

English Conversation Program



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English Conversation Program

This program is for members of the international community at Western University including international students, their spouses, post-doctoral fellows, visiting scholars, etc. whose first language is not English.

Main Objective:

The main objective of the English Conversation Program (ECP) is to enhance spoken English skills and to increase confidence in using conversational English.

Program Structure:

English Conversation sessions last 2 hours, once per week, for 8 weeks each term. Circles are held at a various locations on campus. Participants are matched in circles of 4 - 9 people based on their schedules.

English Conversation circles are facilitated by trained volunteers in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Circle Leaders prepare conversation topics, activities, or games based on the interests of circle participants.

Program Benefits:

- ✓ Practice your conversational English skills outside of the formal classroom or work setting
- ✓ Improve your English communication skills (speaking and listening)
- ✓ Increase your confidence and comfort level when speaking English
- ✓ Increase your knowledge of Canadian culture, customs, idiomatic expressions, etc.
- ✓ Decrease your anxiety of speaking English in a group
- ✓ Meet people from different areas of the university community
- ✓ Enhance your intercultural understanding and social network

How to Register

Registration for the program takes place in September for the fall term, in January for the winter term and in May for the summer term.

- Step 1: Come to the International and Exchange Student Centre in the International and Graduate Affairs Building, 2nd Floor
- Step 2: Complete a registration form and pay a \$5 program registration fee (non-refundable)
- Step 3: Attend a brief 10-minute appointment (not a test) with an ECP staff member.

REGISTER EARLY! Space in the program is limited!