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English Conversation Program



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English Conversation Program

This program is for members of the international community at The University of Western Ontario 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 is to enhance spoken English skills and to increase confidence in using conversational English.

Types of Programs:

English Conversation Circles are small in size. An English Conversation Leader works with 3 to 5 participants. Each session is 1.5 hours in length.

English Conversation Groups have 6 to 9 participants in each Group. The groups are conducted in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Each session is 2 hours in length.

Both programs offer 8 sessions per term. Sessions are conducted once a week. The English Conversation Circles and Groups are facilitated by volunteers who have been carefully selected and trained.

Sessions are held in different locations on campus.

Program Benefits:

- practice your conversational English skills outside 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

Are you interested in participating in the English Conversation Program?

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 SDC's International and Exchange Student Centre in the Western Student Services Building, Room 2120

Step 2: Complete a registration form and pay a \$5 program registration fee (this fee is non-refundable)

Step 3: Attend a brief meeting (not a test) with the Program Coordinator

REGISTER EARLY Space in the program is limited!