

Literacy Communities (LCOM) 2024-25

The LCOM course is available on both the Surrey and Langley Campuses

Who is eligible to participate?

This course is offered to students who are over 19 years of age and/or have finished high school.

Criteria:

- A permanent disability or combination of learning difficulties that have hindered academic success
- Ability to navigate campus safely and independently
- Available to attend both semesters: September 2024-April 2025.

Selection is based on an interview and assessment with faculty.

Some LCOM facts

- the LCOM class is in its 8th year
- the course is two semesters long (fall 2024 and spring 2025)
- Surrey classes will likely be Wednesday/Friday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- Langley classes will likely be on Tuesday/Thursday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- students are chosen based on similar reading comprehension levels (minimum grade 2-3)
- all materials are written for adults
- For students with a PWD designation or within the low-income range, an Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG) application will be available to cover the cost of the course.

Individual Learning Plans

- At the beginning of the term, students will choose up to four individual learning goals to work on for the duration of the course. These will be chosen by the students from four categories:
 - reading comprehension
 - computer skills
 - money math
 - social interactions

Benefits of taking LCOM

- Improve reading comprehension by one to three grade levels.
- Improved comprehension opens new opportunities for work or further education.
- Enjoy the experience of taking a course on a university campus.
- Gain confidence in your skills.
- Make new friends.

What will I study?

- Social Stories
- Money skills and budgeting.
- Computer research skills
- Social skills and interactions

What else may I do in this course?

- Begin each class with “Question of the Day” or “Would you Rather”
- Be matched up with an e-Buddy, an online pen pal, through Best Buddies International (programs in 50 countries around the world).
- Write in a journal.
- Do a novel study or participate in reader’s theatre.
- Play a variety of games to interact with your classmates.

Assessment and Interview Procedure

- Make an appointment by emailing eu@kpu.ca
- The classroom instructor will interview and assess reading comprehension, numeracy, and communication skills in a one-on-one session.
- Successful applicants will be contacted by phone or email.