



Canadian Workplace Experience Program 2018

Program Dates:

- January 8- February 23, 2018
- July 3-August 17, 2018

Program Overview

This 7-week English program offers 4 weeks of classroom study followed by a 3-week placement in a local organization, giving students the opportunity to speak English in a Canadian workplace environment. In the workplace, students will have the opportunity to job shadow, which will deepen their understanding of Canadian workplace culture. Many students find the immersion into an English speaking workplace environment is beneficial towards helping them prepare for their future career goals.

Benefits of the Program

- Classroom study followed by the opportunity to put language into practice during the workplace component
- Learning about Canadian workplace culture and expectations
- Opportunities to observe different roles within the workplace
- Participate in workplace discussions and activities
- Experience what Winnipeg has to offer through socio-cultural activities

The University of Winnipeg offers:

- High academic standards that stress essential skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking)
- Skilled and supportive instructors that are trained in second language instruction and accredited by Languages Canada
- Classes that are interesting, practical and fun
- Opportunities to experience the culture and lifestyle of a Canadian city
- Opportunities to form lasting friendships with fellow students and local Winnipeg residents
- Access to University of Winnipeg libraries, athletic facilities, computer labs, study lounges, restaurants and cafes

Weeks – 1-4: Classroom Study

Morning sessions focus on developing skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students take part in a seminar specifically designed for The Canadian Workplace Experience Program called, "English in the Workplace". This seminar will improve professional communication skills and prepare students for the last 3 weeks of the program which they will spend at a local host organization.

Weeks – 5-7: Placements

Students will spend 3 weeks in a local host organization giving them the opportunity to experience Canadian Workplace culture firsthand. Placement hours vary by organization, but are typically 25-30 hours per week.

Examples of previous placements:

- non-profit organizations
- museums
- art galleries
- radio stations
- athletic facilities
- health care facilities
- retail outlets
- hospitality organizations
- business offices

Every effort is made to match students with host organizations that align with their interests and requests. The final matches will be decided by the program coordinator.

Socio-Cultural Activities:

Participants will experience many exciting attractions and events in Winnipeg and surrounding areas through university organized and led socio cultural activities.

Sample Activities:

- Historical Forks Site and Market
- Manitoba Museum
- Winnipeg Art Gallery
- Visiting Assiniboine Park & The Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Canadian Museum for Human Rights

*All activities included in price unless otherwise noted. Students may have the opportunity to experience additional cost activities during their program.

*Actual activities may vary from sample activities listed

Accommodation: A Canadian Homestay Experience!

Students are matched with an English-speaking host family for the duration of their studies. Host families are screened carefully and selected by a University staff coordinator. You can expect a private room with a bed, sheets, blankets, towels, dresser, and a study area. Airport transportation and food for three meals per day are included in the homestay placement.

Weeks 1-4 Classroom Study Schedule:

- Monday -Thursday: 9:00 -3:00
- Friday: 9:00 - 12:00

Weekly Class & Activity Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Morning Class 9:00 – 12:00 | Morning Class 9:00 – 12:00 | Morning Class 9:00 – 12:00 | Morning Class 9:00 – 12:00 | Morning Class 9:00 – 12:00 |
| Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch break | Lunch break |
| Afternoon Seminar 1:00-3:00 | Afternoon Seminar 1:00-3:00 | Afternoon Seminar 1:00-3:00 | Afternoon Seminar 1:00-3:00 | Socio-Cultural Activity |
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*Example class schedule subject to change

*Start and end times may vary depending on the activity scheduled

*Actual activity days may vary from those listed