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york university
english language institute
Welcome to YUELI!

Hi, and welcome to YUELI! If you are reading this, you may be thinking about coming to study English in Canada, so let me give you a few reasons for choosing to come to YUELI!

York U is located in the city of Toronto, Canada's largest city, and by far the most multicultural. Toronto is a wonderful place to live and to study. There is so much to do — whether you like sports, theatre, dance, music, museums, festivals, culture, movies, restaurants, or shopping, this is a great place to be.

Our English Language instructors are highly qualified and have lots of teaching experience, both in Canada and overseas. They will help you to improve your English language skills, and very soon you will be able to use English for academic study as well as in everyday situations.

Our office staff are also very professional as well as friendly, and they will help you with registration, homestay, activities and almost anything else you may need.

Finally, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us, and we would be happy to answer your questions.

We look forward to meeting you here in Toronto!

Calum MacKechnie
Director, YUELI

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We are inspiring the next generation of global thinkers.
ENJOY LEARNING ENGLISH IN TORONTO

• Vibrant, multicultural city with close to 5 million people in the metropolitan area
• Canada’s #1 tourist destination, with exciting attractions, arts, sports and cultural events, restaurants and shopping
• 4 seasons: warm summer, bright blossoms in spring, colourful leaves in autumn, and snow in winter
• Home to people from over 180 countries
• Business centre of Canada
• 5 professional sports teams: hockey, football, baseball, soccer and basketball
• Canada’s largest public transportation system

STUDY AT YORK UNIVERSITY

With more than 55,000 undergraduate and graduate students, York U is a comprehensive university that includes 11 faculties, 21 research centres, and 3 professional schools. On-campus services available to YUELI students on campus include:
• Libraries
• Computer facilities, e-mail account, and internet access
• Bookstore
• Cafes and restaurants, shops and general stores
• Health care centre
• Dentist
• Travel agency
• Post office
• Banking services
• Sports and fitness facilities
• Art galleries, theatre, and cinema
• Campus security service
• Public transportation

York University Mission
The mission of York University is the pursuit, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. We promise excellence in research and teaching in pure, applied and professional fields. We test the boundaries and structure of knowledge. We cultivate the critical intellect. York University is part of Toronto: we are dynamic, metropolitan and multi-cultural. York University is part of Canada: we encourage bilingual study, we value tolerance and diversity. York University is open to the world: we explore global concerns.

A community of faculty, students and staff committed to academic freedom, social justice, accessible education, and collegial self-governance, York University makes innovation its tradition.

“YUELI helps you improve your English. You can make friends from all over the world. Students come from different cultures. Teachers and students are friends!”

Athanassia, Greece

YUELI PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

What Program is Right for You?

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Need help in selecting your program? Feel free to send us an email and we will help you: yueli@yorku.ca

Programs for All
Programs for Undergraduate Students
Programs for Graduate Students
THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Academic Program is YUELI's university preparation program. It is a full-time, program for non-native speakers of English. Levels 1-3 focus on helping build a solid foundation of English proficiency in all four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. Levels 4-6 focus on the kinds of language, critical thinking and study skills required to be a successful student in a university or college setting where English is the language of instruction.

Each course in the Academic Program is 8 weeks in length. The program consists of 20 hours of instruction per week (offered in two time slots daily: 9am to 1pm or 1:15pm to 5:15pm, Monday to Friday), including a choice of seminars to accommodate students’ specific learning needs. Students will be placed in a morning or afternoon session, depending on their placement level. The usual class size is 12-16.

Pre-Academic Program

The Pre-Academic Program is designed to help those students without any or with only very basic English language skills to improve these skills before entering YUELI's Academic Program. The Pre-Academic Program is 8 weeks long and will focus on the basics of English language skills including (as required) the alphabet, numbers, basic expressions, sentence structure, and speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Students who successfully complete the Pre-Academic Program will progress to Level 1 of the Academic Program.

Social and Cultural Activities allow students to socialize with other participants in the course, attend cultural events, and visit places of interest in and around Toronto. Students can choose from a variety of activities such as a trip to Niagara Falls or the CN Tower or joining the soccer or coffee club.

Completion of Level 6 of the Academic Program meets the English language proficiency requirement to enter most of York University's undergraduate and some graduate programs.

Conditional Admission is available to most undergraduate programs at York University through the YUELI Academic English Program.

THE YUBRIDGE PROGRAM

Earn University credit and study English at the same time!

York's YUBridge Program, designed for high-achieving international high school graduates, combines English language instruction with academic credit courses. Students with high grade point averages (80% or better) who have achieved a minimum of 5.0 on the IELTS test can enroll for up to 9 credits of Liberal Arts or Science and Engineering courses, so that by the end of the 8-month program, they have achieved the required level of English to enter York University's degree programs and, at the same time, can move forward with 6 or 9 credits on their academic transcripts.

Before arriving in Canada, YUBridge students will be conditionally admitted to a York U degree program, the condition requiring successful achievement of York U’s language proficiency requirements. Students can start the YUBridge in one of three yearly program intakes: in January, May and September.

What makes the YUBridge program special? First, international students can study for academic credit even if their English proficiency is still relatively low (IELTS 5.0 or equivalent). Second, they enter and study in a cohort, students move through program together, and are provided with additional support both from their peers and their instructors. Faculty are specially selected for their ability to work with international students, and students will have opportunities in class to revise their academic work with their instructors and classmates.

Minimum Entry Requirements

• 80% GPA in high school or equivalent
• TOEFL iBT 64, with a minimum of 16 in Writing or TOEFL CBT 180 or
• IELTS: 5.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.0 in Writing or
• 60% overall score on YUELI Internal Test

Science and Engineering Option

Completion of a minimum of two 3-credit (and up to 9 credits in total) courses selected from the following:
• One 3-credit undergraduate course in Mathematics (Applied Calculus I, MATH1013, 3.0) in the first semester.
• One 3-credit undergraduate course in Mathematics (Applied Calculus II, MATH1014, 3.0) in the second semester.
• Second semester options: One 3-credit undergraduate course in Economics (Introduction to Microeconomics, ECON1000 3.0) or Introduction to Macroeconomics, ECON1010 3.0).

Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Option

Completion of a minimum of two 3-credit (and up to 9 credits in total) courses selected from the following:
• One 3-credit undergraduate course in Economics (Introduction to Microeconomics, ECON1000 3.0) in the first semester.
• One 3-credit undergraduate course in Economics (Introduction to Macroeconomics, ECON1010 3.0) in the second semester.
PRE-GRADUATE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The York Pre-Graduate Preparation Program (YP3) is designed for international students who seek to attend graduate studies in English. The program runs eight months, and is divided into two terms of 20 classroom hours per week. The goal is to help participants prepare for and succeed in applications to English-language graduate programs in Canada, the U.S., and elsewhere. YP3 is also designed to help participants prepare for success in the programs themselves and in international, multilingual careers after graduation.

YP3 Term I

Coursework focuses on the English language skills needed to communicate effectively with potential graduate program administrators, professors, and graduate students (people who are often visitors to the YP3 program) and on the language skills needed in day-to-day graduate school tasks. At the same time, it is designed to prepare program participants to achieve the test scores necessary for graduate program admission.

YP3 and IELTS preparation

IELTS preparation is a major goal of YP3 Term I. Based on a thorough understanding of how the IELTS exam is constructed and the skills it tests, YP3 classes give participants detailed and practical strategies for approaching the exam, strategies that can only be practiced and perfected in an English-language university environment. YP3 Term I classes then take these strategies and apply them to tasks participants will face in graduate school, in seminar discussion, argument, and presentations, connecting these strategies to a broader understanding of the North American university environment. YP3 participants have consistently outperformed the average IELTS candidates in terms of scores achieved for the amount of class time spent in test preparation.

GRE/GMAT preparation

For participants bound for graduate programs that require the GRE or the GMAT for Business Administration, Management, Management Science, and Finance, YP3 also offers test preparation workshops. As with IELTS preparation in YP3, the program’s GRE/GMAT component offers an effective approach based on skills best built on an English-speaking university campus. YP3 graduates have gone on to a variety of programs that require a completed GRE or GMAT test, particularly MBA programs that require GMAT scores of 550 and above for admission.

YP3 Term II

Coursework focuses on the academic skills necessary for success in graduate school, including academic listening, structuring, preparing, and delivering presentations, seminar discussion skills, intercultural communication, discipline-based research, and research-based writing activities. Key to the effectiveness of Term II is the access YP3 participants have to York University research facilities, professors, and undergraduate courses, and the connections YP3 has to York faculties.

YP3 Four Month Program

Students who have attained an IELTS 6.5 or equivalent may choose to enroll in the YP3 Four Month Program. The different areas of concentration in the four month option will be on academic listening, structuring, preparing, and delivering presentations, seminar discussion skills, intercultural communication, discipline-based research, and research-based writing activities.

Applying to Graduate School

Finally, at the start of YP3, all participants are enrolled in Applying to Graduate School, a course in how to research, contact, and apply to graduate programs in English. This part of YP3 features personal encounters with recruiters, professors, and graduate students from a variety of departments in York and at other universities, visits to a number of university campuses and graduate programs throughout southern Ontario, and guidance through participants’ individual graduate program searches and applications.

Eligibility Requirements

- Completion of an undergraduate degree
- IELTS score of at least 5.5, or a TOEFL iBT of at least 69 (TOEFL CBT, 196; TOEFL Paper, 525) or an overall average of 68% on a YUELI placement test.

In 2010-2012 YP3 graduates have gained over 140 offers of admission to graduate programs in over 30 universities, about half in Ontario, with the rest elsewhere in Canada, in the U.S., New Zealand, and the U.K.

DESTINATION YORK

The Destination York U Program is a fast-track program designed to help high school graduates prepare for study at York University in Toronto. This program focuses on the language skills required to succeed in York U undergraduate courses. Graduating high school students who are eligible to join Destination York U will be among a select group of high achievers who are motivated to improve their academic English skills.

Over the 8 weeks of the program, students will be expected to complete a variety of reading, writing, listening and speaking activities. Students will learn how to analyze academic readings for main ideas, strong arguments, logical flaws, style and bias. They will also learn how to comprehend key ideas in seminar and lecture format presentations, to improve their note-taking skills, to write a research paper with a clear thesis, supporting evidence, acceptable quotation and paraphrasing techniques appropriate to the level of academic essay writing. All assignments will be monitored and checked by a team of instructors with strong backgrounds in teaching English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

Students who successfully complete the 8-week English language training program with the required grade to enter their chosen faculty and have received a conditional admission offer to York University will then proceed to undergraduate studies.

Pre-Destination York

The Pre-Destination York (Pre-DY) is an 8-week English language program for high school graduates who have not yet achieved the language requirements to enter the Destination York (DY) program. For 8 weeks, students will have the opportunity to improve their English and academic skills and prepare themselves for the demands of DY course work.

Eligibility Requirements

- Have graduated from high school and be academically admissible.
- Have attained a language test score of at least IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL IBT 79 or TOEFL paper 550, or attain a suitable grade on a YUELI language test. YUELI language testing will be held throughout the year in various cities around the world.

In my opinion, YUELI has a good education system and professional teachers. They know me, so they aid me well in improving my skills. Many people recommended YUELI to me, because YUELI system is good for international students. It offers lots of interesting things and a chance to travel.”

Hyeon-Seung, Korea
PRE-MBA PROGRAM

This is a full-time, 8-week program designed to prepare graduate level students, who have high intermediate to advanced English, to study for an MBA at North American universities. YUELI’s teaching facilities are located a short walk from York University’s Schulich School of Business, which is consistently ranked as Canada’s top MBA school.

Teaching and classroom activities focus on all elements of language learning (reading, writing, listening, speaking) especially as these apply to the language of the business world. The course will also focus on specific academic and business-related areas, such as improving business report writing, research, case study analysis, leadership and presentation skills.

Details
- Intensive language study as it relates to Business English usage.
- Business-related projects: All students will be required to complete one of these language test requirements:
  - YELT: Score 5 or lower overall band
  - TOEFL: Score 560 (paper), 220 (computer) or 83-87 (iBT)
  - IELTS: Score 6.5 or higher

Eligibility Requirements
Students who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree and an acceptable English Language Test are eligible to apply. For admission, you must complete one of these language test requirements:
- YELT: Score 5 or lower overall band
- TOEFL: Score 560 (paper), 220 (computer) or 83-87 (iBT)
- IELTS: Score 6.5 or higher

Content-related modules, such as the following, to introduce language used in a business environment:
- Global Markets
- Information Systems
- Corporate Finance
- Economics
- Organizational Behaviour
- Strategic Management
- International Business Issues
- Marketing
- International Trade
- Skills Management
- Business Ethics
- Financial and Management Accounting

YUELI PART-TIME COURSES

YUELI part-time courses are short programs, with 4 hours per week of direct instruction and additional work to be completed out-of-class. They are focused on a specific aspect of English, with a tightly organized curriculum and stated learning outcomes that provide a clear indication of what the course is about and what participants can expect. All YUELI Part-Time courses are taught by highly-qualified and experienced ESL instructors and use up-to-date materials, technologies and instructional techniques. To permit individual feedback, class size is limited to 16 students.

Speaking English & Pronunciation Program
YUELI’s Speaking English & Pronunciation Program is for intermediate/advanced English language learners. Each session, participants will discuss a reading, work with vocabulary, become familiar with idioms and less formal language, explore ideas, and make short presentations. The instructor will review certain grammar points; however, the primary focus is on increasing confidence and fluency in English, while speaking about a wide range of interesting topics. This course also includes pronunciation practice that focuses on tricky consonants and vowels, open and closed syllables, stress at the word and sentence level, contractions, reductions and linking, and working with changes in pitch and tonality. Registrants for this course should already have a good grasp of English and a keen interest in developing and enhancing their speaking and pronunciation skills.

Applying to Graduate School Program
Are you a university graduate and interested in going to an English speaking university/college? Are you unsure what to do or how to prepare? If so, this may be what you need. This course includes advice and guidance on how to prepare for university/college and what kinds of skills are needed for that stage. Applying to Graduate School allows current students to discuss means of preparation for the upcoming university/college experience. Writing personal statement letters, understanding school requirements and understanding the application process are some of many skills covered over 6 weeks.

IELTS Preparation
This class aims to introduce students to and familiarize them with the structure of the IELTS Test and provide materials for practice in all areas of the test. In addition, the course is designed to equip students with effective Listening/Reading/ Speaking/Writing skills and strategies needed to undertake the exam with confidence. Students will also be provided with regular oral/written feedback and advice from the instructor(s).
SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAM (SLP)

Our in-class program is an important element of our program, but we also know that students can learn a lot by participating in activities. Our Summer Language Program includes a variety of extracurricular activities, and a variety of after class clubs allow students to interact with Canadian students. It is an ongoing experience.

Listening
Our listening materials and activities give students access to different voices, characters, accents, dialogues and situations. Students have opportunities to practice on their own and through pair and group discussions, communication games, prepared talks, simulation and role play.

Reading & Writing
Students also have plenty of opportunities to work on their reading and writing skills.

Speaking
Classroom speaking activities are student-centred, meaning that everyone has plenty of opportunities to practice speaking English.

Speaking activities also focus on pronunciation. The SLP teaching team is used to working with students from around the world, and our teachers understand the specific pronunciation challenges that speakers of different languages face.

Academic Lectures
SLP students also have the opportunity to attend academic lectures during the program, two to four times a week. The lectures will be given by either York University professors or YUELI instructors on a variety of topics, which, depending on availability, will range from business to history, from literature to economics.

Let’s get serious about learning English . . .

The YUELI SLP teaching team is serious about helping you improve your English. Whether you join the SLP for two weeks, four weeks, or the full eight weeks, we are confident that you will graduate with a much higher level of English than when you enrolled in the program.

Our teachers have considerable expertise in working with international groups of students and in understanding their specific English language requirements.

The SLP has two main goals. One is to help students gain a better grasp of Academic English skills, particularly critical reading and writing skills. The other is to improve students’ overall speaking fluency and listening comprehension skills, but all language skills, including pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary building, are covered.

Students who join the program are typically at a lower to upper intermediate level of English and are placed in one of three levels: lower intermediate, intermediate and upper intermediate.

SLP instructors provide detailed feedback on every in class activity. The feedback will include tips on grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary and other language points. SLP students are assessed weekly in all language skill areas. Students are encouraged to become active learners, to work with their teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to adopt strategies to address these.

. . . but let’s have fun at the same time!

Sample Activities

• Canada’s Wonderland
• Waterfront Boat Cruise
• Outdoor Adventures
• Sports
• Art Gallery Ontario
• Baseball Game (MLB)
• Social Nights
• Shopping Excursions
• Optional Trip: Ottawa, Quebec City, & Montreal (Extra fee applies)
LIVE IN CAMPUS

Students can live in one of the dormitories on the York University campus, within walking distance of classrooms, wireless internet access, gym facilities, on-campus restaurants, student centres, libraries and computer labs. Single and double rooms available.

Residence is a smoke-free environment, and smoking is not allowed indoors, as per Ontario law. Long distance telephone calls can be made with the purchase of a phone card. Residence includes laundry facilities, as well as communal kitchens. Cooking is not permitted, but students can rent small fridges for their rooms.

York University Security Control Centre is open 24 hours a day / 365 days a year and houses a dispatch centre, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), alarm monitoring equipment and a first aid station.

LIVE ON CAM PUS

Students can live in one of the dormitories on the York University campus, within walking distance of classrooms, wireless internet access, gym facilities, on-campus restaurants, student centres, libraries and computer labs. Single and double rooms available.

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York University Security Control Centre is open 24 hours a day / 365 days a year and houses a dispatch centre, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), alarm monitoring equipment and a first aid station.

What does homestay include?
• A private bedroom
• Access to bathroom, television, telephone (local calls), laundry facilities (laundry soap provided by homestay family)
• Three meals a day: breakfast, lunch (taken to school), dinner
• A good opportunity for speaking English outside of school

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FOR COURSES AND ACCOMMODATION

YUELI accepts registration for courses and accommodation in person at YUELI’s office, by mail, by fax, or online at: http://www.yueli.yorku.ca/register/

The registration fee and a minimum payment for each course are required to register and receive a Letter of Acceptance. This letter can be used to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa and Study Permit for Canada.

Payment can be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only), Bank Transfer, Money Order, Certified Cheque or Direct Debit (in person only). All payments should be made payable to York University and must be made in Canadian funds.

For bank transfers, please note that the student or payee is responsible for ensuring that YUELI receives the entire total amount due. Please ensure any bank transfer fees are included in the total amount sent.

Cancellation, transfer and refund policy

Applicants should review the YUELI Cancellation and Refund Policy information before registering and paying for programs. Information and forms for cancellation and transfer requests can be found at: http://www.yueli.yorku.ca/downloads/pdf/yueli_cancellation_policy.pdf

Visas (Temporary Resident Visas and Study Permits)

Visitors to Canada are permitted to study in a language course for a period of 6 months on a Temporary Resident Visa. A Study Permit is required for any period longer than 6 months. Detailed information on the Visa or Study Permit application process is available from the nearest Canadian Embassy or High Commission, or at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/

Health Insurance

Emergency health insurance is mandatory for all full-time YUELI students and is provided by GuardMe. Information on StudentGuard health insurance can be found at: http://www.guardme/

Students with OHIP are required to inform YUELI at the time of registration and to present an OHIP card on the first day of classes

For full-time programs, students without emergency health insurance will not be permitted to study at YUELI.

“I chose this program because it is a high quality program. When I finish my Pre-Graduate Program I will be taking my Masters, my teachers helped me to apply to graduate studies, they helped me achieve my goal and I have been accepted!”

Lina, China