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# SUMMER ENGLISH

July – August 2018



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## About Niagara College



Niagara College Canada is a publicly-funded, post-secondary college located in the Region of Niagara, Ontario, Canada. Established in 1967, Niagara College fulfills its core mandate of supporting the economic development and vitality of the Niagara Region through the provision of well-trained and experienced graduates. We are proud to have a vision and mission that make student success top priority. Niagara College has a national reputation for student satisfaction, program excellence and unique delivery approaches. The College has been assessed as number one in student satisfaction by the Government of Ontario for eight out of the past twelve years.

Niagara College is pleased to present this proposal for the Summer English program scheduled for July and August 2018. For over 20 years, Niagara College's English for Academic Preparation (EAP) program has helped students strengthen their English language skills. Focusing on preparing students for the challenges of post-secondary academic studies and career advancement, the program is based on essential communication strategies including oral communication, listening, academic reading, vocabulary development and writing. It incorporates the latest language learning methodologies along with Canadian cultural studies.

The EAP program forms the foundation for the Summer English program. Shorter in duration, the Summer English program is conversation-based and less formal than the EAP program. It is designed to help students maximize their speaking abilities in diverse situations and to increase their knowledge of Canadian culture through a number of events and social activities. All students undergo English testing upon arrival and are placed into classes depending on their language proficiency.

### VISION STATEMENT

**Enriching lives and  
fulfilling dreams**

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Providing outstanding  
applied education  
and training for a  
changing world.**



## ESL Programs at Niagara College

Niagara College's English language programs are accredited by Languages Canada – the premier Canadian language organization representing the country's two official languages. All English teachers are TESL certified and many have taught English as a Foreign Language internationally. Many of the faculty who teach into the ESL Program at Niagara College are global educators who also teach into the TESL Certificate Program administered by the School of English Language Studies.

Our English programs are widely accepted by international scholarship bodies, including the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau, Becas Chile and the Government of Brazil's Ciencia Sem Fronteiras program. The College has been very successful in receiving accreditation of its ESL programs in several other jurisdictions around the world.

Niagara College's ESL programs incorporate strategies from the Compton P-Pronunciation program and accent modification techniques to help students realize noticeable improvements in the clarity of their communication skills. Digital language labs provide students with a comfortable place to practice their listening and pronunciation skills aided by our teachers and resources.

The College is a referral centre for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).



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### ESL programs offered at Niagara College:

#### English for Academic Preparation (EAP)

*2 to 18 months duration*

The EAP program focuses on preparing students for the challenges of post-secondary academic studies and career advancement.

#### Summer English

*1 months duration*

The Summer English program helps students strengthen their English language skills through formal classroom instruction and organized social activities.

#### English PLUS

*Duration is varied*

This customized English language program augments ESL instruction with experiential learning and exposure to a particular area of interest. English PLUS options include English PLUS Justice Studies, English PLUS Hospitality & Tourism and English PLUS Culinary. English PLUS has a variety of customizable options with flexible start and end dates and delivery methods.

#### Teaching English as a Second Language Ontario College Graduate Certificate

*1 year duration*

This program prepares graduates for a dynamic and rewarding career in teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). TESL certification is a passport to adventures and thousands of job opportunities around the world.

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## Summer English Program



Summer English Program classes include a wide range of language learning activities such as language games, role-play, problem solving and group activities aimed at improving communications. Instruction methods are strategically planned to maximize student success in the program. Daily activities and social events are organized as a way to take learning outside of the classroom. The events provide a better understanding of Canadian culture and an appreciation for various cultures around the world.

**The Summer English program delivers 25 hours of English programming per week including both classroom instruction and weekly extracurricular academic activities. The goals of the Summer English program are to:**



- Strengthen students' general English skills, particularly speaking, listening, and pronunciation.
- Help students develop cross-cultural relationships in a multicultural setting.
- Expose students to post-secondary education in an international context.
- Provide students with a memorable learning experience and forge long lasting friendships.

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## Courses

### Integrated Skills

This course helps students improve all aspects of their English language skills with a focus on speaking and listening. In addition to tests and assignments, students create a memory book for them to take with them when they leave. *(12 hours per week)*

### Canadian and Popular Culture

This course allows students to learn and practice new vocabulary and idiomatic language used in popular media such as television, movies and popular music. Students learn about and discuss Canadian culture and cross-cultural topics. *(6 hours per week)*

### English through the Arts

In this course, drama, music and visual art are used to help students learn English in fun, dynamic and active ways. *(2 hours per week)*

## Sample Weekly Class Schedule

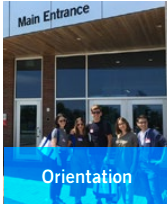
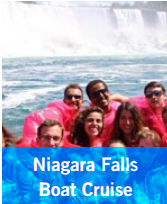










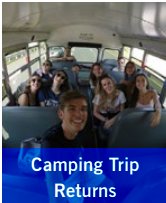



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 am			Integrated Skills		
9:30 am		Cultural Studies		Cultural Studies	Integrated Skills
10:30 am	Cultural Studies				
11:30 am			Summer English Activities		
12:30 pm	Lunchtime Assembly	Integrated Skills		Integrated Skills	
1:30 pm	Integrated Skills				
2:30 pm				English Through the Arts	
3:30 pm					



## Academic and Social Activities

**Academic Activities** – In the Summer English program learning outside of the classroom is encouraged through integrated activities. Each week, students have the opportunity to practise their English language skills in extracurricular academic activities that are themed and connected to the classroom topics of study. Students will be able to explore the Niagara region and apply their new English skills in a comfortable and relaxed environment along with their peers and teachers. *(5 hours per week).*

**Social Activities** – Additionally, other weekday and weekend activities are scheduled allowing students ample opportunities to practise their English in a safe and secure small city atmosphere.

### Monthly Integrated Activities Schedule

THEME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Niagara Welcomes You!</b>		 Orientation	 Niagara Falls Boat Cruise	 Night at Niagara Falls	 Canada's Wonderland
<b>Canadian Adventures</b>		 Lunchtime Assembly	 Niagara-on-the-lake	 Karaoke Party	 Toronto Trip CN Tower
<b>Canada's Nature</b>		 Lunchtime Assembly	 Boats on the Welland Canal	 Camping Trip	 Camping Trip
<b>NC's Innovative Education</b>	 Camping Trip Returns	 Lunchtime Assembly	 Business Symposium at NOTL Campus	 End-of-program Celebration	

 Academic  Social

*Dates of Activities may vary.*

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## Delivery Team

Niagara College delivers all programs through collaborative team efforts. The following outlines the team responsible for the design, development and delivery of the Summer English program at Niagara College:



**Frank Bieri, Acting Associate Dean, School of English Language Studies:**

Frank holds an M.Ed and an honours bachelor degree in linguistics/TESL from Brock University as well as diplomas in business and information technology from St. Clair College. Frank has previously taught English, French and German at Guangxi University in China and oversees the English as a second language program at Niagara College.



**Shauna Gupta, Coordinator – Summer English program:**

Shauna graduated from Brock University with a bachelor of education and a bachelor of science degree. She also holds a master of education degree and has TESL certification. She has previously taught ESL in Canada at Brock University and in South Korea at Seoul Educational Development in Seungnam. She joined Niagara College in 2009.



**Nattalie Boverhof, International Student Engagement Coordinator:**

Nattalie ensures the Summer English program activities calendar is full of exciting activities and events. She is responsible for planning excursions around the Niagara Region and to the Greater Toronto Area. Natalie is a graduate of the Niagara College TESL Certificate Program.



## Location

Niagara College is located in the beautiful Niagara Peninsula, close to the world famous Niagara Falls. The Niagara Region is in the southwestern part of the Province of Ontario, 135 km from the city of Toronto by car, bus or train. Academic sessions are held at the Welland Campus which is set on 100 acres of green space and houses the International Division, home of the College's ESL department. The International Division at Niagara College has grown exponentially over the past five years. In June 2013, the new

Segal International Centre was unveiled boasting an 8,500 square-foot facility designed to accommodate the growing international enrolment and activities. The Segal International Centre provides a one-stop service experience for Niagara College's international students. The open-concept design includes a reception and service area that includes international admissions, housing and financial aid services, along with offices and workspace for staff and international development projects.



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## Accommodations

### Homestay

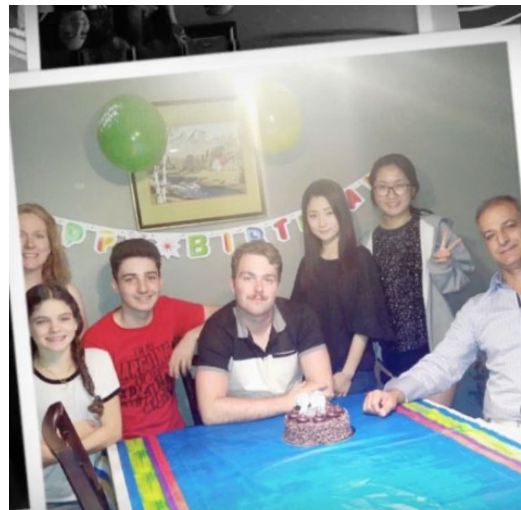
The best way to introduce a student to a new country is to allow them experience it through the warmth of a family home. We believe that a homestay family is as important to a student's experience as their classes.

Homestay is a housing program offered to international students studying at Niagara College that puts emphasis on introducing students to Canadian culture and the Niagara Region.

Wonderful local families provide support and assistance while students adapt to the lifestyle and demands of learning a second language. Homestay families are as diverse as the international students who attend Niagara College, but what our homestay families all have in common is a desire to contribute to the lives of others. Every student in homestay has their own private bedroom and three nutritious meals per day.

### On Campus Residence

Students who stay in the On Campus Residence will live in a two bedroom suite where they will have their own furnished room. They will share a suite with another student, which includes a kitchenette and bathroom with a toilet, sink and shower. No meals are included in this option. Students can choose to dine on campus between 10am and 3pm each day, purchase groceries and prepare their own meals and/or eat out in nearby restaurants.



## Cost and Dates

	Program start date	Program end date	Duration	Expected arrival and departure dates
Summer English First Intake	July 2, 2018	July 27, 2018	4 weeks	Arrive one day before start date and depart one day after program finishes. Students who wish to arrive earlier or depart later may need to find alternative housing for the additional nights.
Summer English Second Intake	July 30, 2018	Aug 24, 2018	4 weeks	
<b>Cost</b>	\$3,150 CAD per student			

### The price includes:

- Accommodation (homestay with three meals or on-campus residence, meals not included)
- Tuition for the Summer English Program
- Local transportations (U-Pass)
- All scheduled Summer English Program activities
- Medical insurance
- Airport transfer
- Graduation celebration
- Certificate of Completion



## General Terms and Conditions



- Groups that have over 10 students registered may send one complimentary chaperone with the group.
- Fees are due 30 days prior to program start date.
- The costs outlined are valid for 60 days after proposal receipt. After 60 days, Niagara College reserves the right to change the above quoted fees and expenses.
- Arrival in Canada must be scheduled before the first day of programming and departure for after the last day of programming.
- Students who arrive more than one day before the start of the program or depart more than one day after the program finishes, may be required to stay in alternative housing at additional cost for those nights.
- In order to attend the program, students must be in their last year of high school or have graduated from high school.