2025

- ❄️ WINTER
1/6 - 4/4
- 🌸 SPRING
4/22 - 7/18
- 🍂 FALL
9/15 - 12/12

2026

- ❄️ WINTER
1/5 - 4/2
- 💰 PRICE
\$4,475
- 🕒 PROGRAM HOURS
275 hours

ESL 100: 13 WEEKS Semester Program

The Semester Program is a 13-week multi-level, full-time, comprehensive English language program of study. Levels 5 and 6 of the Semester Program focus on advanced and academic English, and prepare students for transition into the ACC.

Level 5: Advanced English Communication

Advance your English communication abilities across all skill areas with targeted classes in Applied Grammar, Reading and Writing, and Speaking and Listening.

Level 6: Academic Preparation

Learn the written and oral skills necessary for success in the English language post-secondary classroom. Comprehensive classes in Academic Grammar and Composition, Academic Reading and Vocabulary, and Academic Speaking and Listening.

Admission Requirements

Level 5:

- UCalgary ELP Semester Program - Level 4, Minimum B+
- IELTS Academic score of 5.0 overall, 5 in writing, 4.5 in any other skill area
- Duolingo English Test score of 85 overall, 75 in production
- TOEFL iBT score of 45 overall, 15 in writing
- CAEL score of 40 overall, 40 in writing

Level 6:

- UCalgary ELP Semester Program - Level 5, Minimum B+
- IELTS Academic score of 5.5 overall, 5.5 in writing, 5.0 in any other skill area
- Duolingo English Test score of 95, 85 in production
- TOEFL iBT score of 55 overall, 18 in writing
- CAEL score of 50 overall, 50 in writing

📅 Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar
	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing	Reading and Writing
Afternoon	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening	Speaking and Listening	

EAP 200: 13 WEEKS Academic Communication Certificate

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2026

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1/5 - 4/2
- 💰 PRICE
\$4,975
- 🕒 PROGRAM HOURS
250 hours

Academic Mastery: University Preparation

The Academic Communication Certificate (ACC) prepares English learners to enter UCalgary degree programs. Students learn essential skills for the academic setting, acquire critical knowledge for a successful transition to Canadian university culture, **meet English language proficiency admission requirements**, and **gain transfer credit** toward a UCalgary undergraduate program.



Admission Requirements

Students must fulfill one of the following minimum requirements:

- UCalgary ELP Semester Program - Level 6, Minimum B+
- IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, minimum 6.0 in Writing, 5.5 in any other skill area
- Duolingo English test score of 110 overall, 100 in production
- TOEFL iBT score of 70 overall, minimum of 20 in Writing
- CAEL score of 60 overall, minimum of 60 in Writing

📅 Sample Timetable (Week 1 - 6)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition	Academic Writing and Composition
	Critical Listening and Notetaking	Critical Listening and Notetaking	Critical Listening and Notetaking	Critical Listening and Notetaking	Critical Listening and Notetaking
Afternoon			Academic Success Tutorials		

Courses

Academic Writing & Composition

Week 1 - 6 | 58 hours

Focus on writing effective academic paragraphs and essays while mastering essential sentence skills and reading critically.

Research Writing & Form

Week 8 - 13 | 58 hours

Focus on the process of writing research papers and critical responses while mastering critical reading and thinking. Students will attain advanced skills in comprehension, analysis, interpretation and citation.

Critical Listening & Notetaking

Week 1 - 6 | 52 hours

Prepare to transition to an English-speaking university setting with the skills to engage in critical academic listening across content areas.

Oral Communication & Presentation Skills

Week 8 - 13 | 52 hours

Develop essential skills that will help English learners defend ideas in academic settings, present coherent concepts, speak thoughtfully in discussions and contribute to group projects.

Academic Success Tutorials

Week 1 - 13 | 20 hours

Twelve seminars designed to facilitate success in the Canadian university degree (credit) environment. Topics include academic integrity, critical thinking, health and wellness, learning styles, study strategies, time management, understanding learning objectives and university customs and policies.



I started at level two in the ESL Semester program and made it into the Academic Communication Certificate. Now I am earning my chemistry degree at UCalgary."

Anahi, from Ecuador

Undergraduate Degree Transfer Credit

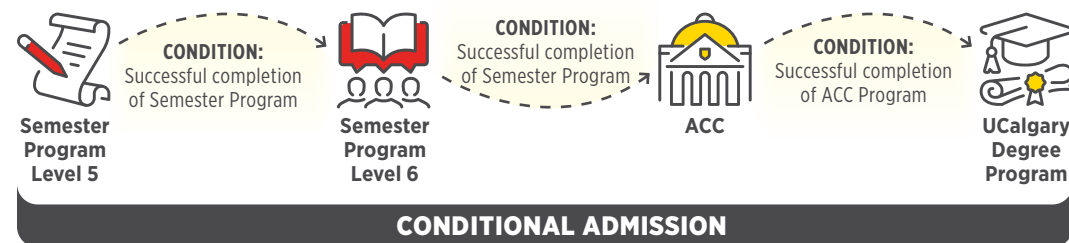
Students successfully completing the ACC will be eligible for 2 courses (6 units) of transfer credit toward an undergraduate degree program.

ACC to Open Studies to UCalgary Undergraduate Degree Programs

UCalgary **Open Studies** allows eligible students to take University degree-credit courses before being admitted into a degree program. Students who have completed the ACC before the fall or winter terms, may take up to four Open Studies courses (subject to availability) which may be applied towards their degrees prior to starting their undergraduate degree programs in the fall.

Pathway to UCalgary Degree Programs

Successful completion of the ACC meets the English language proficiency requirement for admission to applicable UCalgary **undergraduate** and **graduate** degree programs.* Students who start our Semester Program at level 5 or 6 may be admitted to the ACC and to degree programs conditionally if other academic requirements are met.



Sample Timelines for Undergraduate Program Admission

Students can start the Semester Program or ACC in any term that allows them to complete the ACC before the fall term.

	IELTS 5.0 or equivalent	IELTS 5.5 or equivalent	IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
Spring 2025			ACC
Fall 2025	ESL Semester Program Level 5**	ESL Semester Program Level 6**	Transfer credit (2) Start Degree Program
Winter 2026	ESL Semester Program Level 6**	ACC	
Spring 2026	ACC	Open Studies (optional)	
Fall 2026	Transfer credit (2 courses)		Start Degree Program

Application Process

- 1 Apply to the English Language Program (ELP)
- 2 Receive invitation letter
- 3 Apply for undergraduate program
- 4 Receive undergraduate conditional letter of admission
- 5 Register in the ELP
- 6 Receive ELP letter of admission

* Minimum ACC grades vary by graduate program. Please contact the graduate program you are applying to for specific requirements.
 ** Students who receive B+ or higher move to the next level.



ESL 900 Homestay

Living with a Canadian family is an excellent way to improve your English language and intercultural skills.

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Want More Details?

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Program Costs



Tuition

\$4,475 - \$4,975 per term



Homestay

\$3,900 per term

YOUR ELP TUITION INCLUDES THESE GREAT BENEFITS

- Library and wifi
- Textbooks
- Transit pass
- Athletic facilities
- Campus recreation
- Emergency health insurance

Application Fee

A \$200 non-refundable application fee is required for admission into the English Language Program. This is a one-time fee.

Payment Information

All course fees are in Canadian dollars. Visa, MasterCard, or American Express are the preferred methods of payment. Convera, cash, and bank wire payments are also available. Full payment is required at the time of registration.

Program information

Study Permits and Visas

Most international students require an entrance document — either a visa, an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), or a study permit to enter and study in Canada. Check with your nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate for more information on applying for entrance documents and study permits. canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html

The Government of Canada requires that all new study permit applicants submit a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) from the province in which they intend to study. To learn more about PAL eligibility and policies in the English Language Program, please visit esl.ucalgary.ca/registration/policies

English Language Program Deadlines

Application must be received 4 months before the start date of the course. Full payment is required at time of registration.

Two weeks after the course begins, students not present and not in contact with the office will be withdrawn in accordance with the refund policy. Please inform the office if you cannot start the course on time.

Conditional Admission

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The condition of admission for undergraduate programs will be met once a student successfully completes EAP 220, 225, 230, 235 with a minimum grade of B+ and EAP 249 with a CR by August 1 in the year they received conditional admission for. Nursing and Education do not accept the Academic Communication Certificate. Where programs have additional requirements, conditional admission is only valid for the year of application.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The condition of admission for graduate programs will be met once a student successfully completes EAP 220, 225, 230, 235 with a minimum grade of B+ and EAP 249 with a CR by August 1, or as designated by the department. Some graduate programs require a minimum grade of A- in some ACC courses or do not accept the Academic Communication Certificate. Please contact the graduate program directly to confirm admission requirements at future.grad@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Health Insurance

Emergency health insurance is provided for international students under 65 from the Saturday before the English course start date to the Saturday after the English course end date. All fees must be paid in full for insurance to be processed and valid. Additional insurance is available between courses at an additional cost.



“I like the writing class, the teacher chats with me one-on-one about my paper.”

Akane, from Japan

Transfer Credit

Undergraduate transfer credit includes a 3 unit academic writing course and a 3 unit junior English comprehension course.

English Language Program Refund Policy

All withdrawals must be made in writing. All refunds will be made via the original payment method. Please note that program application fees and homestay placement fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.

TUITION REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Tuition refund eligibility is relative to the course/program start date.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND/TRANSFER
15 or more days before	65% of tuition
2 - 14 days before	50% of tuition
Less than 24 hours before	No refunds/transfers

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS RELATED TO VISA/PERMIT STATUS

If you submitted an application for entry to Canada at least 3 months prior to your program start date and the Government of Canada does not provide you with the required visa/permit to enter Canada, your course tuition fees will be refunded/transferred as follows.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND/TRANSFER
15 or more days before	95% of tuition
2 - 14 days before	50% of tuition
Less than 24 hours before	No refunds/transfers

Refunds/transfers related to entry status require supporting documents from the Government of Canada Immigration and Citizenship:

1. A copy of the visa/permit refusal letter
2. A copy of the visa/permit Application Status webpage indicating the application is still in progress and date of application.

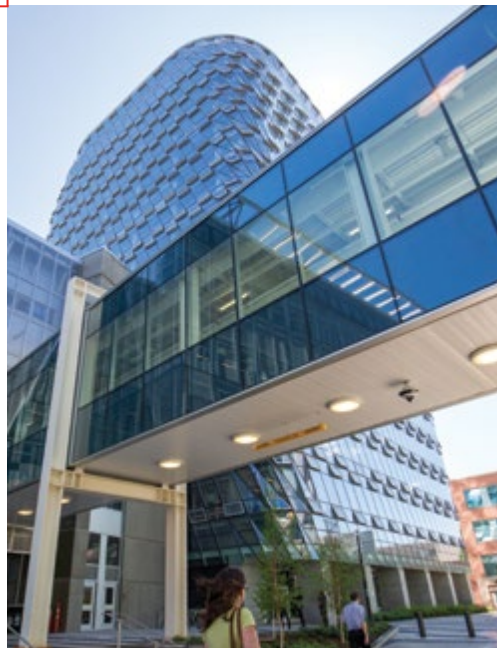
Your program planning

Sample Study Plan

1 Year: University Pathway

ESL 100: Fall Semester Program: level 5	Sep – Dec	\$4,475
ESL 100: Winter Semester Program: level 6	Jan – Apr	\$4,475
EAP 200: Spring Academic Communication Certificate	Apr – Jul	\$4,975

TUITION TOTAL	\$13,925
APPLICATION FEE	\$200
INVITATION LETTER (OPTIONAL)	\$75
HOMESTAY (44 WEEKS)	\$13,200
HOMESTAY PLACEMENT FEE	\$375
TOTAL	\$27,775



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Your dedicated ACC Recruiter

We're here to help you every step of the way. Here are some ways we can support you:

- Q Learn more about UCalgary, student supports and resources
- 📄 Receive personalized support with the application process and admission requirements

Book an appointment with our ACC Recruiter today!

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Attend a virtual event or campus tour

Join us online or in-person for events such as in-country Meet and Greet events, our virtual Faculty Information Nights, other webinars about admissions, financial aid or applying for your study permit. If you miss a live event, you can watch the recording anytime on our Choose UCalgary Youtube account.

We also encourage you to download the Discover UCalgary app on your phone and take part in our virtual self-guided walking tour!

Pre-register for an upcoming event or tour today!

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