

ACADEMIC ENGLISH PREPARATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Upon arrival students will be assessed for their English language skills and placed in the appropriate ESL level.
- Each afternoon international students participate in dynamic and fun activities with local Burnaby students to assist them with their English language development.



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Assessment • Conversational English versus academic English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building academic writing skills from sentence to paragraph level • Classroom discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: Vancouver Public Library / Yaletown walking tour • Developing a personal writing checklist and resource package for academic writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study skills • Secrets to language development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading for vocabulary development • Opinions • Excursion: Cosmic Bowling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional excursion: Stanley Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with local Burnaby students: Discussions, activities, games on topics such as: Why can't I write the way I speak? 						
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions of new students • Canadian Science curriculum / key concepts • (Assessment for new students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating the Science textbook • Canadian ecosystems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: Telus Science World field trip • "Green" poster project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental awareness in Canada • Oral presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing research skills • Writing reports • Excursion: Lynn Valley Canyon and Lonsdale Quay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional excursion: Whistler
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with local Burnaby students: Discussions, activities, games on topics such as: What can I do to help the environment? 						
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions of new students • English Idioms • (Assessment for new students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Home Economics and Technology core skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: Granville Island • Authentic exchanges with local Vancouverites • "Photo essay" project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing and reading for information (manuals, recipes, guides and instructions) • Canadian cooking class participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving and listening to verbal instructions • Canadian classroom tools • Excursion: Metrotown Scavenger Hunt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional excursion: Planet Lazer and New Westminster Quay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with local Burnaby students: Discussions, activities, games on topics such as: What's it like to be a Canadian student versus a student from your country? 						
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No school today • Statutory holiday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Social Studies curriculum / key concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology • Totem pole project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural comparison / awareness • Effective speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada from a geographic and historical perspective • Reading for information • Excursion: Burnaby Village Museum and Carousel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional excursion: Victoria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with local Burnaby students: Discussions, activities, games on topics such as: What makes Canada unique from other countries? What makes your country unique? 						
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian English literature curriculum / key concepts and literary devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic reading • Biography of a Canadian writer • Autobiographical writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: Walk to local park – inspiration and reflection • Academic writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursion: Simon Fraser University • Speech writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations • Good-bye celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional excursion: Gastown and Yaletown
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with local Burnaby Students: Discussions, activities, games on topics such as: Who inspires you? 						