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Toronto  Canada



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WELCOME TO HANSA LANGUAGE CENTRE

Hansa Language Centre has been teaching languages to adult students from around the globe since 1969. We are one of Canada's largest and most respected language schools. We have two campuses located just steps from the Eglinton Subway Station in the heart of Toronto. Our friendly staff will be happy to welcome you to one of the safest and most multicultural cities in the world.

Hansa's Customized Learning System

Whether you need private instruction or prefer learning in a small group setting, Hansa Language Centre creates the ideal environment for language studies. Our English programs are based on the principle that students learn best in a language program that can be customized to their unique linguistic needs and goals.

Hansa uses a “Flexible Learning System” and offers over 300 classes daily. Students have the freedom to choose the classes they want and the time they want to take them. Hansa students benefit from the advice of experienced counselors, the instruction of accredited native-English-speaking teachers, and the choice of a variety of subjects.

Upon arrival at Hansa Language Centre, every student takes a placement test and undergoes an interview with one of Hansa’s highly trained student counselors. The placement test evaluates grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills. The interview assesses the student’s speaking and listening abilities and helps us to design the best study program for their needs. Students meet regularly with counselors to discuss their study program and progress. Tests and interviews are scheduled to monitor progress and determine when class changes are needed.

After successfully completing an English program at Hansa, many students go on to take Hansa’s programs for Academic Preparation, (*TOEFL*® or *IELTS*) Exam Preparation, or Teacher Training. Many also choose to further their studies at one of Hansa’s partner language schools, high schools, colleges, or universities. By using Hansa’s “Flexible Learning System” and following the “English Only” policy, it is common for students to achieve a university-level English proficiency within months.

	LEVELS											
	Eglinton Campus						Yonge Campus					
	Beginner			Intermediate			Advanced			Proficiency		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Beginner	●	●	●									
Conversation				●	●	●	●	●	●			
Grammar				●	●	●	●	●	●			
Vocabulary				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pronunciation				●	●	●	●	●	●			
Idioms				●	●	●	●	●	●			
Listening				●	●	●	●	●	●			
Reading				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Writing				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Phrasal Verbs							●	●	●			
Business English								●	●	●	●	●
TOEFL								●	●	●	●	●
IELTS								●	●	●	●	●
Academic Preparation								●	●	●	●	●

Hansa Programs

Intensive English Program

In this program, students can choose from a variety of challenging classes. Having an average of eight students, classes include Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, Idioms, and Phrasal Verbs. With guidance from our counselors, students have the freedom to choose the subjects, class times, and teachers best suited to their needs and learning style.



Renate Straubinger
Germany

I learned a lot at Hansa Language Centre and I had an excellent time. The teachers made the classes fun and very lively. The Business English classes were especially useful for me. As a business consultant, I also appreciated Hansa's flexible schedule. It allowed me to stay in contact with my clients in Germany while studying English in Toronto.



Beginner

Beginner classes are designed for students with little or no knowledge of English and focus on building a solid foundation of English skills. Classes cover topics such as learning the English alphabet, basic vocabulary, and grammar. Students taking beginner-level classes will typically spend four to eight weeks before moving on to higher-level classes.

Speaking

These classes are conducted to give each student plenty of speaking practice in an encouraging environment. Teachers challenge students with different daily topics and exercises. Even the shyest of students will join in! Our teachers balance correcting students' mistakes with confidence-building exercises. Classes cover everything from structured conversations using textbook exercises, such as giving directions or using the phone, to debating current issues on challenging subjects.

Listening

The ability to understand what you are hearing is a vital part of learning any language. At Hansa, we recognize that there is a big difference between being able to understand when words are slowly and clearly pronounced as opposed to when words are spoken quickly with contractions and regional accents. Listening classes incorporate multimedia equipment, television, and music to train the student's ear to pick up subtle differences in tone, rhythm, and intonation.

Grammar

Grammar is one of the most important subjects for students in their English curriculum. Our Grammar teachers use the latest grammar textbooks and communicative techniques involving written, verbal, and interactive classroom activities. This makes learning grammar interesting, comprehensive, and useful. It's important to continue reviewing the rules of grammar all the way through one's English studies.

Pronunciation

Proper pronunciation is essential to understanding others and to being understood. The Pronunciation classes at Hansa do much more than use the “repeat-after-me” method. Our experienced teachers use multimedia devices, voice recordings, phonetics, and speech and breathing exercises. Students learn how to speak with the proper mouth positions, rhythm, stress, and intonation. Pronunciation classes will make you sound more like a native English speaker.



Vocabulary

Perhaps the most important part of learning a language is acquiring a practical and functional vocabulary. Hansa’s Vocabulary classes focus on increasing a student’s mental dictionary while helping the student to properly use and retain vocabulary in different contexts. Hansa’s instructors use a variety of resources including current events, business reports, and relevant social topics. Students are encouraged to view English vocabulary as a tool for future endeavours in life, business, and higher education.



Idioms

You think that you speak English well and then “out of the blue” a native English speaker says something that you don’t understand. You may simply need to attend some Idioms classes at Hansa. Idioms may seem informal and include elements of slang and phrasal verbs but they are essential to understanding and mastering the everyday usage of the language.

Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs, such as “find out” or “give up,” are verbs that consist of more than one word, usually including a preposition. Knowing phrasal verbs and the associated grammar rules is essential because of their common use in both formal and informal English. Hansa’s teachers make learning and using phrasal verbs fun and relevant, so our students really “catch on” quickly!

Reading

Reading classes help students to explore the structure and meaning of the language in a deeper context. Students learn to put vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar to practical use. Hansa’s Reading classes combine the use of textbooks and novels with everyday material, such as newspapers and magazines. Intermediate level students develop skills such as skimming, scanning and using context to discover meaning. Advanced level students are taught to look for hidden or secondary meanings and understand literary techniques, such as simile and metaphor.



Writing

Writing classes teach students to produce proper essays, letters, business correspondence, short stories, personal resumes (or CV’s), and much more. Students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and structure while learning the writing skills that they will need in order to attend a Canadian university, do business internationally, or keep in touch with friends.

Business English

Business English students will learn business writing and terminology, finance vocabulary, documentation, effective sales and presentation skills, negotiation skills, and interview techniques. Students who complete a minimum of 60 hours of Business English classes as part of Hansa’s Intensive or Executive Programs will also receive a certificate in Business English.

Executive English Program

Hansa offers specialized and personalized English tutoring for students, professionals, or entrepreneurs. Programs can be private lessons only, or a combination of private lessons and regular group classes. The focus of tutoring can include business presentations and negotiations, legal or medical vocabulary, or simply individual language upgrading.

Exam Preparation Program

Hansa's Exam Preparation Program primes students to excel in the internationally recognized *TOEFL®* and *IELTS* exams. This program is offered as a course of three or six hours per day and prepares students in the four skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) that are evaluated on these exams. To enter the program, students must achieve 70% or greater on Hansa's Level 7 Test. Students in the Intensive or Executive Programs can include the Exam Preparation Program in their schedule if they meet the requirements. Regular practice tests and our language-learning lab are available to help students monitor their readiness for the official exams. When the student is ready, our counselors will assist them in selecting and booking the official test. Hansa students regularly score above the national average on English proficiency exams.

Academic Preparation Program

Hansa's Academic Program builds a solid foundation for academic success at university or college in Canada. Speakers of English as a Second Language are required to have an Advanced level of English and must achieve a minimum of 70% on a Hansa Level 7 Test to enter this program.

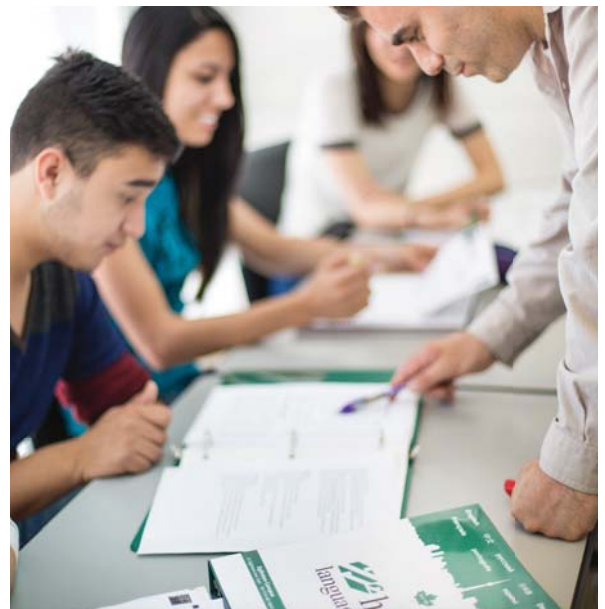


TOEFL®

The *Test of English as a Foreign Language* is a test accepted as proof of English proficiency by most universities and colleges in Canada and the United States. Hansa has a long-standing reputation of excellence in preparing students for the *TOEFL®* exam.

IELTS

The *International English Language Testing System* is a test accepted as proof of English proficiency by many universities, colleges, businesses, and governments. For education, work or immigration, many students benefit from Hansa's preparation classes for both formats of IELTS exams, the Academic Module and the General Training Module.

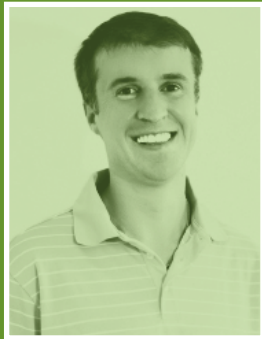


Academic Pathways

Hansa is the first step in your Canadian education. Our Academic Pathways department connects students with some of Canada's best universities, colleges, and high schools.

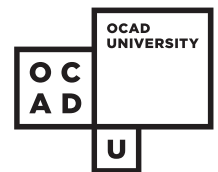
Hansa's programs give students the academic and language skills needed to move on to higher education. Counselors help students in choosing the best school and program, and assist them through the application process from start to finish. Hansa students can even gain conditional admission to our partner institutions prior to arriving in Canada.

Our participating academic partner institutions accept Hansa's Test of English Proficiency (TEP) and offer our students admission to most of their programs without further language examinations. To fulfill the requirements of Hansa's Academic Pathways, students must complete a minimum of 240 hours in the Academic Preparation Program, score 80% or more on Hansa's TEP, and meet the entrance requirements of the partner institution.



Alex Pavin
Russia

Hansa is the best language school! They gave me the exact classes that I needed. In addition, the staff helped me find my college and apply to my program. This saved me a lot of time, money, and stress. I am now in my second year of college studying Avionics and see that what I learned at Hansa really helped.



Hansa Student Services

Homestay

Where you live during your stay in Toronto is an important decision. Hansa has full-time staff dedicated to assisting its students in finding appropriate lodging with Canadian families. Hansa's Homestay Program offers students a private room in a family home with daily breakfast and dinner. All families have been carefully selected and are visited regularly to ensure quality service. Students are free to change their accommodation after the first four weeks.

Residence

Residences are an excellent housing alternative for students who are not interested in living with a family. A list of recommended residences in Toronto can be found on our website. Students should contact the residence, youth hostel, or hotel directly for information or bookings. Please remember that residences operate independently of Hansa Language Centre.

Shared Accommodation

Many students choose to share an apartment with friends or classmates. Bulletin boards, with a list of available rooms for rent, can be found on the second floor of Hansa's Yonge Street Campus or on the third floor of the Eglinton Avenue Campus. Students should use caution when entering into a rental agreement. Hansa is not responsible for any rental agreements made between students and landlords.



Airport Transfer

To ensure that students have a safe and comfortable stay in Toronto, Hansa offers a reliable airport transfer service and a twenty-four-hour emergency telephone number. Our driver will meet you at Pearson International Airport, take you to your accommodation, and either help you with your check-in or introduce you to your new homestay family. Return transportation from your accommodation to the airport can also be arranged upon request.



Sightseeing Activities

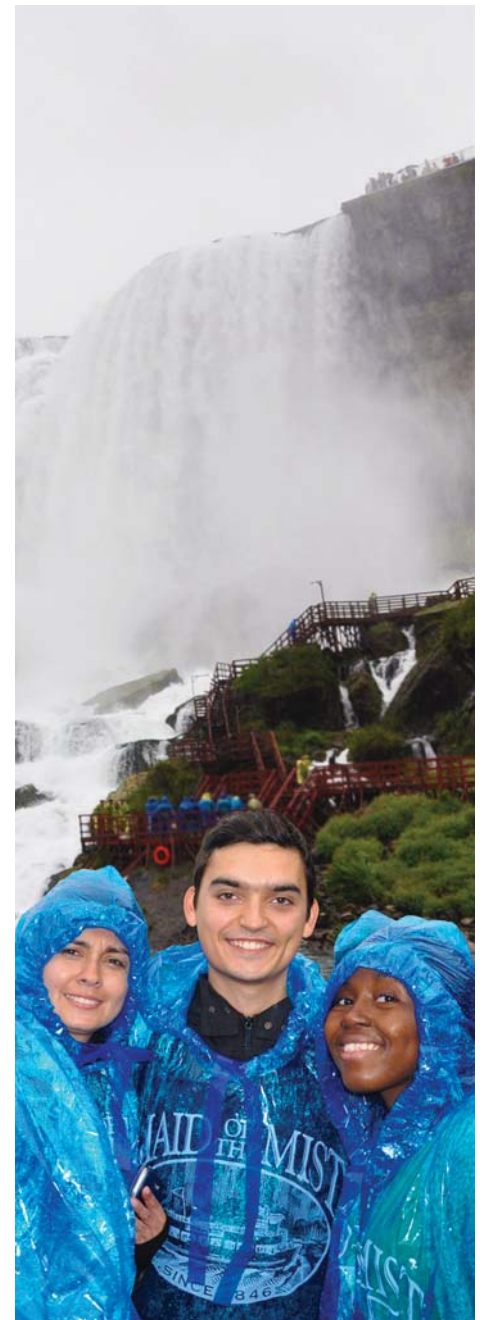
CN Tower
Toronto Island
Casa Loma
Royal Ontario Museum
Toronto Zoo
Art Gallery of Ontario
Bata Shoe Museum
Ontario Science Centre
Brewery Tour
City Walking / Cycling Tours

Sports

Skiing / Snowboarding
Ice Skating
Canoeing
Rafting
Rock Climbing
Soccer
Baseball
Basketball
Beach Volleyball
Ultimate Frisbee

Weekend Getaways

Niagara Falls
Canada's Wonderland
Wild Water Kingdom
Thousand Islands
Montreal / Ottawa / Quebec
Algonquin Park
New York
Chicago
Wasaga Beach
Outlet Shopping Malls



Entertainment

IMAX Movies
Concerts / Parties
Cirque Du Soleil
Discounted Theatre Tickets
Bowling
Paintball
Toronto Argonauts Football
Blue Jays Baseball
Raptors Basketball
Marlies Hockey
Toronto FC Soccer



Activities

Activities give students the opportunity to practise their English, meet new friends, and make the most out of their Canadian experience. Whether a student wants to see the city sights, play sports, volunteer in the community, or take exciting weekend trips, Hansa makes it fun and affordable. A huge variety of fun-filled social activities are held every day by Hansa. Trips to nearby attractions such as Niagara Falls, Algonquin Park, the 1000 Islands, and French Canada are typically arranged on weekends. No matter what one's taste may be, there is always something to do for everyone.

Events

- January - New Year's Celebration
- February - St. Valentine's Day Party
- March - St. Patrick's Day
- April - Maple Syrup Festival
- May - Victoria Day
- June - Hansa's Annual Barbeque
- July - Hansa's Boat Party
- August - The Canadian National Exhibition
- September - Toronto International Film Festival
- October - Hansa's Halloween Party
- November - Santa Claus Parade
- December - Hansa's Christmas Party





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