

## SUPPORT FOR MELAB, IELTS, UKCAT & OTHER PROFICIENCY TESTS

AIA's skilled instructors have much experience coaching students in preparing for the many different aptitude and skill tests universities often require. For example, the MELAB is often used by universities to determine an international student's English language proficiency. It is broken down into several components:

- Listening
- Grammar
- Cloze (word choice and usage)
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking

Each section demands consistent practice and skill building, some of which is not available during regular class times. As such, AIA is prepared to offer additional support to ensure students find success on these exams.

### TUTORING AND OTHER ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

AIA is well aware of the rigors of secondary school. Some students may feel the need to seek out additional help or tutoring for their subjects. AIA has a full roster of available tutors to offer students greater clarity and practice to ensure their best results. Tutoring usually takes place shortly after classes end for the day and on weekend mornings.

AIA is also prepared to help students who are seeking part-time employment with their resumes, cover letters, and interview preparations!

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Applying to universities through OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) can be a daunting task. Often, students feel pressured or afraid to apply to particular programs. AIA's keen guidance staff is well-versed in the complexities of the application process and is ready to help students carefully make informed decisions.

AIA has a good reputation with universities in Ontario as well and often speaks directly to university administration to get answers to pertinent questions, which otherwise students might not get access to.

Several programs also require students to present personal statements, statements of intent, or answer a series of essay questions. AIA is ready to coach students in producing these important documents with articulation and eloquence.



Your Partner In  
Academic Success.  
With strong support  
from our community,  
AIA continues to provide  
unrivaled excellence  
in education.





## ABOUT US

We offer an array of college and university preparation courses, specializing in the streams of Mathematics, English, Science, and Social Science.

Agincourt International Academy (Ministry-Inspected Private Secondary School, BSID: 883230) has been serving the academic needs of the Greater Toronto area community since 2003 under the name Ontario International Institute; we are now in our 13th year of service.

Over the course of many years, AIA has been proud to have assisted hundreds of students in meeting their academic potential, as well as realizing their dreams of obtaining the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Furthermore, AIA staff and administration have enthusiastically taken part in helping students as they make the leap into post-secondary education.

**The partnership that develops between AIA students and staff is such that our mentoring and student advocacy programs often bridge the transition from secondary to post-secondary institutions of a student's choosing.**

Though by name AIA is young, its operator, Mr. Chanjith Vijayacumar and his team of consulting principals have years of experience to draw upon. AIA remains vigilant in consistently helping students reach their full potential. With strong support from the GTA community and our alumni, AIA plans to continue providing unrivalled excellence in education. Our success is proven not only in the success of our students, but also by the community's perception of our school.



## Enjoying the diverse city.

### STUDENT LIFE

Due to its location and connection to the Toronto Transit Commission's vast network of public transit, students can easily venture into Toronto's downtown core or the North York area to enjoy even more of this diverse city.

**Given the widespread multiculturalism of the area, students from all walks of life will find a place to settle in.**

Housing is readily available in the nearby neighbourhoods in the forms of houses and apartments to be rented. Students will be able to enjoy the hustle and bustle of city life should they choose, or choose to rent a house to enjoy the calm and serenity of the suburbs. Either way, getting to school won't be a major issue. In their leisure time, students have the luxury of choosing between many fine restaurants, billiards halls, movie theatres, and other varied experiences.

### OUR COMMUNITY

AIA is located at McCowan Road and Finch Avenue, a densely populated area close to the border of the City of Markham and Scarborough.

Surrounding AIA is a mixture of high-rise apartments, condominiums, and residential houses. It is a diverse community that effectively reflects Canada's multiculturalism. This area and nearby areas are heavily trafficked by newly landed immigrants seeking a new life in Canada.

**AIA, as a responsible communal element, often provides counsel for these new Canadians who seek guidance in terms of education and career opportunities.**

## AIA offers full time and part time options for both domestic/local and international students.



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (FULL TIME)

#### Overview

**BASIC PACKAGE (BRONZE)**

**8 COURSES ONLY**

This is the basic, entry package available to all students. This package includes 8 standard OSSD courses, and results in the student completing their respective grade level at the regular time between September and June. It does not include any additional tutoring, AP courses, or MELAB prep. All of the above, however, can be added individually if needed. This package is for students who want to learn at a steady, standard pace, with room for possible changes.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT PACKAGE (SILVER)**

**10 COURSES**  
including 2-4 AP courses  
+ MELAB/IELTS Prep  
(100 hours in group)

This package is designed for students who wish to complete more courses in the same amount of time as a standard school year. Instead of completing 8 courses between Sept-June, they will complete 12. Included in this package are 2-4 AP courses. These courses will include all the regular OSSD curriculum requirements but also include additional AP-based lessons and skills so the student will be prepared to take and pass the AP exams. This package is best for students who know generally what stream they intend to follow, but want to keep their options open.

**NOTHING-BUT-SUCCESS PACKAGE (GOLD)**

**10 COURSES**  
including 4-6 AP courses +  
MELAB/IELTS Prep (100  
hours, 1 on 1) + tutoring  
(100 hours, small groups  
3-5 students max)

This package is meant for students who intend to complete mainly AP courses AND who do not want to take any chances passing the MELAB language proficiency exam. This package includes 4-6 AP courses and several hours of dedicated English language preparation in reading, writing, and speaking. It also includes several hours of subject-based tutoring for students who want to learn even more or sharpen their skills further. Students who select this program are expected to enrol in at least 4 AP courses and attend all prep classes for MELAB. This package is designed for the most dedicated students who have a clear vision of what they want for their future.



### DOMESTIC LOCAL STUDENTS (FULL TIME)

#### Overview

**BASIC PACKAGE (BRONZE)**

**8 COURSES ONLY**

Overview: This is the basic, entry package available to all students. This package includes 8 standard OSSD courses, and results in the student completing their respective grade level at the regular time between September and June. It does not include any additional tutoring, AP courses, or exam prep for specific university programs like law, medicine, or business. All of the above, however, can be added individually if needed. This package is for students who want to learn at a steady, standard pace, with room for possible changes.

**AP & ACCELERATION PACKAGE (SILVER)**

**10 COURSES**  
10 courses + 2-4 AP  
courses + MCAT/LSAT/UK-  
CAT prep (100 hours  
in-group)

This package is designed for students who wish to complete more courses in the same amount of time as a standard school year. Instead of completing 8 courses between Sept-June, they will complete 12. This may include summer courses and may include longer school days. This way, however, students will be able to earn their OSSD in an accelerated environment and graduate earlier. While the accelerated program will require more effort from the student and some serious time management skills, it will train them to better survive in a fast-paced university environment. Included in this package are 2-courses. These courses will include all the regular OSSD curriculum requirements but also include additional AP-based lessons and skills so the student will be prepared to take and pass the AP exams. This package is best for students who know generally what stream they intend to follow, but want to keep their options open.

**NOTHING-BUT-SUCCESS PACKAGE (GOLD)**

**10 COURSES**  
including 4-6 AP courses +  
MCAT/LSAT/UKCAT prep  
(100 hours individual) +  
tutoring (100 hours, small  
groups 3-5)

This package is meant for students who intend to complete mainly AP courses AND who do not want to take any chances passing the examinations needed for law, medicine, and business schools. It also includes several hours of subject-based tutoring for students who want to learn even more or sharpen their skills further. Students who select this program are expected to enrol in at least 4 AP courses and attend all prep classes for examinations for law, medicine, or business. This package is designed for the most dedicated students who have a clear vision of what they want for their future.

### DOMESTIC STUDENTS (PART TIME)

Some of our most popular courses include:

**ENG4U HSP4U**  
**MCV4U SCH4U**  
**MDM4U SBI4U**  
**EWC4U SPH4U**

While AIA is focussing on being an international, full-time day school, we still offer individual credit courses for local or domestic students in Toronto. These courses generally take place in the evenings between 5:30-8:30 or on Saturdays in the mornings or afternoons.

Night school courses usually commence in the third week of September (semester 1 for regular day schools) and commence again in the third week of February (semester 2 for regular day schools).

We offer several more courses as well; if you have a specific course in mind, it is best to contact us and inquire. If possible, we will find the correct course and instructor for you.

Night school classes generally take place twice a week: 1 weekday evening and 1 Saturday morning or afternoon. Schedules are fixed after a certain amount of students have enrolled. | All of our courses are 110 hours in length.



**AP or Advanced Placement classes are created by the College Board, a company internationally recognized as creating courses and exams to assess the best and brightest of today's students.**



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

In essence, an AP course is designed to mimic the complexity of topics that would be discussed at the first year level of university. For example, the topics discussed in grade 12 AP Mathematics would be similar to the topics covered in first year mathematics. As such, a student who completes an AP course with a high score has effectively proven their capacity to succeed and thrive in university. AP courses are delivered only by qualifying schools. The curriculum for AP courses is created by subject matter experts. Generally, AP courses do not have individual assignments that are marked and reported on a report card; instead, they conclude with a major exam that tests all aspects of the course.

### How do we incorporate AP at AIA?

After AIA receives approval from the College Board to deliver AP courses, AIA's instructors will be trained in the specific materials of the course. The student will earn the corresponding credit (assuming he or she passes the course) and then will be given the opportunity to write the AP exam. If the student scores well on the exams, post-secondary institutions are likely to look quite favourably at the student.

Some universities, in fact, will allow a student to skip the first year introductory course (be it mathematics, physics, English, etc) if the student has scored excellent on the respective AP course. For example, if a student completes AP English and scores 95% on the AP English exam, he or she may not have to do first year English, and may proceed directly into second year English. In total, AP courses ensure that students are taught to a higher standard. This standard is determined by a huge number of experts in the field. As a result, AP courses are quite demanding.

## THE QUADMESTER SYSTEM

AIA does not follow the traditional year-long single semester or two semester system most day schools use. Instead, we operate on what we call the "quadmester" system. This division creates four separate "quads":

**Quad 1: Sept 22nd – Dec 1st**

**Quad 2: Dec 2nd – Feb 14th**

**Quad 3: Feb 15th – April 25th**

**Quad 4: April 26th – June 30th**

In each quad, students will be enrolled in 3 courses. This results in the completion of 12 courses at the end of the year, opposed to just 8. This allows students to place meaningful spare periods, take part in

available tutoring slots, study groups, or language enrichment non-credit courses. Given that many of our students are international students, the extra time and increased availability for support classes is beneficial.

While some students may think the workload is much greater, taking 12 courses in an academic year, it's importance to remember the benefits of only focussing on 3 courses per quad instead of 4. It's also important to consider that the quad system results in early graduation.

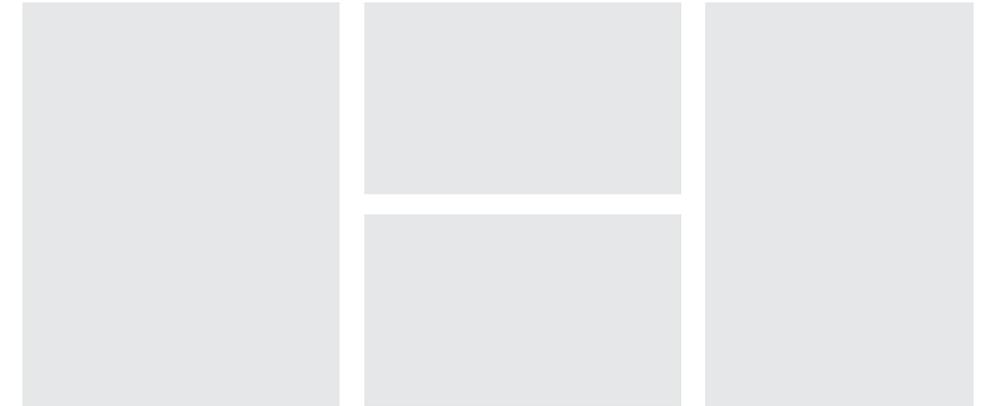
If possible, it might be nice to use an 8 month calendar to indicate the length of each quad, perhaps using a colour code of some kind.

## FACILITIES AND STAFF

AIA hosts several large classroom and several smaller rooms for small group instruction, quiet study, and tutoring.

We also have a functional computer lab and campus wide wireless internet for students.

Our staff is composed of Ontario Certified Teachers and subject-matter experts with the appropriate training. Our administration ensures that all teachers participate in routine professional development activities to keep up with the latest developments in education.



## HOME STAY AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students will naturally need a place to stay during their educational experience in Ontario. AIA will assist students in finding appropriate housing. For students who are minors (under the age of 18), AIA will work with our international recruiting partners to secure appropriate custodians to act as guardians.

AIA screens its custodians very carefully and ensures that they are caring, genuine individuals with appropriate qualifications to supervise the well being of several international students.

During their home stay, students will have to assume certain responsibilities such as house work and meal preparation for themselves, ensuring the growth of their autonomy.

The placement of home stay accommodations is strategic; students will have easy access to school but also to nearby transit and other local attractions.

