

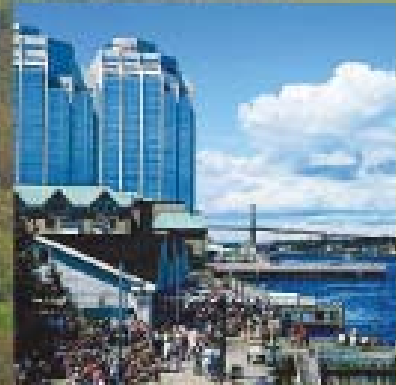
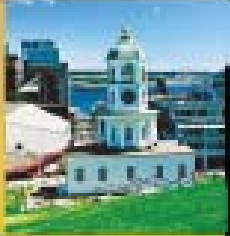


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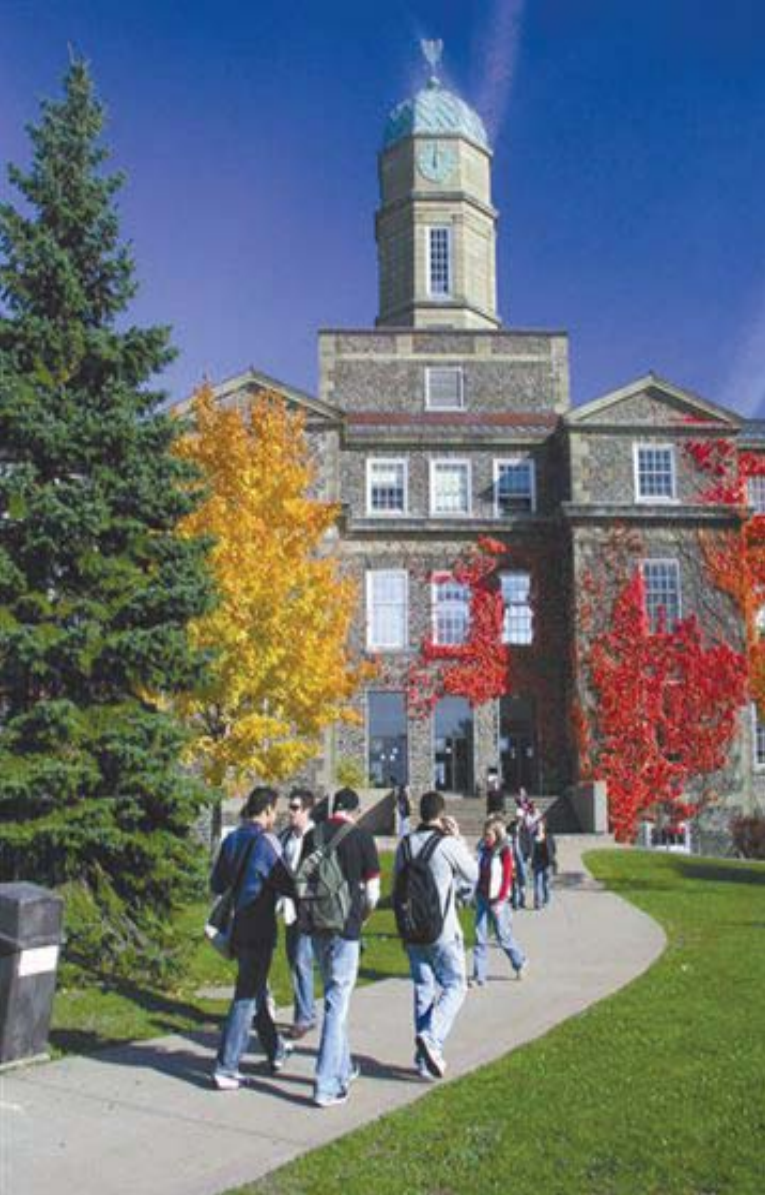
Inspiring Minds

Global Assessment Certificate™ (GAC) at Dalhousie

Language and Academic Preparation Program



September 7, 2010 -
May 3, 2011
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Canada



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The Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) is a university preparation program that provides strong English language training in an integrated learning environment. It is designed to develop English language skills in an academic setting which enhances student preparation for university study. It is designed for students who have applied and have been accepted into a Dalhousie undergraduate program but do not meet the University's English language proficiency requirements.



GAC Curriculum

The GAC is a 36 week or 9 month program beginning in September and ending in May. The GAC curriculum focuses on developing and improving your English language proficiency and consists of English, Mathematics, Computing, Business, Science and Social Science supported by systematic study of learning skills for success at university.

The GAC consists of three levels of study. Each course involves 40 hours of classroom study time plus 20 hours of independent study. Total hours per level is 240 hours of classroom study plus 120 hours independent study. Students attend classes Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily.

Level 1: September - November

Academic English I: Listening & Speaking Skills
Academic English I: Reading and Writing Skills
Study Skills for Independent Learning
Mathematics I: Fundamentals
Computing I: Introduction to Computing for Academic Study
Business, Science & Social Science I: Communication Skills

Level 2: December - February

Academic English II: Listening & Speaking Skills
Academic English II: Reading & Writing Skills
Learners choose 4 of the following:
Mathematics II: Probability, Statistics & Finance
Computing II: Data Management
Business I: Business Studies
Science II: Scientific Principles
Social Science II: Identity and Interaction in Society

Level 3: March - May

Academic English III: Listening & Speaking Skills
Academic English III: Reading & Writing Skills
Learners choose 4 of the following:
Mathematics III: Calculus & Advanced Applications
Computing III: Digital Communication
Business III: International Business Studies
Science III: General Science
Social Science III: Research Skills and Global Issues



How is the GAC delivered?

GAC is a full-time program delivered over nine months. There are three levels, each consisting of twelve weeks of study. The GAC includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, group work, class discussions, presentations and social activities. Regular assessments, assignments, teacher feedback and examinations enable students to demonstrate their skills and thereby improve their confidence. The language of instruction is English and students are expected to speak in English at all times in the classroom. Students receive academic counselling and enrolment guidance during their studies.

What do GAC graduates receive?

- Applicants to Dalhousie who successfully complete the GAC program **do not** require further English language testing such as the TOEFL or IELTS
- Highly developed research and independent learning skills
- Proficiency in all English language skills
- Advanced computing skills
- A solid foundation in Mathematics, Business Studies, Science and Social Science
- A developed and practical understanding of learning theory and strategies required for successful study in English-speaking universities



Student Life

While participating in the GAC program, students live in university residence and join in the life of the campus. Dalhousie's 15,500 students create an energetic community where diverse personalities and interests thrive – inside and outside the classroom. Whether you come from around the corner or around the globe, you'll explore all facets of your personality on our 79-acre campus. You'll also discover the richness of Halifax, an international city of 350,000 known for its beauty, history and cultural sophistication.





Fees

Program Fee: \$12000. Must be received by May 15, 2010.

Fee for 36 weeks includes:

- 720 hours of instruction to prepare you for admission into a number of undergraduate programs
- Certificate of GAC completion which is recognized by Dalhousie and GAC pathway universities worldwide
- All course text books
- Membership in the Dalhousie Student Union
- Access to Dalhousie libraries
- Student counselling services, both personal and academic
- Access to Dalhousie Health Services
- Access to Dalhousie sports facilities
- Free bus service throughout the Halifax area

Health Insurance: \$636. Students who purchase health insurance in their own country before coming to Dalhousie may not be charged this fee.

Accommodations: \$6505 approximate for single accommodation for 9 months

Food: \$3490 - cost for 9 months based on full meal plan.

Total cost of GAC Program: \$22,630 (fee may be less depending on the type of accommodation, single or double and type of meal plan)

Admissions

GAC Entry Requirements

For entry into the GAC program students must be a minimum of 18 years of age and have successfully completed the admission requirements for undergraduate studies at Dalhousie University. **See Admission Requirements for International Students** (<https://discover.dal.ca/dal/intlstud/requirements.ezc>) and have one of the following:

- IELTS 5.5
- TOEFL 525 (Paper Based)
193 (Computer Based)
70 (Internet Based)

For More Information

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Accommodations

Our safe, comfortable student housing provides a convenient 'home away from home.' Living in residence is a great way to quickly become part of the Dalhousie community and make friends. It's convenient, close to classes, offers opportunities for social and recreational activities and is problem free.

With full-time Residence Life Managers, Residence Assistants on each floor and 24-hour security, Dalhousie staff deliver ongoing support to residence students. Our residences are centrally located, so you're never far from classes, the library and other on-campus services. See rates and application process at (<https://discover.dal.ca/dal/accommo/index.ezc>). Students must make their own reservation for residence accommodation.

