



Event & Conference Services

SUMMER PROGRAM: ENGLISH IMMERSION

Thank you for your interest in the English language immersion course at Dalhousie University this summer. Our program begins on June 30 and ends on August 2, 2019. Participation in the program is open to all persons, 17 years or older, by June 30, 2019. The current cost of participation is \$2800(Cdn.) tax included.

Our Program

We are pleased to offer instruction at all levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) as well as cultural and recreational activities designed to stimulate spontaneous expression in the second language. Students are grouped according to their level of competence in classes limited to 15-17 in each. Students attend classes 3 hours daily, Monday to Friday, in the morning or in the afternoon. Instruction, entirely in English, addresses structural and theoretical questions (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation), is based on the development of communicative competence (understanding and expression, both oral and written), and on the active participation of students. In addition to the classes, each student chooses a special interest workshop: **journalism, theatre, music, book and film club, science, or history of Nova Scotia**. These workshops meet for 3 hours each day, Monday- Friday, either morning or afternoon.

Students can also participate in various sporting activities, such as: swimming, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and badminton. There are also cultural and social activities, such as: visits to museums and places of historical importance, student variety shows, dances, boat tour of the Halifax Harbor, and days at the beach. To add to the enjoyment of these activities, we encourage you to bring whatever suits your interests and talents, for example, musical instruments, sporting equipment, etc.

It is important to note that the fee covers: tuition and learning materials (but not pens, notebooks, dictionaries, etc.); obligatory excursions and some optional activities; room and board, including 3 meals each day (beginning at 17:00 on June 30). The fee does not cover pocket money, the non-refundable registration deposit of \$275, the refundable \$100 damage deposit or the cost of transportation to and from Halifax.

Total Immersion

Because the aim of our program is to provide a comprehensive experience in language and culture, and because the program is based on the principle of total immersion, **the use of English in all circumstances is obligatory**. We attach a fundamental importance to this rule. Students risk expulsion from the program if they do not adhere to this established rule. Please read carefully the conditions for participation attached on another page. We ask you to affirm your agreement to respect the conditions described and to send the signed agreement along with your fee.

Post-secondary credits

This immersion course does not count as an academic credit at Dalhousie University. However, students who are pursuing their studies at post-secondary institutions are usually able to obtain credit for this program from their home institution. Each post-secondary institution follows its own policies, so we advise you to ask at your institution about obtaining credits. Dalhousie University will award to students who successfully complete the course, a letter of attestation, indicating the course content and the level attained.

Arrival and departure

Here are some practical suggestions to facilitate your arrival in Halifax:

- All students are housed in student residences at Dalhousie University, Howe Hall, located at 6230 Coburg Road., Halifax, NS [tel. 902-494-2875]. Rooms are not assigned until June 30 after 3:00 pm.
- The campus residences offer rooms of single occupancy. Bedding and towels are provided. Coin-operated washers and dryers are located in the residences.
- If you arrive by plane, take a shuttle to downtown Halifax. From there, take a taxi to Dalhousie University, Howe Hall
- If you arrive by train or bus, take a taxi from the station to Dalhousie University, Howe Hall
- We advise you to make travel arrangements as soon as possible. You can plan your departure for before 10:00am on August 2.

Registration for the course takes place on June 30 from 9:00am until 10:00pm. The placement exam to determine the level of competence in English will take place on Monday, July 1 at 9:00am. We ask you to plan your arrival with these times in mind.

Please accept my best regards,

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