

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOUNDATIONS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

English Language Foundations (ELF) is a language training program that prepares you to pursue programs at SAIT, enter the job market and move ahead in your career. The program focuses on improving English proficiency in reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation. Completion of Level 5 courses meets the English proficiency requirement to enter SAIT career programs.

PROGRAM DETAILS

English Language Foundations is a proficiency based program, with two courses in each level: Reading/Writing (COMN) and Listening/Speaking (SPCH).

Full-time Language Instruction:

- Two courses per week for eight weeks
- 20 hours per week in class, plus 15 – 20 hours of homework
- Morning, afternoon and evening courses available

Part-time Language Instruction:

- One course per week for eight weeks
- 10 hours per week in class, plus 7 – 10 hours of homework
- Morning, afternoon and evening courses available

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proficiency Tests:

To register for the English Language Foundations program, you must complete one of the following:

- A Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment (CLBA), Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT), Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Assessment (CLBPA) or an ELF Proficiency Placement Test (PPT) and obtain a minimum score for the level to which they are applying.
- An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessment and obtain a minimum band score for the level to which they are applying.

CLBA, CLBPT, CLBPA, or IELTS tests must be completed at least four weeks before the program starts and no more than twelve (12) months before submitting your application.

For scores, refer to the ELF Placement table on the second page.

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PROGRAM START AND END DATES

July 2 to August 27, 2025 (Only ELF Level 5)
August 25 to October 17, 2025
October 20 to December 19, 2025
January 5 to March 6, 2026
March 9 to May 1, 2026
May 4 to June 26, 2026

TUITION

The length of ELF study depends on the level you are placed in. Tuition fees are charged based on the number of registered courses. The tuition amount mentioned on offers and Letters of Acceptance (LOA) represents the maximum fee for full-time ELF students taking all levels.

CLBA: Benchmark 8 or successful completion of ELF level 5 meets English proficiency requirements to enter SAIT career programs.
IELTS: A band score of 6.0 in all categories or completion of ELF level 5 meets English proficiency requirements to enter SAIT career programs.

APPLY

Once you're ready to join our community of shapers, makers and originals – submit your application.



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*Economist Intelligence Unit's 2023 annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities.
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ELF PLACEMENT

Applicants' ELF placement will be based on their CLBA, CLBPT, CLBPA, ELF PPT or academic IELTS score.

ELF Placement			
ELF Program – Courses and Levels	CLBA,CLBPT, CLBPA	ELF PPT	IELTS
Communication Foundations and Speech Foundations	2	2	2.0
Communication Fundamentals and Speech Fundamentals	3	3	3.0
ELF Level 1	4	4	3.5
ELF Level 2	5	5	4.0
ELF Level 3	6	6	4.5
ELF Level 4	7	7	5.0
ELF Level 5	8	8	5.5

MEET WITH A RECRUITMENT ADVISOR

Our recruitment advisors are available to meet you.

