

OCDSB

International Certificate Program Exchanges / Study Abroad Options

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What are you curious about?

Please share in the chat...

- A specific country or culture
- An aspect of culture (i.e. music, food, religion)
- An issue of global importance (i.e. poverty, environment, conflict)



Recording in Progress!

Recording



in Progress



- ❑ OCDSB's International Learning Partner
- ❑ Represents the OCDSB internationally
- ❑ Provides global learning opportunities for international and domestic students



Geoff Best
Executive Director

International Certificate Program

To recognize and honour students in grade 9–12 who demonstrate a commitment to being **motivated, engaged and active global citizens**

- started in 2013
- Over 650 students from 33 countries currently enrolled across all OCDSB schools
- no cost / prerequisites or need to travel



ICP Advisors

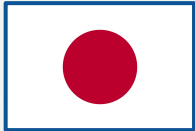
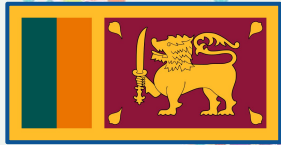
- 34 Advisors
- 26 schools including alternate programs
- Enroll students
- Share opportunities
- Organize activities & meetings
- Support students
- Answer questions



Kosar Hemmati

Memorable ICP Moments & Experiences

- student-led workshops
- international trips with family
- school clubs and my youth group



Why I Joined The Program

- enjoyed language learning
- already engaged in globally-focused experiences and coursework
- opportunity to enrich my activities
- a network of like-minded people

Ashiq

Memorable ICP Moments or Experiences

- Presenting a workshop in front of my peers
- Japan Bowl 2022
- Student-led workshops
- Ugandan fundraiser at school
- Purses of Hope
- Key Club

Why I Joined the program?

- Join a new club
- Try something different and new
- Learn more about different cultures and ideas
- Explore the world around me



Amina

Memorable ICP Moments or Experiences

- Jeju Youth Forum 2021
- Late night heygo tours
- Running my own workshop
- Thanksgiving with International Students
- Networking with Osaka exchange students



Why I Joined the program?

- For opportunities to experience the world around me
- To have a deeper understanding of the world
- To open doors of scholarships and university programs in the future



heygo



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The benefits of joining

- Learning or improving another language
- Increasing global awareness
- Making lifelong friendships
- Becoming more independent and confident
- Exploring opportunities and pathways for your future - university / career / life
- Understanding differences and similarities between cultures

- Connecting personal experience with coursework
- Developing leadership skills
- Contributing to local and foreign communities
- Hosting an international student in your family
- Traveling and visiting other countries and cultures
- Have fun!



Component 1

Learn Another Language

- Most high schools offer Spanish
- Plus Arabic, Japanese & Latin
- Online options
- OCDSB International Languages Program
 - Saturday mornings or after school
 - Register with your guidance counselor
 - Online
 - Free



- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Bulgarian
- Cantonese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dari
- Finnish
- German
- Greek (Modern)
- Hindi
- Japanese

- Khmer
- Norwegian
- Mandarin
- Pashto
- Persian (Farsi)
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Serbian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Tamazight
- Tamil*
- Thai
- Urdu
- Vietnamese





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Component 2

Take 4 international-focused credits in grade 11 / 12.

Duncan Barter

Plan for Next Year

Taking a Gap year
to Backpack in
South-East Asia

Highlight of ICP

Climbing
Mýrdalsjökull
glacier in Iceland



- Geography
- History
- Music
- Art
- Photography
- Fashion
- Law
- Business
- Politics
- Sociology

Dana Abdel Bary

- West Carleton Secondary School
- Going to uOttawa for Health Science
- ICP Highlight: Getting to be a UN ambassador and meet so many amazing people!



- Nutrition
- world religions
- equity & justice
- environmental science
- Philosophy
- hospitality & tourism
- French Immersion
- A second language credit may also count towards the 4



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Component 3

100 hours of intercultural experiences before you graduate.

****Anything you've done before you join the program can still count towards these requirements. ** Starting in grade 9.**





NETFLIX

9:15 AM

Iguazu Falls

Iguazu Falls: A Wonder of the Natural World

★ 4.8 (144)

9:30 AM

Dublin

Ancient Dublin

★ 4.8 (179)

9:30 AM

Sarajevo

Sarajevo War stories. Part One: The Sarajevo Roses

9:30 AM

NEW TOUR

Delhi

Tempting Home Made Bhindi (Ocra) with Phulka Bread

9:45 AM

Rio de Janeiro

Marvelous Port – Street Art and Architecture – UNESCO World Capital of Architecture

★ 4.6 (30)

10:00 AM

Ljubljana

The Oldest Part of the City - Artists Inspiration

★ 4.8 (4)

10:00 AM

Óbidos

Óbidos, the Medieval Queen's Village in Portugal – Unesco Literary Village

★ 4.9 (252)

4:00 AM

Tokyo

Peculiar Tokyo: Explore the Former Black Market in Ueno

★ 4.7 (79)

5:30 AM

Nairobi

Crafts with a side of kale: A Kenyan organic farmers market experience!

6:00 AM

Hue

Hidden Huế – Day 3: Calm Your Mind In A Monastery

★ 5.0 (29)

6:00 AM

Delhi

Find Peace Through Art

★ 5.0 (27)

heygo

School & Local Opportunities

- Model United Nations
- Diversity Club
- SDG Club
- Key Club
- Med Life



Key Club

- Embassy-led events
- Ottawa-based events



한국문화원
Korean Cultural Centre



Canada



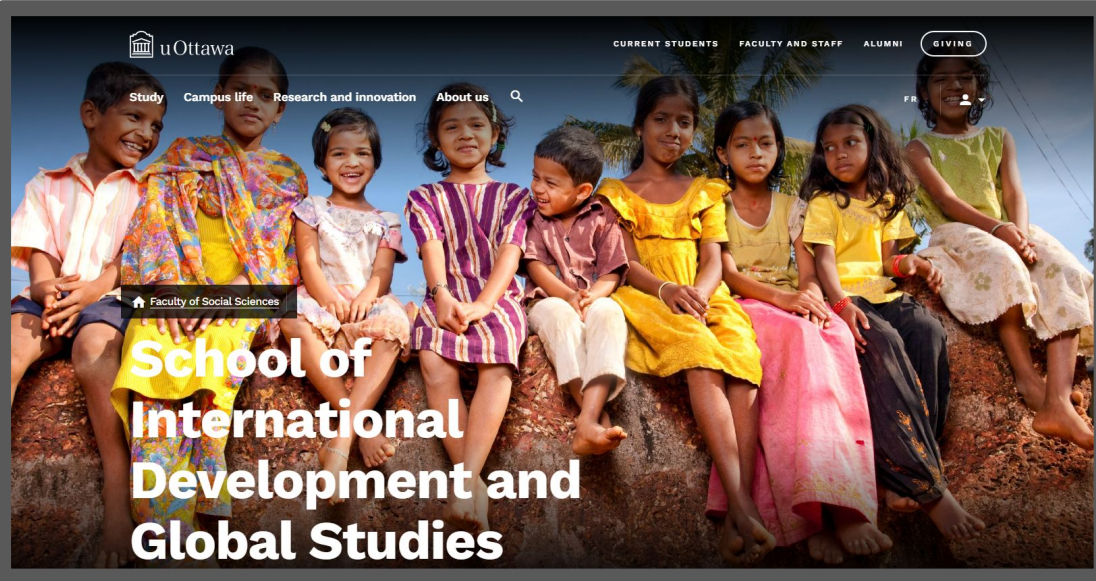
**Model
United
Nations**

Global Health Forum Hosted by Aga Khan Foundation of Canada

📌 Student-led workshops on a number of relevant global issues



Post-Secondary Pathways



- ❑ ICP students have been invited to U of O SIDGS open house and other events this year;
- ❑ Carleton's Bachelor of Global and International Studies Information Session and Bursary of \$1000 for ICP Graduates

Exchanges & Study Abroad Experiences

Exchange

- Someone stays with you
- Goes to your school
- You go and stay with them
- Go to their school
- Generally less costly
- Keep up with schoolwork here & don't usually earn credits there

Study Abroad

- Live and study (sometimes) in another country
- Live with a host family
- Nobody comes and stays with you
- Can be longer term
- Can earn credits while participating
- Generally more costly



Exchanges & Study Abroad Experiences



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Ottawa-Carleton Education Network / Exchanges

EXCHANGES

Ottawa-Carleton Education Network (OCENET) believes in the importance of exchange programs for both students and teachers.

There are a variety of exchange programs to choose from and as we get more details about their resumption, they will be posted here.

Student Exchanges

Group Exchanges

Students participate in these exchanges as part of a group and usually have a cultural or language focus. They vary in length from two to five weeks.

The OCDSB / Aix-Marseille-Nice exchange is a 5-week reciprocal exchange primarily for grade 10 and 11 students to learn more about French culture and to develop their language skills while attending school in the Aix-Marseille-Nice area.

Hanh-Lien Nguyen



MEI Spring Semester

- 6 countries
- 11 cities



Key takeaways:

- Cultural Awareness
- Self-development



MEI Academy

The screenshot shows the MEI Academy website. At the top left is the MEI logo. The navigation menu includes 'Big Year', 'Semester', 'Summer', and 'Online'. On the right, there is a 'LOGIN' button with an arrow. Below the navigation is a secondary menu with 'About', 'Scholarships', 'Apply Now!', 'Info Meetings', 'FAQ', and 'Refunds and Cancellations'. The main content area features a large banner with a background image of the Acropolis in Athens. On the left side of the banner, there is a dark blue vertical panel with white text: 'GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS', 'PLAN AHEAD FOR SUMMER 2023', 'WHAT'S ON TAP THIS YEAR' (in a white pill-shaped button), and 'TAKE THE NEXT STEP!' followed by 'APPLY NOW' (in a white pill-shaped button).

Info session this Saturday at 1 p.m.
More details at www.meiacademy.com

Danicka Flick


- ## Memorable Moments
- Meeting everyone in my class
 - Visiting tourist locations with my host father
 - Hanging out with new friends
 - Joining Kyudo club at school

- ## What I learned
- Japanese language and customs
 - Learning about different countries through Japan
 - Japanese school tradition/norms





YES
CANADA
STUDENT EXCHANGE



Learn, TRAVEL, Experience

International **Certificate Program Students Save!**

- 10% Discount in all 3-10 Month Classic Programs for ICP Students
 - Exchange program can integrate into ICP Component 3
 - Learn more on OCDSB website

EduTravel



Make earning high school credits an experience of a lifetime.

Info session November 15 @ 7 p.m.
More details at www.edutravelforcredit.com

OCENET Exchanges

More details on our website!

OCDSB / Provence Exchange

- 5 week Reciprocal Exchange
 - French students here Oct 8 - Nov. 13
 - OCDSB students there March 25 - April 29
 - ~\$2500
 - Info session in February '23



OCENET Exchanges



- **OCDSB / Japan Exchange**
 - **Yamate Gakuin School in Yokohama**
 - Japanese students here April 14 - 28, 2023
 - OCDSB students there July 20 - August 4, 2023
 - ~\$3600
 - 4 schools this year (Cairine Wilson, Colonel By, Canterbury, Gloucester)
 - Spring / Summer 2025
 - Schools TBD

More
details
on our
website!

Hannah and Kathi

Memorable ISE Ontario Moments

- Travelling to Bordeaux, France on an exchange with my best friend for 3 weeks.
- Hosting Exchange partners in Canada for 3 weeks.



What I learned

- French art is very historical
- The architecture of the buildings is very complex
- The food is very rich in flavour.



Reciprocal Exchanges

- ISE Ontario
 - 3-week summer option
 - 9 week Reciprocal Exchange
 - Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, Spain
 - European students here in the fall
 - OCDSB students there in the winter

More details on our website!



First Meeting
(Canada 2018)



Second Meeting
(France 2019)



Third Meeting
(Canada 2019)



Fourth Meeting
(France-Italy 2022)



Financial Support



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ABOUT HELPING STUDENTS ASK FOR HELP GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL

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Programs

OCDSB/OCENET International Study Abroad Bursary

- Awarded 2x / year
- \$250 - \$1000 per award
- \$28,000 awarded in 2019/20

More
details
on their
website!

Hosting an International Student

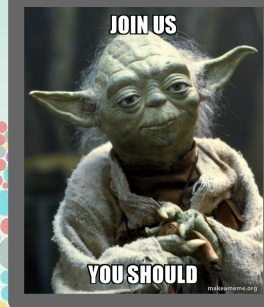
- **Great experience**
- **Learn about another culture**
- **Stipend available**
- **Help an international student learn about Canada**
- **Earn Component 3 Hours**



Canada Homestay Network



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**How
do I
join?**

More details and the enrollment form on the links document.

1. Fill out the enrollment form
2. Give or email to your school's amazing ICP advisor(s)!
 - a. who support students, meet with them and answer questions.
3. Start participating, sharing, learning and having fun!

IMPORTANT LINKS

Information evening about exchanges, international study and the International Certificate Program for parents and students: Wednesday, October 26 from 7 - 8 p.m.

<https://meet.google.com/nvm-xyah-eri>



Component 1

International Language

- [All the details](#)
- [Saturday or After-School Language Options](#) (sign up with your guidance counselor)

Component 2

Grade 11 & 12 Credits

- [All the details](#)
- [2 Internationalized Projects or Assignments](#)
- [eLearning Options](#)
- [Summer Beach Ahead](#)

Component 3

Intercultural / International Experience

- [All the details](#)
- [Upcoming Events & Activities](#)
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Final Reflection for ICP Graduates

Questions? Please email your school's ICP advisor or
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Questions?

