

Western Law



Western Law Exchange Fact Sheet

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2021-2022

About Us

The University of Western Ontario (also known as Western University), established in 1878, is one of the oldest and most beautiful campuses in Canada. Western prides itself on having a strong sense of community and offers exceptional amenities. The Faculty of Law, established in 1959, offers a unique blend of academic study, practical experience and extracurricular academic activities.

- Program: 3-year Juris Doctor – JD degree
- Number of Western Law students: 570 with 190 admitted annually
- Mean “Last 2” average GPA on admissions: 3.7
- Average LSAT score: 80th percentile
- Total number of Western students: approximately 29,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Including more than 5,800 international students from 128 countries.

Application Requirements

- Application **deadline** for Full year or Fall term exchange participants is **April 15, 2021**.
- Applications for Winter term participants will be accepted until October 1, 2021.
- However, course selection will be limited for applications received after June 11, 2021.

Language Requirements

Proof of proficiency in English will be required prior to acceptance for all students whose home school instruction is not in English. Please check with your home university's International Office for more details. If required, acceptable test scores are listed below. Other recognized language proficiency tests may also be considered.

- TOEFL: 92 – 95 with no individual score below 20
- IELTS: minimum 6.5 with no individual score below 6.0

Acceptance Information

By end of May 2021: Acceptance letters and pre-arrival information will be provided directly to students via email.



Program Dates 2021-2022

- **Fall Term 2021:** September 7 – December 23, 2021
- **Winter Term 2022:** January 3 - April 25, 2022
- **Study Week is February 21 – 25, 2022**
 - **No classes are held during this week.**

The Winter Term begins with a period of intensive instruction. The month of January will be broken up into two modules for upper year students. Students will enroll in one intensive course per module, with each course worth 2 credits. The regular Winter Term courses will begin near the end of January and continue for the rest of the term. **Students participating in the Winter Term exchange must enroll in both the January intensive and Winter term courses.**

Fees

Students will pay tuition to their home university. Some supplementary fees are required for visiting exchange students at Western Law.

The fees listed below are approximate and may vary slightly pending budget approval mid-summer 2021.

- \$263 – London Transit bus pass, including special exam shuttles
- \$32 – WesternONE student card fee
- \$25 per term – Western Law Student Legal Society Fee

Health Insurance

While in Canada and registered at Western, all exchange students are required to be enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). Enrollment will be completed upon arrival. For information about UHIP and what is included in the coverage, please visit: <http://uhip.ca/>

- The UHIP fees for 2020-21 were: \$240 for four-month term / \$480 for eight-month academic year

While the UHIP plan covers most doctor visits and hospital costs in Ontario, it does not include any supplemental coverage for services such as prescription medications, dental care, eyeglasses nor for most out-of-country expenses. We encourage you to review the health insurance plan details on the UHIP website and strongly recommend purchasing supplemental coverage in addition to the UHIP plan.



Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) Requirements

The **eTA is the Citizenship and Immigration Canada entry requirement**. Citizens of all visa-exempt countries (excluding the United States) require an eTA before boarding a plane to Canada.

More information about the eTA requirement can be found at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>

Apply for the eTA at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html>

Biometrics to Enter Canada:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/campaigns/biometrics/facts.html>

Course Information

Course Offerings

- The Faculty of Law offers over 100 courses each year.
- Enrollment in compulsory courses (those required by our students to receive the JD degree) will not be available to visiting exchange students, due to demand from our students.
- **Courses NOT available are:**
 - Corporate Law
 - Civil Procedure
 - Administrative Law
 - Legal Ethics & Professionalism
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Indigenous Law



Course Selection

July 2021: Course selection is completed by students via a web-based program.

This includes choosing courses for the entire academic year (Fall term, January intensive course & Winter term). The exam schedule will be included with the course selection materials.

Business & Private Law	Public Law	Advocacy, Procedural, Specialty and Legal Theory
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Commercial & Insolvency▪ Common Law and Equity▪ Insurance▪ Intellectual Property & Information Technology▪ International Business▪ Labour & Employment▪ Private International Law▪ Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Administrative▪ Constitutional & Human Rights▪ Criminal▪ Family▪ Public International Law▪ Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Competition/Anti-trust▪ Ethics and Professionalism▪ Law, Language and Literature▪ Legal History▪ Legal Theory▪ Litigation/Advocacy▪ Research



Housing

On-Campus Housing

Information about on-campus residence arrangements may be viewed at:
https://residence.uwo.ca/resources/international_exchange_student_guide/

NOTE: Exchange students attending for only one semester may receive a guaranteed offer or waiting list information, depending on availability.

- University residence accommodations include both traditional dormitory-style rooms and apartment-style suites, with most offering or requiring a meal plan.
- During the 2021-22 academic year, both the London Hall and Alumni House Residences will be reserved for upper year students. Visiting law exchange students have enjoyed living in these suite-style residences. London Hall is located close to the law school and the recreation centre. A meal plan is optional in these residences since cooking facilities are provided in each suite. In past years, London Hall residence has been the most popular choice amongst exchange students.
- Note that all other University residences are primarily occupied by first-year undergraduate students (that is, most residents are 18-19 years of age). These residences will require the purchase of a meal plan and will have more rules regarding visitors and overnight guests.

Off-Campus Housing

- Western University is in a residential area with many housing options close to campus. Western's off-campus housing office provides a wide range of services including listings for off-campus housing rentals; average rental prices for various types of accommodations in London; and advice and translation of rental agreements, terms and conditions. Staff are also available to provide personal assistance via email or phone.
- **Website:** <https://offcampus.uwo.ca/>



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