



**ISPY helped with my adjustment to life in Canada and it gave me the confidence to communicate in English.**

Kinya, Japan

**Who could say that she climbed trees in Canada with German and Brazilian girls, or danced to *High School Musical* songs with a Mexican boy, or had a Japanese roommate?**

**I can! I have great memories!**

Susanne,  
Germany



### Registration

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- > email to [ispy@smus.ca](mailto:ispy@smus.ca)
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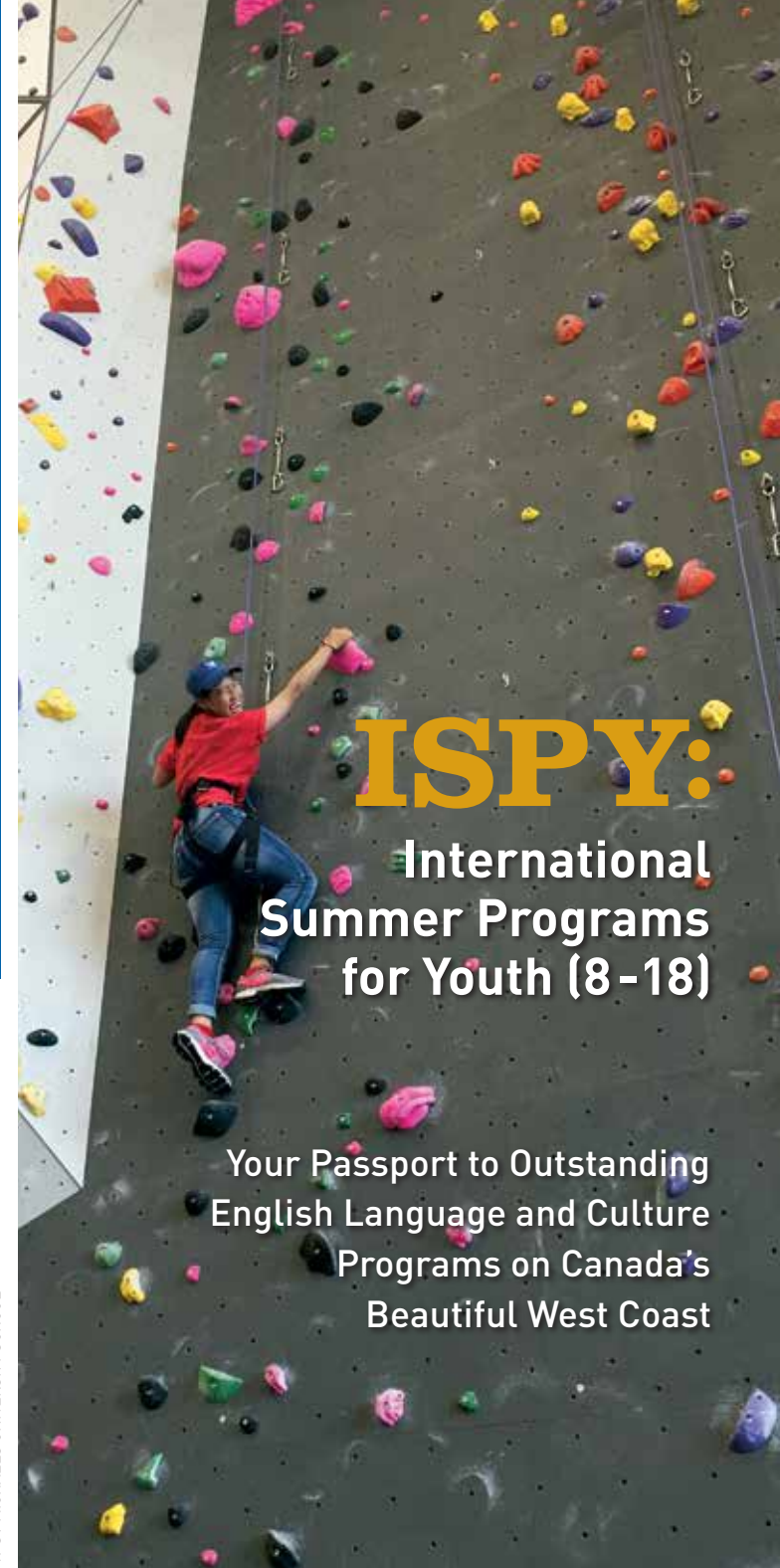
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# ISPY:

## International Summer Programs for Youth (8-18)

Your Passport to Outstanding English Language and Culture Programs on Canada's Beautiful West Coast



St. Michaels University School  
Outstanding preparation for higher learning and for life.

## About Victoria



Victoria is a city rich in history and heritage. It offers visitors indoor and outdoor adventure, multicultural experiences, culinary delights, heritage architecture, a fascinating history, glorious public parks and beaches and so much more.

With the mildest climate in Canada, Victoria is green and beautiful year-round. It has very low humidity and fresh ocean breezes which keep summer days from becoming too hot.

Victoria has been ranked as Canada's Smartest City, Canada's Greenest City, and Canada's Greenest Transportation City! It has more cycling routes than any other Canadian City. In 2016, Victoria was selected as #7 Best City in the World in the *Condé Nast* Reader's Choice Awards.

## About Vancouver Island



Vancouver Island has long white sandy beaches, tall mountains, a rugged coast line, acres of breath-taking forest, abundant wildlife, beautiful agricultural areas, unique small towns and cosmopolitan cities.

Vancouver Island was voted #6 in *Condé Nast* Reader's Choice Best Islands in the World in 2016.

Fun, history, recreation, the arts... there is so much to see and do! From whale watching, birding, fishing, hiking, surfing, golfing, skiing, exploring, camping, shopping and more, to art galleries, museums, festivals, sightseeing, cultural activities and more, Vancouver Island offers something for everyone.

## About St. Michaels University School



St. Michaels University School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school with a world-wide reputation for shaping the leaders of the future.

Our first-rate faculty and educational facilities, combined with an outstanding academic program and a strong commitment to excellence, make St. Michaels University School one of the best university preparatory schools in Canada and in the world.

## ISPY — International Summer Programs for Youth

Join students from around the globe in this unique, intensive summer program. Youth between the ages of 8 and 18 can spend two to six weeks enhancing their communication skills through an intensive, hands-on learning experience with expert instructors.

All of our programs incorporate an experiential learning component, which allows students to apply their skills in authentic situations.

**I'm definitely going to miss the beauty of this country. But I don't mean beauty just as in looks. It may be the way people treat you, or how safe this place feels, or maybe it's just the meaning I hold for Victoria and how I created bonds with everyone here.**

Dariusz, Mexico

## About our ISPY Programs

### Tuition includes:

- > Victoria International Airport transfers
- > accommodation in our campus residences
- > three meals per day plus evening snack
- > curricula tailored to students' interest and ability levels
- > evening and weekend activities
- > weekend overnight excursions
- > weekly academic field trips
- > admission to all attractions
- > comprehensive medical insurance
- > free campus-wide wifi
- > SMUS program souvenir



### Boarding Life

Students living in residence share a room with a room-mate of the same gender, similar age, and a different linguistic background. Each room has two twin beds, two desks, bookshelves, lamps, a private bathroom with shower, and lighting and heating controls. The campus dining hall provides three nutritious meals per day and an evening snack. Each residence has a lounge with a small kitchen, television, books, computers, and games tables.

### Dates and Cost

The ISPY programs run for six weeks during the months of July and August.

Participants can register for two to six weeks.

Registration Fee (Cdn\$): \$150.

For current dates and program fees, please visit our web site:

[www.smus.ca/ispay](http://www.smus.ca/ispay)



# Intensive English Language Programs

This intense, challenging and rewarding English language program is designed to give beginner to advanced level English learners a well-rounded academic and cultural learning experience. Upon arrival, students take the iTEP English Assessment test, and are then placed into classes that range in size from 12 to 15 students who come from all over the world and have similar

skill levels. Classes are also balanced to consider cultural background, age, gender, and maturity level. There are five distinct levels: **Junior, Beginner, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, and Advanced.** The curriculum and range of difficulty vary according to the level. All levels spend the morning in structured classes. The afternoons vary depending on the level.

All levels include:

- > 20–25 hours per week of formal English instruction, Monday to Friday
- > British Columbia-certified teachers
- > language-integrated skills workshops
- > interaction with local Canadian students who act as mentors and encourage participants to use and develop their English skills.

## ISPY Junior

### Student Profile:

Beginner to Advanced, ages 8–11  
Class size: maximum 12

Designed for children with a range of language abilities, instruction will focus on learning through play, to address each child's unique learning style. With small class sizes and dedicated teaching assistants, students are encouraged to progress at their own rate, and pursue their own interests.



## ISPY Beginner – Advanced

### Student Profile:

Beginner to Advanced, ages 12–18  
Class size: maximum 15

### Beginner to Intermediate

Designed for students with emerging and basic English language skills, classes focus on the development and mastery of listening, speaking, writing, and reading and large groups.



I have never had friends who are not Chinese. Making friends from another country can make my life colourful and expand my horizon.

Tianshu, China

### Upper Intermediate – Advanced

Designed for English speakers who understand idiomatic language, advanced grammatical structures, and complex speech. Students will stretch their communication competencies through participation in leadership training activities, exploring current global issues, and engaging with the community in local service initiatives linked to leadership skill development outcomes.



## Sample Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30–8:15 am	Wake Up, Breakfast in Brown Hall						
8:30–10:15 am	Classes					Day Trip To Vancouver: Stanley Park, Vancouver Aquarium, Robson Street, Shopping	Island View Beach Field Trip
10:30 am–11:45 pm	Classes						
11:45 am–12:30 pm	Lunch						
12:30–4:00 pm	Afternoon Workshops* / Service / Field Trip						
4:00–4:30 pm	Afternoon Check-in					Dinner in Brown Hall	Prep/Study Time
5:00–6:00 pm	Dinner in Brown Hall						
6:00–6:45 pm	Prep/Study Time						
7:00–9:00 pm	Evening Activities	Surprise Night	Evening Activities	Variety Night	Evening Activities	Free Time	
9:00 pm	Snack in Brown Hall, Free Time						
9:30–11:00 pm	Evening Check-In, Quiet Time, Free Time, Lights Out, depending on program and age of participant						

## \* Afternoon Workshops

Workshops are designed to apply authentic language to controlled learning situations. Workshops are taught using second language learning principles; students are provided with solid scaffolding to introduce and support their learning, with vocabulary lists and simple, basic model foundations on which to expand their communicative skills. Students from a range of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds are all learning new skills and concepts in a common English-speaking environment.

### Technology

Each week will focus on a different topic, which could include any of the following: **Digital Entertainment** – creating short, animated films using stop-motion photography; **App Builder** – learn how to create your very own mobile app, from concept to implementation; **Game Builder** – create all of the elements of a phenomenal game from scratch, including characters, plot and story-line, setting, and special effects; **Robotics** – program your own mini robot, learning how to control movement with sensors and coding; **3D Designer** – learn the intricacies of 3D printing and create your own custom-made objects.



### Service

Each week, students will have the opportunity to participate in a local, community-based service project, where specific needs have been identified. Service Projects are divided into three main areas: **Environmental, Humanitarian, and Social.** Past service trips have included beach clean-up; invasive species removal; work with animals at a local shelter; preparing lunches for underprivileged children; assisting with food preparation at a local homeless shelter.

Students spend up to ten hours per week on service projects, and receive a certificate of completion to document their experience.

### Drama

Drama classes range from simple drama games that repeat basic phrases, to more complex application of language through skits, dialogues, or monologues. Through the medium of language, drama develops vocal techniques and body awareness, while also allowing students to develop poise and self-confidence. Drama releases inhibitions, giving students license to take risks and experiment with language without worrying about perfect grammar and sentence structure.



### Global Citizenship

Every summer, students from all over the world come together to study language and culture. Beyond simple language acquisition, they must also learn to interact, negotiate, and cooperate with one another, while overcoming distinct language and cultural differences. Spending time together at a summer camp is a perfect opportunity to build these skills. Learners will explore diverse identities and cultures, and think critically about their place in the world. They will develop respect for diversity, tolerance and understanding for others' differences, while also learning about issues in other parts of the world.

### Intercultural Communication

The ability to communicate effectively across cultures is a key skill for global citizenship. It begins with the examination and awareness of one's own culture in order to understand and recognize the many dimensions of cultural difference. This understanding is the foundation for cultural fluency and the ability to form deep relationships across cultures.

I will never forget this incredible experience; I met outstanding people from all around the world and I improved my English a lot.

Marina, France