

## ACCOMMODATION

Living with a Canadian family is one of the best ways for students to practice their English skills while at the same time learning about Canadian culture and lifestyle. IGK host families are regularly screened, monitored and inspected for their ability to provide a safe, clean, caring and friendly living environment. IGK host families go through an intensive interview process, police check and fill out a family profile prior to hosting students. IGK home stay families have a strong interest in welcoming international visitors into their homes and believe that hosting a student is an enriching and rewarding experience for both the family and the student. The on site Homestay Coordinator customizes each placement with regards to special needs, requests, hobbies, personalities and family dynamics.

### Homestay Options

1. Single Room, Shared Bath and 3 meals per day.
2. Homestay with a Teacher-Single room, Shared bath, 3 meals per day and 15 hours of private tutoring per week. Homestay with a Teacher is an excellent option for executives, seniors and working holiday students due to the flexibility in the study schedule. Lessons are customized to fit each student's special requests. This program can easily be combined with Practical ESL to provide a super intensive learning experience.

All homestay students have access to laundry, internet, telephone and television service.



### Other Accommodation Options

- Motel** Single or double rooms with fully equipped kitchens, cable TV, laundry facilities, telephone, swimming pool and internet access.
- Hostel** Dormitory, Shared Room or Single room. Shared Kitchen and Shared Bath.
- Hotel** Wide range of hotel and B+B options

### Other Services

**Greeting and farewell service** is provided by IGK staff at the Kelowna International Airport or at the Kelowna Greyhound Bus Station.

**Guardianship Service** is provided by IGK staff and is a requirement for all unaccompanied students under Age 19. It includes 24-hour legal support, translation service, financial planning, emergency and medical care.

**Medical Insurance** - All students must have valid medical insurance during their entire stay in Canada. Please contact IGK staff if you require medical insurance.

## ACTIVITIES - What can I do in Kelowna?

### SPRING

(March-May Average temperature 19°C)

1. Try Horseback riding at a local ranch and take in a rodeo
2. Enjoy the beautiful spring blossoms and flowers at various parks, gardens and orchards
3. Visit a local museum, art gallery or craft exhibition

### AUTUMN

(Sept.-Nov. Average temperature 17°C)

1. Experience the world famous International Wine Festival in October
2. Go on agricultural or harvest tours
3. Watch the Kelowna Rockets, Kelowna Chiefs and the Westside Warriors ice hockey teams and the Okanagan Sun football team in action.



### WINTER

(Dec.-Feb. Average temperature 2°C)

1. Ski, snowboard, x-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile at Big White, Apex, Silverstar and Crystal Mountain resorts
2. Surround yourself with the Christmas season. Various events around the city
3. Attend a musical event, live theatre production or indulge yourself with a spa treatment



### SUMMER

(June-Aug. Average temperature 29°C)

1. Swim, boat, fish, parasail, sunbathe or just relax on 120km Okanagan Lake
2. Golf at one of the 20 nearby championship courses
3. Hike or bike the 600km Kettle Valley Railway/ Trans Canada Trail

## IGK & KELOWNA ADVANTAGES

- ◆ Kelowna is blessed with one of the sunniest and mildest climates in Canada and receives over 310 days of sunshine per year. Average temperatures are 31°C in August, 17°C in October, 2°C in January and 20°C in April.
- ◆ According to Statistics Canada, 93% of Kelowna residents speak English as their first language, compared with less than 50% in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. In this total immersion and 'real' Canadian environment students' English ability improves much faster than it does in larger cities where it is easier to use their own language.
- ◆ Entertainment, transportation and living costs are 10-50% lower in Kelowna than in many other Canadian cities so students will save money while living and studying here. For example, a monthly transit pass is \$48-\$60 in Kelowna and \$81-\$151 in Vancouver.
- ◆ Kelowna is consistently ranked as Canada's #1 summer resort destination by the Canadian Tourism Commission. Frommer's and Sherman's travel guides rate the area as one of the world's Top 10 travel destinations.
- ◆ The people of Kelowna are friendly, open and easy to converse with and the city has a strong community spirit and easygoing lifestyle.
- ◆ International Gateway Kelowna offers small class sizes (average 6 students), fast paced, dynamic lessons and personalized attention.
- ◆ International Gateway Kelowna organizes a wide variety of exciting extra curricular activities and learning adventures for students.
- ◆ Students are made to feel like part of the family at International Gateway Kelowna, so it is always hard for them to leave!



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Welcome to  
International Gateway Kelowna



## WELCOME TO INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY KELOWNA

International Gateway Kelowna (IGK) is an English as a Second Language (ESL) institute located in Kelowna, Canada. Established in 2002, IGK is Kelowna's original and most trusted school and is proudly Canadian owned and operated.

International Gateway Kelowna is not only a well respected school it is also a vibrant, friendly and exciting place to learn English. Students are encouraged to strive for excellence, immerse themselves in a new culture, enrich their minds, try new challenges and build bonds and memories that will last a lifetime. Highly qualified teachers and staff are carefully chosen for their professionalism, integrity and exceptional customer service skills. The upscale campus is centrally located in the downtown core within easy walking distance of attractions, boutiques, restaurants, beaches and transportation.



Kelowna is situated in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. This is one of the sunniest regions in Canada and as a result a top tourist destination for both Canadian and international travelers.

Kelowna is world famous for its azure blue lake waters, internationally acclaimed vineyards, championship golf courses and lush orchards. The nearby mountain resorts of Big White, Apex, Crystal and Silver Star offer skiing and snowboarding during the winter as well as world class hiking, climbing and mountain biking during the summer. Air Canada, West Jet, Horizon Air and Sun Wing frequently service Kelowna International Airport from Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Seattle, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Los Cabos, Cancun, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta. Greyhound Bus also serves Kelowna from most cities.



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Practical English as a Second Language (ESL)

The main emphases of these programs are on communication and on functional English for daily life. Practical ESL programs begin weekly for Ages 12 and up. Students can register for 1 to 52 weeks. The minimum class size is 4, the average is 6 and the maximum is 12.

**Executive - Full Time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
30 hours per week  
(includes 1 hour of private tutoring daily)

or

**Full time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-2:55 p.m.  
25 hours per week

or

**Part time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
15 hours per week

or

**Part time**  
Monday-Friday  
12:45 p.m.-2:55 p.m.  
10 hours per week



### AM

In the morning 5 levels (Beginner to Advanced) of Practical ESL are offered which focus on the combined skills of reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, listening and speaking.

### PM

In the afternoon a selection of electives are offered including: Conversation, Canadian Culture, Cambridge FCE /CAE, IELTS and TOEIC exam preparation.

### Note:

Not all electives or levels may be offered at one time. Ask for a current selection. English requirements vary with the electives.

### Daily Schedule: Monday-Friday

9:00-10:15	Practical English (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar)
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Practical English (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar)
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-2:00	Elective
2:00-2:10	Break
2:10-2:55	Elective
3:00-4:00	Executive Private tutoring

### Private Tutoring

1:1 lessons  
ESL, TOEFL, LPI, TOEIC, IELTS, Cambridge, Pronunciation, Writing, Accent Reduction  
All Levels



### Cambridge Exam Preparation

Cambridge certificate programs begin on select dates in January, March, April, June, July, September and October for 8 to 12 weeks. Cambridge exams are the world's most popular certificates for learners of English. Each year they are taken by over 1.5 million people, in 135 countries. The certificates can be used to gain entrance to a university or college, improve job prospects, satisfy immigration requirements and measure progress in English. International Gateway Kelowna is an official Cambridge testing venue.

Cambridge FCE	Level - Intermediate
	Upper Intermediate
Cambridge CAE	Level - Advanced



### IELTS Exam Preparation

This program begins on select dates for 4 or 8 weeks and provides test strategies and practice for taking the general training and academic exams.  
Level - Intermediate to Advanced

### TOEIC Exam Preparation

This program begins on select dates for 4 to 8 weeks and includes a review of exam techniques, strategies and the study of sample exams. We offer practice tests with feedback, error correction and diagnosis of weak points in English to help students improve their scores.  
Level - Intermediate to Advanced

### High School Preparation

This 12 to 48 week program prepares students (ages 12-18) to enter high school in Kelowna. IGK graduates have achieved excellent results, high GPA's and honour diplomas in local high schools after completion of this program. Students receive comprehensive support and guardianship during their entire stay.  
All Levels

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

### Internship Program

This program is designed for students who would like to gain work or volunteer experience in a Canadian company or organization. The placement is unpaid and must be combined with an equal or greater amount of full time study at IGK prior to the placement. Placements are available in a variety of fields such as: Recreation, Community Organizations, Education, Sports, Tourism, Sales and Entertainment. Internship and Volunteer Placements begin weekly for ages 16 and up.  
Program Length - 2, 4, 8 or 12 weeks  
All Levels

### Work and Study Program


A variety of tourism, hospitality, agriculture, construction and service industry jobs are in constant demand in Kelowna.

Please contact the Canadian Embassy in your home country to see if you qualify for a visa for this program. IGK provides work and study students complimentary job placement assistance. Conditions apply. Ask for details.

### Farm Stay Program


Students are placed on a ranch, farm or orchard of their choice for 1 to 6 weeks. Farmstay participants are provided a single room, shared bath, 3 meals per day and horseback riding on ranches. Students are required to volunteer 15 hours per week to offset the cost of their stay. This program is available year round for ages 16 and up and must be taken in conjunction with a Practical ESL/Homestay program at IGK prior to the placement.  
All Levels


### ESL Action Camps

The camps listed below combine Practical English as a Second Language (ESL) with a variety of cultural, recreational and leisure pursuits for all ages and levels. The programs with a  are integrated with Canadians to maximize language learning, team building and cultural exchanges. Full or part time Practical ESL can be added before and/ or after each action camp for a diversified learning experience. Programs are open to both individuals and groups.

### YOUNGER LEARNERS

**Summer Vacation Program for Ages 8-18**  
Our most popular summer program combines morning English classes with dynamic afternoon recreational, cultural and adventure activities. This 1, 2, 3 or 4 week program begins weekly in June, July, August and September.

**English + High School Experience for Ages 12-17 **  
Features morning English classes at IGK and afternoon classes in Physical Education, Drama, Music and Art at a local high school. Starting weekly in September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May for 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks.

**English + Ice Hockey Skills Camp for Ages 8 -17 **  
Open to all levels of ice hockey players. Starting on select dates in July and August for 1, 2 or 3 weeks.

### Family ESL and Holiday Program

Learn English and have a family holiday at the same time in Canada's premier resort destination! Adults, teens and young learners take English classes in the morning either in separate classes or together as a family group. In the afternoon teens and juniors can join the scheduled activity program while adults continue with English classes or have free time to explore the city. Welcome packs include maps and sightseeing information with suggestions for afternoon and weekend trips. This program begins weekly from June to September for ages 8 and up and weekly year round for ages 12 and up. Accommodation options include homestay, hotel, motel or hostel.  
All levels


### Bartending Certification

This comprehensive day or evening course trains students to be bartenders. All of the training is 'hands on' and is done behind a real working bar. Bartending certification provides a job ready skill for students to use both at home and abroad. Work and Study students gain a marketable skill which can be used to secure high paying positions in Kelowna.  
Level - Intermediate to Advanced




### ADULTS

**English + Recreation and Sightseeing**  
Suitable for Office Workers, Seniors and Executives. Starting weekly year round for 1 or 2 weeks.

**ESL + Agricultural and Wine Tour **  
Starting weekly in May, June, September and October for 1 week.

**English + Golf Camp**  
Starting weekly from April to October for 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks.

**English + Hot Yoga **  
Starting weekly year round for 1 or more weeks.

**ESL + Motorbiking **  
Starting weekly from May to September for 1 or more weeks.