WELCOME CENTRE

ORIENTATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
OUTLINE

- Housing + Getting Settled
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- Student Card + Bus Pass
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- Transportation
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HOUSING

Looking for temporary accommodations? Click here.

Looking for long-term off-campus accommodations?

- Off-Campus Housing Service
  Ontario Hall, Room 3C1
  519-661-3550
- See checklist when searching for off-campus housing

Looking to settle in your new home with internet, furniture, etc? Click here.
HOUSING

Already in residence and arriving early?

Early Arrivals Dinner with Peer Guides
- Friday, August 30, 5:30pm
- Ontario Hall

International Student Welcome Day
- Saturday, August 31
- RSVP for Welcome Day before August 23!
  Click here
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
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.

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

First year student living off-campus? Your Western ONECard will be available for pick up at Student Central beginning Sunday, September 1.

More info here.
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

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 Health Plan from September 1st – August 31st.

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

Exchange students are NOT covered under the USC Health Plan.
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

**King’s/Brescia Shuttle Bus**

**Mustang Express** - Late-Night Shuttle

**Exam Shuttles**
IESC PROGRAMS

- Start Strong
  Canada Eh?
- English Conversation Program
- International Peer Connection (Peer Guide)
- Global Cafe
- Tea & Info Sessions for Spouses & Partners of Int’l Students
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Undergrad International Student Orientation: Monday, September 2 at North Campus Building (NCB) Room: 101
Register by Wednesday, August 28
- Meet students
- Explore Campus
- Tips for cultural and social adjustment

Click here to Register
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](#) for more info or email [ecp@uwo.ca](mailto: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 Date/Time: Fridays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Location: Chu Centre, IGAB

Click here for more info.
IESC PROGRAMS

START STRONG Series - Undergrad

- 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)
WESTERN ORIENTATION

O-Week : September 1-7

- Activities with your faculty
- Activities with your residence
- Get to know other Western Students and the Western campus
- Concerts
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

Career and Experience - For career and 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

…and more!

Check out the Student Guide and the International Student Handbook!
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:
September 13 - Last day to add/drop/swap by web registration
November 30 - Last day to drop a full-year course (without academic penalty)
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 USC App – Access events calendars, contacts, maps, 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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