International and Exchange Student Centre (IESC)

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Closed Saturdays, Sundays and university holidays

Join Us Online
For program and event information and reminders!

www.facebook.com/uwo.international
www.twitter.com/IESCatWestern
www.iescblog.wordpress.com

The IESC is part of Western International.
Learn more at international.uwo.ca

Other Student Services:
Western offers a wide range of student services to support and help you achieve your best throughout your years at Western. Find out more online:
http://www.uwo.ca/campus_life

Privacy and Confidentiality:
Information disclosed by students during individual appointments will be kept confidential. It will not be shared with family, university staff, course instructors, or others without written permission and will not become part of academic records. For more information on the university’s privacy policy, visit www.uwo.ca/privacy

Other IESC Services

- Support and counselling regarding cultural adjustment and social or personal issues
- Leadership, intercultural learning and skill development opportunities through various IESC student leadership positions
- Social/cultural and informative events
- Porch Light Program for newly arrived international women
- Emergency loan and bursary assistance
- Assistance with job search issues including Canadian work regulations and the job search process; information and referrals to the Student Success Centre
- Income Tax Clinic and information sessions
- Support for spouses/partners and families of international students, including bi-weekly Tea and Information Sessions
- Volunteer opportunities to gain Canadian experience in a cross-cultural setting.
- Online assistance at iesc@uwo.ca
Welcome!

On behalf of Western University, we are delighted to welcome you to our campus and the City of London. We are here to support you during your stay at Western. We look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout your years of study to ensure that your university experience is both academically and personally rewarding.

We invite you to take advantage of the full range of services and programs we offer. They are specially designed to enhance your academic career as well as your social and cultural experience at the university.

The IESC promotes internationalization at Western.

IESC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

RECEPTION AND ORIENTATION SERVICE
• Pre-Arrival information online
• Assistance upon arrival on campus
• International Student Orientation Days
• Orientation Package
• International Student Handbook
• On-going orientation activities offered throughout the year: information sessions and workshops, trips, social and cultural events, etc.

INTERNATIONAL PEER CONNECTION (IPC)
This program connects new international students with Peer Guides who are current Western students. IPC offers friendly support, cultural bridging, information, involvement in campus life, and a link to Western services and the London community.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAM (ECP)
English Conversation Circles are offered throughout the year to:
• Help you improve your spoken English skills
• Enhance confidence in conversational English
• Increase knowledge of Canadian culture
• Provide the opportunity to meet people from different areas of the university community

GLOBAL CAFÉ
Connect with international and Canadian students at our weekly drop-in gatherings! Global Café is a great place to meet friends in a casual and relaxed setting.

CANADA, EH?! TRANSITIONING TO CANADA SERIES
Canada Eh?! is a series of information sessions designed to help international students in their transition to Canada. At these sessions, you will have the opportunity to learn more about Canadian culture while meeting and building connections with others.

INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE STUDENT CENTRE
We have a comfortable lounge area where you can relax between classes, meet with other students, and participate in planned activities throughout the year.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING
Guidance and assistance with:
• Study/work permits, visas and immigration regulations
• Employment and other government regulations
• Cultural and academic transitions
• Cross-cultural understanding and communications
• University policies and procedures
• Referrals to campus and community resources

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS
Visit IESC’s official blog featuring information about life at Western and in London, international and exchange student experiences, Canadian traditions, study tips, and opportunities to get involved.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORK
Stay updated with weekly emails about IESC events and programs offered throughout the year for international students, as well as interesting Western and London community activities.

IESC ONLINE
Visit our website for information about our programs and services, events, resources and useful links. Stay connected - follow us on Twitter and Facebook.