



MacEwan
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION

PREPARATORY

FROM PREPARATION
TO GRADUATION



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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather in Treaty Six Territory is the traditional gathering place for many Indigenous people. We honour and respect the history, languages, ceremonies and culture of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit who call this territory home.

A portrait of Dr. Lisa Rochman, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue blazer, standing in front of a blurred background. The text 'A WORD FROM THE DEAN' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'DR. LISA ROCHMAN' is overlaid in smaller red letters below it.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN

DR. LISA ROCHMAN

Take the next step toward your academic and career goals with MacEwan University's Preparatory programs. Whether you are improving your English, upgrading courses to meet admission requirements or building a foundation for future studies, we are here to support you on your path.

Our University Preparation (UP/Academic Upgrading) and English as an Additional Language (EAL/ESL) programs are at the heart of this work. UP courses in English, math and science provide the academic foundation you need to enter post-secondary programs and EAL courses help you strengthen your language skills for academic success.

What makes our Preparatory programs so successful is the commitment of our dedicated instructors and staff. Our highly qualified educators bring both subject expertise and a genuine commitment to your success. They work closely with you to provide academic guidance, encouragement and support throughout your journey. Behind the scenes, our staff ensure you have access to the resources and services you need to stay on track and thrive.

In addition to academic knowledge, you learn durable skills including teamwork, digital literacy, adaptability, critical thinking, time management and effective study strategies – skills that will serve you in your classes and career.

By choosing MacEwan University's Preparatory programs, you are not just developing strong academic skills, you are becoming a part of a vibrant learning community, that is dedicated to helping you transition into your next step and succeed in your future.

Welcome to MacEwan University's School of Continuing Education

Whether you are improving your English or upgrading your high school marks to get into your goal post-secondary program, MacEwan University's School of Continuing Education offers a range of preparatory programs designed to help you build a strong foundation for your post-secondary journey.

Choose from:

- **University Preparation (UP)**
Also known as High School/Academic Upgrading
- **English as an Additional Language (EAL)**
Also known as English as a Second Language (ESL)
- **pimâcihisowin Foundation Program**
- **Foundation Program International**





UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM (UP)

Also known as Academic Upgrading

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Our UP program provides a full range of core high school equivalency courses that are prerequisites for university, college, skills-training programs, apprenticeship training or technical institutes. These courses are offered in a university environment with quality instruction and individualized attention to help ensure success. The UP program is open to domestic and international students.

Admission Requirements

Applicants whose primary language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency with a CLB score of at least 6 in all skills, an overall IELTS score of 6.0 with no skill below 5.0, a Duolingo score of at least 95 or an equivalent standardized language assessment.

Requirements are subject to change.

Transferability

Courses offered in the University Preparation program (except MacEwan University's CSMK 011 and CSMK 015) are equivalent to Alberta Education courses and are accepted for admission purposes by post-secondary institutions within Alberta and Canada. Contact the post-secondary institution of interest to confirm accepted admission criteria.

Courses

Offerings are dependent on student enrolment and may not be offered every term.
Courses are offered in the daytime, in person, with select online or evening options.

COURSE OFFERINGS		
Biology 20	English 30-1*	Mathematics 31
Biology 30*	English 30-2	Physics 20
Chemistry 20	Mathematics 10 Preparation	Physics 30*
Chemistry 30*	Mathematics 10 Common	Science 10
Computers Level I*	Mathematics 20-1	Science 30*
Computers Level II*	Mathematics 20-2	Social Studies 20-1
English 20-1	Mathematics 30-1*	Social Studies 30-1*
English 20-2	Mathematics 30-2*	

*Available online



How to Apply

For detailed instructions on how to apply to the UP program, visit the Apply & Enrol page of the UP website.



Debbie was an amazing teacher who fundamentally changed the way I approached schoolwork and made me finally understand how to apply myself properly to excel in my studies moving forward. I genuinely feel like I owe her a lot because I wouldn't have come this far without her fantastic teaching.

Nicholas K.

Former University Preparation student





ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Also known as English as a Second Language (ESL)

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Our EAL program is for intermediate to advanced English language learners. The intermediate levels help learners with general English skills. In the advanced levels, we teach academic reading, writing, listening, speaking, vocabulary and study skills. Students take these courses to develop their English skills to prepare for university studies, to re-enter a profession or to get a better job. The EAL program is open to domestic and international students.

Admission Requirements

Applicants are required to meet a minimum English language proficiency score to enter the EAL program, such as:

- Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) scores of 5 in at least 2 categories (with no skill under 4).
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results - overall score of 4.0 (with no skill below a 3.5).
- Duolingo English Test (DET) minimum overall band score of 55.
- Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) reports with applicable minimum scores.

Courses

Some courses may have prerequisites. Visit our website for more information.

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READING AND WRITING COURSES	
Intermediate Reading and Writing I	Intermediate Reading and Writing II
Advanced Reading and Writing I	Advanced Reading and Writing II
Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes	Intermediate Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes – NEW!
Advanced Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes – NEW!	

LISTENING AND SPEAKING COURSES	
Intermediate Listening and Speaking I	Intermediate Listening and Speaking II
Advanced Listening and Speaking I	Advanced Listening and Speaking II
Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes	Intermediate Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes – NEW!
Advanced Listening and Speaking for Academic Purposes – NEW!	

FOCUS COURSES	
Pronunciation I	Pronunciation II*
Academic Vocabulary I	Academic Vocabulary II
Grammar I	Grammar II
Research Writing	

*We are pleased to partner with the Alberta Music Education Foundation in offering the Learn English Through Singing program in our Pronunciation II course. This innovative 11-week program uses the power of music and singing to help strengthen students' English and pronunciation skills.



English Language Skill Development Courses – NEW!

These courses are non-credit and are offered in the evening and on weekends.

NON-CREDIT COURSES	
Clear Speaking I	Clear Speaking II
CELPPIP Ready	



How to Apply

For detailed instructions on how to apply to the EAL program, visit the How to Apply page of the EAL website.



I chose MacEwan classes because I preferred in-person learning over online; I wanted to fully immerse myself in an educational environment and immediately apply new knowledge in practice. With time, my anxiety went away, and I was more comfortable and excited about studying. Writing classes had a big impact on my career; now, I work as a medical scribe. To all who consider strengthening their English, I would say: do not hesitate and go for it!

Kseniia L.

Former English as an Additional Language student



UP & EAL PROGRAM DETAILS

- LENGTH OF STUDY:** 14 weeks per term
- CLASSES:** Monday through Friday
- OFFICE:** Student Support Centre, Room 11-521, Allard Hall, 11110 - 104 Avenue
- STUDY OPTIONS:** Full time or part time
- INTAKE(S):** Fall term (Sept.-Dec.), Winter term (Jan.-April), Spring term (May-July)



UP & EAL Funding

Foundational Learning Assistance (FLA) Funding may be available through the Government of Alberta. For more information, please visit [Alberta.ca/foundational-learning-assistance](https://alberta.ca/foundational-learning-assistance).



ADDITIONAL PREPARATORY PROGRAMS

pimâcihisowin Foundation Program

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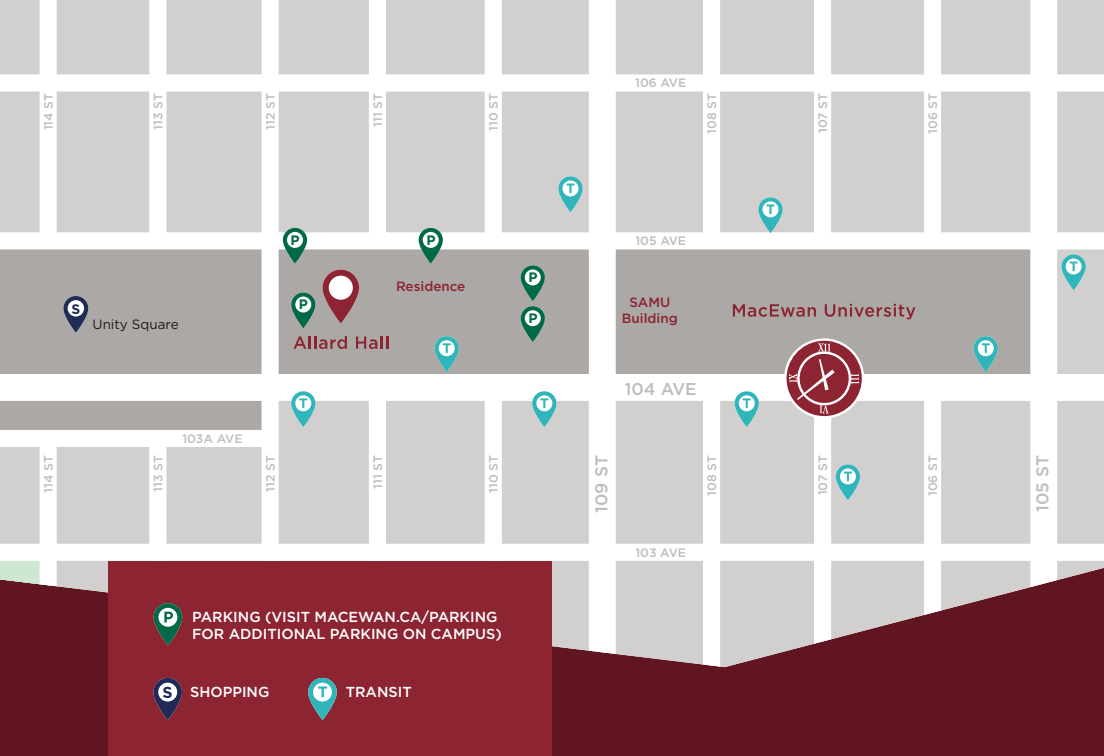
The pimâcihisowin Foundation Program is a university transition program for Indigenous students. The Cree term pimâcihisowin translates to “to create a life of independence,” and the program addresses the requirements needed to be admitted into a diploma or degree program.

It is a pathway to your chosen field of study and offers additional supports to achieve your post-secondary goals through land-based learning, mentorship and writing support, access to teachings by Indigenous instructors, cultural support and access to upgrading and university-level courses.

Foundation Program International

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International students who are interested in a combination of English language preparation, academic upgrading and undergraduate courses for post-secondary admission may want to consider the Foundation Program International. This program is uniquely designed to help support students who are new to the post-secondary environment and will benefit from the progressive pathway to their goal program. This program is designed specifically for international students.



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