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and Live
the Language”



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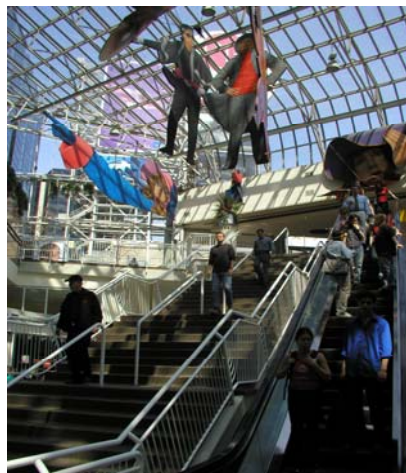
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Introducing Toronto

Toronto is the largest city in Canada and the capital of Ontario. This Vibrant, energetic city just took 15th place in an International "Quality of living survey" with its unique blend of entertainment, recreation and business prospects. Multi-culturally, Toronto is one of the most successful cities in the world and doorway to so much natural beauty.

Toronto has so many spectacular sights and attractions that it provides excitement and adventure for everyone.



The City And Nature

The CN Tower, visible from everywhere in the city, is Toronto's most famous landmark and one of the tallest freestanding structures in the world. On a clear day, it is possible to see Lake Ontario and even Niagara Falls.

Students can spend the afternoon at one of the cafés in Little Italy, watch professional sports at the Air Canada Centre or Roger's Centre and then dance the night away on Richmond Street.

Adventurous students will enjoy a weekend trip to Algonquin Park, where a guide takes them canoeing through moose country to experience the real nature and wildlife of Canada.

The climate

Toronto enjoys natural beauty and a mild climate all year-round. The four seasons give us beach weather in the summer, skiing in the Winter and a very pretty Spring and Fall.



Toronto Invites You

Join us! We are a city of festivals and celebrations, music, arts and cultures! This is our home and we would love to share it with you.



Activities In Toronto

Toronto has activities that will satisfy any interest: music festivals, art galleries, cultural events and so much more.



It is only a short journey through Ontario's famous wine region, (with a brief stop in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake) to reach **Niagara Falls**.



The town of Niagara is one part entertainment and one part beautiful parkland. Its history is filled with stories of famous honeymoons, daredevils and rescues.

Ontario has many other areas of natural beauty, including Lake Superior, the Thousand Islands and the Bruce Trail which are favorites for canoeists, hikers, climbers, artists and photographers.

Exploring Toronto

Whether students come in summer, fall, winter or spring, they will be able to participate in all kinds of sports, events, trips and excursions to exciting and popular places in and around the city.

For those who enjoy live concerts, Toronto is on every entertainer's world tour schedule. As a result, our venues feature some of the best talent in the world. We also host The Beaches Jazz Festival, Harbour front World Stage, Caribana, the Molson Indy race, International Festival of Authors, the Canadian Tennis Championships and more.

In and Around Toronto

Toronto is much more than just a wonderful city to explore. It also offers easy access to other cities in the region such as Ottawa, Montreal, New York and Quebec City.

Weekend excursions are among the most popular choices for our students. They have the chance to experience Ottawa's beauty and history, Montreal's dynamic blend of French and English culture and the Old World feeling of the citadel in Quebec City.



In the winter, students head off to the ski slopes less than two hours away.



Inside LSI Toronto



Reputation:

In 2006, 27% of our students were referred by past students of LSI.



“Like a family”:

Students feel at home in LSI. It is easy to study hard and make friends.

Why Do Students Choose LSI Toronto?



Well Established: LSI was founded in England in the mid 1960's. LSI Toronto opened in 1995.



Value for money: LSI's goal is to provide each student with the highest standard of education. We do this by tailoring our programs to their needs.



Multi-cultural: In 2006 we welcomed students from 30 different countries across Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

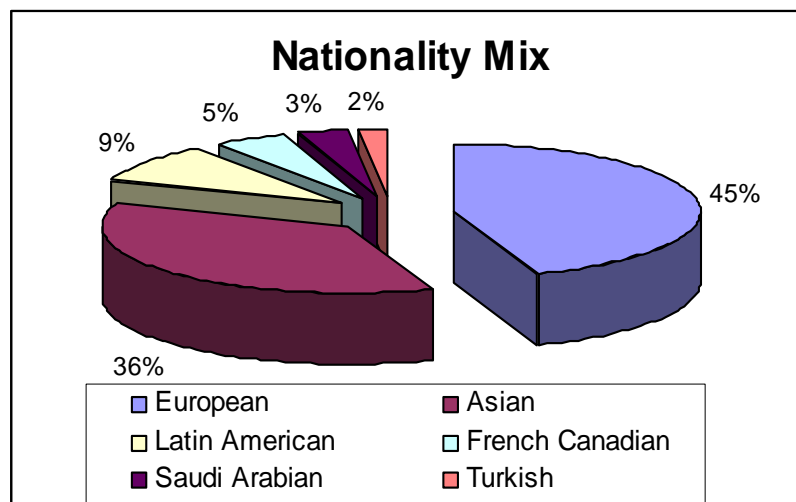
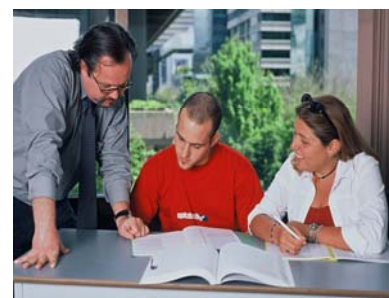


Study Plans (PSP):

We meet with each student to identify their needs and design a proactive study plan.



Flexibility: LSI has options for everyone.



LSI Focus

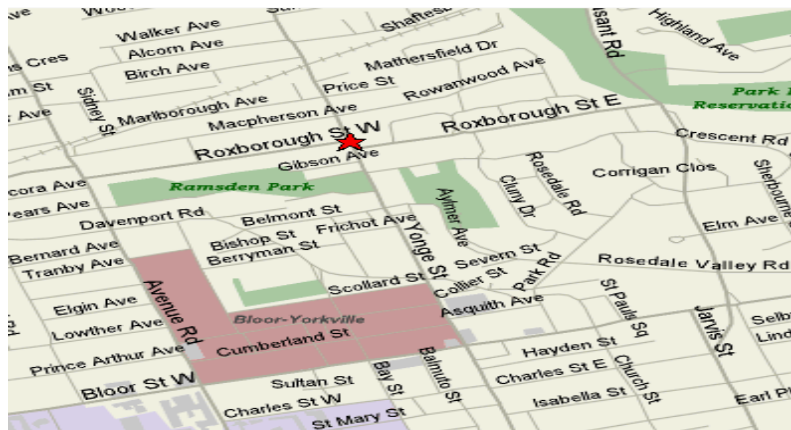
Quality Education

The curriculum, weekly schedules and expert teaching are all focused on meeting the needs of students and executives.



Where is LSI Toronto?

LSI is situated in Rosedale (chosen as Toronto's best neighbourhood), one block from the subway station and within walking distance of the shops, restaurants and entertainment district of Yorkville.



International Atmosphere

Last year, LSI welcomed students from more than 30 countries world wide. This gives students a wonderful opportunity to interact not only with Canadians, but with students from a very wide variety of cultures.

Within this mix, students develop an understanding of other cultures and they often learn new things about themselves as well.

What makes LSI Successful?

Between the range of programs we offer, the flexible schedule we provide and the personal care we give, LSI can meet the needs of any student or business executive. Our Canadian schools, LSI Vancouver and LSI Toronto, follow the same program options. Making it easy to study at both Canadian schools without additional fees.



How Does LSI Test The Students?

LSI tests for fluency and accuracy. This helps student to understand the need to start at the right level and move up at the right time. The testing is done as follows;

- **First Morning at LSI:** We test the student's reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

After this session, the Director of Studies will place the student into a level which offers them the most benefit. During the first week, our staff will help students to create a '**Personal Study Plan**' (PSP) to help them progress.

- **Level Changing:** Regular testing, project work and counseling will show when a student is ready.

This is why 27% of LSI's students are referred.

Staff and Teachers

Students have described our staff as 'friendly and helpful', 'happy to listen' and 'like family'. Teachers at LSI are fully qualified and highly professional. Many have taught here for more than 5 years.

As a CELTA centre, we are able to deliver regular professional development sessions to ensure that teachers know the most recent trends in TESOL.



Multiple Accommodation Options

LSI has recently expanded its accommodation options. Students can now choose between Homestay, residence, apartments and hotel rooms. These options are carefully selected by our Accommodations Coordinator to ensure their quality and safety. Many of our Homestay families have worked closely with LSI Vancouver for over 5 years.



Activities

The LSI program includes a busy calendar of social activities for students to enjoy in their spare time. Whether they want to go sightseeing before heading off to a restaurant or they prefer to go skiing, cycling, river rafting or camping, students will find many opportunities to practice their English skills while making new friends.



Certificate

Upon the successful completion of their course, students receive our "Certificate of Completion". Signed by the School Director and the teacher, it indicates the students' English level as well as the duration of their program.

Interactive Classroom Techniques

The goal of our programs is to help each student to build the confidence needed to improve both fluent and accurate use of the English language.

At LSI, we pride ourselves on our ability to provide students with the chance to learn practical and productive skills, so that they can confidently use them in their future plans.

To make the learning process enjoyable, we use a variety of communicative teaching techniques together with multi-media.

The Neighbourhood

Rosedale is one of Toronto's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Its tree-lined streets, small cafés and shops provide a pleasant, comfortable environment. The city's major intersection, Bloor/Yonge is just one stop south, offering convenient access to the school from across the city.



Ramsden Park, a large recreational space is only five minutes from the school. It is a pleasant place for students to relax, play tennis or a bit of soccer. It is also our favourite barbecue spot! In the winter Metro Parks puts in a skating rink.

We have arranged for special lunch service for our students at several restaurants in the area.



LSI Facilities

LSI Toronto is located on the first floor of a modern office building in a beautiful part of Toronto's business centre.

Tuition fees include everything the student needs for their program. Within this excellent, centralized location we provide free access to;

- Bright classrooms with large windows and natural light
- Text books and all other teaching materials
- Up-to-date audio/visual equipment and multimedia software
- Computer labs with wireless internet connection
- Student lounge (including fridge, microwave oven plus hot tea or coffee)
- An outdoor courtyard where students can relax and visit with friends (also the smoking area).

LSI Courses

“Flexible and tailored”

LSI offers a range of quality programs for any need and any schedule.

For example:

We offer both part-time and full-time programs.

We provide courses from one week to 48 weeks.

Whether students need General English, Business English or preparation programs for Cambridge FCE or CAE, TOEFL or TOEIC exams, we offer it.



Executives looking for tailored business English classes should look no further than LSI.

LSI provides the solution!



Most Popular Programs at LSI Canada

❖ International School Year (ISY):

LSI understands that student's need quality programs which offer flexible course options and value for money.

The fact that over **27% of our students return to LSI or refer their friends** shows how good this program is.

The discounted ISY program is ONLY available for 24, 30, 36 and 48 week programs. To help students design a full time English program targeting their individual needs, LSI has included a **"Personal Study Plan"**.

- **"Personal Study Plan"** – Available to long-term, full time **Intensive 30** and **ISY 30** students.
- **Afternoon options** – Include **General English, Business English** and **Exam preparation**
- **Exam preparation** – include **Cambridge FCE & CAE Certificate, TOEFL & TOEIC** programs

Example: A typical **"Personal Study Plan"** might look like the one below. LSI will help students to build their plan.



Multi-centre Course: Students are welcome to share their time between **LSI Vancouver** and **LSI Toronto**.

❖ Intensive 30:

LSI students can select as many weeks as they need – from 1 to 48 weeks. As a result, this thirty lesson per week program is perfect for students who want the same afternoon options as the ISY 30 but need less than twenty-four weeks of study.

❖ Standard 20:

This 20 lesson per week program follows the same morning schedule as the ISY 30 and Intensive 30. As a part-time course, this is perfect for students who need integrated skill without afternoon classes.

Executive Course

Mini Group

With a maximum of five intermediate to advanced level students, we focus on the business English needs of each individual student.

Executives choose LSI because we tailor this program to their needs. We practice negotiations, presentations & meetings. This is a 1 - 4 week class. It is possible to add weeks.



9 Day Compact

This executive program is for all those with exacting language needs which must be met quickly.



One-to-One

This is ideal for students who have very specific needs that they would like LSI to concentrate on.



Afternoon options



TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

10 lessons per week -
Intermediate to Advanced

This class can be either the afternoon portion in the Intensive 30 course, or the ISY 30 program.

TOEFL is a standard test for entry to colleges and universities throughout Canada and the United States.

Modular English for Business

10 lessons per week - Intermediate to Advanced Levels

This afternoon elective course follows a cycle of 12 weeks, each dealing with a specific area of business (e.g. leadership, marketing, negotiating, team-building). Each of these business areas will be practiced with special focus on speaking and listening skills.

Exam Preparation Programs

Cambridge FCE and CAE

30 lessons per week -
Intermediate to Advanced Levels

The Cambridge programs cover a wide range of academic and vocational topics, including examinations specially designed for the international market. LSI Vancouver offers preparatory courses for both the Cambridge FCE and CAE exams, which are internationally recognized as standards of competency in English. The programs last up to twelve weeks and combine theory with practical skills.



The class prepares the students for four components of the examination.

Students who enter this course will join morning classes for their integrated skills, and then attend classes each afternoon (Monday to Thursday) specifically for the TOEFL iBT instruction.



Table of approximate equivalency between English language examinations:

LSI Level / Exam Equivalency Chart							
Class Level	Skill Level	IELTS	Cambridge Level	TOEFL			TOEIC
				PBT	CBT	iBT	
5B	Advanced	9+	CPE				
5A	Advanced	9	CPE	670	293	120	920
4B	High-Inter.	8.5 - 8	CAE	635	272	110	905
4A	High-Inter.	7.5 - 7	CAE	600	250	100	810
3B	Inter.	6.5 - 6	FCE	530	197	71	660
3A	Inter.	5.5 - 5	FCE	460	140	48	520
2B	Pre-Inter.	4.5 - 4	PET	400	97	32	380
2A	Pre-Inter.	3.5 - 3	PET				220
1B	Elem.	2.5 - 2	KET				
1A	Beginner	1.5 - 1	KET				

Orientation Day

Welcome

On the first day of school, new students will be evaluated for level placement and given an overview of our programs.

From the results of the placement test and oral evaluation (given before the orientation), students are placed into the appropriate level.

In the classroom, teachers use a communicative approach to teach English. The students develop language skills which they can use in the situations they find themselves in while living in Toronto.



International School Year 20 & 30

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Designed to meet the needs of tomorrow's international professionals, this course lasts 12, 24, 30, 36 or 48 weeks.

This course is comprised of 20 or 30 lessons per week and gives students a chance to build a very solid foundation in English. It also provides the opportunity to study a variety of electives, including our preparation courses for Cambridge, TOEFL and TOEIC exams, or the Modular English for Business course. This long-term program offers the **flexibility** of a "Personal Study Plan".

Here is a testimonial from one of our recent graduates:

The Personal Study Plan (PSP) has really helped me.
The quality of education was very high, always challenging and really good. The teachers are like family; they really care about the students and about me.

You have to be in the Cambridge class....it was amazing!

Now that I have my certificate,
I can get a better job in Japan!"

(Yoko K., Japan 2006)

The entire curriculum is structured to follow a progression from level to level. New skills are introduced, while existing skills are reinforced.



Schedule for the first day

8:45 a.m. – Welcome, introduction of staff and registration

9 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. – Placement test

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Coffee break

11:00 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. – Orientation: LSI and life in Toronto

12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. – Lunch

1:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Intensive 30 students can begin the afternoon portion of their course

Standard 20 students will then be free to explore the city with one of LSI's after school tours of Toronto.

Some of the tourist venues within 20 minutes of LSI Toronto: Yorkville, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Eaton Centre, Harbourfront, Queen Street West, Little Italy and Greektown.



LSI Social Activities



LSI organizes social events during the week as well as many weekend tours and excursions. These activities give students the chance to appreciate other cultures within the 'LSI family'. In 2006, we welcomed 30 nationalities.

Activities include trips to the theatre, cinema, musicals, concerts, museums, art galleries and sporting events.

Weekend trips include Montreal, Niagara Falls, New York and many more.

Arrival and Airport Transfer

Pearson International Airport

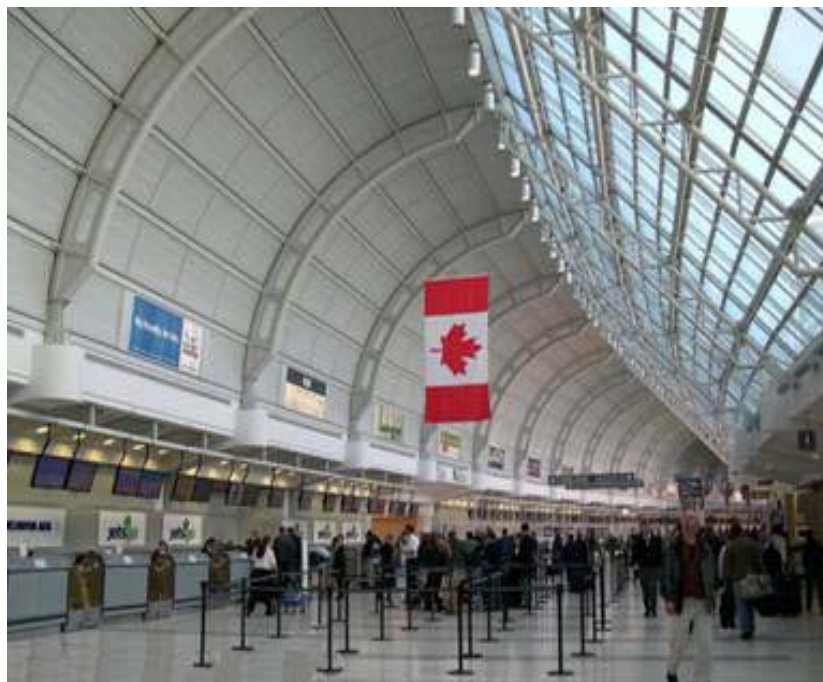
Most International flights arrive at either Terminal 1 or 3, while most of Air Canada's domestic flights arrive at Terminal 2.

After exiting the plane, simply follow the signs to Canada Customs, where students must first present their passport and declaration card to an immigration officer.

Next, students should proceed to the Baggage



Claim Area to pick up their bags from the baggage carousel corresponding to their flight. If their flight had a connection in another Canadian city and they have already cleared customs, they can proceed to the exit. From the airport there are three ways for them to reach their host family, residence hall, or hotel.



Taxi

Taking a taxi in Toronto is very safe and simple. Outside the Airport Terminal there will be taxis waiting to transport passengers to their destinations. Approximate cost: CD\$35 to \$45.

Airporter Bus

The Airporter is a comfortable express bus that transports passengers from the airport to various hotels in downtown Toronto. The bus departs from the Arrivals level every 20-30 minutes. Approximate cost: CD\$15.00.



Booked Airport Transfer

If the student has booked an airport transfer, and LSI has received accurate flight arrival information with the name of the airline, flight number, and arrival time (at least one week prior to your arrival), LSI will arrange for the students to be met by their host family or one of our representatives.

Please advise students to look carefully for a blue sign with their name on it.

If for some reason the student does not see our representative, they should wait in the lobby until they are located.

In case of emergency please call 416-720-3870.

Public Transport

Transit Options

Toronto's transit system includes city buses, streetcars and the subway. There are also suburban transit systems which connect to the TTC.



Fares

Each trip on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) costs CD\$2.75 cash. Students can purchase ten tokens or tickets for CAD\$21.00.

Recently, a new weekly pass was introduced at a cost of \$30. A monthly pass is also available for students who arrive at the beginning of a month. If passengers pay cash for a ticket or token, they will need a transfer in order to change between the subway, bus or streetcars. Remember to get a transfer where you first pay your fare.



Subway

There are two major subway lines in the city: one runs east and west under Bloor Street and Danforth Avenue; the other forms a horseshoe which goes down Yonge Street to Union station and then up Spadina, past the University of Toronto and almost all the way to York University.

Bus

Bus routes cover the entire Greater Toronto Area (GTA), making it easy to reach major attractions and other destinations.

Streetcars

The streetcars run mainly east-west, south of Bloor Street. They are a sentimental favorite for many Torontonians and are part of the history of the city. Many of these routes run twenty-four hours a day, which make it a very convenient option.

Other Options:

Bicycle

Many people, including some of our teachers and students, commute to school by bike. It is economical and

sometimes faster than any other means of transportation!

Bicycles can be purchased, either new or second hand, throughout the city.

Toronto has a number of bicycle paths as well as some specially designated bicycle routes, so riders will be able to find their way around town easily and safely.

Car

There are many car rental agencies in Toronto where short or long-term economy rentals are available.



Renters must be at least 23 years old (25 at some agencies), with a valid driver's license and major credit card.





Accommodation

All of LSI Toronto's accommodations are carefully selected to ensure that they meet our quality standards.

Homestay Program



The majority of students who attend LSI Toronto choose to live with Canadian host families during their stay. The greatest advantage of a Homestay experience is the opportunity to communicate and interact with Canadians outside the classroom.

Our hosts provide a comfortable private room, completely furnished with all the amenities of a home. We generally offer our students the half-board program, which includes breakfast and an evening meal. Details about our other accommodation options (residence, dormitory or hotel) are available upon request.

Host families live within a 30-45 minute commute by public transportation to LSI Toronto. Our Homestay coordinator carefully selects every host family to ensure that the student's stay will be comfortable, enjoyable and that our students will be made to feel at home and safe.

Our families' homes range in size from condominiums to larger homes.

Canadians are friendly and relaxed and will treat a newcomer almost like a family member, so students should not be surprised if their host encourages them to join them in the kitchen to prepare a typical dish from your country, or to "help yourself" to breakfast, rather than being served.

Most hosts will involve students in menu selection and some hosts are able to accommodate special dietary requirements.

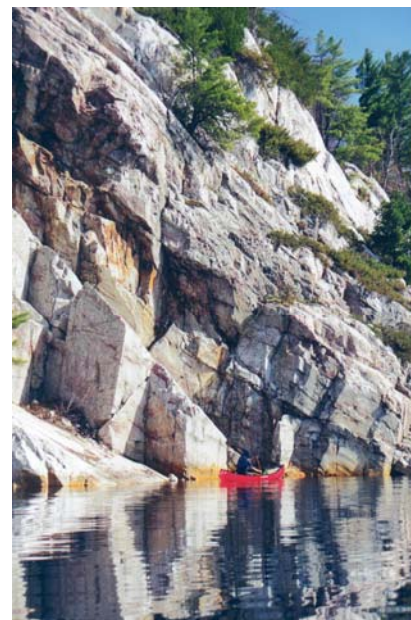
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Thank you for choosing LSI Toronto



We hope to see you soon!



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