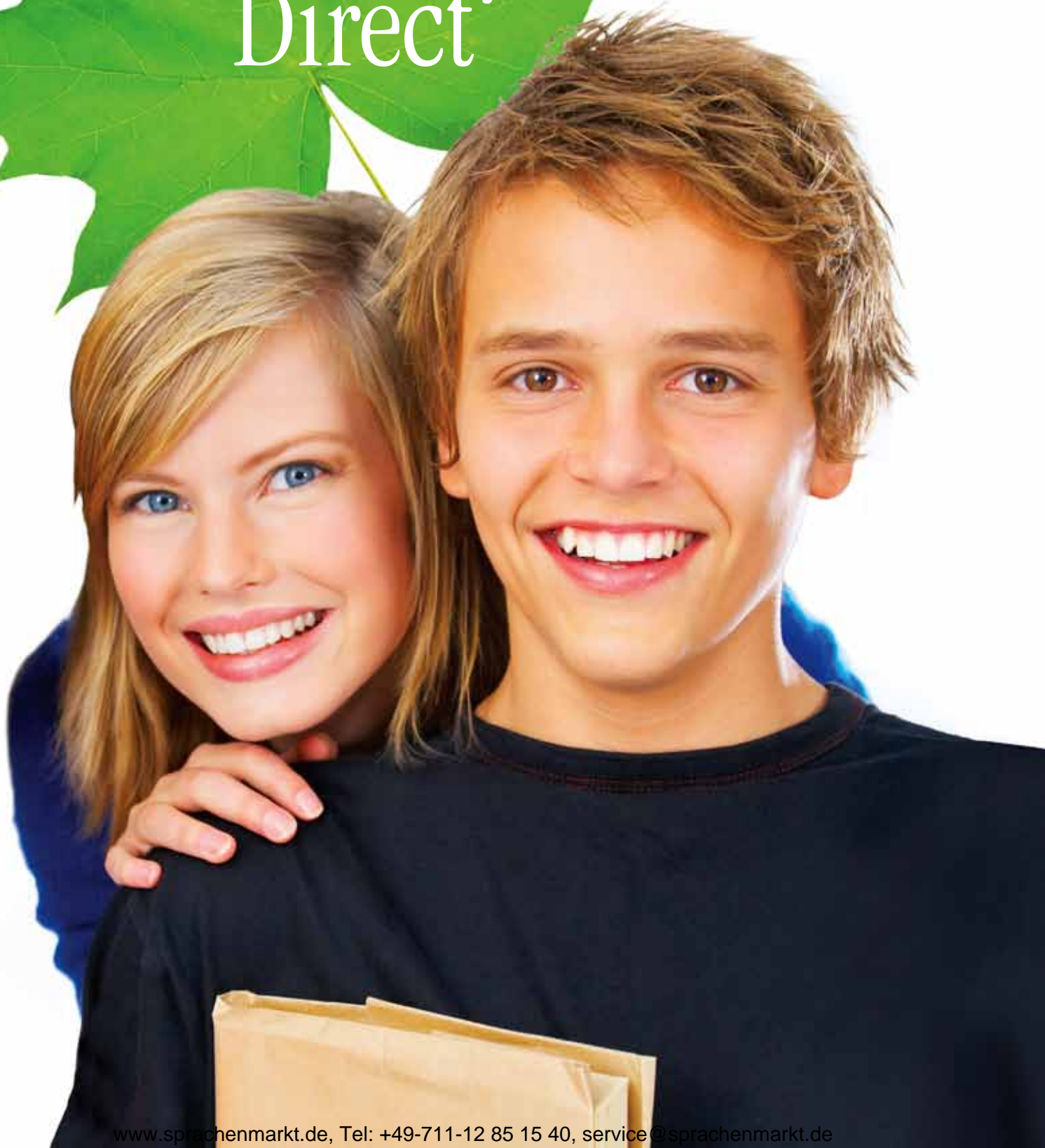


International  
Language  
Institute



# University Direct



# Chart your course



## Spend a year with us

**T**HE UNIVERSITY DIRECT program helps you secure admission to a university in Atlantic Canada, develop the language and study skills required for academic success, learn the methods and procedures of Canadian universities, and live comfortably in the welcoming culture of Atlantic Canada. The program is based on the belief that the best way to succeed at a foreign university is to spend a full year learning the language, educational requirements, and culture of the host country.

The University Direct program features institution-to-institution cooperation among

- The International Language Institute (ILI)
- ILI's associated universities, and
- an educational partner outside of Canada

## A two-stage transition to university

### 1 Preparation in your home city

The University Direct program begins in the familiar environment of your home city (ILI's local educational partner).

When you reach the intermediate level of English, you will take the University Direct Admissions Test, administered face-to-face by ILI at your local institution. The test is generally held in early September and early January of each year.

If you are ready for the next level of English studies (equivalent to an IELTS score of 5), you are accepted into the program. You will then

- complete ILI and university admission applications,
- apply for authorization to study in Canada, and
- spend the next 12-15 weeks completing the Intermediate English course.

While Immigration Canada processes your application to study in Canada, ILI acts on your behalf to secure admission to one of its associated universities. When you have

- your letters of acceptance from ILI and a Canadian university,
- your government authorization(s) to study in Canada, and
- completed intermediate English,

you are ready for Stage 2 of the Program in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Stage 1 ordinarily takes four months.

### 2 Living and learning in Halifax

In Halifax, you will study at ILI and live with a carefully selected host family. You will have a private, furnished bedroom, receive 21 meals a week and have access to the family's laundry facilities.

Your schedule will combine formal study and social interaction both inside and outside of the classroom.

You will be required to speak only English at ILI. Between and after classes, you will interact with students from other countries.

In the evenings, you will share meals with your host family. On weekends, you can participate in organized ILI social activities and occasional host family activities. You will probably develop a warm and lasting relationship with the members of your host family.

As an expression of serious intent, you will sign an Agreement with your parents, host family, and ILI that commits all parties to act responsibly in the interest of your personal welfare, cultural adjustment and academic success.

You will be required to attend all scheduled classes and speak only English on the ILI premises. If you speak your first language or do not attend all classes without an acceptable reason, you will incur penalties including possible expulsion from the program.

# Our future with Un





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## Studying English on the ILI campus

### First steps: living in English in Halifax

When you arrive at ILI you will take a placement test to see if you are ready for Upper-intermediate English. If not, you will need to increase your rate of progress to enter university at the same time as those who began at the same time.

The full-time program has three parts:

1. Language presentation and practice. The morning classes from the core of the program have a balanced approach to English. They are also excellent preparation for IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL or other standardized tests.
2. Practical language skills. In these afternoon classes, you will develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Advanced students can substitute an elective exam course for the Skills class. ILI offers business English, IELTS, TOEFL and TOEIC exam preparation classes, and other special purpose classes as the demand warrants.
3. Informal help. Following afternoon classes and during lunch periods, you can get help from a teacher, browse the Internet, or use books, computers, or audiotapes in ILI's Self-Study Centre.

You will receive 24 hours of classroom instruction each week. Ten additional hours are scheduled for informal help and supervised self study for a total of 34 hours.

### The final step: University English

Only students who complete the Advanced Level of the General English program at ILI are eligible to enter the final stage of the ILI University Direct program: University Preparatory English (UP-English).

This course is designed for and limited to university-bound students whose first language is not English but who have demonstrated Advanced English competence (sometimes called First Certificate Level English). ILI offers this eight-week course starting in July for students planning to enter university in September and in October for students planning to enter university in January. This the course that ILI associated Universities accept as the alternative to a qualifying score on an IELTS or TOEFL test.



### The UP English Course

In the UP English course, you will develop advanced English language skills, academic applications of these skills, study skills and personal management skills that are required for university success. More specifically, you will learn how to

- research, organize and write an academic research paper
- recognize and avoid plagiarism
- analyze and organize statistics
- conduct a survey and write a report
- research, prepare and deliver an academic presentation
- design, create and deliver a poster presentation
- manage their time
- edit their work for grammatical accuracy
- identify, develop and use academic vocabulary
- identify and produce materials that coincide with their learning style
- take notes from lectures, audio and written materials
- develop critical thinking
- work as a team member on team projects.

**H**ALIFAX, Canada's oldest English-speaking city, has both historic charm and the excitement of a modern city. It is Atlantic Canada's capital and largest city. It is only two hours by air from other major cities such as Toronto, New York, and Boston. The city has a low crime rate and low prices compared to other Canadian cities.

Three universities, over 35,000 students, numerous hospitals, and a high percentage of professional workers help to make Halifax one of Canada's five "smart" cities. The city's beautiful environment, friendly people, and many festivals attract visitors from all over the world.





# Associated Universities

## MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

**Founded:** 1839  
**Students:** 2250  
**Location:** Sackville,  
New Brunswick

Mount Allison University offers the kind of education you won't find on any other campus in Canada. It is a small school, with big ideas, and a long list of accomplishments.

MTA's consistent ranking as Canada's best undergraduate university ensures that your degree will be respected by future employers, colleagues, and friends from all over the world. Its small size of 2,250 students in a town of 5,000 allows for an intimate atmosphere where your strengths will be recognized and nurtured.

As an MTA graduate, you will be ready to take your place as a citizen of the world.

## MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY

**Founded:** 1873  
**Students:** 5000  
**Location:** Halifax,  
Nova Scotia

Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax is a Canadian leader in student-centred education and is best known for its small class sizes, unique programs, world-class faculty and opportunities to be involved in research.

More than 5,000 students from around the world are enrolled in MSVU's 38 undergraduate and 15 graduate programs. Overlooking the picturesque Bedford Basin, MSVU offers more than 190 credit courses and 15 complete programs provided through various creative technologies, including television and the internet.

## NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

**Founded:** 1905  
**Students:** 800  
**Location:** Truro,  
Nova Scotia

NSAC is a specialized university that cultivates learning and research, focusing on improving and sustaining our environment for the health and well-being of society. For over 100 years, NSAC has been educating students from all over the world. NSAC is a degree granting university offering graduate, undergraduate and technical studies.

Students enjoy the complete university experience, set in the small town of Truro, only an hour away from Halifax. NSAC assures a safe and secure lifestyle for students. Study options include the major Agricultural Sciences of Business, Economics, Engineering, Animal Science, Aquaculture, Plant Science and Environmental Sciences.

## SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

**Founded:** 1802  
**Students:** 8000  
**Location:** Halifax,  
Nova Scotia

Located in Halifax, Saint Mary's University has a student population of 8,000 students and is recognized as one of Canada's most internationalized campuses with students representing more than 94 countries. Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's strives on turning students into global citizens through a globalized curriculum, coop and employment opportunities on and off campus and scholarships to support student success.

Saint Mary's offers an AACSB accredited Business program including an MBA, a cutting-edge Faculty of Science where students can pursue research opportunities, and innovative Bachelor of Arts degree, and Engineering and various certificate programs.

