



Western University

International Exchange Program

Fact Sheet
2020/21

Western University is one of the oldest and most beautiful universities in Canada. Located in London, Ontario – just 200 km west of Toronto – Western has 39,000 students, including 5,200 international students from 121 countries.

Our 12 faculties and schools and three affiliated colleges share an outstanding academic reputation and are recognized for offering the best student experience in Canada.



ABOUT WESTERN

- Founded in 1878
- High quality professors and programs
- A beautiful 1,200-acre campus with exceptional facilities and residences
- More than 400 combinations of majors, minors and specializations at the undergraduate level
- 160 Master's and doctoral programs
- More than 300,000 alumni worldwide
- Vibrant, multicultural campus alive with opportunities for involvement and leadership



westernu.ca

Experience Western

No other Canadian university offers Western's unique combination of exceptional academic programs, residence life, student services and extracurricular clubs and activities.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

A mix of traditional ivy-covered buildings and modern architecture, Western offers a beautiful environment in which to study. Western's community campus includes ten residences, eight libraries, laboratories, classrooms, student space, eateries and cafeterias, and space for performing and visual arts.

Many services, including a book store, grocery store, movie theatre, computer store, wellness centre and more, are centrally located in the University Community Centre.

The impressive Western Student Recreation Centre features a fitness centre with more than 200 pieces of weight and cardio equipment, a 50 m pool, squash/racquetball courts, six gymnasiums, group fitness classes and drop-in activities.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Western's campus is a thriving multicultural and social community with 200 student clubs, groups and advocacy organizations. Whether you are looking for academic, philanthropic, social, personal interest or political themes, you will find a club that satisfies your interest.



About London, Canada

With a population of 384,000, London has all the amenities and diversity of a big city while still preserving a small-town feel.

Known as the "Forest City" for its many parks and green areas, London has an extensive trail system through the city along the Thames River. London is also close to some of the world's best freshwater beaches on Lake Huron and Lake Erie.

Travel to Toronto, Detroit and many other destinations is easy. London is accessible by air, train and bus, with the London International Airport offering international travel. Western is also well-connected to the city's public transit system. Visit yourlondoncalling.ca for more about life in London.

Academic Information

PROGRAM CHOICE

Flexibility in program choice is a key attraction bringing some of the world's top students to Western. Our 12 faculties and schools offer more than 200 undergraduate programs. Exchange students have the opportunity to take a variety of courses within different programs, provided pre-requisite qualifications are met. With so much choice, you're bound to find courses to fit your goals.

Arts & Humanities

Classical Studies
English
Film Studies
French Studies
Linguistics
Modern Languages and Literatures
Philosophy
Theory and Criticism
Visual Arts
Women's Studies & Feminist Research
Writing, Rhetoric & Professional Communication

Music

Music Education
Music Performance Studies
Music Research and Composition

Health Sciences

Health Studies
Kinesiology *

Engineering

Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
Civil & Environmental Engineering
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Mechanical & Materials Engineering

Social Science

American Studies
Anthropology
Economics *
Indigenous Studies
Geography
History
Management & Organizational Studies *
Political Science *
Psychology *
Sociology *

Science

Applied Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth Sciences
Mathematics
Statistical and Actuarial Sciences
Centre for Environment & Sustainability

Information and Media Studies

Media, Information & Technoculture *

* limited availability

For a detailed list of programs and course information see: westerncalendar.uwo.ca

RESTRICTED PROGRAMS AND COURSES

While Western attempts to accommodate as many requests for courses as possible, certain programs at Western have limited enrolment. Exchange students are not eligible to take courses in professional programs such as Law, Medicine, Aviation, Dentistry, Business (Ivey), Education, and professional programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences. When selecting courses for enrolment, please review the **course restrictions** for each Faculty online.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English is the language of instruction at Western. Although we do not require an official language proficiency test as part of our application for undergraduate exchange students, students are expected to have sufficient skills in the English language to take classes at the University level.

SEMESTER DATES

Fall Term: Early September 2020 to late December 2020

Winter Term: Early January 2021 to late April 2021

Exchange students are expected to be here for the entire duration of the academic term.

For specific semester dates, please see: westerncalendar.uwo.ca

Length of Study	Maximum Full Time Course Load/Term	Minimum Full Time Course Load/Term
One term	5 half courses (2.5 Western credits)	4 half courses (2.0 Western credits)
Full Year	5 Western credits (combination of full and half courses)	3.5 Western credits (combination of full and half courses)

Students are not permitted to take more than the maximum course load per semester.

COURSE TIMETABLE

registrar.uwo.ca/academics/register_in_courses

Please note that our course timetable is updated every June for the next academic cycle

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- 1) Official nomination submitted by home university
- 2) Student completes online application.
- 3) Required supporting documents:
 - Official transcript

The Academic Information listed here refers to the general Western exchange program. Details about Ivey Business School and Faculty of Law exchange programs are available from the contacts listed on the back of this brochure.

Preparing for Your Exchange

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION

The Government of Canada regulates international study permits and visas through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

When students arrive in Canada, a border services official will ask to see their travel documents. You should be ready to show the following documents for entry to Canada:

- Valid Passport or travel document
- Letter of Introduction confirming approval of your Study Permit (if applicable)
- Valid Temporary Resident Visa (if applicable)
- Admission letter from Western
- Proof that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay in Canada
- Any other documents recommended by the visa office where you applied (if applicable)

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare-arrival.html

It is the student's responsibility to find out the immigration requirements and to obtain the necessary documents for travel to Canada. Students can find this information by contacting a Canadian Consular Office near them.

travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates

STUDY PERMITS

Exchange students studying in Canada are required to have a valid Study Permit except in cases where the duration of the program of study is six months or less.

We strongly encourage all exchange students to apply for a Study Permit. "Even if you do not need a study permit, it is a good idea to apply for a permit before you come to Canada. If you decide that you want to continue your studies in another program after you complete your short-term course or program, you must apply through a Canadian visa office outside Canada for a study permit if you do not already have one."

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/eligibility.html

International students who hold a valid Study Permit and are registered as full-time students are permitted to work on campus

canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/work-on-campus.html

International students without a valid Study Permit are not eligible to work in Canada.

TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISAS

Citizens of certain countries require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to enter Canada. A TRV is not the same as a Study Permit. A TRV gives the student permission to enter Canada, whereas a Study Permit gives him/her permission to study in Canada. See the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website for a list of countries requiring a TRV.

cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

Students must apply for a TRV (if required) before entering Canada. They are available only at a Canadian embassy, consulate, or high commission outside of Canada. Consult the list of Canadian visa offices to find the office responsible for your country and what requirements and procedures you must follow when you apply:

travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates

DESIGNATED LEARNING INSTITUTION NUMBER

Recent changes with CIC require institutions to be approved as Designated Learning Institutions (DLI).

Western's DLI number is O19375892122.

(Note: the first character is the letter 'O' for Ontario).

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Traditional dormitory-style residences and apartment-style suites are available. Most residences offer a meal plan. Students who have been accepted by mid-May for a full-year exchange will receive an offer of residence or waiting list information. Residence accommodation for students on single-term exchange depends on availability. residence.uwo.ca

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Western is located in a residential area with many housing options close to campus. Our Off-Campus Housing Office provides lists of available housing, advice and translation of rental agreements and terms and conditions. For more information see: offcampus.uwo.ca/international.htm

HEALTH CARE

While in Canada and registered at Western, students are required to be enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). For information about UHIP and what is included in the coverage please visit iesc.uwo.ca/uhip

While UHIP covers most doctor visits, it does not include any supplemental coverage for items such as prescriptions. **We strongly recommend buying supplementary health insurance in addition to UHIP.**

Services for Exchange Students

At Western, international exchange students will find the support they need to succeed with a range of services to enhance their academic, social, and cultural experience.

Programs and services provided by the **International and Exchange Student Centre** (iesc.uwo.ca) include:

Reception and Orientation

Pre-Arrival Assistance, Orientation Program and Student Handbook.

International Student Advising

Assistance with study/work permits, visas, and other government regulations, cultural and academic transitions, University policies and procedures, etc.

Help with cultural adjustment or personal/social issues, including support for spouses/partners and families of students.

English Conversation Program

Practice and improve your spoken English skills.

Canada, Eh? Transitioning to Canada Workshop Series

Learn about Canadian culture and life in Canada.

Global Café

Meet international and Canadian friends during our weekly coffee and tea gathering.

Social and Cultural Programs

More than 100 events, workshops and trips offered each year.

Intercultural Learning and Skill Development

Through volunteer and student leadership positions.

Other Services:

Emergency loan and bursary assistance, online assistance and weekly e-mail news.

VISIT US!

2nd floor, International and Graduate Affairs Building

Relax between classes, meet with other students, and participate in planned activities throughout the year.

Other Important Services on Campus

Student Experience

Sports and Recreation (competitive and intramural sports, fitness centre, pool)

Health and Wellness (health clinic, massage therapy, mental health, pharmacy)

studentexperience.uwo.ca

westernmustangs.ca

health.uwo.ca



Financial Information

FEES AND EXPENSES

While exchange students do not pay tuition fees to Western, they are responsible for the following compulsory fees:

UHIP (health insurance): Approximately \$212/term

Bus pass: Approximately \$262.92
(valid Sept. 1, 2020 -Aug. 31, 2021)

Western student card: Approximately \$32



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Twitter: @westernu

Facebook: WesternUniversity

YouTube: WesternUniversity

Instagram: @westernuniversity

Weibo: weibo.com/westerninternational



*ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES PER TERM:

On Campus Off Campus

Books & Supplies	\$1,500-3,000	
Residence & Meal Plan	\$6,605-7,900	0
Rent \$600-1000/month	0	\$2,400-9,600
Food \$350-600/month	0	\$1,400-2,400
Utilities \$100/month	0	\$400
Internet/Phone	\$208-660	\$208-660
Personal \$100/month	\$400	\$400
Clothing \$100-250/month	\$400-1,000	\$400-1,000
Entertainment	\$400	\$400
Laundry \$25/month	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$9,613-13,460	\$7,208-17,960

*Amounts above are in Canadian dollars and are rough estimates intended as a guide for students. Figures used may not reflect actual costs.

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