

English Language Program Summer 2012

HAMILTON • ONTARIO • CANADA



LOCATION

CANADA is a country with a rich and diverse culture.

People from around the world comprise the cultural mosaic that makes Canada unique. It is a safe and friendly society with a population of 34 million. It is the world's second largest country by land mass and its geography spans many beautiful landscapes and natural wonders. Canada's cities boast historical architecture and world-class recreational facilities. Globally, Canada is ranked among the top five nations on the United Nations Human Development Index.

HAMILTON is in the heart of Southern Ontario.

Canada's most populous region with over 12 million people. Hamilton is the ninth largest city in Canada with a population of 505,000. Downtown Toronto and Niagara Falls are less than 1 hour away. Hamilton offers 7,000 acres of beautiful parkland, ideal for fishing, camping, boating, hiking and a variety of seasonal sports. It is home to the world famous Royal Botanical Gardens with over 2,400 acres of gardens and is also called the Waterfall Capital of the World with 126 known waterfalls.





ABOUT McMASTER

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- Founded in 1887 by Senator William McMaster
- One of the top 100 Universities in the world (by Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities and The Times Higher Education's World University Ranking)
- The "McMaster Model" – a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning – has been adopted by universities around the world



I spent four weeks in Canada during the summer to participate in the McMaster University Summer ESL program with my schoolmates. My friends and I have all learned a lot in the interesting classes where the teachers taught us about the culture, history and traditions. We experienced a different style of education from the one in my hometown. It's full of imagination. We also had the chance to get along with students from around the world, talking to them and learning their cultures. On behalf of all my schoolmates, I'd like to extend my gracious thanks to McMaster.

Mao Xiuyu Shanghai Foreign Language School, China

Photo taken with Dr. Luke Chan, Associate Vice President (International)

CAMPUS LIFE



Meals

A meal card is included in tuition fees which entitles students to purchase food from all cafeterias on campus. Students can choose from a variety of Canadian, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and vegetarian cuisine.

Facilities

Students will have access to leading edge technology in computer labs and library facilities. David Braley Recreation Centre provides complete, exercise and sport facilities.

Accommodation

While on campus, students reside in one of our secure residence halls. Rooms are equipped with all the amenities including bed, desk, wardrobe, lamp, internet connections and telephone. Campus security is onsite 24 hours a day.



Studying at McMaster University was an unforgettable experience for me. It was difficult to find anything negative as I just loved the new foods and new campus. On weekends, we took fantastic trips, not only within Hamilton, but to Eastern Canada. I have improved my English skills so much since I came and I also had a great time with the nice teachers and making friends from other countries.

Chowon Kim, Pukyong National University, South Korea

CLASSES

English Classes

Our Summer Language Program is designed to combine intensive English classes with activities to give students an opportunity to experience Canada's culture first-hand. Classes are conducted in small groups to enhance listening, reading, speaking and writing skills at an appropriate level from beginner to advanced.

We provide a minimum of 15 hours of English classes each week. Students will demonstrate their improved language skills through oral presentations and written reports.

Tutorials and Talent Show

In addition to ESL classroom instruction, students will also learn and apply English through interactive tutorials and activities in the afternoons, which are educational and fun. These activities include organized sports, trips to the mall, movie theatres and parks and recreation centers. Students will be encouraged to take opportunities to practice their English in real-life settings.

30 The minimum number of hours a week of instructional time.



This summer was my first time in Canada attending the Summer ESL Program. It is an unforgettable memory in my life. I met lots of good friends here. At first, it was a big challenge to me because it was my first time abroad without my parents, and I needed to take care of my sister too, who also came. However, even before I landed in Canada, I met a good person on the flight who taught me a lot and made me feel that Canadian people are very friendly. That's why after a few days, when I needed to do my homework for class, I didn't feel afraid to have conversations with Canadians.

Julie Hao, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan

ACTIVITIES

Weekend Trips

We allow students to relax and enjoy Canada's culture and geography with trips to Canada's most popular destinations including Toronto's Centre Island, Canada's Wonderland (one of North America's premier amusement parks), the Rogers Centre to see Major League Baseball, the Royal Ontario Museum, and North America's tallest freestanding structure, the CN Tower and an unforgettable boat ride to the base of Niagara Falls.

Eastern Canada Trip

Students will be given an opportunity to attend a three-day trip to Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City. On this trip, students will get to see many of Canada's most beautiful architectural sites and will also experience important aspects of Canadian history and culture. From Parliament Hill to Quebec City's shops, the Eastern Canada Trip is one of our program's featured highlights and is something that our students always look forward to every year.



In my class, I learned English grammar and how to make presentations in English. My teacher gave me great advice on giving presentations. I was able to improve my speaking and writing abilities overall. In addition, there were many interesting outdoor activities on weekends, which I enjoyed very much. You will enjoy this program!

Yuki Kawazoe, Meiji University, Japan





HIGHLIGHTS

DATES:

4 WEEKS:
July 15 - August 12

3 WEEKS:
July 15 - August 5, July 22 - August 12

2 WEEKS:
July 15-29, July 22-August 5,
July 29 - August 12

- Highly qualified and experienced instructors
- Dedicated graduate students to be the teaching assistants
- Access to university facilities and services
- Small classes with individual attention given to students
- Weekend excursions
- Certificate of Graduation
- Welcome and farewell ceremonies
- Graduation ceremony

Date	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week July 15-21	Arrive in Canada	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Program Briefing 1:30 PM Campus Tour 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Welcome Dinner	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	Toronto CN Tower Central Island
2nd Week July 22-28	Niagara Falls	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice 6:00 PM Movie Night	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorial & Practice 6:00 PM Sports Night	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	Toronto Canada's Wonderland
3rd Week July 29- Aug 4	Royal Ontario Museum	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorial & Practice 6:00 PM Movie Night	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorial & Practice	Eastern Canada Tour Day 1: Ottawa	Day 2: Montreal
4th Week August 5-11	Quebec City Thousand Islands	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM English Performance	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Tutorial & Practice	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ESL Class 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM English Performance & Graduation	Toronto Square One Shopping
	Departure						



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