



## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE:** 28 January 2020

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee

**SUBJECT:** English for Academic Purposes - Partnership with Language Studies International

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with:

The USC Terms of Reference, USC has the ability to “to establish, oversee, and periodically review the undergraduate academic, admissions, and scholarship procedures, guidelines, and directives, and revise when appropriate, and provide regular updates to Academic Council”.

The following is being presented to Academic Council for information.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

After a review of the curriculum and a site visit to the campus, it has been determined that Language Studies International would provide superior English preparation for Ontario Tech University applicants. This agreement would become effective for the January 2020 intake.

### RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources are required.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- This change will be implemented for the January 2020 intake.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Memo from Joe Stokes, University Registrar
- Profile of Language Studies International



## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

### Policy Change Proposal

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, University Registrar

Re: Language Studies International ESL Partnership Agreement

Date: August 27, 2019

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In an effort to increase the quality of Ontario Tech University's undergraduate international applicant pool the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission based partnership with Language Studies International.

This partnership would allow for international students who have successfully completed Language Studies International Advanced level with a passing grade of 84% on the exit test to be evaluated for admission to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require a 6.5 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.)

For programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), students who graduated from Language Studies International Advanced level with a passing grade of 84% on the exit test, can opt to enroll at Ontario Tech University ECL's Level 6 or submit an IELTS of 7.0. Upon completion of ELC Level 6, students will be evaluated for admission to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require a 7.0 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.)

Attachment: Profile of Language Studies International for Proposed ESL Partnership

# Profile of (Language Studies International) for Proposed ESL Partnership

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## **School Name**

Language Studies International

<https://www.lsi.edu/en/schools/canada/learn-english-in-toronto>

## **DLI number**

O19332668052

## **About/History**

A family-run, UK-based company with over 50 years of international education experience, LSI has built an extensive network worldwide with 15 international schools around the world - including 2 in Canada (Toronto and Vancouver) along with 4 in the U.S. (Boston, New York, San Diego and San Francisco / Berkeley). LSI provides various ESL courses, accommodations placement, tours and activities for students around the world.

## **Campus Locations**

210 – 1055 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M4W2L2, Canada

806 Homer St 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, BC, V6B2W5

## **Accreditation**

Accredited by Languages Canada

## **Enrolment Breakdown**

Currently they have about 300 students, but the number ranges from 100 to 350 from winter to summer.

1) Brazil - 35%, 2) Mexico - 12%, 3) Turkey, 12% 4) Miscellaneous - South America, Europe, Middle East, East Asia 41%%

## **Curriculum**

LSI levels have been closely matched to the Common European framework, TOEFL iBT, TOEIC, IELTS and University of Cambridge English examinations. To move up to the next LSI level students need to master their specific 'level objectives', which students can demonstrate by test scores and class participation.

## **Online Courses**

They only provide one-to-one tutoring in an online format. All of the classes are taught in person at their locations.

## **Faculty**

All teachers have a bachelor degree or above and they all hold TESOL certification.

## **Current University Partnerships**

Wilfrid Laurier University

Bishop University

Acadia University

Algonquin College

Fleming College

St. Lawrence College

Durham College

## **Site Visit/Post Phone Conference Thoughts**

They are in a great location and students come from a number of countries. Students were very engaged at their classes during my visit. I suggest partnering with LSI by admitting their students who finish the highest Advanced Level to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require IELTS 6.5 or higher.