



**London  
International  
Academy**

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**OSSD**  
(Ontario Secondary School  
Diploma)



# What is OSSD?

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) is granted to secondary school graduates in the Canadian province of **Ontario**. It is part of the publicly-funded province-wide school system. It is awarded to all students who complete the Ontario education curriculum, including students in Special Education, the TOPS program, MaCS program, IB Program, and other focused secondary school programs.



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# Benefits of OSSD



Recognized by universities in various countries



The degree of recognition of the curriculum system is high, and the admission rate of overseas famous schools is high



Study online, save a lot of time and money



Convertible credits, flexible academic system



Non-exam-taking system, less pressure on exams



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**Students who successfully complete high school are awarded the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) from the Ontario Ministry of Education. Students who have taken secondary school courses in another country will be offered equivalent credits based on the successful completion of those courses.**





## **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS STUDENTS MUST FULFILL IN ORDER TO GRADUATE WITH AN OSSD:**

### **THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)**

- Created and assessed by the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office)
- Evaluates language skills based on the Ontario Curriculum expectations at the Grade 9 level
- LIA offers Literacy Test preparation classes after school
- LIA holds a Mock Literacy test before the OSSLT to ensure students are prepared for testing

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

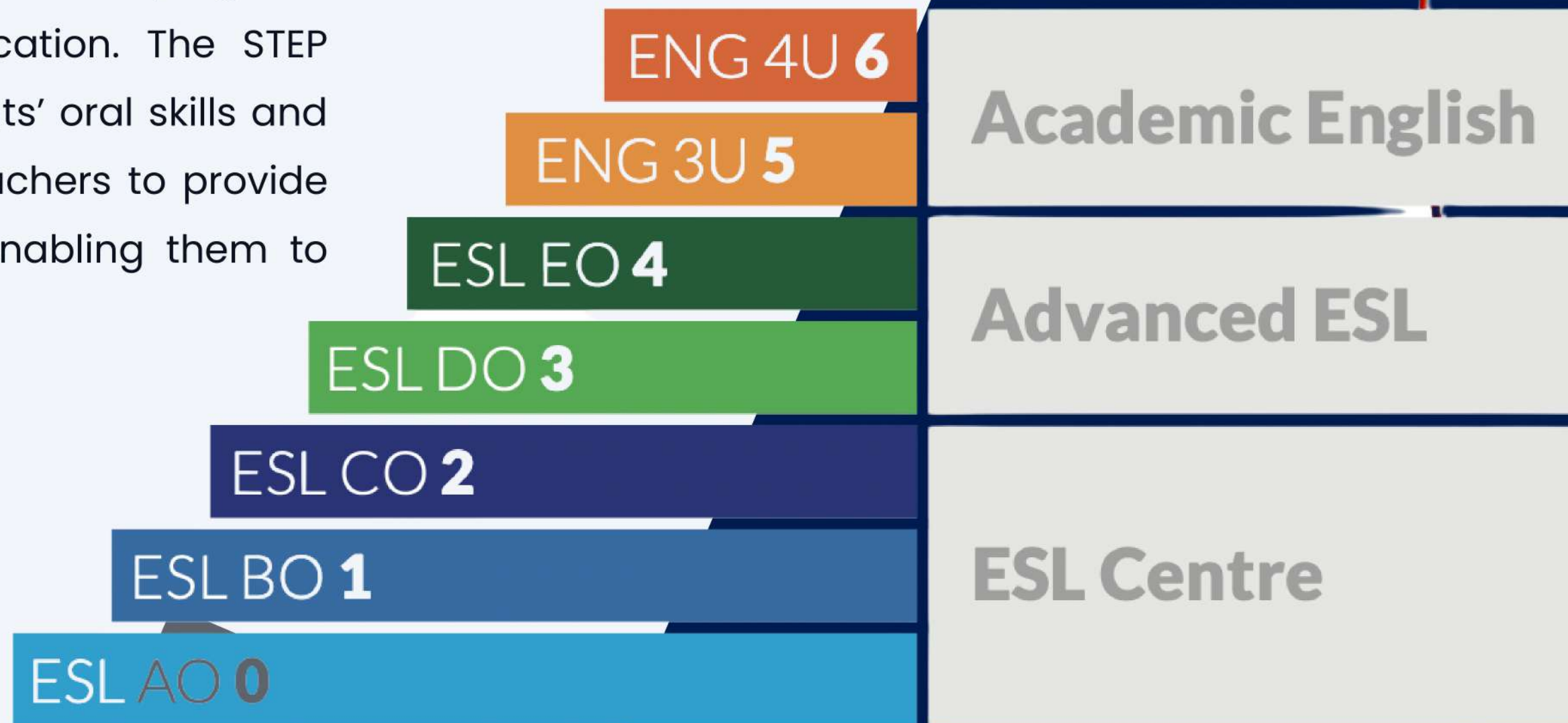
- Students must complete 40\* hours of community service
  - May be completed at any time during their high school years
  - Service may take place in businesses, nonprofits, public sector institutions, and informal settings
- \*based on year of entry: grade 9/10 – 40 hours, grade 11 – 30 hours, grade 12 – 20 hours



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# THE STEP PROGRAM

To support students' progress in learning English, London International Academy has adopted the STEP program, developed for the Ontario Ministry of Education. The STEP program specifies learning criteria for students' oral skills and reading and writing abilities and enables teachers to provide specific descriptive feedback to students, enabling them to progress systematically through the ESL curriculum.





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## Program Features

Based on the standards set by the Ontario Ministry of Education, courses taken in the student's home countries can be transferred for credits that the OSSD requires. Courses are 110 hours and can be taken in the morning, afternoon, or evening. The schedule and start date are also flexible, which helps our students optimize their energy and time.

Students can take 12 credits per year.

Our Academic Guidance Counsellor will help students one-on-one and facilitate their study plans.



# SOME Courses EXAMPLE 2023-2024

## ART

**Grade 10 Drama ADA20** - This course emphasizes the active exploration of dramatic forms and techniques, using material from a wider range of authors, genres, and cultures.

**Grade 11 Art - AVI3M** - Explore a wide range of themes through studio work that may include drawing, painting, sculpting, and printmaking.

**Grade 12 Art - AVI4M** - Using a variety of materials and media to create and produce art works as well as making analysis in personal, historical, and cultural contexts.

## BUSINESS

**Grade 11 Accounting - BAT3M** - Learning the fundamental principles and procedures of accounting.

**Grade 12 Accounting - BAT4M** - Learning advanced accounting principles, methods for assets, and sources of financing.

**Grade 12 Economics - CIA4U** - Examine current Canadian and international economic issues, developments, policies, and practices from diverse perspectives.

## COMPUTER STUDIES

**Grade 11 Computer Science - ICS3U** - An introduction to computer science. Design software independently and as part of a team, using industry-standard programming tools and applying the software development life-cycle model.

**Grade 12 Computer Science - ICS4U** - Using modular design principles to create complex programs, managing a large software development project, and exploring areas of research in computer science.

## ENGLISH

**ESL Level 1 - ESLA0** - Building on previous education and language knowledge to introduce the English language and help adjust to education in Canada.

**ESL Level 2 - ESLB0** - Extend listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English for everyday and academic purposes.

**ESL Level 3 - ESLC0** - Expand academic vocabulary, listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English to facilitate the transition to the mainstream school program.

**ESL Level 4 - ESLD0** - Developing the oral presentation, reading, and writing skills for success in all school subjects; studying a variety of grade-level texts.

**ESL Level 5 - ESLE0** - Developing independence in a range of academic tasks (i.e. debates, classroom workshops, writing essays and reports, etc.)

**Grade 11 Presentation and Speaking Skills - EPS30** - Develop the knowledge and skills required to plan and make effective presentations and to speak effectively in both formal and informal contexts.

**Grade 11 Academic English - ENG3U** - Developing the literacy, communication, and creative thinking skills in academic and daily. It is a prerequisite course for ENG4U.

**Grade 12 Academic English - ENG4U** - Analyzing a range of literary texts, creating oral, written, and media texts, & developing greater control in writing.

## SCIENCE

**Grade 9 Science - SNC1D** - Develop an understanding of basic concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and to relate science to technology, society, and the environment.

**Grade 10 Science - SNC2D** - Enhance understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, earth and space science, and physics, and of the interrelationships between science, technology, society, and the environment.

**Grade 12 Physics - SPH4U** - Deepening their understanding of physics concepts and theories & considering the impact of physics on society and the environment

**Grade 11 Physics - SPH3U** - Explore kinematics, with an emphasis on linear motion; different kinds of forces; energy transformations; the properties of mechanical waves and sound; and electricity and magnetism.

**Grade 12 Chemistry - SCH4U** - Deepening their understanding of chemistry through the study of organic chemistry, the structure and properties of matter, energy changes, equilibrium in chemical system, and electrochemistry.

**Grade 11 Chemistry - SCH3U** - Study of the properties of chemicals and chemical bonds; chemical reactions and quantitative relationships in those reactions.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

**Grade 10 Canadian History - CHC20** - This course explores social, economic, and political developments and events and their impact on the lives of different individuals, groups, and communities, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals and communities, in Canada since 1914.

**Grade 10 Civics and Citizenship - CHV20** - This course explores rights and responsibilities associated with being an active citizen in a democratic society.

**Grade 10 Career Studies - GLC20** - This course teaches you how to develop and achieve personal goals for future learning, work, and community involvement.

**Grade 10 Food and Nutrition - HFN20** - Learn how to make informed food choices, how to prepare foods, and investigate our Canadian food heritage, as well as global food issues.

**Grade 11 Food and Culture - HFC3M** - Cook with ingredients and equipment from a variety of cultures, compare food-related etiquette in many countries and cultures, and explain how Canadian food choices have been influenced by other cultures.

**Grade 12 Health and Nutrition - HFA4U** - This course examines the relationships between food, energy balance, and nutritional status; the nutritional needs of individuals at different stages of life.

**Grade 12 Challenge and Change in Society - HSB4U** - This course focuses on the use of social science theories, perspectives, and methodologies to investigate and explain shifts in knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviour and their impact on society.

**Grade 12 World Cultures - HSC4M** - Exploring a variety of world cultures, with an emphasis on analysis of religious beliefs, art forms, and philosophy Studying the contributions and influence of a range of cultural groups.



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