Western's International Travel Registry – Student User Guide: Other University Sanctioned International Experiences

All Western students participating in University sanctioned international activities are required to enroll in Western's International Travel Registry prior to departing Canada. This information enables Western to monitor student safety, update students on travel advisories from the Canadian Government and provide assistance in case of an emergency.

If you have questions about this process, please email travelregistry@uwo.ca.

This guide is for students participating in other university sanctioned international experiences that you do not apply for through <u>Atlas</u>, Western's International experience portal. This might include conferences, faculty-based activities, research, field study opportunities or other experiences.

If you did apply for your international experience through Atlas (for example, exchange programs, faculty-led programs, internships etc.) please see <u>this alternate user guide</u>.

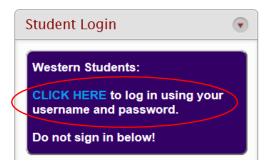
STEP 1 - Register in Atlas, Western's International Experience Portal

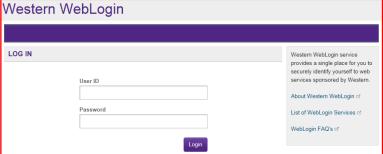
If you are participating in an international activity that has been approved, authorized, and/or supported by a Western University unit, department, staff and/or faculty member, please complete the "Other University Sanctioned International Experiences" application to begin the Travel Registry process.

- 1. Go to Other University Sanctioned International Experiences in the Atlas portal
- 2. At the bottom of the page, choose the appropriate term reflecting your travel dates and select "Login to Apply."

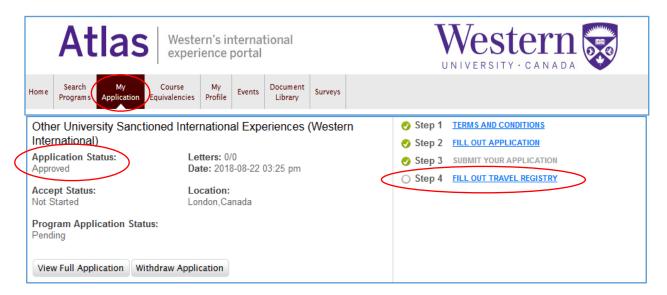


3. Click on the purple login box and enter your Western user name (*just user name, not your full email*) and password. You will be taken directly to the application form.





4. Once your application has been received and reviewed by Western International, you will receive an email notification of your successful application and will be directed to begin completing the information required within the "Fill Out Travel Registry" section.





Complete the Travel Registry form, which includes travel details, emergency contact, acknowledgement of student's rights and responsibilities, travel insurance details, and acknowledgement of pre-departure requirements. Save and submit the information.

➤ If you are travelling to multiple countries as part of your program/trip, please select all applicable locations under the 'Location(s)' field within the Travel Details section.

NOTE - Special Authorization to Travel form:

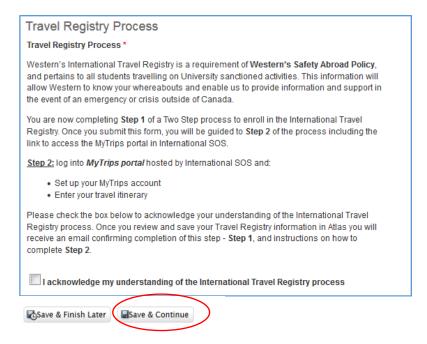
Western's Safety Abroad Policy states that student travel to destinations with an active Government of Canada Travel Advisory (Avoid non-essential travel; Avoid all travel) will not be authorized unless exceptional circumstances exist. Visit the Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisories site for the overall risk level for a country or territory.

If a country you are travelling to is deemed as high risk (Avoid non-essential travel; Avoid all travel), you are required to complete the *Special Authorization to Travel* form as soon as possible in order for your proposed travel to be approved. The approval process may take up to 2 weeks.

Within Atlas, as you select your 'Location(s)' within the Travel Details section, high-risk countries will be automatically identified and a link to the 'Special Authorization to Travel form' will be provided. Once this form is completed and signed by the appropriate Western Sponsor and Head of Unit, please submit it to travelregistry@uwo.ca. Final review and authorization is determined by the Vice-Provost, International. You will be notified once a final decision has been made.

You may continue completing the Travel Registry form in Atlas while the approval of the *Special Authorization to Travel* form is in progress. Should you have any questions, please contact travelregistry@uwo.ca.

Complete all of the tabs within the travel registry. Click "Save & Continue."



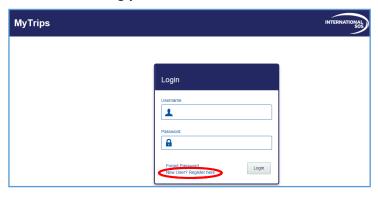
Once you complete all the steps in the Travel Registry form in Atlas, you will receive an email, sent to your Western email account, with a *customized link* to begin step two of the process in International SOS.

STEP 2 - Register in International SOS/MyTrips

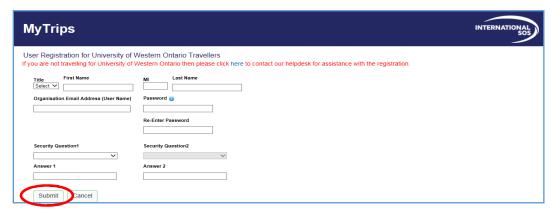
(Step-by-step illustrations are available below the instructions)

Western International has invested in the services of International SOS (ISOS), providing access 24-hours a day worldwide to expertise and assistance with travel preparations, medical, security and emergency needs. Step 2 of the Travel Registry process is to enter your itinerary in ISOS.

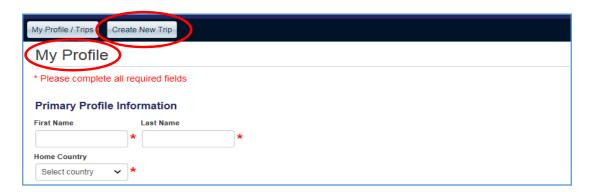
1. Go to the <u>customized International SOS web link</u> provided in your email from Step 1 and register your account using your Western email address.



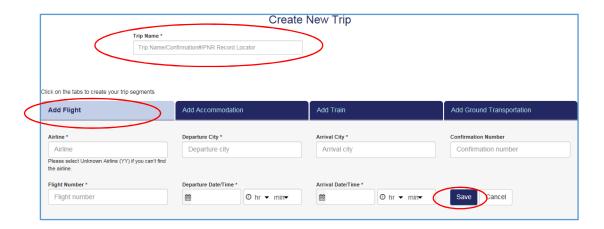
2. You will be asked to select a password and two security questions. You will be required to activate your account by clicking on the link that will be sent to you via email. Your account will need to be activated within 24 hours, otherwise it will expire. Please monitor your email spam/junk folder(s) as this email may be filtered to these folders.



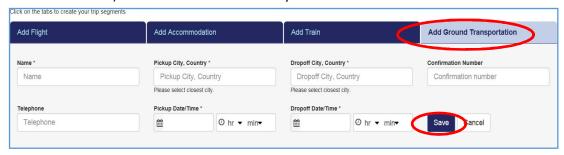
- 3. Once your account is activated, login using your Western email address and the password you created in the step above to complete your profile.
- 4. Enter your travel itinerary by selecting 'Create New Trip'.



5. Choose a trip name, then create your trip segments through the respective tabs (e.g. Add Flight, Add Accommodation, Add Train, Add Ground Transportation).



- 6. You are required to complete the trip segment relating to your **round trip flight(s)**, the other segments are optional.
 - a. Enter your flight information by selecting the 'Add Flight' tab and completing the corresponding information, then select 'Save'.
 - b. Each flight (e.g. departure, transit and return) must be entered individually.
 - c. If all your flight details are not yet confirmed, you can save the information you currently have available and edit your trip at a later date. Please ensure that to the extent possible your flight details are up to date in MyTrips **before** you depart Canada.
 - d. **NOTE:** For travel to the United States, if you are travelling by car instead of by air, please complete the information in the Ground Transportation tab instead of the Flight tab. Use the 'Pickup' and 'Dropoff' fields to list your equivalent departure and arrival information. If you are driving independently with your own car or a rental (not using a ground transportation company), please include your name in the 'Name' field. If you are using a ground transportation service, please include the company name in the 'Name' field. Each travel segment (e.g. drive to and from the US location) must be entered individually.



7. You will receive a confirmation email, sent to your Western email account, from ISOS with specific information related to your upcoming travel. Please note this email might take up to 24 hours. Please monitor your email spam/junk folder(s) as this email may be filtered to these folders.

Returning Users: Once you have activated your account with MyTrips, you can login any time to make changes to your itinerary or add new trips.