

Welcome to Western Engineering!

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- 8. New Student Checklist- International Sponsored Students
 Manager- Adrian Aguirre Jurado
- 9. General Q&A
- 10. Department Specific Breakout Rooms



Faculty Graduate Office Team

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Electrical & Computer Engineering

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MUST-DO'S BEFORE COURSE ENROLLMENT

BRIEF REMINDERS

Western Identity

- If you have not done so, please activate your Western Identity as soon a possible so you can set up your Western Email and MFA.
- All communications will go to your UWO email account.
- Getting Started with your Western Identity
- Western Identity Manager Activate My Identity (uwo.ca)

Admission Conditions

Transcript Submission:

You are required to provide one official academic transcript from each postsecondary institution you have attended. **An official paper transcript is a transcript in a sealed envelope with the institution's stamp on the seal**. If the transcript is not in English, an official translation must accompany the transcript.

Paper Transcripts

By Mail: Mailed directly from the issuing institution to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

In Person: To the main desk at the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Mailing Address

Graduate Admissions
School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
International and Graduate Affairs Building, Room 1N07
Western University
1151 Richmond Street
London, Ontario Canada N6A 3K7

Electronic Transcripts

Directly to the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (gradapps@uwo.ca) from the issuing Institution's Registrar's Office



Admission Conditions Study Permit Submission

If you are an International Student, you will need to submit a copy of your study permit to the School of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies to clear the Study Permit Admission Condition and activate your registration.

Electronic Submission

 Email a clear copy of your study permit to Kimi Maruoka at kmaruoka@uwo.ca

In-Person Submission:

 In person at the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies front desk (International & Graduate Affairs Building, Room 1N07).



Questions?

For questions regarding your Admissions Conditions, please consult your Offer of Admission and/or contact the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Email: gradapps@uwo.ca

Reminder: If your admission conditions are not cleared, you cannot enroll in courses.

Tuition

- Fall Term Tuition Deadline: September 8th
- Tuition is due each term at the start of the term.
- Tuition is not charged to your account until you have cleared your admission conditions and have enrolled in courses.
- You are able to view your payment history on your Statement of Account in <u>Student Center</u>. (<u>Student Financials- Statement of Account- Select Term</u>)

Tuition & Fees Schedule

- The Tuition and Fees Schedule is posted by the Office of the Registrar. The 2023-2024 Fall/Winter Tuition and Fees Schedule can be found here
 - Fall 2023 Graduate Full-Time Canadian (pdf)
 - Fall 2023 Graduate Full-Time International (pdf)
 - Fall 2023 Graduate Part-Time Canadian (pdf)
 - Fall 2023 Graduate Part-Time International (pdf)

Tuition Payments: From a Canadian Bank

If you are paying from a Canadian Bank you can pay via:

- Internet Banking
- Cheque or Money Order

Please note:

- Payments made from a Canadian Bank can take up to 3 business days to process.
- If making payments from a Canadian Bank, your account number is your Student Number. If you are using Internet Banking- Please see the list of payee names per the Office of the Registrar OR contact your bank.

Tuition Payments: International

- If you are making an International Payment,
 Western uses Covera Global Pay (formerly Western Union Business Solutions).
- For more information, including a Step-by-Step instructional video (offered in 11 languages), please see here: <u>International Payments - Office of the</u> <u>Registrar - Western University (uwo.ca)</u>
- Please note that international payments can take up to three weeks to process.

Payment Methods NOT Accepted

- The University of Western Ontario does not accept cash, Internet e-mail money transfers or credit cards for fee payments.
- Any company or organization that offers the opportunity to pay fees by credit card is not associated with Western. If you choose to use such a service, you should be aware that:
 - You will remain responsible for all fees should for any reason the fees payment not be processed;
 - You will be paying a fee to the company over and above Western's fees;
 - You will be required to provide personal information, including your student number, to the company.
- Western does not encourage the use of third party payment services.

Tuition Receipts

Some students may require a receipt of payment of Tuition fees

You can download a copy of your Statement of Account directly from the Student Center (Student Financials-Student Account)

Additional Resources

Housing:

- Housing Options UWO
- Off Campus Housing
- University Apartments



Financial Aid:

- Student Finances Office of the Registrar
- Financial Support | Society of Graduate Students (SOGS)



Previous Town Hall Sessions can be found on our Website!

^{*}Please note it is your responsibility to secure housing prior to your arrival.

STEP-BY-STEP

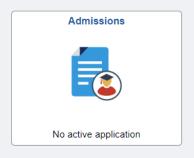
COURSE ENROLLMENT

- Admission Conditions must be cleared before you are able to enroll in courses
- Graduate Course Enrollment open from Early August-September 15th 2023
- All students are assigned an Enrollment Appointment. You
 will receive and email to your UWO email account informing
 you of your Enrollment Appointment. This is when you can
 begin enrolling in courses.

Student Center- student.uwo.ca

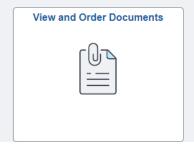
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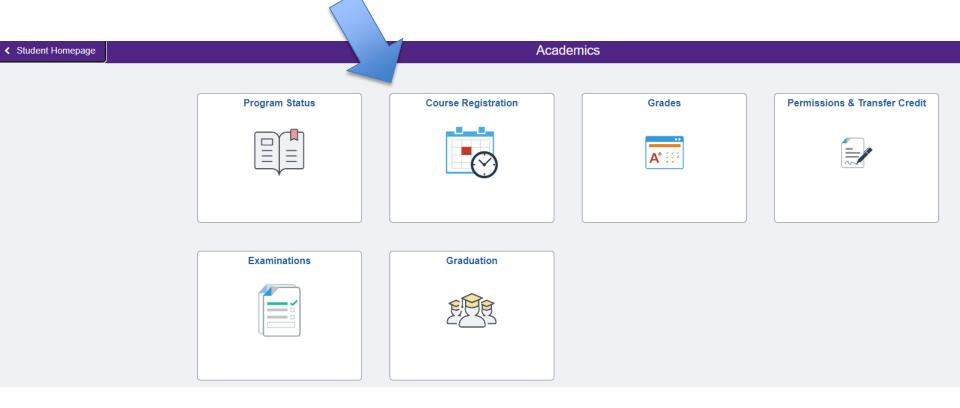


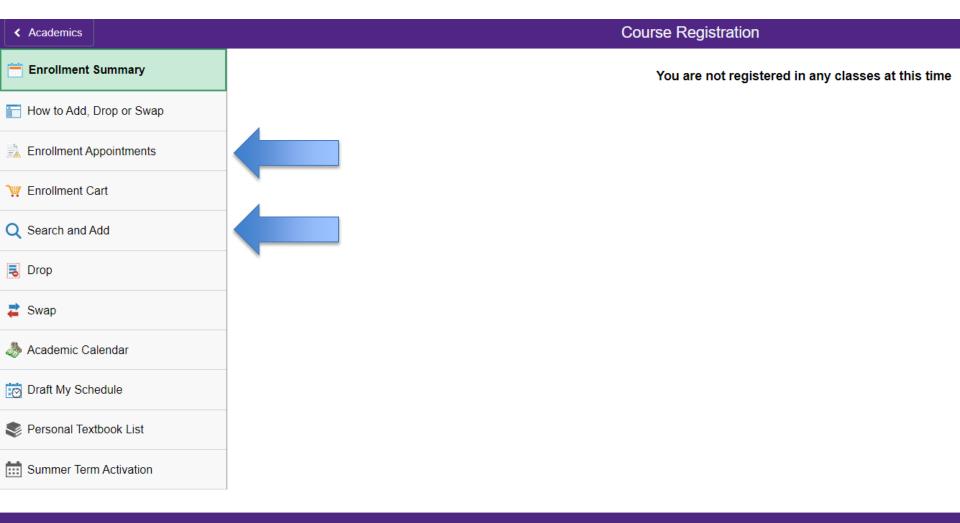






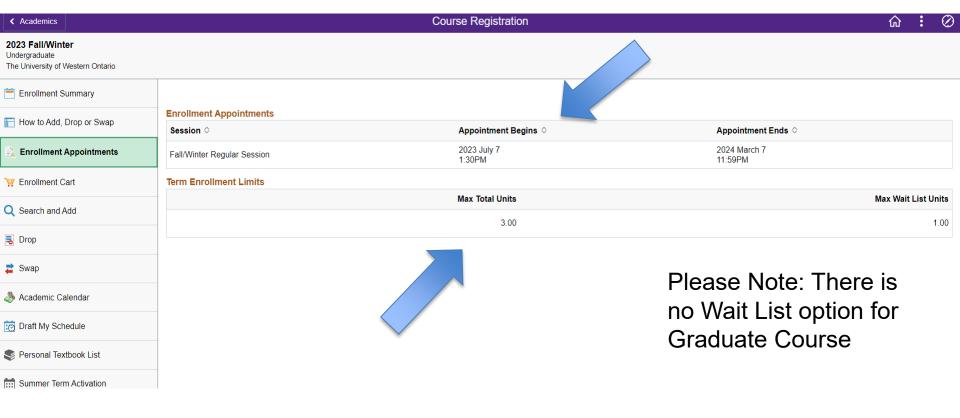




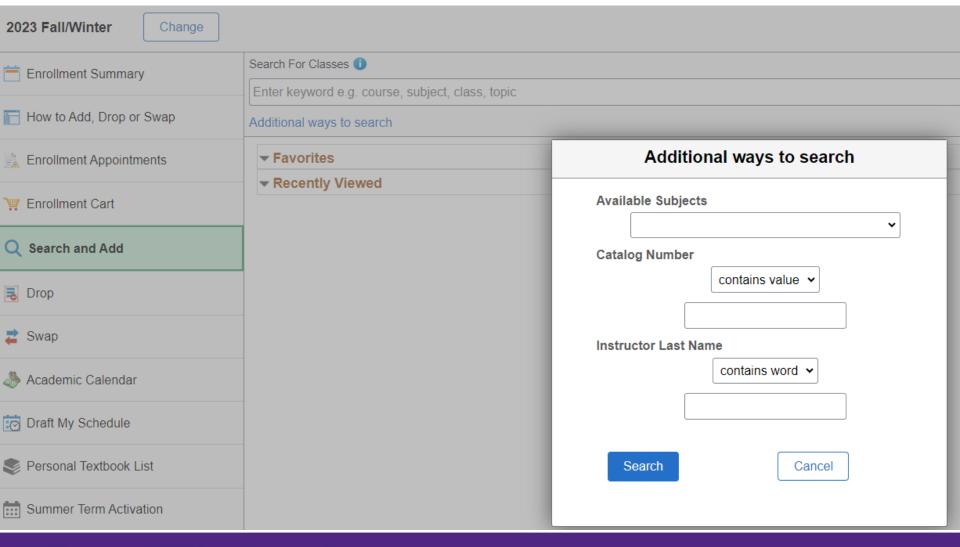


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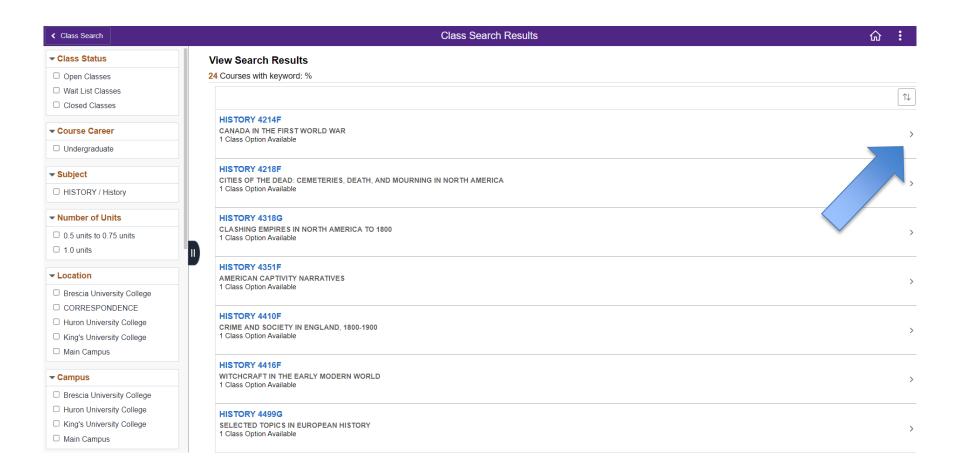
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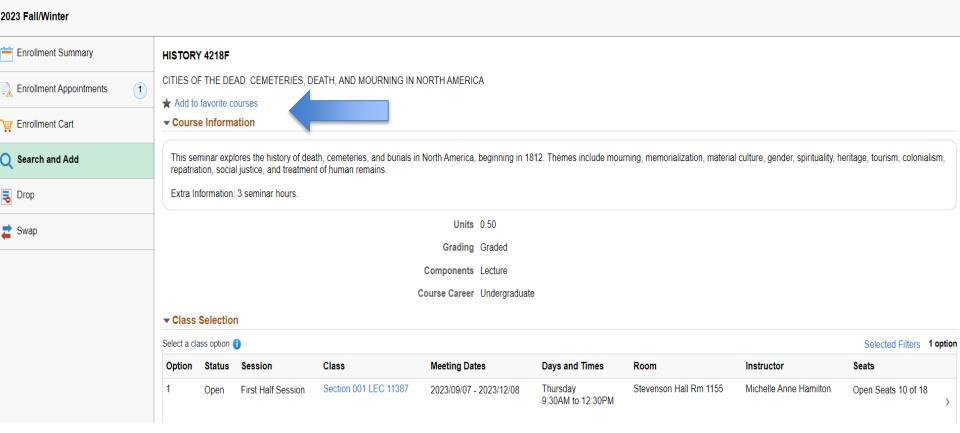
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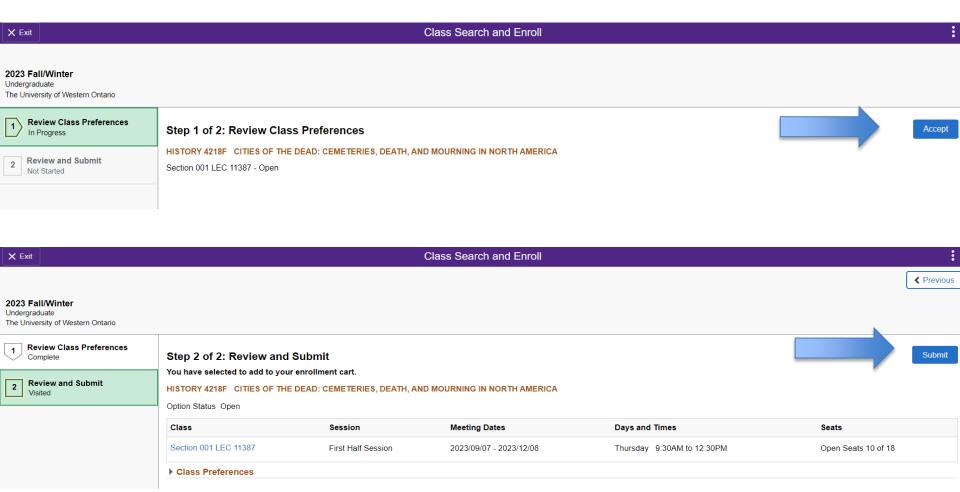


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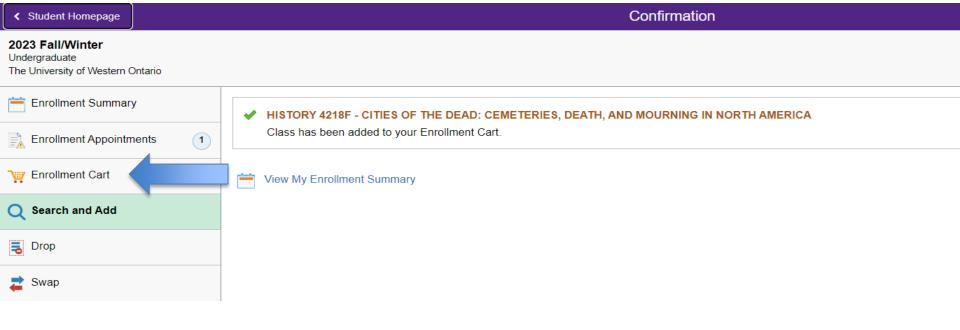




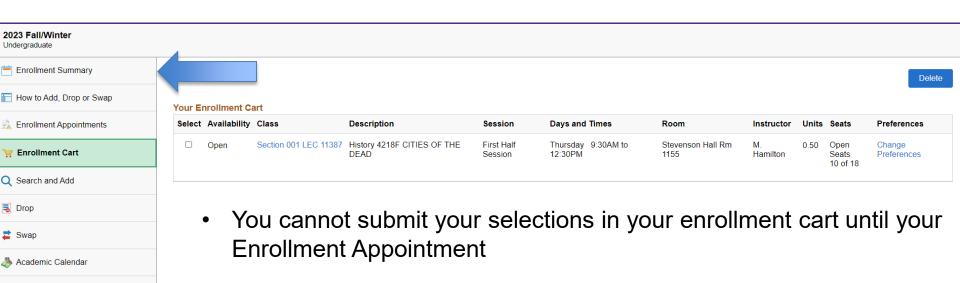
Add Course



Confirmation



Enrollment Cart & Summary



 Once you are successfully enrolled, course will appear under your Enrollment Summary. If they do not appear there, you have missed a step.

Draft My Schedule

Personal Textbook List

Summer Term Activation

Things to Keep in Mind

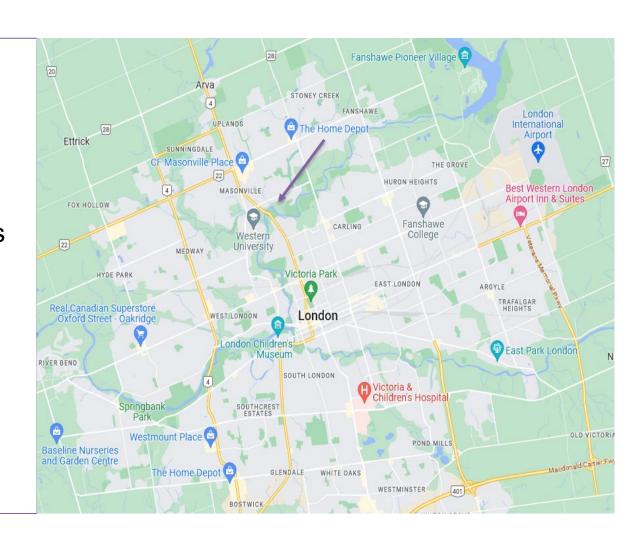
- Course Offerings will differ by Department, Degree and Specializations
- You can ONLY register for courses in your home program. If you would like to take courses outside of your home program, you must complete the <u>Request to Enroll in a Graduate Course Outside your Home Program</u> <u>Form.</u> This can be found on your department's website.
- Please Check your programs website for current course offerings for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.
- A list of helpful weblinks and resources will be put into the chat for your reference for each Department.
- Please hold program specific Course Enrollment questions for your breakout rooms.

Welcome to Western!

ARRIVAL

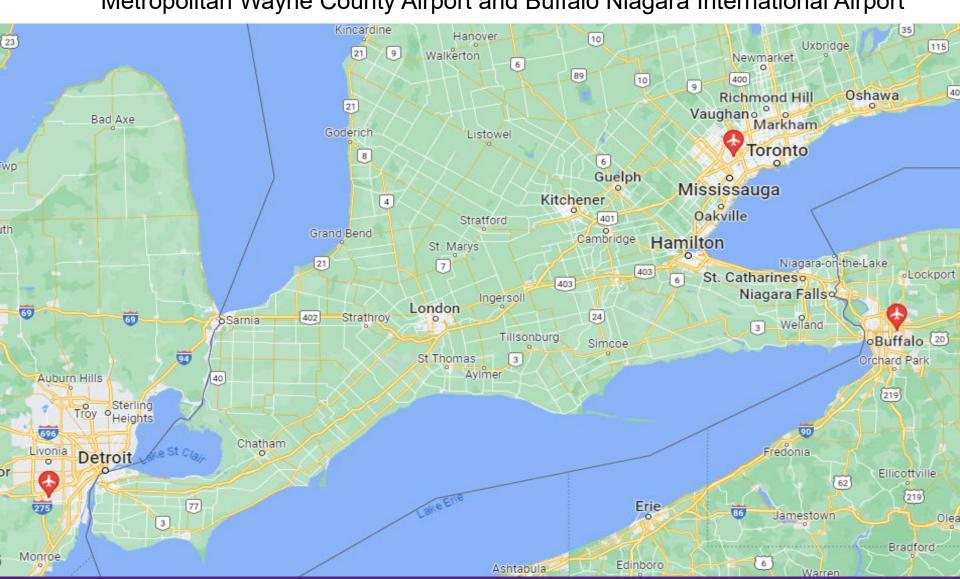
Getting to Western

- Western University is located in the North-West end of London, Ontario.
- Nearby Neighborhoods include: Masonville, Hyde Park, Medway Heights, West London, University Heights, Carling, and Stoneybrook.



Air Transit

London is closest to Toronto Pearson International Airport, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Buffalo Niagara International Airport



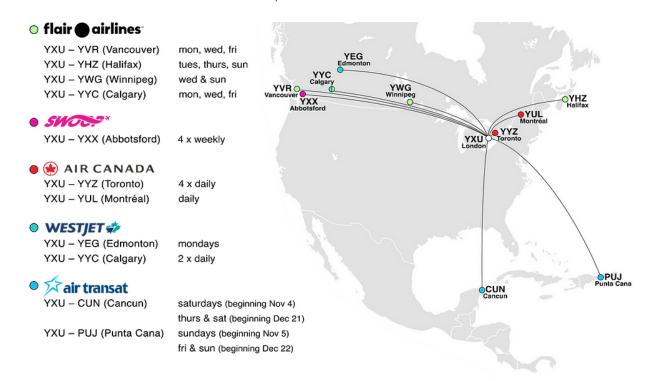
Air Transit

London does have its own International Airport. As it is a smaller airport, the flight schedule is smaller, and most flights are domestic. Please check their website for the most up-do-date flight schedule when making travel arrangements

. London International Airport (flylondon.ca)

2023/24 Non-Stop Flight Schedule and Route Map

Please visit our airline partners websites for exact dates and to book



Road Transportation

Options for road transportation will differ between Airports and Cities. Please look at the website of the airport you will be arriving at for specific options, as well as train station locations.

Car/Bus

- Many airports offer Car rentals that you can return to a location in a different city. Ex, Enterprise.
 - <u>Car Rental Toronto Pearson</u>
 <u>International Airport (YYZ) | Enterprise</u>
 <u>Rent-A-Car</u>
 - Car Rental Detroit Metropolitan Airport
 (DTW) | Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- There are a few bus services to London from Detroit and Pearson International Airports.
 - Robert Q
 - FlixBus

Train

- London is home to a Via Rail station, located at <u>205 York St, London ON</u> <u>N6A 1B1</u>.
- For trips within Canada, please use VIA Rail: <u>VIA Rail Canada: Train travel</u> in Canada
- For trips by train departing from America, you must book via Amtrak at <u>www.amtrak.com</u> or by phone at 1 800 USA-Rail. VIA Rail has partnered with Amtrak to make your trip planning simpler. Please contact VIA and or Amtrak for assistance.

On & Near Campus Stores

Western really is its own community. Practically everything can be found on, or near campus!

On-Campus

Medical Services

- University Pharmacy
- Campus Vision
- Western Chiropractic
- UCC Dental
- Student Health Services

Shopping Services

- Grocery Checkout
- Spirit Hair Studio
- The Bookstore

Near Campus

Medical Services

- University Hospital
- St. Joesphs Health Care (Urgent Care)
- Proudfoot Walk in Clinic

Shopping Services

- Masonville Mall
- Cherry Hill Mall
- Wonderland and Beaverbook intersection (Farmboy, Rona, Costco, Sobeys, etc)

Student Groups on Campus

Western University has over 200 Student Organizations and groups, here are a few:

- African Student Fellowship
- Arab Students Association
- Black Students Association
- Canadian Asian International Students
 Association (CAISA)
- Canadian-Italian Appreciation Organization
- Caribbean Students Organization
- Chinese Students Association
- Croatian Club
- Gujarati Students' Association
- Hindu Students Association
- Indigenous Student Association (First Nations)
- Ismaili Students Association
- Japanese Student Association
- Korean Students Association
- Pakistani Students Association
- Polish Students' Union

- Romanian Students Association
- SALSA Spanish American and Latin Student Association
- Sri Lankan Students' Alliance
- Taiwanese Association at Western
- Tamil Students' Association at Western
- Ukrainian Students Club
- University of Western Ontario Hong Kong Student Association
- Vietnamese Students Association
- Western Association of Iranian Students
 - **Western Egyptian Student Association**
- Western Indo-Canadian Students Association
- Western Ontario Organization of Filipinos
- Western Punjabi Association
- Western University Lebanese Students' Association



Faculty Orientation

Faculty of Engineering Orientation

- Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 2:00pm-6:00pm (Pizza will be provided for all registered attendees)
- You will receive an email asking you to register for this event in August, please ensure your UWO email has been activated.
 - Please note: Attending this session is mandatory unless you have been otherwise notified.

Department Orientations:

 Each department hosts their own Orientation session. These sessions will give you department-specific details about your program. More information will be provided to you by your Graduate Program Coordinator closer to September. International Student Advisor Heidi Liu

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL



Here for you throughout your time at Western

international.uwo.ca #globalwesternu





















WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

International and Exchange Student Centre

International Learning

International Internships and Development

International Relations

International Week

Wrap-around support

The International & Exchange
Student Centre (IESC) is here to help
you settle in, thrive and succeed.

- Immigration Advising
- Social Connection
- Personal Well-being
- Career Development
- Community Links
- Skill Development
- •and more!

















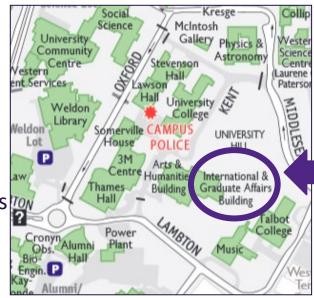
Meet the IESC team!





Where to find us

International & Graduate Affairs Building (IGAB)



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

- Immigration Advising
 - Study permits, work permits, visitor visa, work regulations, etc.
- Cultural adjustment and personal issues
- Financial concerns
- Academic concerns
- Referrals to Student Health Services, Student Case Management, and other on-campus resources
- Appointments and Drop-In Q&As

Book an appointment online: <u>iesc.uwo.ca/appointment</u>



ADVISING SERVICES Fall 2023

Advising Appointments (online)

 Students fill out form with availability: <u>iesc.uwo.ca/appointment</u>

Drop-In Support

- In person Monday to Friday 1- 4 pm, IGAB 2nd floor
- Virtual Immigration FAQ every Friday 9-10 am on Zoom

Workshops & Information Sessions

events.westernu.ca/events/iesc

Office Hours & Reception

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Phone: 519-661-2111 ext. 89309

Email: <u>iesc@uwo.ca</u>

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL SUPPORT

- Orientation Schedule of Events and Registration
- Checklists for new Undergraduate, Graduate, and Exchange Students
- Pre-Arrival Welcome Modules
- Helpful information to get settled in Canada



Study Permit and Immigration Information

- · Applying for your Study Permit
- Important steps & documents
- Your responsibilities



International Student Orientation

- Event schedule
- · Pre-arrival Welcome Modules
- Other orientation activities



What to Bring to Canada

- Essential documents
- · Personal items and money
- Electronics and Chargers



Finding Housing

- On-Campus housing
- Off-Campus housing
- Temporary accommodations



How to Get Here

- · How to get to London
- How to get to Western
- London public transit



Health Care & Wellness

- UHIP (University Health Insurance Plan)
- Physical and mental health services
- Health care providers and extended health insurance

Money & Banking

- . Tips to prepare before you arrive
- Expenses to expect when you arrive
- Banking information



Arrival & Settling In

- When you should arrive
- Setting up your home (Utilities, Mobile Phones, Internet)
- Programs to help your transition



Western Basics

- · Key services for new students
- · Fees & tuition and your Western Identity
- Course registration, Student Center, OWL, Western ONECard, buss pass



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Online Orientation Modules

→ Available now

- Canadian, Western and Academic Culture
- Health, Insurance, and Wellness
- Finding housing in London
- And more!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Early Residence Move-In Dates

August 29 & 30, 2023

International Student Orientation

→ August 30 to September 2, 2023!

An orientation and community building experience where you can:

- Make connections
- Learn about Canadian and Western University culture
- Learn about Canadian immigration
- Go shopping in London



Find your way as a new student with the help of a Peer Guide.

Upper year undergraduate and graduate students help you get settled, make friends, learn about London and more.



Practice your English.
Learn new things.
Find support.

Join the

English Conversation Program!

Weekly informal groups to connect with others & practice English outside the classroom.



Support for Spouses, Partners

& Families

Tea & Information
 Sessions weekly

Connect to the community

Advising support

Programs and events







Thursdays, 3 pm - 5 pm
Starting September 7

Everyone is welcome!

Connect with other Western students at this weekly drop-in. Cultural celebrations, holidays, special events & more!

SOCIAL EVENTS











- Picnics and nature walks
- Cultural celebrations
- Potluck dinners and lunches
- London and Western sporting events
- Thanksgiving dinner

Past trips:

- Niagara Falls
- Sugarbush maple syrup farm
- Blueberry picking
- Snow tubing/snow shoeing
- Winter clothing shopping



GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

- Exchange and Study Abroad
- International Internships
- Research opportunities
- Community Engaged Learning
- International Week
- Global and Intercultural Engagement Honour
- World's Challenge Challenge
- The Undergraduate Awards



CONTACT US



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Book online appointments: <u>iesc.uwo.ca/appointment</u>

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA



Staff Sergeant Amanda Pfeffer

CAMPUS SAFETY

The City of London and Western University

- Canada is listed as the 12th safest country in the world, as per the latest Global Peace Index
- Over the past decade (2008 to 2018), police-reported crime declined by 14% in London, (Stats Canada).
- Public Service workers in the City of London and within the Western Community work together to ensure students feel safe, supported, and have access to key resources.
- Western has many on-campus resources to support the Health, Safety and Wellness of our students such as <u>Student</u> <u>Health Services</u>, and <u>Wellness & Well-being</u>.

Campus Safety and Resources

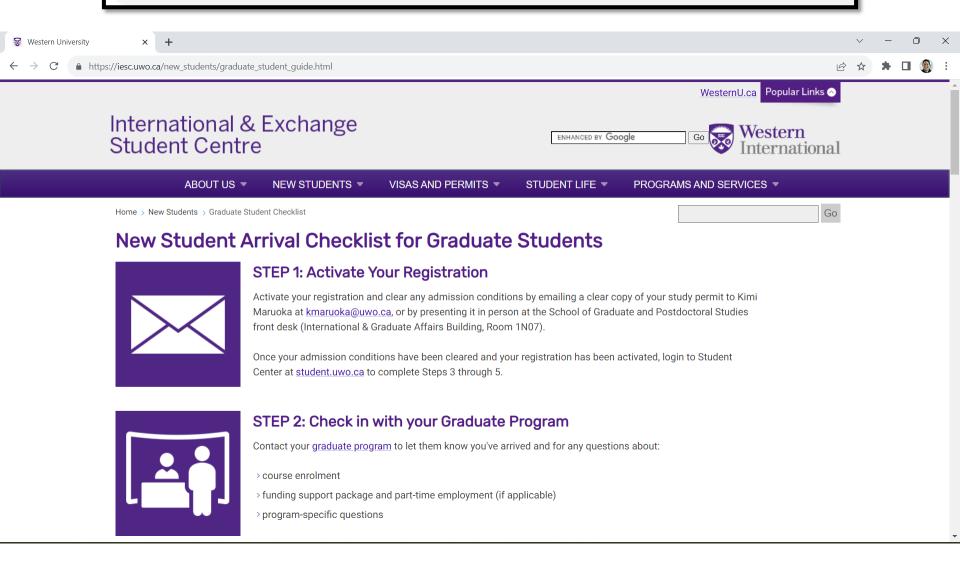
- City of London and the Western Community
- Foot Patrol
- Western Student Emergency Response Team (SERT)
- Weather Siren
- Alert Western U App

New Student Arrival Checklist for Graduate Students

July 27, 2023



https://iesc.uwo.ca/new_students/graduate_student_guide.html



STEP 1: Activate Your Registration

Activate your registration and clear any admission conditions by

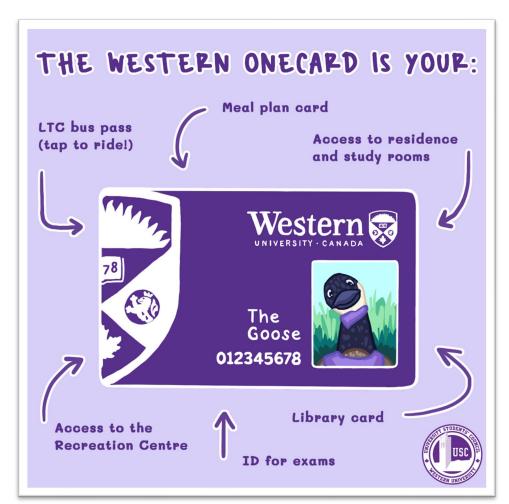
- emailing a clear copy of your study permit; or
- by presenting it in person at the SGPS front desk.



STEP 2: Get your WesternONE Student Card

One day after you activate your registration, upload your photo and government issued ID (passport) at westernone.uwo.ca

Note: Students can obtain their Western ONECard the next business day after uploading and submitting their photo.



STEP 3: Apply for a Social Insurance Number

If you plan to work while in Canada, either as an on-campus or off-campus employee, or a teaching or research assistant:

- You must have a Social Insurance Number in order to receive payment for work in Canada.
- Once you receive your SIN, be sure to update your information on student.uwo.ca and on myhr.uwo.ca



STEP 4: Update Personal Information and Emergency Contacts

Login to **student.uwo.ca** to update the following:

- Your new London address.
- Your emergency contacts (can be worldwide). It is recommended that you include a family member.
- Your Social Insurance
 Number (once you receive it).



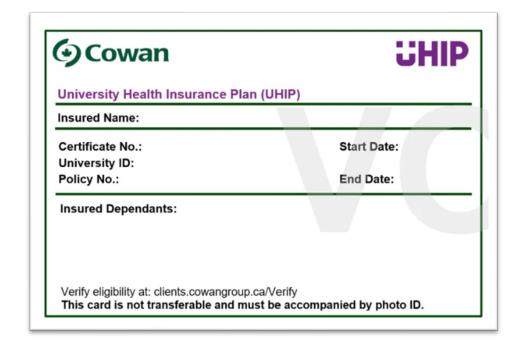
STEP 5: Review Your Health Insurance Plans

University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

Visit iesc.uwo.ca/uhip for complete details.

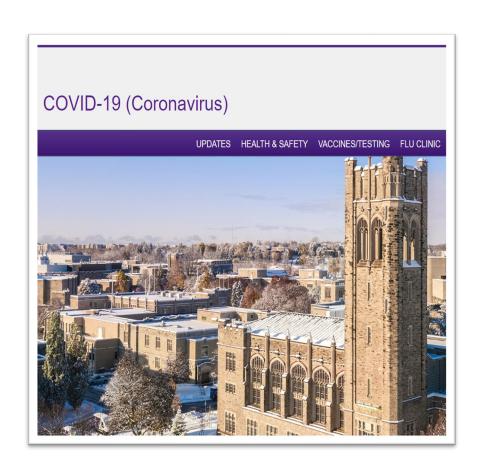
Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) Extended Health Plan

Visit
 sogs.ca/healthplansogs.healthplan for details on prescription, dental and vision coverage.



STEP 6: Get Connected to Graduate Student Life

- Check out GradLife 101, delivered through OWL, at owl.uwo.ca
- Connect with Graduate
 Student Life programming by emailing gradlife@uwo.ca
- Become familiar with the various supports, services, and resources available to all Western students at uwo.ca/campus_life



STEP 7: Sign up for Programs and Services

- Sign up for an International Peer Guide at iesc.uwo.ca/peer
- Join the English Conversation
 Program at esc.uwo.ca/ecp
- Plan to attend our weekly Global Café, every Thursday, 3-5 pm to meet friends and make connections to the campus community.
- Visit the International and Exchange Student Centre when you arrive or book an appointment with an International Student Advisor if you need assistance at iesc.uwo.ca/advising

Programs and Services

Events



Social Events and Trips

- > Global Cafe
- > International Student Orientation
- > International Week

Programs



Peer Guide Program

- Canada Eh Transition to Canada Series
- > English Conversation Program

Where to find me

- International and Graduate Affairs Building
- School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
- Room 1N08





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