WELCOME CENTRE

ORIENTATION FOR GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
OUTLINE

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HOUSING

Looking for temporary accommodation? Click here.

Permanent accommodation:

- **Off-Campus Housing Service**
  Ontario Hall, Room 3C1
  519-661-3550

- See checklist when searching for off-campus housing
Your Western ONEcard also functions as a bus pass.

- Upload photo online on Student Center / go to WSS 1120
- Pick up card from WSS 1120 starting August 31

More info here.
HEALTH PLAN: UHIP

Mandatory for international students. Check your UWO email for your card!

Use your UHIP card to see a doctor.

You must register your dependents within 30 days of arrival (see handout).

More info on UHIP [here](#).
Claim forms available [here](#).
ADDITIONAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Graduate students are covered under the SOGS Health & Dental Plan.

This plan covers additional healthcare expenses such as some portion of prescription drugs, dental care, etc.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student Orientation (Grad)

- 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm, NCB 101
IESC PROGRAMS

International Peer Connection Program (IPC)

Matches new international students with Peer Guides.

Peer Guides connect new students to the Western community, answer questions, and provide support throughout the program.

Click [here](#) to register for this program.
IESC PROGRAMS

English Conversation Program (ECP)
This program gives you an opportunity to improve your English communication skills. ECP circles meet for 2 hours once a week.

Register online: Sep 6 – 17
Attend Welcome Meetings: Sep 10 – 14
IESC PROGRAMS

Global Cafe

Meet the world at 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.

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.

Date/Time: Fridays from 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Location: Chu Centre, IGAB
IESC PROGRAMS

START STRONG Series
- Research & Libraries at Western
  - Undergraduate | Graduate
- Strategies for Academic Success
  - Undergraduate | Graduate
- Effective Writing in Canada
  - Undergraduate | Graduate

Canada, Eh?! Sessions
Join to learn more about Canadian culture.

TALK: Talking about Life in Canada
Discuss and share experiences about living and studying in Canada.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet Your Peer Guide Events
Option 1 (3 pm) | Option 2 (5 pm)

Welcome Cafe – Sep 6
Gathering at Gibbons Park – Sep 9
Niagara Falls Trip - (date to be confirmed)

iesc.uwo.ca/events
A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is required for you to work in Canada.

Register online for our SIN Clinics to obtain a Social Insurance Number on any of the following dates:

- August 29
- September 7
- September 13
- September 19

Bring your passport, study permit, and acceptance/enrollment offer with you to the SIN Clinic.
GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Graduate Student Orientation (SGPS)
Sep 6 from 10 am - 1:00 pm | Alumni Hall

Department/Program Specific Orientations

Graduate Student Orientation Week (SOGS) - Sep 10 to 14

TA Trainings
ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Writing Support Centre
Learning Skills Services
Centre for Teaching and Learning
Student Success Centre

Psychological Services
Wellness Education Centre

...and more!

Check out the Student Guide and the International Student Handbook!
COURSE REGISTRATION + FEES

To add courses, make an appointment with your Graduate Assistant.

All fees due September 10.
  - Questions? Email reg-fees@uwo.ca
ADDITIONAL INFO

Alert WesternU – emergency mass notification email system. All Western students are automatically subscribed.

To add your phone number to receive text notifications, click here.

Download the Everbridge App (Android | Apple) to receive incident zone alerts.

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Western now has 6 designated smoking areas on campus.
USEFUL APPS

**Western U App** – see your schedule, Western news, access OWL, etc.

**Western Now App** – enables students to interact with their course schedule.

**Classfind** – to locate classes on campus.

LTC app for bus schedules:  
[Android] / [Apple]