WELCOME CENTRE

ORIENTATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Western International
OUTLINE

- Housing + Getting Settled
- Student Card + Bus Pass
- Transportation
- Health Insurance | USC Health Plan
- Paying Tuition
- Course Registration
- Orientation Week
- IESC Programs and Services
- On-Campus Resources
- Additional Info | Useful Apps
Looking for temporary accommodations? Click [here](#).

Looking for long-term off-campus accommodations?

- [Off-Campus Housing Service](#)
- [Top 10 Tips and general information for international students](#) when searching for off-campus housing

Looking to settle in your new home with internet, furniture, etc? Click [here](#)
Looking for temporary accommodation? Click here.

Permanent accommodation:

- **Off-Campus Housing Service**
  Ontario Hall, Room 3C1
  519-661-3550

- **See checklist** when searching for off-campus housing
STUDENT CARD

Your Western ONEcard is also your bus pass, Western library card, meal plan card, campus gym membership, and more!

- Upload photo online on Student Center and check "Where and When to pick up your card"

- Can’t upload a photo online? Visit Student Central (WSSB, 1st floor) to have your photo taken there and your Western ONECard produced.

First year student living in residence? → Pick up at residence on move-in day

First year student living off-campus? Pick up card from Student Central in WSSB 1120 – bring passport

More info here
TRANSPORTATION

**London Transit buses** - Use your WesternONE card as a bus pass for unlimited rides every day (full-time students)
- Tap your student card when you board the bus – Sept. 1 – Aug 31
- Click [here](#) to learn more about routes and schedules

- **Taxis and Uber**
- **King’s/Brescia Shuttle Bus**
- **Mustang Express** - Late-Night Shuttle
- **Exam Shuttles**
- **Long-Distance Travel** (Train, Shuttle Buses, Greyhound, etc.)
- **Driving in Ontario**
PAYING TUITION

Not sure how much you have to pay? Check your account balance online on **Student Center**

Need information on **how to pay your tuition**? Click **here**.

Questions about fees? Email: **reg-fees@uwo.ca**
COURSE REGISTRATION

Search for courses: Academic Calendar or look for classes using the undergraduate timetable.

Register for courses: Student Centre

Draft your schedule: Draftmyschedule

Important Dates:
January 14 - Last day to add a second-term half course or a second-term full course.
HEALTH PLAN: UHIP

Use your UHIP card to see a doctor.

**Mandatory for international students.**
Automatically enrolled for a 12 month period once registered in courses (or for the length of your exchange program)

Check your UWO email for an e-mail from SunLife Financial and print out your card

You must register your dependents within 30 days of arrival (see yellow handout).

Questions about coverage?
Contact Human Resources
dostia@uwo.ca

More info on UHIP [here](#).
ADDITIONAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Undergraduate students are covered under the USC Extended Health Plan.

This plan covers a percentage of additional healthcare expenses such as some portions of prescription drugs, dental care, etc.

Exchange students are NOT covered under the USC Health Plan.
IESCO PROGRAMS

- Start Strong
- Canada Eh?
- TALK
- International Peer Connection (Peer Guide)
- English Conversation Program
- Global Cafe
- Tea & Info Sessions for Spouses & Partners of Int’l Students
International Student Orientation - January 3rd

- 1:00 pm – 3:30pm
- Conron Hall, University College (UC), Room 3110

Exchange students (main campus only) - arrive early for exchange specific info!

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International Peer Connection Program (IPC)

Matches new international students with Peer Guides.

Peer Guides connect new international students to the Western community, answer questions, organize small events and provide support throughout the year.

Click [here](#) to register for this program.
IESC PROGRAMS

English Conversation Program (ECP)

This program gives you an opportunity to practice conversational English and improve your communication skills.

ECP groups meet for 2 hours once a week.

Registration will open from January 3-17
Click here for more info or email ecp@uwo.ca
IESC PROGRAMS

Tea and Information Sessions for Spouses and Partners of International Students

An opportunity for spouses and families to meet other spouses and IESC staff, practice their English skills, and learn about Canadian culture.

Winter Hours: Fridays from 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Location: Chu Centre, IGAB

Click here for more info.
IESC PROGRAMS

Global Cafe
Students from around the globe gather at this weekly event to connect, share, and have fun in a relaxed setting.

Join us every Thursday from 3 - 5 pm in the IGAB Atrium.

Coffee and snacks are provided

Join the Facebook group for more details.
IESC PROGRAMS

Academic Workshops
- Effective Writing in Canada
- Reading Strategies for International Students

Canada, Eh?! Sessions
- Join our workshops to learn more about Canadian culture.
  - Friendships and Relationships
  - Health Eating
  - Get Connected
A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is required for you to work in Canada.

How to get one:

- Go in person to a Service Canada Centre OR
- Sign up for an appointment time and visit a SIN Clinic taking place on campus:
  - January 7
  - January 9

Bring your passport, study permit (copies will not be accepted) with you to the SIN Clinic.

Once you have your SIN, provide it to your employer and enter the information on your Student Centre account.

It is free!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet Your Peer Guide Events
(dates to be announced)

Global Cafe
January 9 at 3:00 pm at IGAB Atrium

Welcome Potluck Dinner – Jan 10

What You Need to Know to Get a Job – Jan 13

International Student Connect – Culture and Spirituality – Jan 22

For a list of all of our events, click here
(check often for updates)
ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Writing Support Centre
- Learning Development and Success
- Centre for Teaching and Learning
- Careers & Experience
- Accessible Education
- Own Your Future – develop your professional self
- Psychological Services
- Wellness Education Centre

...and more!

Check out the Student Guide and the International Student Handbook!
ADDITIONAL INFO

**Alert WesternU** - emergency mass notification system. All Western students are automatically subscribed.
To add a phone number for text notifications.

Get your international student identity card (ISIC) [here](#)

Western is now a **SMOKE FREE** Campus
- Includes all forms of smoking, vaping and tobacco use.

Connect to the Campus Wi-Fi: Instructions [here](#)
USEFUL APPS AND LINKS

Western U App – Access your schedule, Western news, OWL, exam schedules etc.

Western Recreation App – Drop-in fitness hours, aquatics and group fitness schedules

Classfind – Locate classes on campus.

LTC apps for bus schedules (several available)
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