

English & Canadian Culture from Abroad

(ECCA) Program - Spring 2022



Taught by
remote
instruction



This 3-week program helps students improve their English language communication skills. Students will gain confidence speaking and listening in English while learning about Canadian and Quebecois culture as well as exploring and discovering the wonderful city of Montreal.

Because this is a multi-level program, students will take an online placement test before the course begins. Conducted entirely on Zoom, students will participate in daily language classes and a weekly pronunciation workshop with experienced McGill instructors. Self-paced learning activities will engage students further with the language learned in class. There is also plenty of time to make new friends with McGill students as conversation partners. To meet people in the Montreal community, students will be matched with a local host family and see how a typical Canadian family lives.



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Intensive



Monday-
Friday



3
Weeks to
Complete



Remote

Session Dates

- February 7-25, 2022 (3 weeks)

Note: A minimum of 12 students is required to run the program.

Delivery Method

This program is delivered via Zoom. Live sessions include instruction, pronunciation clinic, conversation partner sessions, and My Virtual Homestay. For self-paced learning activities, students use McGill's learning management system, myCourses.



Program Hours

Weekly Program Hours	Total Program Hours
English language instruction: 8 hours	English language instruction: 24 hours
Pronunciation clinic: 2 hours	Pronunciation clinic: 6 hours
Self-paced online language learning activities: 10 hours	Self-paced online language learning activities: 30 hours
English language conversation partner practice: 5 hours	English language conversation partner practice: 15 hours
My Virtual Homestay experience: 1 hour	My Virtual Homestay experience: 3 hours

Program Fee

\$1,750 CAD per student

The program fee includes:

- Online placement test
- Access to myCourses learning management system
- Tuition
- Course materials
- English class
- Pronunciation Clinic
- Online learning activities
- Conversation partner practice
- Virtual outings in Montreal
- My Virtual Homestay experience

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Conversation Partner Activities

This program includes interaction with conversation partners through live interactive **outings** exploring Montreal and **activities** using English in an informal setting with McGill students. Examples of activities include:



- Discussion groups
- Boardgames
- Escape room
- Scavenger hunt
- Yoga/meditation
- Casual conversation
- 5 à 7
- World map challenge
- Movie night
- Cooking

My Virtual Homestay













What is My Virtual Homestay?

- An interactive, cultural, and educational program that allows students to discover life in Canada in a unique way.
- English-speaking homestay families act as virtual guides providing students with an immersive experience to learn the local language, lifestyle, and customs.

What happens in My Virtual Homestay?

- Complete an online questionnaire and get matched with a local Canadian family.
- Get to know your host family in a live 1-hour session per week (3 sessions in total).
- Receive a certificate and postcard as a souvenir at the end of My Virtual Homestay.

Sample Weekly Schedule

Time (Japan)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00 AM	Conversation Partner Time  	Virtual Outing in Montreal 	Conversation Partner Time  	Conversation Partner Time  	Conversation Partner Time  
9:15-11:15 AM	Class	Class	Class	Class	Pronunciation Clinic 
Afternoon/Evening	Self-Paced Activities	Self-Paced Activities	Self-Paced Activities	Self-Paced Activities	Self-Paced Activities

My Virtual Homestay experience will be scheduled at a time convenient for the student and host family.

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ECCA August 2021 Testimonials

"This was the first time for me to participate in an overseas program. Having many discussions and thinking about diversity in class were so exciting. My dream is to be an English teacher who actively leads students like in ECCA. The ECCA program is special for me still now."

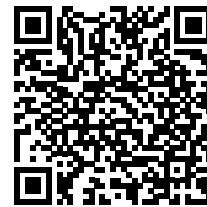
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Midori Isaka

"This program has made me more comfortable speaking English. I still keep in touch with friends I met during the program in English, and I have had many opportunities to use English in my daily life."

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Tomoi Yamami

Registration Deadline

December 7, 2021



Questions?

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