MFA Graduate Studio Seminar
VAS 9540a/9543a
Course outline for Fall 2020

Although this academic year might be different, Western University is committed to a thriving campus. We encourage you to check out the Digital Student Experience website to manage your academics and well-being. Additionally, the following link provides available resources to support students on and off campus: https://www.uwo.ca/health/.

1. Technical Requirements:

   Stable internet connection
   Laptop or computer
   Working microphone
   Working webcam

2. Course Overview and Important Dates:

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*Details about design and delivery of the course are listed below in Section 4

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* November 12, 2020: Last day to drop a first-term half course or a first-term full course without penalty
3. **Course Description and Design**

This course will provide a virtual weekly forum for the critical engagement of the ongoing material production and research of the MFA students. This fall, the course will be designed and delivered with regard to Western emergency remote teaching response to COVID-19 and will be **primarily delivered online**. The course will convene at a **weekly SYNCHRONOUS time** in order for virtual meetings/discussions/critiques to occur together.

The course will be structured around virtual presentations (pdf's, OWL tools, and other documentation) of student thesis-related research and the close analysis of other contemporary artworks. Over the term, these presentations will be complemented by both formal critiques and less formal studio discussions. Critique sessions will be directed to sustain discussion and debate concerning students’ developing material, production methods, and conceptual and theoretical background preparation. Critiques will be scheduled by the instructor throughout the course. An end of term critique may be possible pending space and personal protection.

Students may schedule individual meetings with the instructor to discuss the development of their studio work. Studio visits with visiting faculty and guests will be arranged; however, this may change as the year unfolds.

All of the remote learning sessions for this course will be recorded. The data captured during these recordings may include your image, voice recordings, chat logs and personal identifiers (name displayed on the screen). The recordings will be used for educational purposes related to this course, including evaluations. The recordings may be disclosed to other individuals participating in the course for their private or group study purposes. Please contact the instructor if you have any concerns related to session recordings.

Alternatives are offered to participants without a penalty who do not wish to be recorded. There are a variety of options for participants who do not wish to be recorded, including: offering an opportunity for participants to use a pseudonym (identifying themselves outside of the meeting to the instructor); or, viewing the recorded session at a later time rather than attending it live.

Participants in this course are not permitted to record the sessions, except where recording is an approved accommodation, or the participant has the prior written permission of the instructor.

**Learning Outcomes**

A. **Application of Knowledge**

Students will use their capacities with the medium as a critical, discursive and expressive tool to develop creative works; understand the potential viability of their works, and will utilize their reflections on their works to explore and develop further projects in order to create a body of work.

Students will utilize their knowledge of appropriate methods, the vocabularies pertinent to the field, and their ability to make appropriate judgements, in order to develop a sound argument regarding a particular historical development, and will be able to defend their argument according to a knowledge of scholarly works.

B. **Communication Skills**
Students will be able to communicate in writing and orally regarding their projects and regarding relevant art and culture, and will recognize the range of language suited to differing communication opportunities (i.e. a grant application vs. a grad school application) 

Students will be able to communicate orally and in writing with regard to their art history research, and will be able to utilize different genres of writing for different purposes (i.e., to write an academic paper, or a magazine article) 

C. Awareness of Limits of Knowledge
Students will be aware of the field of research/inquiry in relation to which their studies are situated, and will understand the limits/opportunities inherent to their research capacities within the framework of their studies

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<td>Virtual synchronous</td>
<td>Fridays</td>
<td>10:00 am-1pm</td>
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Asynchronous pre-work must be completed 1 day prior to synchronous sessions 

Attendance at synchronous sessions is required 

A recording will be provided for synchronous sessions 

All course material will be posted to OWL: . Any changes will be indicated on the OWL site and discussed with the class.

If students need assistance, they can seek support on the OWL Help page. Alternatively, they can contact the Western Technology Services Helpdesk. They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox are the preferred browsers to optimally use OWL; upyou’re your browsers frequently. Students interested in evaluating their internet speed, please click here.

5. Online Participation and Engagement
Students are expected to participate and engage with content as much as possible 
Students can participate during critique sessions or post on OWL after watching the recording 
Students can also participate by interacting in the forums with their peers and instructors

Online Etiquette
Some components of this course will involve online interactions. To ensure the best experience for both you and your classmates, please honour the following rules of etiquette:

- please “arrive” to class on time
- please use your computer and/or laptop if possible (as opposed to a cell phone or tablet)
- ensure that you are in a private location to protect the confidentiality of discussions in the event that a class discussion deals with sensitive or personal material
- to minimize background noise, kindly mute your microphone for the entire class until you are invited to speak, unless directed otherwise
- please be prepared to turn your video camera off at the instructor’s request if the internet connection becomes unstable
- unless invited by your instructor, do not share your screen in the meeting

The course instructor will act as moderator for the class and will deal with any questions from participants. To participate please consider the following:

- if you wish to speak, use the “raise hand” function and wait for the instructor to acknowledge you before beginning your comment or question
- remember to unmute your microphone before speaking
- remember to mute your mic after speaking (unless directed otherwise)

General considerations of “netiquette”:

- Keep in mind the different cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the students in the course.
- Be courteous toward the instructor, your colleagues, and authors whose work you are discussing.
- Be respectful of the diversity of viewpoints that you will encounter in the class and in your readings. The exchange of diverse ideas and opinions is part of the scholarly environment. “Flaming” is never appropriate.
- Be professional and scholarly in all online postings. Cite the ideas of others appropriately.

Note that disruptive behaviour of any type during online classes, including inappropriate use of the chat function, is unacceptable. Students found guilty of Zoom-bombing a class or of other serious online offenses may be subject to disciplinary measures under the Code of Student Conduct.

6. Evaluation
This course presupposes each student’s vigorous and regular engagement with a studio practice and with the activities of the MFA community as a whole. All scheduled due dates must be respected. The following represents the principle requirements of the class:

Below is the evaluation breakdown for the course. Any deviations will be communicated.

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<td>Studio work</td>
<td>Online presentation</td>
<td>50% (20% + 30%)</td>
<td>Scheduled dates and final at end of term</td>
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<td>In-class Peer; and final critique</td>
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<td>Final crit Dec 14-18?</td>
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<td>Dossier + Research</td>
<td>Online submission</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Dec 9</td>
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<td>Questionnaire</td>
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<td>10</td>
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After an assessment is returned, students should wait 24 hours to digest feedback before contacting their evaluator; to ensure a timely response, reach out within 7 days.

Click here for a detailed and comprehensive set of policies and regulations concerning examinations and grading. The table below outlines the University-wide grade descriptors.

DETAILS:

**Studio Work (weighted 50%)**

Weekly Peer Critique/ Online Research Discussion (weighted 20%)

Students presenting work for the weekly peer critiques will be assessed on the ambition and level of development demonstrated in the work. A portion of the mark for this critique will be based on the student’s ability to orally articulate their ideas and present them online through Zoom. You will readily engage the group in critical discussion: including presentation; topic discussions; and critique facilitation. The best way I know that you can do this is by using your own connected computer through Zoom and screen-sharing a Power Point presentation with the whole group. Show images, videos and other visual cues to your spoken notes and remarks. Keep presentations succinct—get to your point quickly—online audiences need brevity! I will prepare a short instruction guide for your assistance.

**Final Critique Grade Breakdown (weighted 30%)**

Department graduate faculty members attending the online studio critique in December will submit to the course instructor recommended grades for the student. The critique grade will be determined by averaging the recommended grade of the faculty, the Advisor and the Instructor. This averaged grade will count for 30% of the total grade for the course (1/3 the Instructor, 1/3 the Advisor, and 1/3 an average of other faculty in attendance comprise the grade for the final critique).

**Dossier (weighted 30%)**

The dossier PDF will be playing an increased role and will have a more significant weight than in previous years due to the emergency remote teaching that needs to be delivered online. This term, your own independent research will play a more vital role in your studio endeavors. Your dossier is to include notes from all your studio guest visits, including your advisor (virtual or in-person)—a page for each will be fine. Also included in your PDF will be a condensed, post-reflection of your in-class critique (final critique will not be included in dossier). I will just ask that you add a couple of pages of notes evaluating and reflecting on what you took from the group discussion. {note: since your in-class critique will be recorded you can consult it later for consideration—that’s one of the good things to come out of this online engagement—no need to take notes!). The dossier will be evaluated on the basis of the rigor and clarity of the synopsis of all material and sessions.
Case Study Commentary/Questionnaire (weighted 10%:)

Students will submit a short questionnaire commentary on the case study of our featured artist, Stan Douglas, who will be representing Canada at the next Venice Biennale, 2022.

Participation (weighted 10%:)

This will include your attendance, participation in critique, general quality and consideration of comments during Zoom sessions. See “Online etiquette”

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<td>90-100</td>
<td>One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level</td>
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<td>80-89</td>
<td>Superior work which is clearly above average</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>70-79</td>
<td>Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>60-69</td>
<td>Competent work, meeting requirements</td>
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<td>D</td>
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<td>Fair work, minimally acceptable</td>
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Information about late or missed evaluations:

- ate assessments without illness self-reports will be subject to a late penalty 1%/day
- ate assessments with illness self-reports should be submitted within 24 hours of submission of the last illness self-report

Critiques in this course will be conducted using Zoom. You will be required to keep your camera on for the entire session, and share your screen with the instructor if asked to do so at any time during the session. The critique session will be recorded.*

Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the system requirements for Zoom. Information about the system requirements are available at the following link:

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us.

* Please note that Zoom servers are located outside Canada. If you would prefer to use only your first name or a nickname to login to Zoom, please discuss this with your instructor in advance of the test or examination.

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Participants in this course are not permitted to record the sessions, except where recording is an approved accommodation, or the participant has the prior written permission of the instructor.
7. **Communication:**
   Students should check the OWL site every 24 – 48 hours
   Emails will be monitored daily; students will receive a response in 24 – 48 hours
   This course will use the OWL forum for tangential discussions, if needed

8. **Office Hours:**
   Office hours will be held remotely using Zoom by appointment
   Students will be able to request an appointment using email

9. **Resources**
   All resources will be posted in OWL

10. **Professionalism & Privacy:**
    Western students are expected to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Additionally, the following expectations and professional conduct apply to this course:
    Students are expected to follow online etiquette expectations provided on OWL
    All course materials created by the instructor(s) are copyrighted and cannot be sold/shared
    Recordings are not permitted (audio or video) without explicit permission
    Permitted recordings are not to be distributed
    All recorded sessions will remain within the course site or unlisted if streamed

11. **How to Be Successful in this Class:**
    Students enrolled in this class should understand the level of autonomy and self-discipline required to be successful.

   1. Invest in a planner or application to keep track of your courses. Populate all your deadlines at the start of the term and schedule time at the start of each week to get organized and manage your time.
   2. Make it a daily habit to log onto OWL to ensure you have seen everything posted to help you succeed in this class.
   3. Follow weekly checklists created on OWL or create your own to help you stay on track.
   4. Take notes as you go through the lesson material. Treat this course as you would a face-to-face course. Keeping handwritten notes or even notes on a regular Word document will help you learn more effectively than just reading or watching the videos.
   5. Connect with others. Try forming an online study group and try meeting on a weekly basis for study and peer support.
   6. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you are struggling with a topic, check the online discussion boards or contact your instructor(s) and or teaching assistant(s).
7. **Reward yourself for successes.** It seems easier to motivate ourselves knowing that there is something waiting for us at the end of the task.

12. **Western Academic Policies and Statements**

**Absence from Course Commitments**

*Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences*

In the interest of the health and safety of students and health care providers, you are no longer required to seek a medical note for absences this term. If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness you should use the [Illness Reporting Tool](#). This tool takes the place of the need to submit a medical note and the Self-Reported Absence System formally used by undergraduate students.

You are required to self-report every day that you are ill and unable to complete course commitments. Details about when you should submit missed work, the format of the missed work can be found in the Section 7. Evaluation above. Students should communicate promptly with their instructor and use this tool with integrity.

**Accommodation for Religious Holidays**

The policy on Accommodation for Religious Holidays can be viewed [here](#).

**Special Examinations**

A Special Examination is any examination other than the regular examination, and it may be offered only with the permission of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered, in consultation with the instructor and Department Chair. Permission to write a Special Examination may be given on the basis of compassionate or medical grounds with appropriate supporting documents. To provide an opportunity for students to recover from the circumstances resulting in a Special Examination, the University has implemented Special Examinations dates. These dates as well as other important information about examinations and academic standing can be found [here](#).

**Academic Offenses**

“Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed [here](#) to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence.

**Accessibility Statement**

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Accessible Education (AE) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation or review The [policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

**Correspondence Statement**
The centrally administered **e-mail account** provided to students will be considered the individual’s official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at his/her official university address is attended to in a timely manner. You can read about the privacy and security of the UWO email accounts [here](#).

**Turnitin and other similarity review software**

All assignments will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. Students will be able to view their results before the final submission. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and [Turnitin.com](#).

13. **Arts and Humanities Academic Policies and Statements**

**Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy (for in-person tests and exams)**

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is committed to ensuring that testing and evaluation are undertaken fairly across all our departments and programs. For all tests and exams, it is the policy of the School that any electronic devices, i.e., cell phones, tablets, cameras, or iPod are strictly prohibited. These devices MUST be left either at home or with the student’s bag/jacket at the front of the room and MUST NOT be at the test/exam desk or in the individual's pocket. Any student found with one of these prohibited devices will receive a grade of zero on the test or exam. Non-programmable calculators are only allowed when indicated by the instructor. The program is not responsible for stolen/lost or broken devices.

**Copyright and Audio/Video Recording Statement**

Course material produced by faculty is copyrighted and to reproduce this material for any purposes other than your own educational use contravenes Canadian Copyright Laws. You must always ask permission to record another individual and you should never share or distribute recordings.

**Rounding of Marks Statement**

Across the Basic Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education programs, we strive to maintain high standards that reflect the effort that both students and faculty put into the teaching and learning experience during this course. All students will be treated equally and evaluated based only on their actual achievement. **Final grades** on this course, irrespective of the number of decimal places used in marking individual assignments and tests, will be calculated to one decimal place and rounded to the nearest integer, e.g., 74.4 becomes 74, and 74.5 becomes 75. Marks WILL NOT be bumped to the next grade or GPA, e.g.
14. Support Services

The following links provide information about support services at Western University.

Academic Counselling (Science and Basic Medical Sciences)
Appeal Procedures
Registrarial Services
Student Development Services
Student Health Services

Department Policies and Regulations

Statement on prerequisite checking:

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Prerequisite(s): Registration in years 3 or 4 of a Department of Visual Arts Module, or permission of the Department.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism, which may be defined as “The act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own,” will not be tolerated. (Citation excerpted from Black’s Law Dictionary, 1999, 7th ed., p. 1170). This includes presenting the visual or aural work of another creator as your own. Visual or Aural Plagiarism may involve both hand-based media such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture, as well as digital media such as photography, video and sound. It includes work subsequently manipulated or transferred between different media, as well as self-plagiarism – work submitted for assignments previously produced and graded for another course. Similar to textual plagiarism, all student work involving the visual or aural work of others must be appropriately cited/identified whether in print or orally. Failure to do so will lead to similar academic penalties as those identified in Western’s Academic Calendar.

Electronic Devices

Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures – nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.

Attendance:

Under university regulations, if someone misses more than 15% of their classes (15% is equivalent to missing 8 hours of Lecture and/or Studio Lab, due to absence or lateness, or a combination of both, per semester) without written corroboration for health or bereavement, students can be debarred from participation in final evaluations and/or assignments.
Note that if a student is consistently absent from a 3-hour class for 1 hour, they will exceed the 15% cutoff and be debarred; assignments may stop being accepted and such assignments will receive a mark of 0 (zero).

Academic Consideration:

The University recognizes that a student’s ability to meet their academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by extenuating circumstances, including short-term illness or injury. Reasonable academic consideration is a cooperative process between the University, the student, and academic staff. All participants in the process must act in good faith, and fulfil their respective obligations, if it is to succeed.

Students who experience an extenuating circumstance (illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance) sufficiently significant as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements, may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

i. Submitting a Self-Reported Absence form, provided that the conditions for submission are met;

ii. For medical absences, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner, in order to be eligible for Academic Consideration; or

iii. For non-medical absences, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to Academic Counselling in their Faculty of registration, in order to be eligible for academic consideration.

Students seeking academic consideration:

• Are advised to consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying handing in work;

• Are encouraged to make appropriate decisions, based on their specific circumstances, recognizing that minor ailments (e.g., upset stomach) or upsets (e.g., argument with a friend) are not normally an appropriate basis for a self-reported absence;

• Must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence;

• Are advised that all necessary documentation, forms, etc. are to be submitted to academic counselling within two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less. The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

a. Students will be allowed a maximum of two self-reported absences between September and April, and one self-reported absence between May and August;

b. The duration of the excused absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30pm;

c. The duration of the excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period, should the student undertake significant academic responsibilities (e.g., write a test, submit a paper) during that time;
d. The duration of an excused absence will terminate at 8:30am on the day following the last day of classes each semester, regardless of how many days of absence have elapsed;

e. Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations

f. Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g., midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course;

g. Students must be in touch with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic expectations they may have missed

**Student Conduct:**

All students will conduct themselves in a manner that will be consistent with the maturity and academic integrity expected of university students. Student conduct shall be consistent with the general laws of the community and with University regulations. Students shall show regard and respect for the rights, safety, and property of all members of the University community and are expected to act in a responsible manner within the University and the community at large.


**Normal Building Access (September 1st to April 30th) (Subject to change):**

The John Labatt Visual Arts Centre will be closed at 10:00pm each night Monday to Friday. There will be no after-hour access for undergraduate students. The Centre is open weekends 12:00pm-5:00pm unless otherwise posted; access by side entrances only. Students should be prepared to vacate the building promptly at 10:00pm and 5:00pm. You must also sign-in with the building monitors when working in the workshop areas outside of regular office hours.

For the 2020-2021 academic year the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre will be available by card access only for students who have in-person classes in the building.

**Permission re: Promotion:**

You grant permission for Western University to reproduce your name, information describing your artwork, representations of your work and any other information you have provided for the purpose of display, promotion and publicity either now or in the future.

By installing your artwork in the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, you grant Western University an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free world-wide licence to photograph your artwork and use such photograph(s) for the promotion of your artwork and/or Western University, including, without limitation, advertising, display, editorial, packaging, promotion, television, social media, the Department of Visual Arts website, flickr, Twitter, Instagram etc.). Students wishing to not have their work photographed should not exhibit it in the Visual Arts Centre, Artlab Gallery or Cohen Commons. As the area is open to the public, students, faculty, staff and other visitors will not be prohibited from photographing your artwork while on exhibit at the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre.

You otherwise retain all ownership in your artwork.

**Artwork Installation Liability Release:**

You understand that the area where your artwork will be hanging or displayed is unsupervised and is in a part of the building that may be open to the public, day and evening, whether or not the building is open. Western University accepts no responsibility for damage to, or loss of, artwork at any time while on display or while being transported to or from the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre. By displaying your artwork in the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, you accept all risk of loss or damage to your
artwork. Western University does not provide insurance for the artwork on exhibition. If you wish to insure artwork, it is your responsibility to do so.

Removal:

Western University reserves the right to dispose of artwork not picked up by April 15th of each year.

Academic Sanctions:

In instances of non-payment of prescribed tuition and other fees, the University shall seal the academic record. When an academic record is sealed, the student will not be able to: a) view grades; b) register in future courses; c) receive transcripts or a degree diploma; d) obtain admission or readmission. The above prohibitions shall be in force until such time as indebtedness to the University, including payment of fee for removal of the seal, has been cleared to the satisfaction of the University. http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&Keywords=academic%20sanctions&SubHeadingID=169&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_169

Health and Wellness:

Western offers a variety of counselling services and several mental health resources for students. If you or a friend are feeling overwhelmed, confused or unsure of your mental health state, please don’t ignore it. There are steps you can take to help yourself or help others. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students receive membership in Western’s Campus Recreation Centre. Further information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/. If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health Support at Western http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Gender Neutral Bathrooms:

Middlesex College does not have specifically gender-neutral bathrooms. There are two gender neutral bathrooms in the JLVAC. One is located in the Artlab and is open only during Artlab hours. A second single stall gender neutral bathroom can be found on the third floor of the JLVAC. Here is the full list of inclusive washrooms at UWO: http://www.uwo.ca/equity/doc/inclusive_washrooms.pdf. Please contact the Media Lab Technician, Jennifer Slauenwhite (jslauen@uwo.ca), for card access to the elevator and stairs if you are in need of the 3rd floor gender neutral/accessible washroom for the academic year.