



NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL

Vancouver Island, Canada 

PROGRAMS & PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM



"NIC is a good place to study English. Classes are small, and I had to use my English often. The teachers are nice and always encouraged me to ask questions."

MASAHU MIYAZAKI (Japan)
English Language Program
Intermediate Level Graduate

BUILD CONFIDENCE AND ACHIEVE A HIGH LEVEL OF ENGLISH FLUENCY

for the workplace or to prepare for university/college programs.

STARTS	Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, May, Jun
LENGTH	Four-month sessions
LEVEL ASSESSMENT	Completed on arrival. No need for TOEFL or IELTS.
WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	CORE: Required courses (writing, speaking, listening, reading, etc) that give you foundation skills to advance your English. ELECTIVES: Optional courses (Canadian studies, pronunciation, IELTS prep, presentation skills) that support your language development and help you build your skills.

CHOOSE YOUR STUDY INTENSITY:

At NIC, you can choose how much study time you want to spend each week to meet your goals.

CORE: 21 HRS/WEEK	CORE PLUS: 24 HRS/WEEK	CORE+INTENSIVE: 27 HRS/WEEK	CORE+SUPER INTENSIVE: 30 HRS/WEEK
21 hours English Language study	21 hours English Language study plus 3 hours electives	21 hours English Language study plus 6 hours electives	21 hours English Language study plus 9 hours electives

BEFORE CLASSES

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

INTERMEDIATE

ADVANCED

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PREP

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

An assessment will ensure you are placed at the right level for success.

You can start academic programs while you finish these levels. **START EARLY!**
Or, choose to enter upon completion.



University/College Academic Programs

Over 50 programs, including bachelor's degrees:





PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

PROGRAM	START	LENGTH
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS		
English Pre-Intermediate Certificate	Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, May, Jun	4-month term
English Intermediate Certificate	Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, May, Jun	4-month term
English Advanced Certificate	Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, May, Jun	4-month term
English University/College Qualification	Sep, Oct, Jan, Feb, May, Jun	4-month term

ACADEMIC PREP		
High school level courses in math and sciences Prepare for entry into college and university academic programs	Sep, Jan, May, June and continuous entry	4-month term

PROGRAM	START	LENGTH
BUSINESS		
Global Business Management Business Administration Post Degree Diploma	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma Choose from options to specialize in:	Sep, Jan, May	1 year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting General Management Human Resource Management International Management Marketing 		
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Accounting Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, General Management Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Marketing Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Business Administration Diploma Choose from options to specialize in:	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting General Management Marketing 		
Business Administration Certificate	Sep, Jan, May	1 year

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY		
Adventure Guiding Certificate	Sep	1 year
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Tourism & Hospitality Management Certificate	Sep, Jan, May	1 year
Professional Cook (Culinary Arts) Levels 1, 2 & 3	Sep, Jan	2 years

FINE ART & DESIGN		
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Emily Carr University	Sep, May	4 years
Fine Arts Diploma	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Metal Jewellery Design Certificate	Sep	30 weeks
Professional Photography Certificate	Sep	1 year
Professional Potter Advanced Diploma	Sep	1 year
Interactive Media: Advanced Communication Design Diploma	Sep, May	3 years
Interactive Media: Communication Design Diploma	Sep, May	2 years
Interactive Media: Web Development Diploma	Sep, May	2 years
Interactive Media: Web Design Certificate	Sep, May	1 year

GETTING READY FOR UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE?

English requirements for university/college academic programs are:

1. Graduation from NIC's English Language Program, University/College Qualification level.
2. Completion of TOEFL iBT 80 with no section below 19 (TOEFL Institutional Code 8538), IELTS 6.0 with no band below 5.5, or CAEL 60.
3. High school English from a certified English Language curriculum school.

TUITION & FEES

Fees and program costs listed below may change. Please visit our website for current information.

Application fee: \$100

English Language programs: \$4,800 to \$6,300 / term

Undergraduate academic programs: \$5,885 / term

- Includes Business, Fine Arts, Interactive Media, Tourism, Community Care programs.
- One academic year equals two terms, not including Co-op).

1-Year Post-Degree Diploma: \$14,718.50 program

2-Year Post-Degree Diploma: \$5,885/term
Plus \$1,000 Internship Placement

Trades programs: Varies

HOW TO APPLY

➔ WWW.NIC.BC.CA/INTERNATIONAL, then click on "Apply."

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER & NIC DEGREES: North Island College programs and courses transfer to universities in Canada

1- & 2-YEAR TRANSFER OPTIONS

BEFORE YOU START	1 YEAR	2 YEARS
 NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE If needed, complete English Language Programs or Academic Prep.	University Transfer Courses (1 Year)	
	University Transfer Courses (2 Years)	
	Associate degree in Arts or Science	

NIC UNIVERSITIES - FROM YEAR 2 OR 3

Transfer and complete your degree at another university, including:

University of Victoria

Royal Roads UNIVERSITY

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a place of mind
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PROGRAM	START	LENGTH
COMMUNITY CARE		
Animal Care Aide Certificate	Oct	30 weeks
Early Childhood Care & Education Certificate	Sep	1 year
Educational Assistant/Community Support Certificate	Sep, May	1 year
Educational Assistant/Community Support, Indigenous Focus	Sep, May	1 year
Exercise & Wellness Certificate	Sep	1 year
Human Services Diploma	Sep, May	2 years
Social Service Diploma	Sep	2 years
Women's Studies Diploma	Sep, May	2 years

TRADES	START	LENGTH
Aircraft Structures Technician (AME-5)	Sep	1 year
Automotive Service Technician Foundation	Sep	30 weeks
Carpentry Foundation	Jan	24 weeks
Drafting Certificate	Sep	36 weeks
Electrical Foundation	Sep, Feb	24 weeks
Electronics Technician Core Certificate	Sep	1 year
Heavy Duty & Commercial Transport Mechanic Foundation	Sep	36 weeks
Industrial Automation Technician Diploma	Sep	2 years
Joinery/Cabinetmaking Foundation	Sep	36 weeks
Metal Fabrication Foundation	Jan	20 weeks
Plumbing & Piping Foundation	Sep, Feb	26 weeks

NIC UNIVERSITIES

// GUARANTEED & DUAL ADMISSION

University of Victoria Guaranteed Admission Achieve a 2.0 GPA (C average) in eight eligible courses at NIC, and the University of Victoria (UVic) will guarantee your admission to programs in Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, Computer Science, or History in Art.	Sep, Jan, May	2 + 2 years
Portland State University Guaranteed Admission Complete an Associate degree or eligible diploma at NIC with a 2.25 GPA, and the university will guarantee your admission to designated programs.	Sep, Jan, May	2 + 2 years
Royal Roads University Dual Admission Complete two years of university transfer coursework or an Associate degree at NIC, then enter directly into third year of a bachelor's degree at Royal Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts in Global Tourism Management (2 + 2 years) • Bachelor of Arts in International Hotel Management (2 + 1 or 2 years) • Bachelor of Arts in Professional Communication (2 + 1 year) • Bachelor of Commerce in Enterprise Management (2 + 1 year) • Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (2 + 1 year) • Bachelor of Business Administration (2 + 2 years) 	Sep, Jan, May	2 + 1 or 2 years
Emily Carr University Dual Admission Complete NIC's two-year Fine Arts diploma, then enter directly into third year of the Emily Carr University degree held at on campus at North Island College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree 	Sep	2 + 2 years

NIC UNIVERSITIES (continued)

// UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

University Transfer Courses First- and second-year university level courses in over 30 subject areas, including Arts, Math, and Sciences.	Sep, Jan, May	Up to 2 years
UVic Engineering Transfer	Sep, May	1 year
Associate of Arts Degree	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Associate of Science Degree	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Criminology Diploma	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Women's Studies Diploma	Sep, Jan, May	2 years
Pre-Professional Degree Our advisors can develop a first-year University Transfer course plan for you from NIC to any university or degree program. Examples include bachelor's degrees in education, medicine, pharmacy, kinesiology, and more.	Sep, Jan, May	1 year

// DEGREES AT NIC

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Liberal Studies Major Vancouver Island University	Sep, Jan, May	4 years or 2 + 2
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Accounting Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, General Management Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Marketing Major	Sep, Jan, May	4 years
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Emily Carr University	Sep, May	4 years or 2 + 2



Canada and world-wide, giving you access to unlimited program and transfer possibilities.



Start at NIC and transfer to any university or program.

UNIVERSITY OR DEGREE PROGRAM YOU WANT... The possibilities are unlimited. Here are just a few of our popular NIC university partners:

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Plus many more universities and degree programs across Canada and around the world!

STEPS TO APPLY

1 APPLY TO NIC

Students can apply online or by mail, fax, and online. NIC will send confirmation letting you know that your application arrived.

Apply online or by mail.

2 COMPLETE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If we have received all your required documents, we will send you a *Letter of Invitation* via email within two weeks. The letter will outline your required first term fees and deadline for submission.

3 APPLY FOR YOUR STUDY PERMIT

Once you have sent your first term fees and met all the requirements for your chosen program, NIC will send you a *Letter of Acceptance*, which will allow you to apply for your *Study Permit* at your nearest Canadian Embassy or High Commission.

➔ WWW.CIC.GC.CA

4 WELCOME & REGISTER FOR CLASSES!

Receiving your *Letter of Acceptance* also means you have become an NIC student—congratulations! Now you will be given a student number and access to *NIC CONNECT* to begin registering for your courses. You will also receive information regarding arrival and orientation.

SUPPORT & SERVICES

ADVISING

After you receive your *Letter of Acceptance*, our Student Advisors will communicate with you by email to help you choose courses before arriving in Canada. They can also answer your questions about programs and help create an educational plan based on your specific needs and career goals.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Canadian and international Cultural Assistants are a big part of student life at North Island College. They organize activities, trips, parties, and events, and make it easy for international students to feel at home.

COMOX VALLEY AQUATIC CENTRE

A full-service recreation centre, including swimming pool, showers, steam room, and weight training gym, is just steps from our Comox Valley campus. The student drop-in fee is \$30 for ten visits.

PAID WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-operative Education (Co-op) gives students the opportunity to combine their academic study with paid employment in a relevant field. The following programs offer a Co-op component: Tourism & Hospitality Management diploma, Business Administration diploma, and the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

PEER TUTORING

Free tutoring is available at the Comox Valley campus for many courses, including University Studies, Business, English Language Programs, and Academic Prep.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE

In our full-service career centre, NIC students and graduates can learn about job search strategies, prepare a Canadian resumé, access international and local job postings, and much more.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Every year, generous people in our community donate money to help make college more affordable. Each fall, this money is distributed as scholarships and bursaries.

Who should apply?

As a new or continuing NIC student, you are eligible for these awards! Whether you're in trades, health, or general studies, awards are waiting for students in all areas. Bursaries can support your financial need, learning interests, or career goals, while scholarships are awarded for academic achievement and excellence.

How?

Get your copy of the NIC Foundation Awards Booklet at your high school counselling office, NIC campus/centre, employment agency, or download a copy online.

When?

Before the application deadline: April 30.

➔ WWW.NIC.BC.CA/AWARDS

MORE FACILITIES & RESOURCES

Our beautiful campuses provide a wide range of student services and resources, including:

- Educational counselling
- Free wireless internet
- Computer labs
- Libraries
- Printing
- Educational advising
- North Island Students' Union
- Childcare
- Cafeteria
- Bookstores
- Bank machines
- Vending machines
- Public transit
- Bike racks
- Lockers
- Free parking
- Student bus passes
- Medical insurance
- Visa renewal support
- Alumni
- Student lounge
- **And a lot more!**

FAMILY HOMESTAY

Many of our international students choose to live with a Canadian host family through our Homestay program, which matches international students with Canadian families. Students are provided their own private bedroom and an area to study while sharing the rest of the house with the family.

PEER STAY

Peer stay provides a more independent living environment where you will cook your own meals and keep your own time schedule while having all the benefits of living with a Canadian family.

OFF-CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Students wanting an independent living environment with a built-in community can choose the Westerly Hotel in the Comox Valley, which offers longer-term accommodation for NIC international students. Shared or private rooms are available, all with cooking facilities. The Westerly is close to grocery stores and college bus routes.

➔ WWW.NIC.BC.CA/INTERNATIONAL/ACCOMMODATION

TRANSPORTATION

Our campuses are all located in bicycle, walking, and jogging-friendly communities. There are public buses in each of our communities.

For bus schedules,

➔ WWW.TRANSITBC.COM.



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