

West Island College International

Class Afloat™



YOUR PASSPORT TO EDUCATION
Since 1984



Bringing the classroom to the world

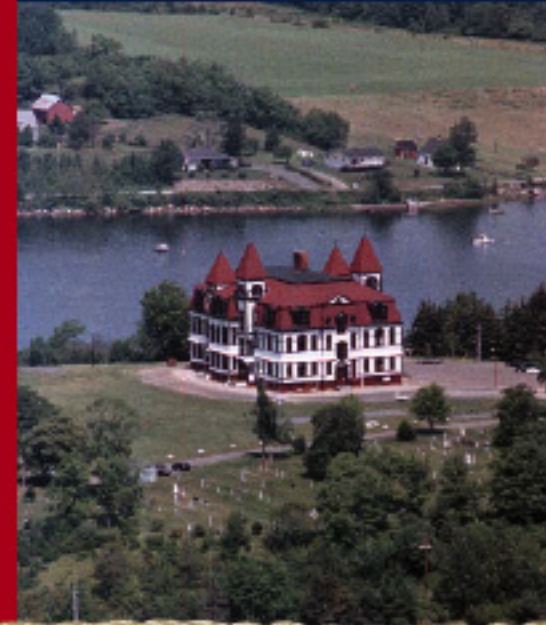


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West Island College was founded by Terry Davies in 1974 and today these schools, with over 1000 students, operate campuses in three locations across Canada. In 1984 the United Nations celebrated International Youth Year and challenged schools from around the world to interpret the themes of "Peace, Participation and Development". At West Island College, this invitation was the genesis of the programme known as "Class Afloat". Today, from its own boarding school campus in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site, West Island College International continues to offer "Class Afloat", one of the world's leading experiential education opportunities. Within an exciting residential environment in Nova Scotia or aboard one of its beautiful tall ships, West Island College International offers rigorous and internationally acclaimed programmes for students from 10th through 12th grade, in junior college and in university.

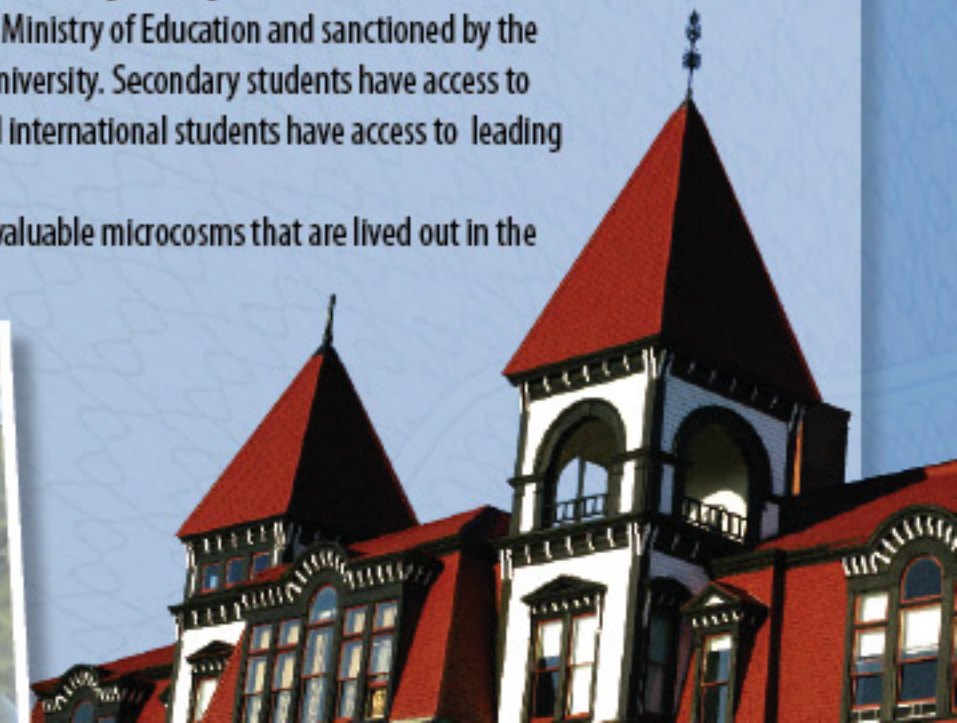
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Vision

"West Island College International students forge the highest of standards in academic excellence, community service, leadership, and personal development; the school's vessels and the community of Lunenburg define caring and predictable environments where minds, values and ethics coalesce into a living definition of responsible global citizenship. Here, students irrevocably engage in the pursuit of sensible, sensitive and sustainable practices."

- Outstanding academic results leading to or linked with the world's best colleges and universities
- Small and personalized classes that ensure that each student is fully engaged in course work and performs at a level commensurate with his/her abilities (Class size average of 12)
- Whether in residence, at sea or in any of 25 ports of call worldwide, learning is hands-on. Students learn more, retain more and enjoy learning more when they are experientially engaged.
- Personal development is accelerated in these environments where responsibility, independence, good judgment and initiative become the hallmarks of each student's profile
- West Island College International nurtures sensible, sensitive and sustainable practices that, for all of our students, become the pillars of responsible global citizenship
- Courses are designed to accommodate entry to or continuation within several fields of study: arts, sciences, social sciences, education, engineering, marine science and business
- Studies are authorized by the Nova Scotia Ministry of Education and sanctioned by the Quebec Ministry of Education or Acadia University. Secondary students have access to an attractive menu of AP course work and international students have access to leading edge ESL and English immersion classes.
- Residence life and shipboard life present valuable microcosms that are lived out in the macrocosm of the planet



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01. Copenhagen, Denmark
02. Szczecin, Poland
03. Labeck, Germany
04. London, UK
05. Dublin, Ireland
06. La Coruna, Spain
07. Lisboa, Portugal
08. Ajaccio, Corsica, France
09. Agadir, Morocco
10. Las Palmas, Canary Is., Spain
11. Dakar, Senegal
12. Praia, Cabo Verde
13. Cabedelo, Brazil
14. Port of Spain, Trinidad
15. Cartagena, Colombia
16. Puerto Limon, Costa Rica
17. Cozumel, Mexico
18. Havana, Cuba
19. Hamilton, Bermuda
20. Lunenburg, Canada
21. St. Pierre & Miquelon, France
22. Horta, Azores, Portugal
23. Vigo, Spain
24. St. Malo, France
25. Oostende, Belgium
26. Leith/Edinburgh, Scotland
27. Copenhagen, Denmark

S/V CONCORDIA

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12. Cabedelo, Brazil
13. Puerto Madryn, Argentina
14. Tristan da Cunha, UK
15. Cape Town, South Africa
16. Walvis Bay, Namibia
17. St. Helena, UK
18. Natal, Brazil
19. Port of Spain, Trinidad
20. Hamilton, Bermuda
21. Rhode Island, USA
22. Lunenburg, Canada



Yourself by...

- Developing your strengths
- Defining your goals
- Building your moral compass
- Pursuing your passions
- Being happy with who you are
- Making a difference in your life and the lives of others

Your Community by...

- Examining the basis of friendship and partnership
- Exercising leadership
- Questioning group values
- Exercising civic duty
- Defining social responsibility
- Living an environmentally sensitive behaviour

Your World by...

- Embracing a role on the world stage
- Defining active global citizenship
- Delivering humanitarian duty
- Exploring social justice
- Engaging in political debate
- Empowering others to affect positive change



S/V Concordia



S/Y Fryderyk Chopin

- Study aboard, travel abroad while sailing a beautiful Class A tall ship to as many as 25 ports of call worldwide
- Take the helm and feel the thrill of a 500 ton vessel carving the ocean at 12 knots beneath you
- Lay aloft and set sails that will get you there without leaving a carbon footprint
- Stand watch and practice newly acquired seamanship skills and astro-navigation skills
- Go ashore in West Africa and engage in a remarkable international service project
- Understand and embrace diverse cultures as you become an ambassador of broader global perspectives
- Work in a team, whether setting sails, working in the galley, day watch, night watch or designing your own land-based practicum

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME

- Rigorous college and university preparatory school programme (10th-12th grade) with an outstanding university placement record
- Students attending the foundation year in 10th grade enjoy a capstone service project while students in 11th and 12th grades spend half of each of those years at sea and the other half, in residence, in Lunenburg
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Unique course offerings such as Marine Biology, Anthropology and Sociology of Community
- Leading edge ESL and English immersion classes
- Post-secondary Counselling & Placement services including PSAT, SAT and ACT testing, college campus visits and individual portfolio development
- Internationally recognized Duke of Edinburgh Award programme (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Exciting outdoor & experiential education and co-curricular programmes including camping, kayaking, hiking, sail racing, small team sports, and student government
- In collaboration with our own non-profit, Global Education Association, students engage in local and distance community service and sustainable practice initiatives. These activities are complemented by a guest lecturer series, the development and maintenance of a "community garden" and a number of "ethics in action" and leadership development workshops.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

- A semester or full year of study as a team of 40 students travel and explore the world aboard a majestic tall ship
- Academic credits sanctioned through Acadia University, one of Canada's top-ranked undergraduate institutions
- Guaranteed admission to a degree programme with Acadia University or the option to transfer credits earned to leading post secondary institutions in Canada, the United States and around the world
- Unparalleled access to internationally renowned faculty and to seminar-based learning
- Land practica activities present students with compelling learning opportunities. Whether engaging in intellectual discourse and debate with global experts in Europe, Africa and the Americas or in a hands-on activity in an oceanographic station in the Atlantic, students are active and vested learners.
- Course offerings are developed with the Class Afloat itinerary and experience in mind; among the more than 22 courses we have delivered are: Coastal Oceanography, International Relations, Recreational Leadership, and Environmental Economics
- Value-added education where cultural exploration, leadership, personal development and international community service are welcomed hallmarks



WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



"Class Afloat is experiential education at its finest. It allowed me to learn and experience more about the world I live in; much more than I would have ever imagined. There is something to be said about being immersed into a culture in a new country, or visiting historical sites which you normally only get to read about. Academically, Class Afloat challenged me and helped to shape me into the person I am today - a teacher. Class Afloat was the experience of a lifetime, and I often wish I could go back to the program and experience it all again!"

Karen May



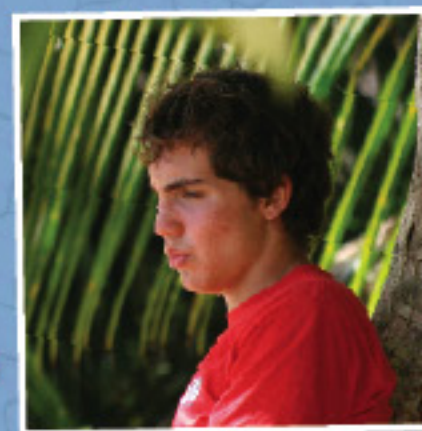
"My adventure on Class Afloat has enriched my life in many ways. This incredible experience has given me a wealth of opportunities and developed my scope for learning and personal growth. The hard-core bonds formed from sharing experiences with other shipmates while sailing around the world is, in my view, the most lasting of the rewards. Traveling around the world opened my eyes to the incredible diversity of other cultures and countries. Most importantly, Class Afloat has taught me the invaluable skill of being a team member."

Galen French



"Class Afloat has embraced me to be the best person I can be. I feel that now I have the confidence and knowledge to pursue what I want."

Heather Jackson



"Class Afloat is more than just school; it's life education."

Jason Stein



"The Class Afloat experience has given me a wider perspective on life and our world. It's the best education I've received so far."

Lakota Cleaver

HOW TO APPLY

- Download the application package from our web site: www.classafloat.com
- Complete and submit the application form via email or regular mail together with the processing fee (\$100)
- Complete and submit the paper chase: reference forms, medical form, proof of swimming ability, academic transcript
- Arrange for a personal interview and meet the prerequisite academic and social profiles for acceptance

Note: Scholarship and financial aid funds are available.

