

Cambridge Exam Preparation in Vancouver and Whistler

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Vancouver

Among spectacular natural beauty, Vancouver is recognized as one of the world's most livable cities.

Surrounded by water on three sides and nestled alongside the Coast Mountain Range, Vancouver is home to spectacular natural scenery, a bustling metropolitan core, and boasts the mildest climate in Canada.

Whistler

Consistently ranked the number one resort in North America, Whistler features four championship golf courses, more than 200 shops, 90 restaurants and bars, accommodations galore, hiking trails, spas and arguably the best mountain bike park in the world. In short, Whistler has everything you could possibly need for the time of your life - and so much more.

Tamwood College

Tamwood College is recognized as one of the most prestigious English Schools in Canada and we have memberships in some of the most recognized national and international language organizations including Languages Canada, IALC, WYSE, ALTO.

Enrolling at Tamwood College will provide you with the best possible English education and it is the wisest way to make the most out of your study period in Canada. Taking the FCE or CAE exam course at Tamwood will ensure your success on the exam and give you an advantage in your future career.

Tamwood Advantages

- 15 years of experience
- Memberships to many associations is a guarantee of top quality education. One of the few schools in Canada with a membership in the IALC
- One of few schools in Canada authorized to offer the Cambridge Programs
- Nominated one of 5 best schools in North America
- Great nationality mix. Tamwood has received students from 60 different countries.
- The best location possible, one block from famous Robson street, the most exclusive street in Vancouver and in the centre of the Whistler Village.
- Small number of students per classroom.

Cambridge FCE Program

The Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) is the third level of the Cambridge exams in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). It is an upper intermediate level exam and recognizes the ability to deal confidently with a range of written and spoken conversations.

Why take the FCE?

FCE indicates sufficient proficiency in English to be of practical use in clerical, secretarial and managerial jobs in many industries, in particular tourism, where contact with English speakers is required. Successful candidates have the ability to deal with routine letters and telephone enquiries, and to cope with some non-academic training courses and simple textbooks and articles.

FCE is also useful preparation if you are working towards higher level exams, such as CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) and CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English).

Cambridge CAE Program

The Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) is an advanced exam. CAE tests the ability to communicate with confidence in English for work or study purposes.

Why take CAE?

CAE is ideal if you want to work or study abroad or to develop a career which requires language skills (e.g. business, medicine, engineering). It is also useful preparation if you are working towards CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English).

Studying for CAE helps you to improve your language skills and use them in a wide range of contexts. The exams are based on realistic tasks, and indicate the ability to use the language in practical situations. If you are successful, you'll be able to participate in meetings and discussions, expressing opinions clearly, and be able to understand and produce texts of various types, including business letters and reports. You'll also be more than capable of following university courses taught in English.

Key Facts

Cambridge FCE: First Certificate in English (Vancouver and Whistler)

Cambridge CAE: Certificate in Advanced English (Vancouver Only)

Course Length:	12, 10 or 8 weeks
Course Start:	Please refer to Tamwood Price lists or to www.tamwood.com Vancouver: Course offered for all three exams Whistler: Course offered for December exam only
Note:	10 and 8 week students join program in progress
Average Class:	7-10 students
Maximum Class:	12 students in Vancouver; 10 in Whistler
Minimum Age:	17
Minimum Ability:	High Intermediate for FCE Advanced for CAE
Lessons:	25 lessons each week; 5 lessons daily
Course Material:	\$65 materials fee
Evaluation:	FCE Examination costs not included in course fees

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Both exams have 5 papers:

Paper 1	Reading
Paper 2	Writing
Paper 3	Use of English
Paper 4	Listening
Paper 5	Speaking

The Speaking Test is conducted by two Vancouver examiners who examine candidates face to face. All examiners are accredited by Cambridge ESOL. Students will take the exam in the week following the end of the course. Exams are taken at Tamwood. Each of the written papers is returned to Cambridge for marking and assessment.

On passing the exam, you'll receive a certificate awarded by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations. Your certificate is recognized by universities and employers throughout the world.

All candidates receive a statement of results, showing how they performed in each of the five papers.

FCE and CAE Examination Papers

Reading (Paper 1) 1 hour 15 minutes

The Reading paper assesses candidates' ability to read and understand texts taken from fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines. Candidates are expected to be able to show understanding of gist, detail and text Grammar, and deduce meaning.

Writing (Paper 2) 1 hour and 30 minutes for FCE and 2 hours for CAE

The Writing paper assesses candidates' ability to write non-specialized text types such as letters, articles, reports, compositions and reviews of 120-180 words covering a range of topics and target readers and also set texts.

Use of English (Paper 3) 1 hour 30 minutes

In the Use of English paper, candidates are expected to demonstrate their knowledge and control of the language system by completing various tasks at text and sentence level. These include filling gaps, transforming words and phrases, and identifying errors in texts.

Listening (Paper 4) 45 minutes (approx.)

The Listening paper assesses candidates' ability to understand the meaning of spoken English, and to extract gist and meaning from spoken text. The texts are taken from a variety of text types including interviews, discussions, lectures and conversations.

Speaking (Paper 5) 15 minutes (approx.)

The Speaking Test assesses candidates' ability to interact in conversational English in a range of contexts. It contains four parts, including an interview section, individual long turns of about one minute, a collaborative task and a discussion. Candidates are provided with stimulus material such as photographs and drawings. Candidates normally take the Speaking Test in pairs.

Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Go over Writing exercises from Friday Computer Lab Focused practice Use of English	Review reading homework Vocabulary, Idioms and Collocations One to one teacher writing consultation	Review editing homework Grammar Writing techniques and formats	Compare speaking test homework Conversation and turn taking techniques Use of English	Review Vocabulary homework Listening exercise Exam taking techniques
Afternoon	Sample Paper: Writing Homework: Reading exercise	Sample Paper: Reading Homework: Editing exercise	Sample Paper: Use of English Homework: Speaking Test exercise	Sample Paper: Listening Homework: Vocabulary exercise	Sample Paper: Speaking Computer Lab focused practice

Prices and Dates: Please refer to Tamwood's Price list or visit www.tamwood.com