WELCOME CENTRE

ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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Looking for **temporary accommodations**? Click [here](#).

Want to learn more about housing options for graduate students? Click [here](#).

Looking for **long-term off-campus accommodations**?

- [Off-Campus Housing Service](#)
- [See checklist](#) when searching for off-campus housing

Looking to settle in your new home with internet, furniture, etc? Click [here](#).
TUITION & FEES

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
TUITION + FEES

Note: If your fees will be paid by an external sponsor, you must provide proof of funding before your tuition deadline

More information on the Western Graduate Research Scholarship

More information on Graduate Teaching Assistantships

More information about Funding and Fees for Graduate Students
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 to have your photo taken there and your Western ONECard produced.

Note: Your student card will be available for pick up 24 hours after showing your Study Permit to SGPS and 48 hours after you have uploaded your picture online.
HEALTH PLAN: UHIP

Use your UHIP card to see a doctor

Mandatory for international students and their dependents (spouse/children)

Automatically enrolled per term

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

You must register your dependents (spouse and/or children) within 30 days of arrival (see UHIP handout).

To enroll dependents you must register for an Enrollment Session and bring the required documents.

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

More info on UHIP here.
ADDITIONAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Full-time graduate students are covered under the extended healthcare plan through SOGS.

- To opt-in your family members to the SOGS Health and Dental coverage click here.

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

TAs may have additional extended health plan and a mental health fund coverage through the Union – PSAC 610.
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 – Click here for more info

Long-Distance Travel (Train, Shuttle Buses, Greyhound, etc.) – Click here for more info
IESC PROGRAMS

Start Strong
Canada Eh?
TALK

English Conversation Program

International Peer Connection Program

Global Cafe

Tea & Info Sessions for Spouses & Partners of Int’l Students
International Student Orientation (Graduate Students)

Monday September 2, 2019
- 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm, NCB 101

Learn about living in London, studying at Western, and get to know other new international students

Register by August 28
IESC PROGRAMS

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 starting in October.

Registration will open from September 2-14

Click [here](mailto:ecp@uwo.ca) for more info or email ecp@uwo.ca
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

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.

Fall Hours: Fridays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Location: Chu Centre, IGAB

Click here for more info.
IESC PROGRAMS

START STRONG Series – Graduate Students
- Effective Writing in Canada
- Academic Success for International Students
- Research & Libraries at Western
- Reading Strategies for International Students

Canada, Eh?! Sessions
Join our workshops to learn more about Canadian culture.
- Friendships and Relationships
- Health Eating
- Shopping and Preparing for Winter
- Winter Clothing Display
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:**
  - August 28
  - September 6
  - September 11

Bring your passport, study permit (copies will not be accepted)

It is free!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet Your Peer Guide Events
September 3 and 11, IGAB Atrium

Welcome Café
Sep 5 at 3:00 pm at IGAB Atrium

TD BBQ Event for international students
September 6 from 12:00 pm–2:00 pm at 1137 Richmond St

Gathering at Gibbons Park
Sunday, September 8

Niagara Falls Day Trip
Sunday September 15

For a list of all of our events, click here
(check often for updates)
GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Graduate Student Orientation (SGPS)

September 5 from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Alumni Hall

Department/Program Specific Orientations

Own Your Future (for PhD students)

- Western's 4-year professional development program for doctoral
GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION WEEK

A variety of social events organized by SOGS throughout the week of September 9 – 12.

○ Family BBQ
○ International Student Issues Committee Meet and Greet
○ Trivia Night
○ Welcome to Your Grad Club
○ Boardgame Night
○ Amazing Race
○ Bonfire Night
○ Karaoke Night

https://sogs.ca/orientation/
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Graduate Student Conference on Teaching – TA Day

- September 4th, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
  Health Sciences Building (HSB), Room 40

Teaching Assistant Training Program (TATP)

- A 20-hour training program for new TAs with sessions on marking practices, leading discussions, holding office hours, and giving feedback to students. Various dates offered.

Click here for a full listing of workshops for graduate students and TAs offered by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.
ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Writing Support Centre
- Learning Skills Services
- Centre for Teaching and Learning
- Student Success Centre

- Psychological Services
- Wellness Education Centre

...and more!

Check out the Student Guide and the International Student Handbook!
ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Writing Support Centre – Seminars, workshops and drop-ins for all kinds of writing help

Learning Development and Success – For support for the demands of academic life

Centre for Teaching and Learning – workshops and professional development for TAs and graduate students

Career and Experience – For career and experiential learning

Psychological Services – For free professional confidential services to support your personal, social and academic goals

Wellness Education Centre – Drop-in space with friendly staff to direct you wherever you need to go

Check out the Student Guide and the International Student Handbook!
COURSE REGISTRATION

For assistance in enrolling in courses, contact your graduate program and/or supervisor.
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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