



# English Language Support

For Ryerson students who use English as an additional language

## **ELS Program Overview:**

**Paper Partners Program:** Program offers individual help with students' written assignments. Students meet with a member of the ELS Student Staff who offers help with essay structure, clarification, style, etc.

**English Communication Support (ECS) Classes:** Practical, task-based classes with an emphasis on academic speaking skills development. These non-credit classes are open to all multilingual students at Ryerson. Currently running adjunct to LNG-100 (Department of English).

**Conversation Circle:** Improve oral fluency and interpersonal communication skills through group discussions, real-life tasks and presentations. Content of this program will be based on the linguistic needs and interests of the participants.

**Conversation Partners Program:** Practice and improve English conversation and pronunciation one-on-one with a member of the ELS student staff.

**Conversational Connections Program:** Provides an opportunity to practice English language speaking skills in an out-of-classroom conversational situation. Exchange cultural ideas and gain an appreciation of intergenerational differences. Students are matched with volunteers from *Programs for 50+* at The Chang School of Continuing Education.

**Presentation Skills Laboratory:** Individualized sessions aimed at improving presentation skills – practice a presentation and receive meaningful feedback. Available to all Ryerson students.

**Online Academic Writing Modules:** Online modules are designed for individuals who prefer independent, self-paced learning. Modules help students to overcome their current writing problems. These modules are available 24/7 on the ELS website.

**Graduate Studies:** Graduate students seeking guidance for writing technical dissertations, grant applications, research reports, etc. can book an individual appointment by emailing Bob Roseberry [rroseber@ryerson.ca](mailto:rroseber@ryerson.ca)

## **Distance Learning:**

**Paper Partners On-Line:** Help with written assignments for students who are unable to make on-campus appointments.

**Language Labs** are available online (and in person by appointment):

- **Listening Laboratory:** Practise sound discrimination, identify main points in talks and develop lecture note-taking skills using computer programmes and other audio aids. Strategies for efficient listening and understanding are explained.
- **Reading Laboratory:** Reading exercises focus on comprehension, speed, and the understanding of word problems. Texts are selected from a number of academic subjects.
- **Pronunciation Laboratory:** Improve English pronunciation by using computer software and voice recordings.

**Online Resources:** The ELS website contains useful links to Handouts, Academic English websites, on-line dictionaries, and more! Look under *Resources*.

To find out more about ELS programs or to book on-line appointments: [www.ryerson.ca/els](http://www.ryerson.ca/els)

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