



1: Welcome to London

F) First days in London

London, Your New City

- Welcome to London!
- The first days you might feel a little disoriented: jet lag, a new language, distance from home...
- We promise you that this is **normal** and **temporary** and that London may seem weird now, but you will end up calling it “home” one day.

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- Let us guide you through the first days in London.
- Of course, not all these steps are necessary, but you will find them very useful in the long run.

1) Come to Western

- Come and visit us at Western. Drop by the department. Some of us might be away on holidays but many will be there.
- Become familiar with the university and the services it has to offer. Find the places where you will be getting coffee and lunch.
- Before the beginning of the term, you will be able to pick up your bus pass.

2) Get Your Western ONECard

- Go to the Western Student Services Building.
- You will need your Western ID and one piece of valid government-issued photo identification (passport, driver's license...).
- You can upload your photo through [Student Services](#) before coming in to avoid having it taken on the spot.



3) Get a Cell Phone

- Having a cell phone will be very helpful in many situations.
- There are many companies available. You need to compare their plans and see which one is most suitable for your needs and budget.
 - The easiest way of doing this would be to visit one of the local malls and gathering info directly.



4) Open a Bank Account

- You will certainly require a bank account for many reasons.
- Being a student, you are not required to pay any fees for a debit card.
- Make sure you bring two pieces of ID to open an account.
- Compare banks and decide which one is the most convenient (proximity to a branch or hours of operations for example).



5) Find your future Supermarket

- London has different supermarkets.
- Each supermarket has different strengths and weaknesses.
 - Products they offer, their prices, their proximity...



b) Get Your London Public Library Card

- Having a London Public Library Card will let you borrow movies, magazines and books cost-free and will allow you to use its internet service.
- To get the card, you will need 2 pieces of ID, one with your current address (a letter with your name that is addressed to your current address is enough).



7) Apply for your SIN

- Once you have signed your contract as a TA, you will be able to apply for your Social Insurance Number (SIN).
- You will need a proof of ID (passport) and your copy of the contract.
- You will have to go to London Service Canada Centre:
Dominion Public Building
457 Richmond Street
London, Ontario
- Note that you will not receive a card but a piece of paper.

8) Pay for the Insurance for your Dependents

- Your medical insurance is included in the tuition fees.
- However, you will need to pay for the insurance for your dependent ones (children and/or spouse).
- For that, you will need to go to Human Resources at room 5100, Support Services Building at Western.



Great!

- Now you have an idea how to spend your first days in London.
- But are you sure you know enough in order to handle the cultural differences while in Canada?
- No worries! Our next presentation will help you out with that.

Pictures in these slides

- Western ID: http://grad.uwo.ca/img/content/prospective/western_one_card.jpg
- Cell phones: http://igenerationnyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/image_repair_cellphones.png
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