When You First Arrive

IESC Reception Service

The International and Exchange Student Centre (IESC) provides a Reception Service especially for new international students. We are here to answer any questions you may have and to help you get organized and settled at Western and in London. Our service includes individual assistance from the IESC Welcome Team and our After Hours Welcome Helpline (August 25–September 2, 4:30pm- 8:30am). When you arrive, please come to the International and Exchange Student Centre to pick up your FREE International Student Welcome Package. Please note that we will be moving from Western Student Services Building, Room 2120 to our new home on the 2nd Floor of the International and Graduate Affairs Building in mid-August.

Fall Orientation & Events

Key Dates for International Students

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<td>Monday, August 25 to Tuesday, September 2</td>
<td>IESC Welcome Team volunteers are available to meet with you and assist you upon your arrival on campus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>August 29</td>
<td>International Student Move-In Day (Residence)</td>
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NOTE: Most Western University offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 due to the Labour Day holiday.

Programs and Services

To help you succeed

- **International Peer Connection Program (IPC)**
  Be matched with an upper year Western Student and receive assistance and friendly support all year! iesc.uwo.ca/peer

- **English Conversation Program (ECP)**
  Practice conversational English, meet others & learn more about Canadian slang and popular culture in Canada. iesc.uwo.ca/ecp

- **IESC Transitions Programming**
  Participate in workshops, information sessions, and discussion groups that will help you learn more about Canadian cultural norms, traditions & opportunities for involvement. iesc.uwo.ca/events

- **Porclight Program**
  Female international students can meet and connect with women in the London community once per month. iesc.uwo.ca/porclight

- **International Student Advising**
  Meet with an International Student Advisor for individual assistance with personal, academic, immigration & other concerns. iesc.uwo.ca/advising

- **International Student Network**
  Receive regular email reminders about upcoming events, IESC programs and opportunities on and off campus. iesc.uwo.ca/network

Pre-Arrival Information

www.iesc.uwo.ca/prearrival

Before you leave home, please view our detailed online information about:

- Preparing to come to Canada
- Arriving in Canada
- Immigration and employment
- Finding a place to live
- Money and finances
- Health insurance
- Orientation
- Programs and services
- Academic information
- Support for spouses and family
- Canadian culture...

IESC Orientation

Register ONLINE for a special Orientation Day designed specifically for international students at Western. Join us for a full day of orientation on issues related to navigating campus, living in London, studying at Western, and achieving success in Canada. iesc.uwo.ca/orientation

IESC Events

www.iesc.uwo.ca/events

Join us this fall for events including: Gathering in Gibbons Park, Niagara Falls Trip, Thanksgiving Dinner, Pumpking Carving at Global Cafe, International Week, Holiday Networking Tea & more!

Also don’t forget about our regular social events offered throughout the year:
- Global Cafe : Thursdays 3-5 p.m., starting September 18
- Tea & Information Sessions for Partners & Spouses of International Students: Every other Friday 1:30-2:30 p.m., starting September 19

IESC Events Website:

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IESC Orientation REMINDER

Don’t forget to activate your uwo.ca email account to receive important information before you arrive! uwo.ca/its/identity

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Welcome to the family!

Introduce yourself to fellow Western students by participating in our first-ever “Hello my name is...” Photo Contest! Follow the steps on the right and submit your photo by September 5th for your chance to win TWO TICKETS TO NIAGARA FALLS with IESC this September!

**STEPS**

1. Write your first name on the “Hello my name is” tag on the t-shirt above (use large letters so it’s easy to read!)
2. Hold the t-shirt under your chin and take a photo of yourself in your new Western gear!
3. Share your photo with us via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or e-mail for your chance to win! Include the hashtag: #globalwesternU