

EASY LANGUAGES

High School Study Abroad in Winnipeg

Programme summary

- 1 term, 1 semester or 1 academic year
- Homestay, full board
- Participation in the school's sport and cultural activities
- Ages 14 - 18
- Choice of school
- Possibility of obtaining a Canadian high school diploma

Programme

How does it work?

This program is available to motivated students **aged 14 to 18** who wish to spend one semester or one year in a **Canadian high school (secondary education)** and share the daily life of a Canadian host family. Our partner operates with a network of schools in the district of Winnipeg, capital city of Manitoba, and offers a diverse curriculum of courses adapted to the levels of participants. Our students enjoy full access to all of the school's sports, clubs and associations.

Discover Canada

Canada is the second largest country in the world by surface area and one of the world's geographical miracles. It stretches from the Pacific to the Atlantic ocean and shares its borders with Alaska in the north-east and the US to the south. This country is home to almost every climate on earth, from the wind-swept tundra of the North Territories to the temperate rain forests and mountains of British Columbia. Canada is home to the world's largest freshwater lakes and large

amounts of pine forests.

Our partner schools are situated in Winnipeg in the central province of Manitoba, the 8th largest city in Canada (800,000 inhabitants). The region is known for its lakes, its numerous cultural activities (festivals, theatres, operas) and its geography: the region does not have many mountains, which allows cross-country skiers to practice their sport.

Winnipeg is a fantastic choice of destination for foreign students. It lets young people discover the life of a real Canadian city, with a much lower living costs than in Vancouver or Toronto. The quality of teaching is just as excellent as elsewhere in the country.

The climate is typically Canadian: the summers are hot (up to 28°C), and the winters are dry and cold, with the temperature able to drop as low as -28°C. But the city is equipped for low temperatures.

Lessons

Students can choose around 4 to 5 subjects, out of those offered by a particular school (each school has its own list). They can also follow a course of English as a Second Language, to target any weaknesses they may have. Assistants are there to help with organising their work and planning their academic year.

Here is a preview of the different subjects offered by our schools: Maths, Physics, English literature, Sociology, Psychology, Earth sciences, Business, Management, Climatology, Graphic communication, Marine biology, Space technology...

It's a unique opportunity to discover new subjects, or to perfect your skills in your preferred area. Students are free to choose courses they are interested in.

It is also possible for students in their final year to obtain an end-of-studies diploma under certain conditions (strict courses, for example). Contact us for more information.

EFL Courses

If your level of English is not quite high enough to be able to follow academic classes as soon as you arrive, you will be invited to participate in English

language classes in addition to, or instead of your academic classes.

The Canadian education system

Canadian children study for a minimum of 12 years (Primary school + Secondary school). This program offers international students the chance to study at a local high school. Junior high school covers the first 3 years of secondary school (7 to 9th grade), while these high schools cover the last four years of secondary studies - grades 9 - 12.

The Canadian academic year is divided into **three terms**. **As an international student, you can enrol in a class for three months, one semester (in September or February) or a full academic year .**

In many Canadian schools, the **choice of subjects is large**: psychology, sociology, literature, drama, pottery, journalism, architecture, speech, media, IT... it's a unique chance to discover new subjects, or to progress in an area you already know. Some classes last just one semester, therefore students will have the chance to change subjects part way throughout the year.

Your choice will also be important for cultural, sportive, and social activities: football, baseball, tennis, swimming, athletics, basketball, volleyball, charity club, student council, band, cheer-leading, debating club, speech club, year book committee... This school will be a unique chance to explore unknown subjects and activities. But it will also be the dream opportunity to dive into Canadian life and get to know local people of your age.

Schools

The district of Winnipeg, with whom we have a partnership, is composed of 42 public primary and secondary schools. Participants will be enrolled in one of the district's **5 English-speaking High Schools**. They are located in the North of the city, on the banks of the beautiful **Red River**.

These schools accept between 700 and 1200 students, less than 5% being international. This means participants will be immediately plunged in a **total English-speaking environment**

, which will make language progress faster and sustainable.

All schools are equipped with **media centre, fitness room, sports gym**, science labs and computer rooms. All students have a personalized email address as well as limitless WiFi connection. **Swimming pools** are also located a short distance from the schools. These are open to students during their free time after classes, during the evenings or the weekends.

All schools own their **soccer, cross-country, hockey, curling, volleyball, basketball, athletics and American football teams**. Other activities such as acting, singing in a choir, joining a jazz band, cheerleading, art club, school's paper, eloquence and debating club and many more are also available.

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 organization'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.

The local coordinator

The local coordinator is an experienced member of staff who knows 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 2019-20

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- Academic year: From September to June
- Semester: from September to January or from February to June
- Terms : from September to November or from February to April

Booking 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

All taxes and enrolment fees included

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Classes, accommodation, meals & all enrolment fees		
Duration	Without flight	With flight
1 semester	8,740 €	9,740 €
1 academic year	15,350 €	16,350 €

The prices of the program include:

- English level assessment and interview
- All documents required to obtain a visa
- High School registration for a semester or a school year
- Supervision during the stay by the local correspondent
- Accommodation in host family, full board (lunch box, lunch 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

They do not include:

- Transfers and public transport (costing around CA\$ 50/month)
- Possible excursions and outings
- Possible visa fees (for stays of more than 6 months)
- Pocket money

Practical Info

Conditions of participation

- Must be aged between 14 and 18 at time of departure (those born in the year 2000 are accepted, those born in 1999 may be able to on a case-by-case basis)
- Must have attained good school results the last 2 years
- Recommended level of A2/B1 in English
- Must be willing to make new friends and to share the daily life of a host family
- Demonstrate motivation, maturity and adaptability

Terms of enrolment

Do you fit the criteria for participation? Think this high school abroad program is for you?

1. Send us a registration form as soon as possible.
2. You will then receive a pre-confirmation form and an application form to be completed. We will invite you to pay €90 in order to take a proficiency test

and to provide us with your school results for the past 3 years. The interview fee is non-refundable and is deductible from the final cost if enrolment is confirmed.

3. We will then invite you to come to our office in Brussels or Paris for the full interview. You must come to our office with the first part of the application form filled in.
4. If the interview is successful, we will ask you to pay a deposit (25% of the total amount, minimum €1,500) and to send us the relevant documents completed. This includes recommendation letters from your teachers, your medical history and other information needed to process your booking. As soon as we receive all the documents and the deposit, we will send the application file to our partner.
5. The final decision belongs to our partner
6. Once your application is confirmed, our partner will start to look for a host family and a school.

Enrolment deadlines

Deadline for submitting your folder :

- 28/02/2019 to start in September
- 30/10/2019 to start in February

It might still be possible to register after those dates. However we strongly recommend registration at least 3 months before departure.

An extra fee of €200 will be charged for any registration application submitted after the deadline.

Applicants who do not meet the age or level requirements are invited to contact us to discuss other options.

Pre-orientation meetings

Should you be present in Belgium you are welcome to attend a briefing and orientation organised by EasyLanguages in Brussels in late May / early June. It enables EasyLanguages students to meet and exchange their experiences and issues among each other and with the EasyLanguages team.

If you do not live in Belgium, contacts and information can of course be organised by phone or online chat.

A second meeting will be held in Canada, within 15 days of your arrival. You will be contacted by your local representative, who will be able to answer all your questions about your stay and conduct.

Duration & 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.

Medical insurance

For the entire duration of your stay you will have complete medical coverage, the price of which is included in your enrolment.