

# EASY LANGUAGES

## *High School in Vancouver Island - Nanaimo*

### *Programme Summary:*

- 13 to 18 yrs
- From one semester to one academic year
- Benefit from the excellence of the Canadian educational system
- Possibility to obtain a diploma
- Wide variety of subjects and extra-curricular activities
- Safe environment and top quality standard of living

### **Program**

Our program is available for all motivated students aged **13 to 18** who wish to spend **one semester to one or several years** in a **Canadian high school (secondary education)** of the Nanaimo district and share a Canadian host family's day-to-day life.

You can **choose your school** depending on the subjects and/or activities that you wish to take. There are a whole host of different possibilities. If you complete the last year of secondary education you will be able to acquire a High School diploma if desired.

### *Why Canada?*

Canada is the second largest country in the world, it is also one of the most outstanding in terms of geographical diversity. It's primarily a wonderful destination or those wishing to study there for multiple reasons:

- The Quality and standard of living is among the highest in the world
- Educational system is recognised for its excellence and its compatibility with the European system

- Friendliness and hospitality of its people
- Rich in culture
- Safe environment with stunning landscapes and countryside

**Vancouver Island**, situated in British Columbia, is well known for its **mild climate** (the temperature barely goes below -2 degrees in winter), a **unique quality of life**, **in the vicinity of the city of Vancouver** (1h40 with the ferry), the possibility to join **plenty of outdoor activities** (ski, surf, sail, golf, ice skating, horseback riding...) and join **many cultural events and sports** (theater, concerts, animations, sport events...)

### **English Language requirements**

Acceptance into our programme is not dependent on English proficiency. A student's English will be assessed before the start of classes, and an individual program is developed for each student depending on their English language skills. ESL (English-as-a-Second Language) classes are provided at designated high schools.

An individual program is constructed depending on English language skills, and classes in English-as-a-Second language are provided accordingly. Initially, students may spend up to half of their school day in ESL classes with the remainder of the day in courses with their Canadian peers.

An International Student learns English in a myriad of different ways:

- Formal ESL classes
- Socializing with Canadian students
- Homestay with a Canadian family
- Elective classes with Canadian peers with an emphasis on peer interaction
- Academic classes with Canadian peers with a demand for reading and writing
- English Literature and Composition 10, an academic English bridging course
- Communications 11 and 12, emphasising grammar and the technical skills of writing
- English 10, 11, and 12, preparation for university entrance

### ***The Canadian educational system***

Canadian students study for minimum **12 years** (Primary School + Secondary School). This program gives foreign students the possibility to attend a secondary school, from grade 8 to grade 12.

A school year is divided in two semesters. As a **foreign student**, you can integrate in a class for one semester or for one or several school years and ultimately gain a Canadian High School diploma.

Some courses are offered for one semester. Students have also the possibility to change subjects during the school year depending on level and availability.

Schools offer a variety of **sport, cultural and social activities**. The school gives you an unique chance to do activities that you have never done before and to join in the daily life of Canadians students of your age.

## Schools

Your placement will be in a selection of **5 secondary schools** in the Nanaimo district. Every school offers a broad curriculum and boast between 650 and 1300 students er year.

In each school there is a team of **counselors and tutors who will assist the students** and international coordinators who will follow the students during their stay. The teachers and staff at the school are friendly and will help the students to achieve their goals.

## Lessons

You can choose **4 subjects** per semester. Every school offers a wide selection in **various fields**

Some examples:

- **Science & Maths:** Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology, Physics...
- **English:** English, English for composition, Journalism, Literature, Writing...

- **Languages:** French, German, Japanese, Spanish
- **Social studies:** Civics, Comparative Civilization, Geography, History, Law, Psychology...
- **IT:** Computer Graphic Design, Data Management, Computer Animation, Desktop Publishing (Yearbook)...
- **Business:** Accounting, Marketing, Entrepreneurship...
- **Technology:** Automotive Technology, Drafting & Design, Mechanics, Carpentry...
- **Visual & Performing Arts:** Art, Dance and Performance Choreography, Directing and Screenwriting, Theater Performance, Musical Theater...
- **Music:** Choir, Jazz and Concert band, Jazz Academy, Guitar...
- **Sport:** Dance, Physical Education, Ice Hockey, Soccer...

### *English Courses*

**Students who do not meet the required minimum level to attend classes in English (A2)**, will be able to join ESL classes in one of the following schools: Wellington, Nanaimo District, Dover Bay, John Barsby. All these schools provide a "linguistic reinforcement" option, suitable for all.

### *Activities / excursions*

The school offers a **wide selection of activities** accessible to everyone:

- **Sport Teams** : Soccer, Football, Volleyball, basketball, American football, Track and field, Golf, Swimming, Tennis
- **Clubs** : Student council, Leadership club, Environment club, Outdoor Club, Mountain Biking
- **Fine Arts** : Photography, Drama, Dance, Sculpture, Ceramics, Film

The **local correspondent plans activity programs and excursions** for the foreign students (around once a month). This to discover the region and to meet other international students.

## Host Family

### *Canadian Host Families*

Your host family is the defining feature of your study abroad experience, helping you become fully accustomed to the culture and feel part of the local community.

Canadians are famous for their **hospitality, tolerance and openness**.

Our partner organisation's host families are carefully screened and regularly inspected. Families take an active interest in choosing a student to host and sharing their homes, lives and culture with their guests.

### *Homestay coordinator*

The local Homestay coordinator is an experienced member of the staff who is acquainted to the host families and is in regular contact with the students and their host parents throughout the duration of the programme. They regularly organise meetings to ensure that your experience is going smoothly, both with your host family and at school. Your local coordinator is on hand to lend assistance in case any should arise, and are your first point of contact on the ground.

Our partner organisation's local coordinators are all experienced and fully qualified to assist international students on the ground, offering support and assistance quickly and efficiently should any issues present themselves.

An emergency number will be given to you to use in case of any emergencies.

## Dates & Prices 2020-2021

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**Schoolyear** : From September to June

**Semester** : From September to January or from February to June

## **Prices 2020-2021**

### **Prices including flights depend on the plane ticket price upon booking**

Programme Prices - AUD - Australian Dollar  
BRL - Brazilian Real  
CAD - Canadian Dollar  
CHF - Swiss Franc  
EUR - Euro  
GBP - British Pound  
JPY - Japanese Yen  
KRW - Korean Won  
NZD - New Zealand Dollar  
PLN - Polish Zloty  
USD - US Dollar

Includes all registration fees, classes and full board accommodation as described

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<b>Classes, full board accommodation and registration fees included</b>		
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Price without flights</b>	<b>Price including flights</b>
Academic year	17950	19250
Semester	9990	11290

### **Prices include:**

- English level assessment and interview prior to application
- All documents required for obtaining the visa
- High School registration for a semester or a school year
- Supervision during the stay by the local correspondent
- Homestay (host family) accommodation, full board (lunch box on school days)
- Personal assistance, support and advice from our local correspondent
- Medical insurance
- Personal support to parents throughout the stay
- Regular contacts and assessment reports
- Official certificate of attendance and courses transcripts.
- Round-trip flight if chosen, from Brussels, Paris or Geneva airport (please contact us for prices if you do not leave from these airports)
- Round-trip transfers from the arrival airport to the host family

## Prices do not include:

- Local excursions, outings and leisure activities
- Local pass to sports & leisure clubs (if any)
- Local transportation
- Pocket money (around \$250-300 per month)
- Visa fees (if any)

## Practical Information

### *Conditions of participation*

- Must be aged between 13 and 18 at time of departure (students cannot turn 19 during their stay)
- Minimum English level: we accept all levels, students under level A2 will receive extra ESL tuition in parallel to their regular classes. However, we advise at least 2 years of English studies to be able to fully enjoy the lessons and activities of the program, in particular for those participating for less than a full academic year
- Must have achieved good school results the last 2 years
- Must have the will to make new friends and to share the daily life of a host family
- Must demonstrate motivation, maturity and adaptability

### *How to apply*

Should you fulfill the participation requirements:

1. Fill out rapidly our easy [on line pre-application form](#).
2. Upon reception of your booking you will receive a provisional confirmation featuring the total amount due for the stay, a **payment request of €90** (to cover the fees of the language test and the personal motivation interview)

and a complete application file to the chosen program. You will also be requested to send us a copy of your school reports over the last 3 years.

3. We will then ask you to come and take a language test and personal motivation interview at our offices in Brussels or Paris. This will cost an amount of €90 payable before the day of the interview. This amount is non-refundable but is deductible from the total amount of your stay after the final registration, should you be accepted on the programme. The first part of your registration file will have to be completed and handed to us upon your interview.
4. We will confirm you the result of the tests at the latest 8 days after the interview.
5. If your level seems adequate, you will be asked **to pay a deposit representing 25% of the total amount of your stay (with a minimum of €1,500)** and to finish completing all the elements of your file, in particular your teachers recommendation letters and other information requested for the final validation of your file by the local school. As soon as your file has been completed and the deposit paid, we will transfer it to our local partner.
6. Final acceptance to the program is validated by our partner.
7. Upon validation, our partner starts the selection and recruitment of your host family and proceeds to the school application.

### ***Application deadlines***

**The deadline for submitting the aforementioned folder is :**

- 03/30 for departures in September
- 10/31 for departures in February



**Later dates may be possible** depending on the availability in the schools. However We strongly recommend booking at least 3 months before departure for a better preparation of the stay.

**Late bookings occurring after the indicated deadline will be subject to a €200express handling fee.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information on the application process.

### ***Pre-Orientation Meeting***

In order that your exchange runs as smoothly as possible and that you stay informed about the different elements of the programme, you have the option of attending two information and orientation meetings.

The first is organised by Easy Languages **in Brussels or Paris**, between the end of May and the beginning of June. It allows students using Easy Languages to meet each other and share questions and experiences between them and the office team. It's also at this meeting that final administrative formalities are tackled.

If you cannot come to neither Brussels nor Paris, we can schedule a telephone meeting to explain you the procedures and details of the program.

The second meeting takes place **in Canada** , within the first 15 days following your arrival. You will be contacted by your local correspondent who will be able to answer all of your questions about your stay.

### ***Duration of the stay and Visa***

The school year is divided in two semesters. As an international student, you can take classes for one semester (start in September or February) or for a full academic year.

If you go for 1 semester, you will simply need to fill in a travel document "ETA" (Electronic Travel Authorization) to download from <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html>

For a full school year, you must obtain a student visa that will be issued to you for the length of stay. We provide you with all the necessary documents to obtain it and assist you in the process. You can find all information on the website: <https://www.canada.ca/fr/immigration-refugies-citoyennete/services/etudier-canada/permis-etudes/presenter-demande.html>

**WARNING** : Since 31/07/2018, when you apply for a visitor visa, study or work permit (except U.S. nationals), or permanent residence you will need to give your fingerprints and a photo. Fingerprints taking costs \$CAD 85. You can go to one of these official locations to give your biometrics:

- visa application centres (VACs) worldwide (find your VAC [here](#) )

Click [here](#) for more information.

Depending on the location, you may need to make an appointment.

This information is valid for citizens of the European Union. Non-EU nationals please check [this page](#) for more information.

### ***Health Insurance and Assistance***

Health cover and assistance are included in the price of course and are valid for the entire duration of your stay.