

# Welcome to LSI Toronto





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# **Why LSI Toronto?**

- Excellent location. Located in the heart of Rosedale, LSI Toronto offers a prime location in what is often praised as the 'coolest Canadian city', blending vibrant urban life with breathtaking natural surroundings.
- Our engaging weekly social programme is designed not only to acquaint you with the city but also to foster new friendships, enhancing your English language learning experience. Led by our qualified LSI teachers, these activities complement your academic pursuits.
- Our teachers are carefully selected to ensure they are not only highly qualified and experienced but also friendly and supportive, guiding you through your studies.
- LSI is renowned for its exceptional value, delivering excellent academic and social programmes at competitive prices.
- We prioritise student care with weekly meetings with the Academic Director or Student Services staff, along with Job Club support and Pronunciation Clinics, ensuring personalised academic and personal support beyond the classroom.
- With a diverse range of specialised courses such as Academic English, Business English, English for Medicine, and English for Law, LSI Toronto caters to various academic and professional ambitions.
- Students can easily explore renowned cities and attractions like Niagara Falls, New York City, Montreal, and Quebec City through affordable trips organised by LSI Toronto.
- In addition to our standard courses, we offer customisable programmes tailored to the specific goals and needs of both individuals and student groups.
- At LSI Toronto, we foster a close-knit community where students feel embraced as part of a family.

# **Excellent mix** of nationalities

Our students in

#### 2024 **Brazil** 25.1% 22.4% Japan Italy 8.6% Korea (South) 5.7% Turkey 4.7% **France** 4.4% Colombia 3.9% Spain 3% 2% Mexico 1.7% Russia Germany 1.5% Saudi Arabia 0.7% Others 8.1%

Visit the downloads section and select the 'other' category.







# **School Facilities**

Our school facilities are designed to provide an enriching and conducive environment for learning, growth, and development.



15 modern classrooms



**Maximum class size 17** 



**E-Learning System** 



**Student Microwave** 



**Vending machine** 



**Student fridge** 



**Student lounge** 



**Student Computers** 



**Lunch room** 



**Free WIFI** 



**Free materials** 



**Great transport links** 





"My overall experience at LSI has been great! I had a lot of fun both in the school and participating in many after school activities."

MARKUS RIESER, GERMANY





# **Programmes**

#### **General 20**

During the lessons you rapidly improve your communication skills in a variety of everyday situations. Classes cover grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing. You use a text book in conjunction with a wide variety of materials and exercises.

#### **Intensive Courses**

LSI offers 25 or 30 lesson options per week on our Intensive courses. All our intensive courses consist of the General 20 course (4 lessons per day) and a range of electives to suit all levels, needs and interests (2 lessons per day).

Elective options are run twice a week on the Intensive 25, and four times a week (Monday to Thursday) on the Intensive 30 course.

LSI Toronto offers the following electives:

- Fluency
- Academic English
- Business English
- TOEFL
- IELTS
- Cambridge English

Some elective options run on specific dates or require a minimum CEFR level of B1.

#### **Afternoon 10**

For those who are short of time or may be working, Afternoon 10 gives you the perfect opportunity to brush up on your conversation skills, Business English or prepare for a range of examinations.

#### One-to-One

Ideal for those who want extra help with general skills or more specialised topics. Our teachers work with you to develop your study plan. This course can supplement a General 20 or Intensive courses. One-to-one is the fastest way to improve your language skills and are ideal if you prefer a very personal focus on your own aims.

# **Mini Group**

This course combines general grammar and skills development with an in-depth focus on the language of business. The small, intensive group provides the ideal opportunity to practise negotiation, presentation and meeting skills in a realistic situation.

#### Club 40

At LSI we welcome young-at-heart mature students of all ages throughout the year. The Club 40+ programme combines our General 20 course with a unique activity programme specifically designed around the interest of our more mature students. For more information please refer to our Club 40 mini brochure.

### 9 Day Compact

For people with special aims which must be met in a short space of time. Requiring just one week away from the office, this course is ideal for busy professionals and executives who need to prepare for presentations and meetings in a foreign language.

For specific pricing and start dates for all our courses please refer to our main price list.

### **Daily Tuition Schedule, Monday to Friday**

General 20 Full Time	
09:30 - 11:10	Lessons 1 & 2*
11:10 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 13:10	Lessons 3 & 4*

Intensive 25 Full Time	
09:30 - 11:10	Lessons 1 & 2*
11:10 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 13:10	Lessons 3 & 4*
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:05	Lessons 5 & 6* 2 days per week

Intensive 30 Full Time		
09:30 - 11:10	Lessons 1 & 2*	
11:10 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 13:10	Lessons 3 & 4*	
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:05	Lessons 5 & 6* 4 days per week	

Afternoon 10 Part Time	
14:00 - 16:05	Lessons 1 & 2* 4 days per week

<sup>\*</sup>During busy periods the General English classes may be run at different times of the day. Please check when booking. An additional 5 minutes mini break is taken between 50 minute sessions.



# The Lifestyle

#### The Location

Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world, with more than 150 languages spoken there and 51% of the population born outside of Canada! From the spike of the CN Tower to the shore of Lake Ontario, this diverse and cosmopolitan city offers endless opportunities to students wanting to learn English in Canada.

The bustling city is well-known for being Canada's centre to arts, business, and culture and is consistently voted as one of the safest and most liveable cities. With its iconic landmarks and fantastic food scene, Toronto is a fantastic choice for international students.

Toronto has an efficient and reliable public transport system, making it easy and convenient to travel at a low cost.

#### **Excursions**

LSI Toronto partner with a local tour company to offer day and weekend excursions to Canada's Wonderland, Niagra Falls, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and many more!

A perfect way to see the sights whilst making new friends along the way.

# **Social Programme**

Our team of bubbly activity leaders work with teachers to run an exciting programme offering a range of after school activities.

Regular social activities include:

- Pub night to welcome new students
- · Tour of the local area
- · Museums and Exhibitions
- Movie nights
- Ice-skating
- Arts and crafts



Click to visit our social media channels to learn more







# Departure Guide

Before you leave, here are some important things to remember to ensure your arrival is as smooth as possible:

#### Checklist



**Passport** 



Letter of acceptance and LSI documentation



Accommodation confirmation letter (either homestay profile or residence details)



Proof of medical/health insurance



£150 in cash and credit/debit cards



Any prescription medication



Adaptor for electrical appliances (Type A or B: 2 pin with standard voltage 120V)



Laptop/tablet



SIM card that can be used in Canada



# **Clothing**

Canada's four seasons mean weather will vary extremely depending on the time of year you travel. In Summer there is beach weather and in Winter plenty of snow for skiing! We advise bringing a range of clothes suitable for all climates. Please bring waterproof clothing, a raincoat and suitable footwear.

Our activity programme may include sporting events, so it is also a good idea to bring active wear suitable for the outdoors.

The average temperature is around -10 degrees in Winter and 25 degrees in Summer.

### **Pocket money**

We recommend a weekly budget \$250 to cover local travel, lunch, and activities. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in Canada, but it is a good idea to bring some cash with you.

Check with your debit/credit card company that you are able to use your card and withdraw money in Canada.

We do not advise carrying around large amounts of cash.

#### **Bank account**

If you are staying in Canada for three months or more you may wish to open a bank account. LSI can support you with this process when you arrive.

### When you arrive

If you have booked an airport transfer, please refer to the document 'Confirmation of Flight and Transfer Details' that you will receive along with your accommodation confirmation. This document will include

details on where your driver will be waiting for you at the airport and their contact number should you need it. If your flight is delayed or cancelled, please inform us as soon as possible. If you need to contact your driver please use the contact details provided on the transfer confirmation.

Sometimes, customs and immigration may ask you to wait while they check your travel documents. Please don't worry if this happens, it is normal procedure to check student's visas. Be calm and polite. If there are any concerns at immigration, ask the office to call the LSI Toronto emergency phone: +1 416-720-3870.

If you have not booked an airport transfer, public transport can be found at all major airports for travel to Toronto. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), has a bus that can take you to one of our subway stations. The 900 Airport Express will take you from the airport to Kipling Subway Station. Click here for the airport's map for public transportation. Alternatively, you can use Uber or Lyft to arrange a taxi. Local taxis will also be available from the airports taxi rank.

#### First day information

Two weeks before your arrival date LSI will email you welcome information with details on how to get to school and what your first day will look like. You will also receive log in details and instructions for our E-LSI platform where you can complete our pre-arrival level test. It is important that you take the test before your first day to ensure we have the correct class ready for you.

Classes begin at 9.30am but please report to reception for 9am, where we will be waiting to welcome you.





# **Residential Options**

These options are more suitable for an independent student who is looking for a self-catering accommodation at an affordable price. All students must be 18 or older.



## **Casa Residence**

# 101 Lawton Blvd, Toronto ON, M4V 1Z6 & 2 Glen Elm Ave, Toronto, ON M4T 1T8

Casa residence is located in the heart of Toronto and within walking distance of many shops, restaurants, cafes, and bars! 5 minute walk from public transportation and 30 minute walk from LSI Toronto.

Offering fully furnished rooms, either shared or private, within a shared apartment.

Students are responsible for changing their own bedding and cleaning their rooms and common areas during their stay. Students are also responsible for cleaning everything they use in the kitchen e.g. cups and plates.

#### **Arrivals and Departures**

Saturday to Saturday. Check in 2pm at 101 Lawton and 4pm at 2 Glen Elm. Check out 10am.

#### **Facilities available:**



Fully equipped kitchen



Laundry



Bed linen provided



Internet



Cable TV



Common rooms

Additional accommodation options are also available, particularly during Summer periods. Please refer to our main accommodation brochure for full details.

# Casa Dream House / Apartment

Near the corner of Bathurst Street and St Clair Avenue (181, 183, 185, 187, 189 Vaughan Road).

Just a 10-minute walk from public transportation, these year-round 1–3 bedroom apartments welcome residents aged 18 and over, offering private rooms with a choice of shared (3–4 people), semi-private (2 people), or fully private bathrooms. Each unit is self-catering with utilities included.

#### **Facilities available:**



Wi-Fi Cable TV



Bed linen provided



Shared fully equipped kitchen



Recreational room with TV and pool table



Patio area with BBQ



Small on-site gym

# **Arrivals and Departures**

Check in 4pm. Check out 10am.









# Homestay Accommodation

Staying with a host family is an excellent way for you to practise English and learn about Canadian life. Here at LSI we carefully select and manage our own host families, ensuring high standards and a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Commute time from homestays to LSI Toronto by public transport is around 60 minutes on average.

Our Accommodation Co-ordinator is available to speak with you and to help whenever you need.

To help you prepare for your stay, please read the following information.

## What will my room be like?

Every homestay is unique. You are not going to a hotel so each home will be different. However, we make sure that your room has the following: a bed, a chair, a table or desk, a table lamp, a mirror, a heating appliance and chest of drawers or similar and a wardrobe.

#### What services are included?

Your host will provide bed linen, towels, and will wash your laundry once per week. Toiletries are not included so you will need to purchase these yourself.

## Can I use the kitchen?

Your family will provide the meals you have requested through LSI, either Breakfast only or Breakfast and Dinner (Half Board). Families will not usually allow you to use the kitchen to cook your own food or to store a lot of items in their fridge. If you have any dietary requirements or allergies please ensure you have informed LSI of these.

# **About homestay meals**

**Breakfast:** Usually a light meal consisting off cereal, toast, spreads, fruit, yoghurt, and a choice of tea, coffee, and juice. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

**Lunch:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch from a local restaurant or local shop. There are many cafes and shops close by, all within walking distance of the school.

**Dinner:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, unless you have arranged otherwise. Dinners should be varied and balanced and should include meat, fish or cheese,

some carbs, vegetables and a piece of fruit or dessert. Most host families have dinner between 6pm and 7pm. Your host will inform you of their dinner time and ask that you let them know if you will not be eating with them or do not require dinner.

### **Arrivals and Departures**

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Check in between 10am – 10pm and check out 10am.

#### On arrival

At least one member of your family will be waiting at home to greet you on your arrival day. They will show you your room and share with you any house rules they may have; please respect these.

### **Travel to school**

You will have to come to school by yourself via public transportation. Your host families can help and give you instructions on how to get to school. Our accommodation confirmations also have instructions on what bus or subway to catch and from where (if necessary).

#### **Executive homestays**

Executive homestays are also available which offer a private bathroom (en suite or sole use).

For further information and pricing please refer to our accommodation brochure.



