



EDUCATION THAT COUNTS

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McDONALD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (MIA)
TORONTO, CANADA

ABOUT US



Established in 1994, McDonald International Academy (MIA) is a fully registered and accredited secondary school inspected by the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training (Official Training Number: 876684).

We employ the latest pedagogical methods and technological aids to provide students with superior educational opportunities. MIA is a vibrant academic and social community, boasting the highest North American standards through a collaborative effort from teachers and students alike.

Since our inception, over 10,000 students from over 40 countries have graduated from MIA and successfully entered many famous universities and colleges in Canada and the United States.

Students from around the globe are opting to study in Canada; we hope you will be one of them, and one who chooses MIA to start your education in Canada.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to McDonald International Academy, your home away from home. Our school offers a wide variety of programs and subject: each with a stimulating curriculum taught by highly qualified, experienced, professional educators who help our student succeed - not only in our school, but also in the future studies and career paths they choose after completing their studies at MIA.

Our School promotes more than academic excellence. We know that students' moral is important too, so we provide a pleasant atmosphere where students can thrive socially in a secure environment. Students tell me how much they like McDonald International Academy and how rewarding this time in their lives has been. I trust that you, too, will greatly enjoy and benefit from your time here.

Your Principal and Friend,

Fraser Rose

WHY CHOOSE MIA

Accountable Faculty

All teachers at our school have a Master's degree or higher qualifications, with Ontario Teaching Certificates and extensive teaching experience.

All Year Round Enrollment

MIA operates on a tri-semester system, which enables our students to register year round. Our semesters start in September, January, and April and our Summer School program begins in July and August. At our North York Campus, we run a fast-track program that allows students to enroll every 7 weeks.

Residence & Homestay Placement

MIA provides students with a safe and comfortable residence facility that is conveniently located near subways and buses for quick and easy transportation to the school and around the city. We also help place students in MIA approved homestays for a different housing option.

Reasonable Tuition Fees

Our tuition fees allows the opportunity for students to realize their dreams of education abroad at a reasonable cost to them and their families.

Modern Facilities

MIA's campuses are equipped with state of the art computer labs, flat screen TV's in classrooms to facilitate interactive learning and free Wi-Fi throughout. Our teachers are constantly utilizing the latest technologies to help enable a modern and dynamic learning environment.

Total Care

At MIA, we believe in providing care and support beyond the classroom for our students, ranging from opening bank accounts and help with extending study permits to providing guidance on their university applications. We are here for you every step of the way, even after you graduate and enter university!



Well Designed Curriculum

MIA implements guidelines from the Ontario Ministry of Education and works with various education consultants that help guide our teachers and staff. MIA also believes learning extends beyond the classroom and incorporates many field trips throughout the year to facilitate real world learning. A variety of courses are offered at MIA, enabling students to take the specific subjects required to prepare them for their post-secondary education.

Small Classes

Our small classes afford opportunities for the respect and recognition of student achievement. Our class sizes range between 15-25 students, allowing more time for students to interact and communicate in the class while developing independent reasoning, and creative thinking skills.

OUR ADVANTAGES

High University & College Entrance Rate

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Toronto is the largest city in Canada, and has been ranked as one of the safest, cleanest and most beautiful cities of the world. MIA has two convenient locations in the heart of Toronto.

Main Campus - Downtown

Our Main Campus – Downtown is located at the bustling intersection of Yonge/Bloor, one of the safest and most prosperous areas in the City of Toronto. Our neighbour, the Toronto Reference Library, is the biggest public library in the City. The University of Toronto is near by making it convenient for you to learn what the most prestigious university in Canada has to offer. Even closer is the posh area of Yorkville, home to all the upscale boutiques and restaurants of Toronto as well as many celebrity sightings.

North York Campus

Our North York Campus is located in North York Centre, right next to the North York subway station. The North York Public Library is located within the same building, as well as many excellent public and entertainment facilities nearby. This campus is home to our unique fast track program, where students can finish a credit within 7 weeks year round.

OUR LOCATION

University and College Application Assistance

One of the most important aspects of a students' academic experience is their preparation for post-secondary education. MIA is directly linked with OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre), and OCAS (Ontario College Application Services) to facilitate quick and accurate mark submission, making your University/College application process that much easier. MIA offers comprehensive guidance and personal advice for all students in order to guide them properly during application process. University and college representatives from across Canada visit our campus throughout the year to promote their programs and recruit MIA graduates.

Course Planning and Personal Care

From the first day they arrive at MIA, students are given a comprehensive personalized study plan based on each individual's academic dreams and goals. Guidance counsellors are always available to advise students on course selection, university/college applications, career guidance and more. We understand that for many students this is their first time living apart from their home and their families so we do our utmost to make students feel secure and happy during their time with us. At MIA, students come to think of us as family and we in turn proudly feel the same.

International Student Services

Our friendly and multi-lingual staff shares your excitement in experiencing a new country and environment. They work diligently to make your transition into a new culture and education system as smooth as possible. MIA provides the following services:

- Orientation to Canada and MIA
- Airport pick up & drop off arrangement
- English assessment & placement
- Banking, medical care and community support information
- Visa application & extension
- Assistance with Immigration Canada
- Guardianship
- And much more!



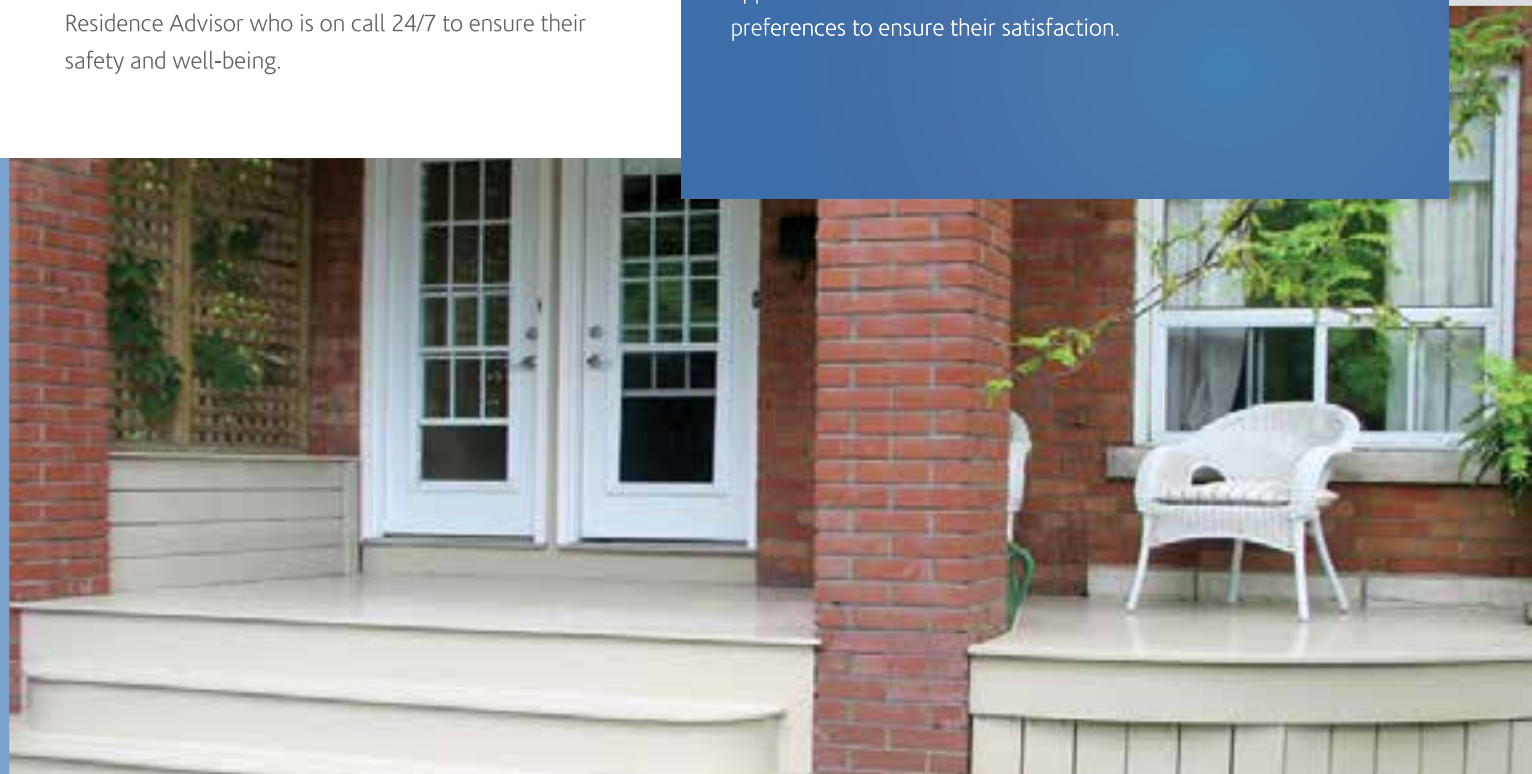
RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Residence

MIA's residence is located in a safe and quiet neighbourhood in the heart of downtown Toronto. Students live in a shared apartment style dormitory that is conveniently close to the city's subway and bus lines, providing easy access to MIA's Downtown and North York Campuses. Nearby, numerous amenities, attractions and services are available. Students are well cared for by a full time Residence Advisor who is on call 24/7 to ensure their safety and well-being.

Homestay

MIA provides full-service, high-quality homestay program for students who are interested in staying with a family during their studies here. The most hospitable MIA approved Canadian families are matched to students' preferences to ensure their satisfaction.



ACTIVITIES



MIA believes that learning extends beyond the classroom. Being a part of an active on campus community is an important part of each student's social and academic experience. Throughout the year, the school organizes a wide variety of exciting sport and cultural activities around the city, such as watching Blue Jays Baseball or Toronto Raptor's Basketball. Visiting the sights of Toronto such as the CN Tower, The Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Day trips to Niagara Falls, Canada's Wonderland and weekend excursions to Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec City are also available throughout the year.

To help students feel at home and become involved at MIA, the school organizes a Welcome Party at the beginning of the school year to help students get to know each other and make new friends. MIA also organizes annual Thanksgiving, Halloween and Christmas parties to celebrate the spirit of Canadian holidays.

Our annual MIA Prom is the highlight of our school year and not to be missed! Students celebrate together for a formal dinner and dance that always promises to be a magical night.

The school year comes to a close with our Graduation Ceremony where we come together to acknowledge the academic achievements over the past year.

Clubs

At MIA we encourage an active social community amongst our students and promote this through many special interest clubs headed by our staff. We currently have a Music Club, Dance Club, Foodie Club, Yearbook Club, and Knitting club just to name a few with new clubs forming all the time!

Each year, we form a student council to allow our students to have input in their school. Student council helps organize and promote various events around the school, making every year fun and fresh!





ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

McDonald International Academy follows the globally recognized curriculum set by the Ontario Ministry of Education. This 4 year program is designed to properly prepare students for post-secondary studies at University or College in Canada, the United States and around the world.

During a student's final year of high school they may apply to any university of their choice. In Canada, they require six grade 12 pre-university level credits in order to be considered. Each university and specific program will have their own minimum grade requirements for admission. In addition, they may apply for college programs which require completion of their O.S.S.D. and certain prerequisite courses depending on the area of study.

According to the Ontario Education System, every student needs to have 30 credits in order to graduate and earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.). Overseas students may be granted a maximum of 24 equivalent credits based on their academic achievements from their home country.

Diploma Requirements

- Earn 18 compulsory credits
- Earn 12 elective credits
- Complete 40 hours of community involvement activities
- Pass the Ontario Literacy Test

Compulsory Courses (Total of 18)

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 1 credit in French as a second language or other Foreign Language
- 3 credits in Mathematics (at least 1 credit in grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in Science
- 1 credit in Canadian History
- 1 credit in Canadian Geography
- 1 credit in the Arts
- 1 credit in Health and Physical Education
- 0.5 credit in Civics
- 0.5 credit in Career Studies

Plus

- 1 additional credit in English, a Third language, or Social Science and the Humanities, or Canadian and World Studies;
- 1 additional credit in Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, or Business Studies;
- 1 additional credit in Science (Grade 11 or 12) or Technological Education (Grade 9 – 12)

SUMMER ESL PROGRAM

Our special ESL program for the summer blends in class learning with fun daily activities in Toronto and its surrounding areas. In the mornings, students attend MIA's ESL program according to their level. In the afternoon and weekends, students go on activities that are not only fun, but reinforce lessons taught in class and offer the chance to practice their newly acquired English skills in daily life. An instructor is always present to help and guide students. Students learn a new language while making new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

This program runs for 4 weeks during the summer time beginning in July until August. 2 or 3 week options also available. Students also have the opportunity to add a 4 day trip to Quebec City, Ottawa and Montreal to their program.

This complete program includes:

- 4 weeks ESL studies (4 hours per day)
- Accommodation
- Transportation
- All Meals
- Airport pick up and drop off
- Medical Insurance
- Daily activities after class and on weekends
- Textbooks

Some of the activities included:

- Niagara Falls
- Canada's Wonderland
- CN Tower
- Blue Jays Baseball game at the Rogers Centre
- Royal Ontario Museum
- Casa Loma
- Medieval Times
- AND many more!



ESL PROGRAM

McDonald International Academy offers a comprehensive ESL program designed to cover all the prerequisites necessary to master the English language such as vocabulary, reading, writing, grammar, and oral skills. The course content and emphasis on certain skills will vary based on each level. Students may choose from one of our 3 different programs to find the one that best suits their needs and interests.

Our ESL Programs:

- Intensive (6 hours per day)
- Semi-Intensive (4 hours per day)
- Summer ESL program

Upon a students arrival, they are given an English assessment test and placed in one of the following five levels:

- Beginner
- Advanced Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced Intermediate
- Advanced





MIA'S PATH TO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE

Every year, over 85% of our graduates enter Canada's top universities and colleges. Upon arrival at MIA, our guidance staff consults with each student one on one to decide the courses needed to reach their academic goals. Students are given a specific study plan depending on the school and program they wish to study at after graduation.

In addition, MIA provides support for those students who require an English Proficiency test score (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) in order to apply for post-secondary studies. Students receive everyday English training during their academic courses but MIA also provides extra training after school and on weekends for those who request it.

Throughout the year our staff lends support throughout the application process, following up with universities and colleges.



ALLIANCES

McDonald International Academy is affiliated with several well-known universities in North America offering special opportunities solely for MIA students.

UOIT University of Ontario Institute of Technology



<http://www.uoit.ca>

- Guaranteed admission to all undergraduate programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 75% or higher.
- Co-op & internship placement opportunities with GM, Ford, IBM and Microsoft.
- Free Laptop provided for full-time students.

The University of Winnipeg



<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca>

- Guaranteed admission to all undergraduate programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 75% or higher.
- Reasonable tuition fee and living costs.

University of Manitoba



<http://www.umanitoba.ca>

- Guaranteed admission to all undergraduate programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 75% or higher.
- Reasonable tuition fee and living costs.

Cambrian College



<http://www.cambriancollege.ca>

- Guaranteed admission to all diploma programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 75% or higher.
- Numerous Co-op opportunities available.
- Reasonable tuition fee and living costs.

State University of New York



<http://www.newpaltz.edu>

- Guaranteed admission to all undergraduate programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 70% or higher.
- No SAT requirement.

Northern Michigan University



<http://www.nmu.edu>

- Guaranteed admission to all undergraduate programs.
- No English Language Requirements if ENG4U is 70% or higher.
- No SAT requirement.



Jose & Rogelio

Mexico (Brothers)

We both came to MIA for their Summer ESL Program when we were 10 and 11 years old. We loved it so much we decided to come back and complete our last year of High School at MIA. Though the education system in Canada was challenging, our teachers were so friendly and knowledgeable and helped us every step of the way. We met so many friends from all over the world and it is truly an experience we will always cherish!



Salma

Burundi

I had an amazing experience at MIA! The study environment was always fun and active. The teachers are very friendly and really helpful the administration is amazing always available and understanding. Being my first experience in Canada the school made me feel like I was part of a big family. I still visit the school from time to time and am still in touch with all my teachers. Thank you MIA for an amazing learning experience!



Eugene

Belarus

MIA provided me with an environment for steady integration into the new standards and the study system of Canada, as well as introducing various aspects of Canadian culture. The teachers and administration were eager to make the process of learning by any means entertaining and easy to navigate through. They helped me determine my goals and set me on a clear path towards secondary education as well as awakened interest and enthusiasm in me for certain subjects.



Cesar

Colombia

MIA is one of the few schools where students can learn and have fun at the same time. The students get to meet many other people from different backgrounds and become friends with them. The staff members are very friendly and helpful and the teachers are very supportive and committed to your education. MIA prepares students well for University/College. The school itself is student-friendly and there is always an opportunity to learn something new even if it is not school-related.

TESTIMONIALS



Linh

Vietnam

I had an incredible year at MIA! I have met awesome teachers who are very supportive and understanding. I received all the help I needed at any time thanks to the staff at school. MIA gave me a year of experience that helped me get to where I am today and I am so grateful!



Mohammad Jaber

Kuwait

What caught my eyes the most at MIA was the friendly atmosphere without barriers between the teachers and students which allowed for students to learn more effectively and enjoy the classes. MIA cared about me and made sure that I was on the right track toward my future from the beginning. I had a chance to meet many motivated people from around the world at MIA and had the opportunity to learn more about their cultures. I significantly improved my English language and built a core of knowledge from my academic courses. Thanks to MIA, I managed to accomplish many goals in a short period of time!



Brandon

China

During my time at MIA, I have not only acquired a great deal of knowledge from my lovely teachers, but also made friends with many of my classmates who are from all over the world. This was my first time studying in Canada and I was impressed by the quality of education. It was really fun when we participated in a series of activities throughout the year. Personally, I think these activities benefited me a lot because they were good opportunities for me to learn more about Canadian culture and build up my confidence.

THE WORLD OF MIA



HOW TO APPLY

MIA accepts applications in person, over email and online on our website. Students must pay fees in full in order to be eligible for acceptance. The Registration Fee must accompany the Application Form. The Registration Fee is non-refundable.

Methods of payments accepted are by Cash, Cheque, Certified Cheque, Bank Draft, Visa/Mastercard, Debit or Bank Wire made payable to:

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To view our fee schedule, other costs and further detailed application procedures, please visit our website at:

<http://www.mcdonaldacademy.com>

