

Western University Info Guide

Introduction

Western University is a public university located in London, Ontario. With an enrollment of over 30,000 students and 2500 staff, Western is a fairly competitive institution. The student to faculty ratio is 12:1. The acceptance rate is 31%.

*Please note all prices within this guide are in Canadian Dollars (CAD).

Student Life

Clubs: With 200+ student clubs to choose from, Western guarantees a place for you! There are a variety of clubs, ranging from cultural awareness to volunteering on and off campus including traveling abroad to clubs dedicated just for establishing new friendships and more.

Athletics: At Western, there's a lot offered to take your athletics to the next level. With 40 varsity teams, open tryouts available to all, esports, and one of the largest intramurals in the country with 14000 students, the Western Mustangs are a huge part of this school's history.

Greek Life: There are currently five sororities and ten fraternities at Western.

SORORITIES

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Pi Beta Phi

FRATERNITIES

- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Delta Upsilon
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta

- Phi Gamma Delta
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Sigma Chi
- Zeta Psi
- Kappa Alpha Society.

Mental Health + Wellness: At Western, your mental wellness is their top priority. Western offers free counseling services and a handful of on-campus mental health resources for students. For in-person support, they offer appointments Monday-Friday during the daytime and remote supports 24/7.

Housing

There are 7 different resident buildings to choose from for your first year living on campus and 2 resident buildings for upper-year students.

For first-year students, buildings come in 3 different styles.

- Every single one has a dining hall and common areas (fitness facilities, music rooms, study rooms, laundry rooms, etc.)

TRADITIONAL

- Most affordable
- Easy to make friends and meet others
- Strong sense of community and belonging
- Floor washrooms with private showers
- Delaware hall, Medway-Sydenham hall, Saugeen-Maitland hall

Double room

Room charge	\$8090
Meal plan overhead	\$3300

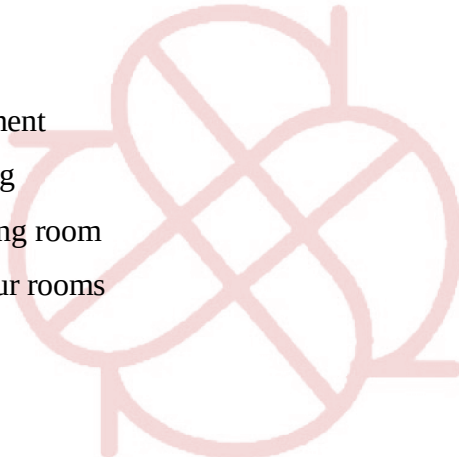
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$14,240

Single room

Room charge	\$8760
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$14,910

SUITE

- Like living in an apartment
- More independent living
- Shared kitchen and living room
- Two washrooms for four rooms
- Elgin hall, Essex hall



Single room

Room charge	\$10,710
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$16,860

HYBRID

- A mix between traditional and suite
- Strong sense of community
- Extra storage in the Housecommon area

- Full washroom and an extra sink
- Ontario hall, Perth hall

Double room

Room charge	\$9500
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$15,650

Single room

Room charge	\$10,310
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$16,460

- Alumni House (upper-year students)

Single room with meal

Room charge	\$8510
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$14,660

Single room without meal

Room charge	\$8510
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- London Hall (upper-year students)

Single room with meal

Room charge	\$10,160
Meal plan overhead	\$3300
Food credit (refundable)	\$2850
Total fees	\$16,310

Single room without meal

Room charge	\$10,160
Total fees	\$10,160

To access the common areas, you will be given a Western One card. This card also acts as your student ID, building key, and meal plan card.

Meal Plan

Seven of their first-year buildings have a dining hall, and in upper-year buildings, you can eat in a nearby dining hall by signing up ahead of time.

- Their meal plans run on a declining balance system, meaning that you won't be limited to a fixed number of meals per day but as you purchase the total will be deducted from the balance on your ONE card.
- FRESH is the new face of Nutrition on campus designed to make Western University the healthiest campus in Canada.
- There are also cafes, restaurants, fast-food chains, and grocery stores on campus

OVERHEAD FEE

- This is used to maintain and operate the dining halls, including labor, capital costs, equipment, etc. There is no food credit value to the overhead fee and it is non-refundable.

FOOD CREDIT

- There are two types of food credit that you get to spend on meals: Residence Dollars and Flex Dollars.

RESIDENCE DOLLARS

- Residence Dollars can be used in any Residence dining hall and at any on-campus eateries. The cost of food purchased in the Residence dining halls is reduced and with no tax added.

FLEX DOLLARS

- Flex Dollars can be used to purchase on-campus confection purchases and at the meal plan, partner restaurants are found both on and off-campus.

Western also has many other places on campus including 28 Campus Eateries and 22 coffee shops. They also offer Great Hall catering for all your catering needs.

Opportunities

Starting as early as 2nd year, students are presented with several opportunities allowing them to grow as an individual, student, leader, and peer.

There are over 20 ways to gain experience at Western

- Internships (4-16 months, typically paid)
- Community-engaged learning (a project with a community partner)
- Entrepreneurship (start or support a new business)
- Go abroad (170+ experience in 40+ countries)
- Impact experience (travel to support a community in need)
- Practicum (work experience that counts toward certificate or license)
- In-class (filled experience, simulations, research, case studies, etc.)

- Co-op (alternate school and employment)

Location & Surrounding Area

- Campus
 - You'll find the Western Campus to be fairly small, being able to get from one end to the other in under 15 mins.
 - There are tunnels throughout campus making it easy to get around when it's raining or snowing and with a river running through the campus and a bridge, it is considered quite scenic.
 - You can also find a recreation center, 3 libraries, a movie theatre, student-run cafes and restaurants, grocery stores, health services, and more right on campus.
 - Right outside the Western campus, you'll find Richmond Row; a strip of downtown where you'll find a lot of the nightlife.
- Located in London, Ontario, also known as the Forest city
- 2 hours west of Toronto and 2 hours east of the Windsor Detroit border
- Southwestern Ontario
- Population just under 400,000 people
- A second fastest growing city in Canada
- Easy transportation (bus pass included in student fees, airport, train, and bus terminals)

Very easy to visit family and friends outside of the city but why leave when London has so much to offer!

In the city you can find many experiences, including, but not limited to:

- Western fair
- Block parties
- Street festivals
- East park
- Grand theatre
- Boler mountain
- Museum London

Academics

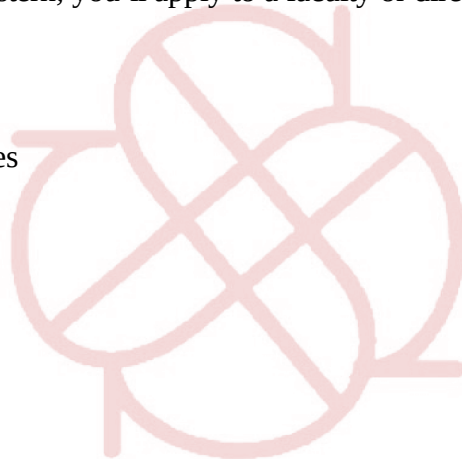
- Over 400 programs are offered

Professional programs -> medicine, dentistry, law, education, Ivey business school

- Most of the programs start after you complete your undergraduate degree
- However, the Ivey business school starts after you finish two years of an undergraduate degree and you can start in any program before doing business for years 3 and 4. You can also do a combined degree (5 yr program) where you will earn the Ivey business degree and the other degree you started in your first two years.

Most students have a common first year

- When you apply to western, you'll apply to a faculty or direct entry program but not the major you want to do.
- 11 faculties/direct entries
 - Arts and humanities
 - Engineering
 - Health sciences
 - Kinesiology
 - Nursing
 - Information and media studies
 - Music
 - Science
 - Medical science
 - Social sciences
 - Date management and organizational studies



When you apply to a faculty, you'll be asked to choose an area of interest but note that you aren't locked into it. Once you have experimented with your major of interest, you will be able to narrow it down in years 3 and 4.

Unique Courses

- English 2092F - Special Topics - The Many Faces of Harry Potter
- History 2186A/B - Zombie Apocalypse: Panic and Paranoia from the Black Death to Y2K
- Sociology 4442F/G - Serial Killers
- FILM 2159B - Disney (Disney Dream Factory)
- History 3707F/G - The Business of Wine

Admission Requirements

Current Ontario high school students are 101 applicants and everyone else is 105 applicants. When applying your academic background, English language proficiency, and for some programs: supplemental forms, profiles, tests, and auditions will be looked at.

Finances

1ST YEAR ESTIMATES (OF 2019)

Tuition fees, books, and supplies per year

- Canadian \$92,000 - \$15,600 (depending on your program)
- International \$34,800-\$45,200 (depending on your program)

Living costs away from home

- \$13,500-\$16,000 (depending on your choice of resident or off campus living)

Scholarships

- Scholarships are awards usually based on your academic merits and for financial aids bursaries are available.

Admission average of 90%- 91.9% -> admission scholarship (\$2500)

Admission average of 92%- 100% -> scholarship of distinction (\$3500)

Top 250 -> scholarship of excellence (\$8000)

National scholarship program

- Avg over 90%
- Can apply but must also be nominated by your high school
- \$30k-\$72k

Schulich leader scholarships

- \$80k-\$100k
- Must be pursuing a program in STEM
- Application and nomination by high school are required

Deadlines

Ontario secondary school applicants using the 101 application form

January 15

- Deadline for Ontario high school students to submit completed online applications to the OUAC to guarantee consideration for all programs.
- Deadline for Ivey Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) applications. Applicants must also indicate interest in the OUAC application and complete a supplementary application available through the Ivey Business School website.
- Deadline for Engineering CONNECT Profile (Optional).

February 14

- Deadline for National Scholarship application.
- Application deadline for Scholar's Electives.

February 15

- Application deadline for the Collaborative BScN Nursing program. Register for CASPer.
- Deadline to complete a supplementary application for Commercial Aviation Management.

February 28

- Application deadline for the School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and Humanities (SASAH).

March 1

- Deadline for secondary school applicants to submit Special Consideration Profile or Extraordinary, Extracurricular Activities and Contributions to Citizenship profiles.

March 23

- Application deadline for Western Integrated Science.

April 16

- Last date for the Admission Office to receive English Proficiency test results for consideration for the final round of offers.

May 1

- Deadline to submit a digital portfolio and request an optional portfolio interview for Visual Arts - Studio Arts.

June 1

- The earliest date Ontario universities can require a response to an offer of admission from a student who is currently enrolled in an Ontario high school.

All other applicants using the 105 application form

October 1

- Online application forms are available on the OUAC website.

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- Application deadline for the Compressed Time Frame Nursing Program.

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March 1

- Application deadline for Early Consideration for full-time first-year studies.
- CEGEP application deadline.

March 23

- Application deadline for Western Integrated Science.

May 1

- Deadline to submit a digital portfolio and request an optional portfolio interview for Visual Arts - Studio Arts.

June 1

- Full-time application deadline.

Professional second-entry program applicants

October 1 - Medicine

November 1 - Law

December 1 - Dentistry & Education

January 1- Communication Sciences & Disorders.

January 8 - Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy

January 29 - Business HBA

March 1 - Social Work (King's University College) Bachelor of Social Work

Part-time studies applicants

March 1- for Summer Distance Studies, Summer Evening, Intersession

May 1 - Summer Day

July 1 - Fall/Winter Distance Studies, Fall/Winter Day or Evening

Orientation Week

This week brings everyone together to volunteer for the community, try new things, get settled into your new home, and allow you to find your very own community.

There are residence events, faculty events, and huge first-year general events that you'll be able to participate in!

Typically the first-year students move into the residences a few days earlier than upper-year students and take part in a bunch of activities. There are also no classes for the first few days.

Your week will be filled with activities, including, but not limited to:

- Getting to know each other activities in residences
- General introduction to the buildings
- A whole day dedicated to faculties, where you will learn a bunch of cheers and a bit more about the specific faculty and how to succeed in it
- Safety presentations and general presentations
- Each night ends with a few big activities (in past years there have been quite a few concerts)
- On the final day, there is a huge celebration where everyone gets together based on their residence, shares their cheers, have fun, and party!