



BRAEMAR
COLLEGE



study in
Toronto

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Toronto lies on the sprawling northern shore of Lake Ontario. It is home to more than three million people; houses the provincial seat of government; and is the financial centre of Canada. Toronto bustles with cultural activities, festivals, and a thriving arts scene. It also has a diverse population into which students from across Canada, and around the world, easily fit. These are the features that set Toronto apart.

Toronto consistently scores highly in international surveys that rate cities' quality of life. It has a reputation for safe, clean streets, and boasts an excellent public transportation system that facilitates easy movement at reasonable cost—which is key for students. Toronto is a centre for scientific research and has three public universities. In short, Toronto is a great destination for learning.



"I've enjoyed studying at Braemar—the staff have been great and I've made new friends from too many places to count. Toronto's a fantastic city."
Vania - Mexico



"Braemar has been a home away from home. The students are incomparable—always together like a unit. The teachers are friendly, and have always been eager to see me learn something new."
Suraj - Tanzania



History of Toronto

Toronto was founded in 1793. The word 'Toronto' derives from the Huron language and means 'meeting place'. Over the centuries Toronto has grown as waves of immigrants arrived from all corners of the world. It remains a meeting place today and comprises an ideal location for students to prepare for, and embrace, their futures.

Studying in Toronto

With its rich tapestry of cultures, and history of welcoming newcomers, students smoothly integrate into Toronto, whether from Peterborough or Paraguay; Etobicoke or Estonia; Markham or Morocco. Our staff welcomes new students and helps them integrate into the student body, as quickly as possible.

Public Transit

A key aspect of student life involves transportation—is it easy and affordable to get to and from school? The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a public transit system consisting of buses, streetcars and subways. There are 138 bus routes; 11 streetcar routes; and 3 subway lines. These routes cover 7,055 kilometers.

Public Amenities

Toronto has a plethora of public amenities students can use at little or no cost. These public assets range from public swimming pools (both indoor or outdoor) to soccer fields; volleyball courts at the beach; to hiking trails in well-kept parks. This enables students to enjoy outdoor activities and keep fit.

Braemar's campus is located in downtown Toronto, across from the University of Toronto. Our superb location enables our students to utilize great public facilities such as the Toronto Public Library and community recreation centres. These public assets, combined with Braemar's own facilities, ensure our students receive a comprehensive education at an exceptional value.

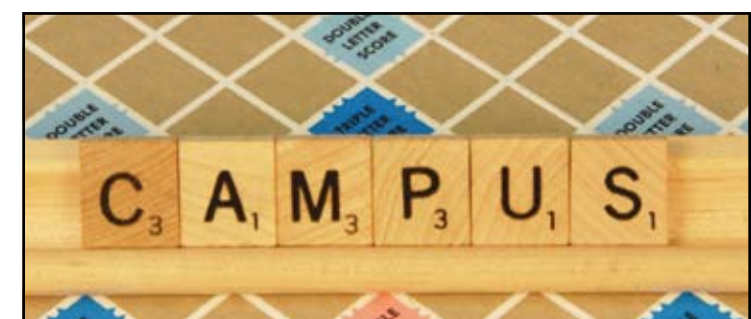
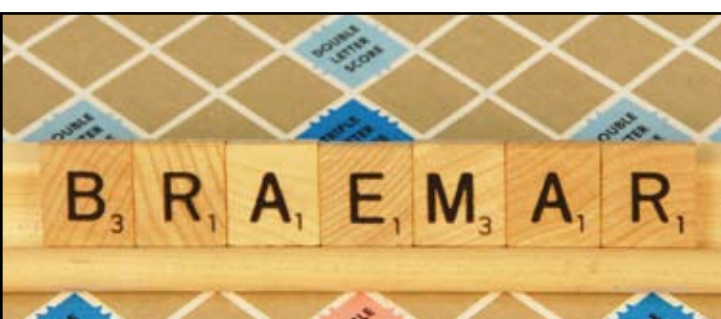
Braemar's mission embraces a commitment to academic excellence, personalized attention and student well-being. These values were incorporated into the very design of our campus: from spacious and well-ventilated classrooms to comfortable common spaces, we place students first. These features set the tone for the college.



"I've had a wonderful time at Braemar. Since arriving my English has improved, my marks got better. I feel the teachers really care about my future."
Anastasia - Columbia



"Braemar's provided me with a great opportunity to express myself—that's something I never had the chance to do much before coming to Canada to study."
Volodymyr - Ukraine



Campus Facilities

Meticulous renovations to our campus have created an optimal learning environment with bright, considered layout. Facilities such as a science lab, dramatic arts hall, computer science lab, student lounge, and Great Hall enable us to offer a full range of subjects, and host assemblies and celebrations.

The City Centre

A remarkable feature of Downtown Toronto is the host of cultural institutions clustered in the city's core. To be counted amongst these are the Art Gallery of Ontario; Royal Ontario Museum; Opera House; Roy Thompson Hall; CBC Broadcast Centre; Film Centre; and a broad selection of venues in which theatrical performances are staged on an ongoing basis.

Getting to & from School

Getting to and from class is quick and efficient. A streetcar line runs in front of our campus, which is 15 minutes from the Bloor and University subway lines. We are only a 4 minute walk from the Spadina Rapid Transit Line which links with the Bloor Subway Line and a host of other streetcar lines.

A Student Area

Being across from the University of Toronto means our campus is in the middle of a student area. Many of the local restaurants are geared to students — with fast service, and affordable prices. This area is also safe, clean and well lit: providing our students with peace of mind.

Braemar provides an atmosphere conducive to learning by ensuring staff and students adhere to a code of conduct based upon mutual and genuine respect. This facilitates the intermingling of students in an orderly, friendly, and productive manner. Along with talented and caring teachers, these features shape the student experience at our college.

While school should be academically focused, it should also be dynamic and stimulating, with classroom instruction just one aspect of a well-rounded educational experience. At Braemar, students are encouraged to participate in sports and clubs, and to join the many exciting excursions to local attractions, ranging from music concerts to art galleries.



"Braemar is a great place where you can learn about different cultures... and for me it has been a really good experience!"
Fernanda - Brazil



"The college is very good - the friendly way teachers and staff deal with each other is really wonderful and educational. Toronto is great, modern and multicultural. It's the best experience I've ever had."
Bassel - Syria



College Philosophy

Assisting students to realize their full academic and personal potential in a secure and directed setting is Braemar's mission. The College founders drew on decades of experience, and many inspirations, to chart Braemar's path: providing a setting with the feel and support of an extended family.

College History

Braemar was founded in 1995 and offers credit courses leading to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD.) The OSSD facilitates our graduates' entry into post-secondary colleges and universities in Canada and elsewhere. All our courses follow guidelines set by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Sports and Clubs

Braemar students are expected to study diligently, but also to be active outside the classroom. Students participate in sports such as basketball and soccer, as well as in student clubs, including: drama, music, dance, yearbook and student council. For instance, the Student Council organizes fundraising events and dances.

Celebrations

The Braemar experience includes fabulous fun! Every year our students enjoy wonderful celebrations, creating memories that will last a lifetime. From the Halloween and Christmas parties, to Ice-Cream Days and the Graduation Gala, staff and students showcase their musical and dancing talents.

Braemar's high school program is inspected and accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The college offers courses in all major subject areas: Arts, Business, Social Sciences, Computer Science, English, Humanities, Mathematics and Physical Sciences. All courses are taught by professionally certified teachers, who teach only in their subject areas. We offer grades 9 through 12, emphasizing rigorous university preparation.

Program quality is the measure of every school. A hallmark of the success of our college is the number of scholarships, academic prizes and awards our students earn each year, including The Governor General's award, University of Waterloo Mathematics Awards, and entrance scholarships to a range of prestigious universities across Canada and in other countries. We take great pride in this record of achievement.



"Braemar is a good place to study. Here students can relax and feel comfortable. I've learned a lot in a short time and I'm looking forward to university next year."
Kin - Hong Kong



"Since arriving at Braemar I've met a lot of interesting new people. I've had a lot of fun and learned a lot. The teachers are super and help with everything. I will miss everybody!"
Melina - Switzerland



Ontario School System

Canadian high school programs are four years in length. 30 credits, 18 of which are compulsory, must be earned in order to graduate with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). New students are granted credits based on previous secondary studies, if applicable. These credits are counted among those required to graduate.

Success in Ontario

Under Ontario's secondary school system, each course consists of a minimum 110 hours of classroom instruction. To earn a credit, a mark of at least 50% is required. If a course is not passed, it may be retaken. Exceptional students may be permitted to 'challenge' courses at higher levels—no more than two in any subject area, and no more than four in total.

The Program for You

At Braemar, options range from the full High School program to studying for one semester. For example, in the Canada Exchange program, a student studies for a half or full academic year and returns to his/her home country, while in our University Preparation program, a student can complete high school and proceed to university in Canada or elsewhere.

Customized Programs of Study

With unique backgrounds and future goals, each student needs personalized attention to achieve success. Our Guidance Department works closely with every student to design a Program of Study for advancement toward their academic goals. We continually monitor students' progress and make any needed adjustments so their goals are met.

Braemar's programs offer many advantages for both Canadian and International students, which together we term the BRAEMAR ADVANTAGE. An academically focused array of course offerings, supported by experienced teachers, provide students with a rich preparation for their future academic endeavours, whether in Canada, or another country.

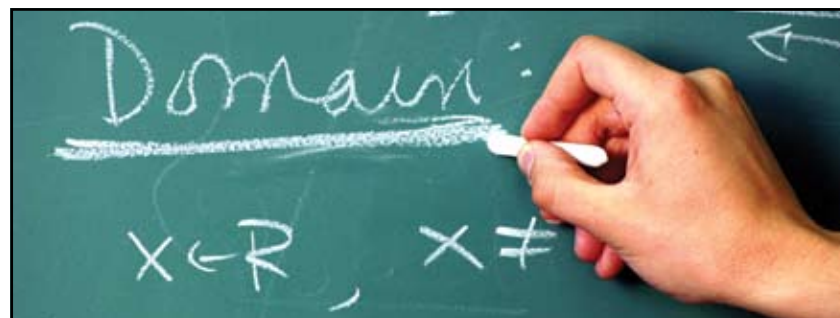
Our programs meet the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Education and our flexible options, combined with administrative expertise, personalized support and guidance services, ensure student success. Our dedicated teachers and small average class size of 15 guarantee that students get ample personal attention and achieve their goals.



"When I first arrived I didn't feel as if I'd just left my family. It felt like I was entering a new family. The Braemar family!"
Viktoria - Slovakia



"This has been an overwhelming and exciting experience of a lifetime for me. I've had the opportunity to meet friends from all over the world. I love Braemar!"
Ezgi - Turkey



Canada Exchange Program

The Canada Exchange Program enables students to achieve two goals at the same time – to improve their English, and earn High School credits which are revalidated in their home country. Not only do students benefit by earning high school credits, but research studies show students learn languages best when they are younger.

College Preparation Program

In addition to University Preparation, Braemar has successfully prepared students for entry to college for many years. In fact, we have developed a College Pathways Programme™ with a select number of Canada's most prestigious public colleges. This arrangement provides our graduates with preferred access to top quality programs.

University Preparation Program

Braemar's University Preparation Program has been helping students develop the skills they need for success in university, along with gaining the required credits for entrance to premier programs since 1995. Many graduates have gone on to rewarding positions in business, government and non-governmental organizations.

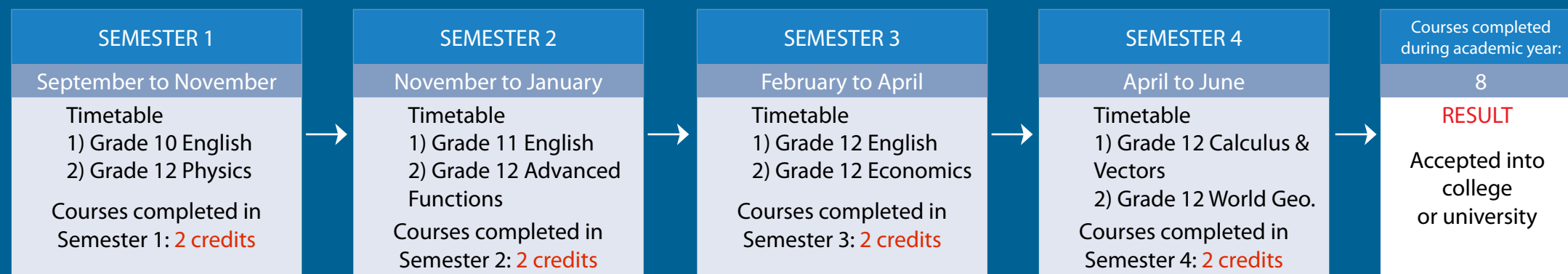
Express Program

A unique feature connected to our Fast Track Semester System™ is our Express Program. In this program, students take three, as opposed to two, courses per semester. This allows students to progress through their Program of Study 50% faster! The flexibility of our system allows for this program, which is only available at Braemar.

Sample Student: Tests at Grade 10 English level upon registration

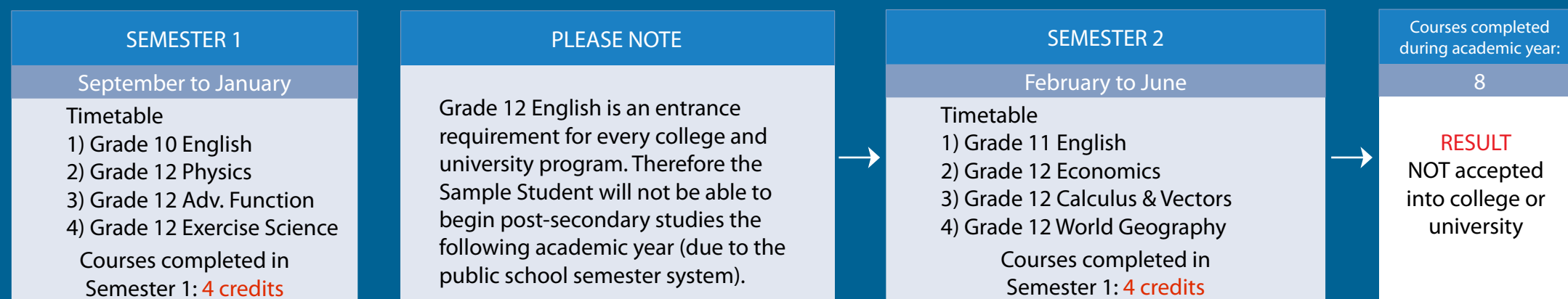
Our Fast Track Semester System™ is modeled on the example set by the University of Oxford. By dividing the school year into four rather than two semesters, students focus on fewer courses. There are a number of advantages to this: increased concentration on subject-matter; enhanced memory retention of the course material; and a more rigorous grasp of finer points.

The advantages do not end there - students can advance levels at twice the pace than at public schools or other private schools, and thus enter into courses at higher levels faster. Our system also allows greater flexibility: students can graduate sooner — saving both time and funds. These are just some of the features that comprise the BRAEMAR ADVANTAGE.



PUBLIC SCHOOL

Tests at Grade 10 English level upon registration
 Please note: Grade 11 English is a prerequisite for Grade 12 English



Graduate Sooner

Consider a student requiring only six credits to graduate. In a typical semester system, the student would have to study for a full academic year. However, under our Fast Track Semester System™, the student would complete the six credits in three semesters, thus graduating in April, instead of June.

Faster University Acceptance

In a typical semester system, a student can take only two levels of a subject per academic year, Grade 10 and Grade 11 English, for instance. However, under our Fast Track Semester System™, a student can take three or even four levels in one academic year! (Please see above chart for comparison).

Better Time Management

At Braemar students typically take two courses per semester—each class is two and a half hours in length, with a 15 minute break. This concentrated approach makes it easier for students to master assignments, as there are fewer of them to grapple with at a given time. Thus students spend more time learning.

Cost Savings

At our college students are charged per course, rather than per academic year (or part of an academic year). Consider again the student who graduates in April thanks to our Fast Track Semester System™. This student will save money on tuition, (and if they are not living in the family home, living expenses too).

At Braemar College, we are immensely proud of our sterling academic reputation. That reputation has been achieved one student at a time—at Braemar we believe that we only succeed when our students succeed. And our students are successful: year after year our students have won major contests and scholarships at Canada’s most prestigious universities, and gone on to rewarding careers.

As a result, our graduates are highly sought by universities across North America, many of which send representatives to our campus to recruit in person. Our reputation has also allowed us to form Pathway partnerships with key post-secondary institutions that garner key advantages for our students. We believe this is a record unequalled by any other school in Canada.



“Braemar is a good college. I like studying here because the teachers are nice. They have helped me a lot—both academically and personally. I’ve had a good time here and I’ve learned a lot.”
Juntao - China



“Braemar has been a great experience. I have met lots of people and will attend university next year. They are preparing me for what lies ahead, and for that I’m grateful.”
Vladislav - Russia



Our University Pathways Programme™ facilitates the transition between Braemar College and post-secondary institutions. Our students have achieved an excellent placement record at renowned universities; this programme builds on that success.

The University Pathways Programme™ involves a series of agreements between Braemar and its Pathways partners that confer priority processing of our students’ applications; up to \$5,000 in designated entrance scholarships, and a host of other benefits that vary from agreement to agreement.



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