



Preparing for University Pathway – start your online journey with our new pre-sessional programme

Start your path to higher education from home with EC Virtual's Pre-Pathway Programme

EC Virtual for University or College Preparation

This is a pre-sessional course designed to give students the foundation needed to progress to our full-immersion University Preparation Programme.

Designed for all levels up to Upper Intermediate, students begin learning at home with our EC Virtual programme and get additional support in the form of webinars on various topics including: how to get the most from EC Virtual, an explanation of the Canadian University Pathway Programme, meetings with our partner universities and colleges, and more. They will also have monthly individual counselling sessions to help them choose a partner programme as well as assist with their university applications.

Once their EC Virtual course is finished – and Upper Intermediate level achieved – students will then need to progress, and enrol onto our University Pathway course in any of our EC English schools in Canada for their final English levels. Students passing this part of our programme enjoy full TOEFL and IELTS waivers with our university partners.

EC English are world-renowned providers of Full-Immersion English and French courses:

- ✓ 29 years of experience
- ✓ Over 1/2 million students successfully taught since 1991
- ✓ 30 physical schools across 24 cities in 8 countries
- ✓ Most awarded English language school
- ✓ Passionate and Experienced teachers from around the world

This programme is available for only CAD \$99* per week, minimum of 10 weeks.

*this will be charged at €65.50 and please note that exchange rates are subject to fluctuation

Our focus is on better learning outcomes for online English classes through our experienced teachers who are all qualified native English speakers as well as through a combination of:

- ✓ virtual learning
- ✓ online collaboration with other students and
- ✓ self-study

Research has proven that this combination increases overall student learning in online learning environments, allowing more time for student reflection, collaboration and student-to-student interactions.

Our learning platform, Microsoft Teams, is designed for collaboration, so students are constantly virtually interacting with their classmates around the world as well as their teacher.

Students develop more than just English skills, they also learn how to communicate in a multicultural environment – useful in any international business!

Students' progress is carefully monitored and recorded based on participation during virtual discussions and lessons, attendance and

How does it work?

1. Contact us to book

We'll get back to you as soon as possible to answer any questions you may have. Once your booking has been confirmed, we'll send the student's log in information and also an invitation to join an induction session the Friday before classes begin.

2. Attend the Friday induction

Students have the chance to get familiar with the Microsoft Teams platform as well as understand how we teach before enjoying a virtual social activity with their new classmates.

3. Before the class

The teacher will set up a pre-class assignment with relevant questions for students to discuss on Teams with their classmates (in English!). This assignment can be anything from a reading or listening from the course book, a relevant video or article, or a Flashpoint from EC Online. Students' conversations will be monitored by the teacher and their progress recorded online.

4. During the class

Students collaborate via video with small groups of 4-6 students from around the world and their teacher where they outline objectives and goals, discuss the questions and task from the pre-class assignment, review any questions and set up the post-class collaborative activity as well as the pre-class assignment for the next day.

Students should be prepared for a much more intensive class than a normal face-to-face session!

5. After the class

Students are asked to work on a writing or speaking post-class collaboration activity which they upload on Teams. Just like with the pre-class assignment, they discuss virtually with their group and the teacher will monitor the chat.

Included with every course:

- ✓ Free application assistance for their chosen university
- ✓ Course eBooks powered by National Geographic Learning
- ✓ Access to our qualified native English-speaking teachers
- ✓ Live classes in a time zone that works best for them (2 time zones available: 16:00 or 20:00 London time)
- ✓ Weekly one-to-one tutorial with their teacher
- ✓ 90 minutes a day of face-to-face virtual English teaching (2 x 45-minute sessions with a 10-minute break in-between)
- ✓ 60 minutes a day of structured collaboration with their classmates
- ✓ Monthly one-to-one university counselling sessions with an expert
- ✓ University pathway-related webinars every 3 weeks
- ✓ Full access to EC Online with over 1,500 self-study resources
- ✓ FREE access to Microsoft Office for 12 months including Word, PowerPoint, and much more!
- ✓ Ability to upgrade and add private one-to-one lessons

"It's really great to see EC leading the way in the industry's transition to online."

Charlotte Ellis,
Head of Strategic Marketing National Geographic Learning