

## - Why choose SOC? -

20% lower costs

36% SOC graduates get U of Toronto offers

98% acceptance to top-ranked universities

20 university visits and presentations each school year

40 IELTS tests on campus each year

student-teacher ratio small class size

45 minutes south of Toronto

minute to city center

- Students are awarded the OSSD accepted by all universities in North America and world-wide
- Diverse international student population
- Qualified teaching faculty
- Carefully selected accommodation with Canadian home-stay families
- In-house specialist team to help with visa applications
- Full-time on-campus tutor
- Full-time university placement counsellor to assist with university applications
- Great facilities and location

#### Principal's Message

Southern Ontario Collegiate is an institution of learning that unlocks opportunities and opens doors for young people. The goals of the dedicated academic team of SOC are to ensure that each student's academic potential has a solid foundation on which to build his/her studies, career goals and desire to be a balanced individual. At the same time we hold on to traditions that build character. Our staff are role models of integrity and scholarly excellence. It is my honour to be a part of the staff and students of SOC.

### Trish Nanayakkara,

Principal of SOC, OCT

Trish has an extensive background in teaching and educational leadership in Ontario. In additional to Basic Teaching Certification, Trish has Special Qualifications in Special Education and Visual Arts.





## // School Profile

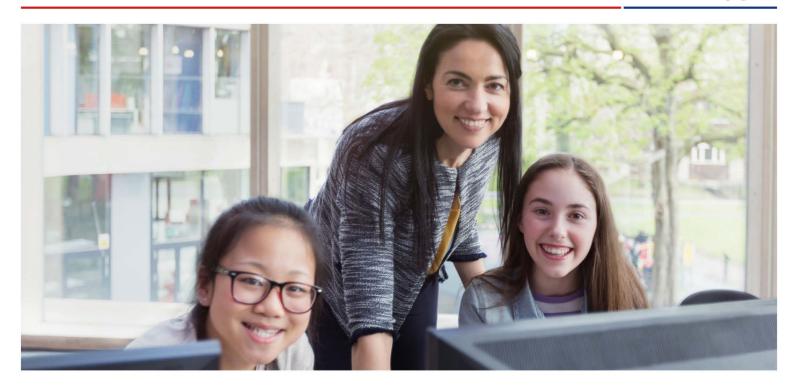
Southern Ontario Collegiate is a private, university-preparatory, secondary school specializing in preparing international students to meet admission requirements for universities in Canada, USA, UK, Australia, and other prestigious universities around the world.

Southern Ontario Collegiate opened its doors in 1980 and has grown exponentially since then. While our student population grows every year, the Collegiate's focus remains the development of each individual's potential.

Our philosophy is "a balance of knowledge and wisdom" which equips our students with the skill sets fundamental to success at university and success at life.







# // Personalized Learning and Individual Student Success

At SOC, we pride ourselves on being able to provide an environment, where the students' individual strengths are nurtured, and where each personal success helps build character and allows their confidence to flourish.

Our teachers will discuss with students about their study plan and career directions, and recommend the most suitable courses that match their personal goals and English levels.

Upon arrival at SOC, students are registered into the Maplewood Student Information System. Parents are issued an access code which allows you to monitor attendance and marks when posted.











# SUPPORT FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS



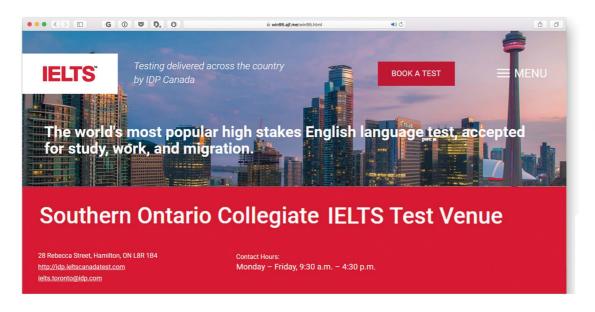
# // Experienced English Teachers

SOC offers English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at 5 levels for international students who are new to Canada and who need to continue improving their English skills.

Students will also have access to tutoring services and academic counselling, which help them transit into an English immersion environment.

## // Official IELTS Test Venue

With the excellent school location and facilities, SOC is the official IELTS test venue in Hamilton. Approximately 40 IELTS tests are held on SOC campus each year.



SOC test booking is open to all candidates on IELTS website.

ieltscanadatest.com



# MEET PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES



## // Highly Respected by Elite Universities

Lessons in time management, independence, responsibility, initiative, self-motivation, interpersonal development, learning skills, work habits, and setting and achieving learning goals are the cornerstones of SOC praxis. as a result of these values, SOC ensures that our graduates succeed in their future university studies.

Southern Ontario Collegiate, as a top quality education provider, attracts top universities across the country. Every year, over 20 universities visit us to recruit talented young people from SOC. This provides our students with valuable opportunities for personal interviews with key university representatives.































## // Grades 9-12 Diploma Program

**Highlights:** Graduates receive the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) granted by the Ministry of Education in the province of Ontario

Eligibility: Students with at least Form 2/ Sec 1/ Junior Middle 2, SS2, SS3, or WAEC are

eligible to apply

Intake: Every April, August, December

## // Pre-University Program

**Highlights:** Pre-U program is your link to university in Canada. The duration of the program at SOC will be determined by the number of equivalent credits granted by the Ministry of Education

**Eligibility:** Students who are currently studying in Form 5/ Sec 4/ Senior Middle 3/ or 'O' Level **Intake:** Every April, August, December

## // English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

Highlights: Students can study ESL for academic, general, or business purposes. Class sizes are small, ensuring the optimum environment for correction and practice Eligibility: Open for international learners with varying English proficiency levels Intake: Enrolment is on-going throughout the calendar year

## // Summer/Winter Camp Program

**Highlights:** SOC Summer/Winter Camp Program provides international students with a forum for practising and acquiring language while providing participants with opportunities for entertainment and exploration.



# OUR CURRICULUM



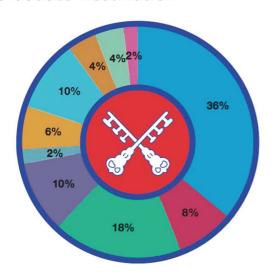
Southern Ontario Collegiate offers students programs leading to the award of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) which is the diploma granted to high school graduates by the Ministry of Education in the province of Ontario and reflects the standards and requirements of the publicly funded province-wide school system. The OSSD is awarded to all students who complete the Ontario education curriculum.

# // Courses Required for Majors in Business, Science and Engineering, and Arts

<b>Business</b> (Finance/Management/Accounting)	English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Economics, International Business, Business Leaderships, Marketing, Canadian & International Law, etc.  Requirements: English and 1 or 2 Math courses are compulsory; 3 to 4 courses are elective.
Science and Engineering (Computer/Engineering/Medicine)	English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, etc Requirements: English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Physics and/or Chemistry are compulsory; 1 to 2 other courses are elective.
<b>Arts</b> (Social Sciences/Humanities/Arts)	English, Advanced Functions, Calculus, Data Management, Individual & Families, Canadian History, Geography, International Languages  Requirements: English and Advanced Functions are compulsory; 4 other courses are elective.



#### **//** SOC Graduate Destination



36% University of Toronto

8% Queen's University

18% McMaster University

10% York University

2% University of Waterloo

6% Western University

10% University of Ottawa

4% Carleton University

4% University of Alberta

2% Others

Over 98% of SOC graduates enter top-rated universities and have consistently been granted admission to prestigious institutions throughout Canada. A significant number of our students have been granted scholarships and bursaries due to their high performance.



## Ethan Ko South Korea

- University of Toronto
- ★ Medical Sciences
- \$12,000 Scholarship

## Zahrah Fatima Sidi Aliyu

Nigeria

- University of Waterloo
- ★ Honours Arts and Business
- President's Scholarship of Distinction \$2,000
   Mary Gerhardstein Entrance Scholarship \$1,500





## Kar Chun Cheng Hong Kong

- University of Toronto
- **★** Commerce
- Entrance Award Scholarships





## // ESL Program

Our ESL programs offer opportunities for international students to improve English language proficiency for study and life in Canada. We offer English language instruction classes at 5 levels. Daily classes are led by professional English teachers who will develop all aspects of the students' English abilities. Enjoy the best quality of instruction, experience the Canadian culture, and make friends from all around the world.

# // Summer/Winter Camp Program

SOC Summer/Winter Program is well balanced between classroom activities during the day and evening and weekend activities designed for learning and entertainment as a means to further improve English skills. Students are given the chance to perfect their English and learn about Canadian culture in the classroom and beyond.











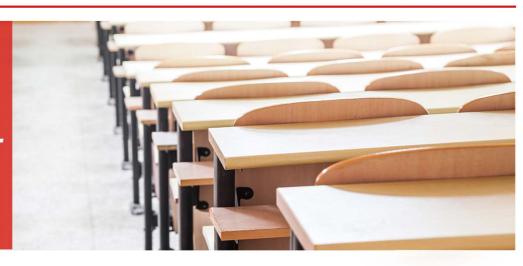








# LEARNING ENVIRONMENT







### **Learning Environment**

Southern Ontario Collegiate provides students with all the amenities necessary for a well-rounded education. Our spacious campus offers an excellent learning environment and facilities, including intelligent multimedia-projection classrooms, a double-floor, 300-seat auditorium, a full-sized gymnasium, a fully equipped computer room, and on-campus cafeteria for breakfast and lunch meals during school days.



#### **Academic Services**

Southern Ontario Collegiate is staffed by qualified teaching faculty and provided with the best teaching environment, outstanding school management team, and top quality facilities.

Southern Ontario Collegiate highly values guidance and tutoring services for international students. Guidance and tutoring staff provide thorough and considerate assistance on course selection, academic performance, and university application counselling. Tutoring is offered in private rooms.













# **OFF-CLASS CARE & ACCOMMODATION**







#### Off-class Care

SOC staff are always ready to offer help to students to overcome difficulties in and out of school. After students' arrival in Canada, SOC provides efficient settlement services, including residence arrangement, meal plans, and health insurance.

#### **Prior to Arrival**

- Student VISA Application Assistance
- Residence Arrangement

#### **Upon Arrival**

- · Airport pick-up and transfer to residence
- Welcome information & orientation sessions
- Opening a bank account
- Development of a customized study plan

#### Stay at SOC

- Optimum environment for a safe and culturally rich experience
- Hot breakfasts and lunches are provided at SOC
- Access to fitness programs and sports facilities
- Student Visa & Passport renewal service
- Community Volunteering Program





#### **Accommodation**

SOC residence and homestay offer more than just a place to eat and sleep. It provides an excellent environment for international students to improve their English language and ensure friendly access to Canadian lifestyles and experiences.

The culture, values and religious beliefs of international students will be highly respected. Every effort is made to ensure that students enjoy a rich and varied experience as the strive to achieve academic success



















### **School Location**

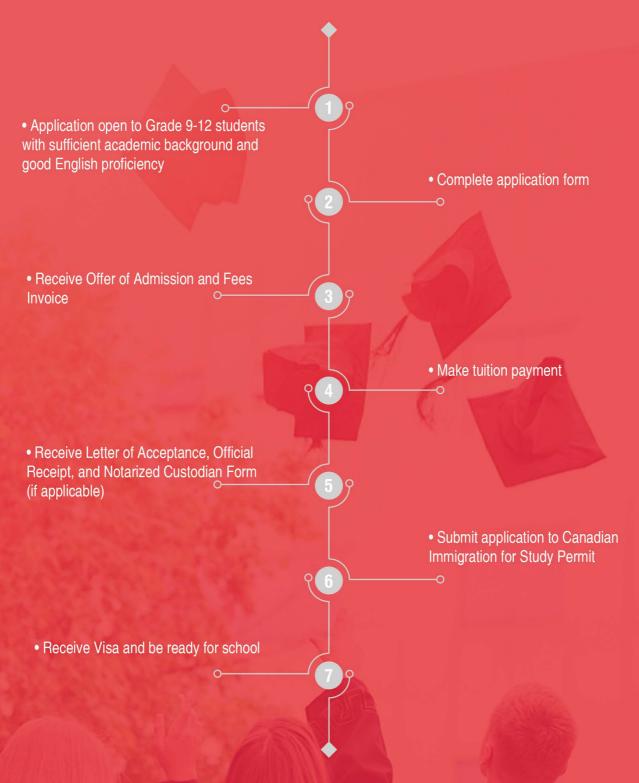
With a population of over 500,000 people, Hamilton is Canada's 9th largest city, located on the shores of Lake Ontario, midway between the world-famous Niagara Falls and Toronto. With most international flights landing in Toronto, Hamilton is within an hour's drive from the airport.

Hamilton has intriguing geographical features that include a large harbour, lakefront and the Niagara Escarpment that weaves through the middle of the urban landscape, providing spectacular views and numerous waterfalls. Hamilton is also home to three post-secondary institutions, including McMaster University, Mohawk College and Redeemer University College.

Southern Ontario Collegiate is situated in the downtown core of Hamilton, with easy access to Hamilton City Centre. The main city library, financial district, central train and bus stations, downtown mall, supermarkets, and banks are all within 10 minutes' walk.



# — How To Apply? —



# Welcome to Southern Ontario Collegiate

Applications are now open all year round. It usually takes 2 weeks for the application process, but we encourage our students to apply as early as possible to ensure adequate preparation for study permit application.



## **Southern Ontario Collegiate**

"A BALANCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM"

## **APPLICATION AND INQUIRY**



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