Canada is a country with a rich and diverse culture.

People from around the world comprise the cultural mosaic that makes Canada unique in the world. It is a safe and friendly society with a population of 35 million people. It is the world’s second largest country by land mass and its geography spans many beautiful landscapes and contains numerous natural wonders. Canada’s cities boast historical architecture and world-class arts and recreation facilities.

Hamilton is in the heart of Southern Ontario,

which is Canada’s most populous region with over 12 million people (that’s a third of Canada’s total population). With over 758,100 residents, Hamilton is the ninth largest city in Canada and is less than an hour’s drive from downtown Toronto, Niagara Falls and the United States border. Hamilton encompasses 7,000 acres of beautiful parkland including the world famous Royal Botanical Gardens, which sits alongside McMaster University’s campus, and features over 2,400 acres of gardens, plant collections and nature trails.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn useful English that will help you succeed in school and your career
- Highly qualified and experienced Instructors teaching small classes
- Dedicated McMaster graduate students provide individual and class support
- Access to wide range of university services and modern facilities

ABOUT McMaster

Founded in 1887 by Senator Sir William McMaster

Consistently rated among Top 100 universities in the world in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities and Times Higher Education World University Rankings

Teaching methodology based on the “McMaster Model” – a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning – which has been adopted by universities around the world

During the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program, I learned that Canada and China have very different concepts of and approaches to innovation and entrepreneurship. The teacher provided us useful and intensive guidance. For example, for two similar concepts, the teacher helped to carefully compare and clarify our understanding which let us not only understand the concept literally, but also perceive the connections and figure out the implications to the production process and connotation behind it.

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Fudan University, China
Classes

ENGLISH CLASSES

Our intensive summer English language programs are designed to give high quality English language courses and give students an opportunity to experience Canada’s culture firsthand. Classes are conducted in small groups and taught at an appropriate level for each group from beginner to advanced.

We provide 30 hours of English instruction each week with qualified ESL Instructors and Teaching Assistants. Lessons will cover all skill areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Language skills are applied to practical uses such as academic composition, application letters, presentations, interviews and everyday conversation.

CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

Our customized programs blend intensive English classes with classes focusing on various academic areas taught by expert McMaster Faculty. We currently offer summer programs in e-Health, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Problem-based Learning, and Finance. Our programs are of various lengths and we are happy to discuss creating a customized English program in other subject areas for your university group.

In addition to ESL classroom instruction, students will learn and apply English through tutorials and extracurricular afternoon activities, that are educational and fun. These activities include in-class review and practice, but also involve a range of extracurricular activities such as team building, shopping trips, visits to movie theatres and parks. Application of language skills is accentuated in all activities, with an emphasis on usage in real-life situations.

Campus Life

MEALS

A meal card is included in tuition fees, which entitles students to purchase food from various cafeteria locations on campus and off campus. Students can choose from a variety of Canadian, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and vegetarian cuisine. There are also numerous grocery stores within walking distance of campus where students can purchase a wide variety of groceries.

FACILITIES

Students attending the Summer ESL Program will be given a MacID to have full access to library and computer facilities on campus. Access can be arranged for the McMaster Athletics and Recreation Centre, one of the largest university fitness centers in Canada with complete exercise and sports facilities.

ACCOMMODATION

While on campus, students reside in one of our secure residence halls. All rooms are fully furnished and include bed linens, pillows and towels. Internet access (Wi-Fi and LAN) is provided for each room. Showers and washrooms are conveniently located within or adjacent to residence rooms. There is also access to self-serve laundry facilities. Campus security is onsite 24 hours a day.
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, 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

On an optional three-day trip to Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City, 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 highlights that our students look forward to every year.

I benefited from every class of McMaster University’s Summer ESL Program: the morning lecture, the afternoon tutorial and the evening conversation practice. I learned everything from English grammar to practical English speaking skills. I enjoyed outdoor activities on weekends and weeknights, such as visiting Niagara Falls, attending Major League Baseball games and hiking around many of the beautiful local parks and trails. Through all of these experiences, I think my English ability has improved a lot in a very short time. I am sure you will enjoy this program.

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