

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: I'm an international student, who can I contact with questions about obtaining a study permit, finding housing, etc.?

We strongly recommend that international students to connect with the International & Exchange Student Centre at Western University. Start by reviewing the resources on their website (<https://iesc.uwo.ca/>). Next, contact the IESC (iesc@uwo.ca) to talk with an Advisor who can answer any questions you have as you prepare for your arrival to Canada.

Q: Is there student parking on campus?

Western has a limited number of student parking passes available. [Student parking passes](#) are available for purchase **starting June 15, 2024**, for the upcoming academic year.

The parking lot in front of the Western Centre for Public Health and Family Medicine Building (PHFM, in which our Department is located) is available for parking to those with a “green” student parking pass on Monday-Fridays after 8:30am. Those with a pass can also park in this lot unrestricted on weekends/holidays and evenings (but not overnight).

For those without a “green” parking pass, there are a limited number of Visitor parking spots in this lot for use (payment required through Honk Mobile app).

Q: Does London have a Transit system?

Yes, London has a bus transit system. The London Transit Commission site is www.ltconline.ca. Here you can find your various routes from around town. Numerous bus stops are located near our building (Richmond Street and Windermere Road). Some passing bus routes include: 6, 10, 13, 34, 90.

A bus pass is included in the cost of your tuition and will be available for pick-up in late August.

Q: I'm new to London. Where can I find housing that is close to campus?

These links will provide you with more information on the city and grad life on campus:

- https://grad.uwo.ca/life_community/index.html
- <https://london.ca/living-london>

We recommend that students moving to London (especially international students) aim to arrive in London by mid-August, to allow time to settle into living accommodations, become familiar with the city, and be prepared to start our graduate program on September 3th (*anticipated* start date).

There are several options for off-campus housing in London. Start your search with the following resources:

- [Western University Off-campus Housing](#) (start here!)
- [Kijiji](#) (beware of possible scams)
- [Facebook marketplace](#) (beware of possible scams)

Please note that rental listings are posted on Kijiji and Facebook Marketplace. However, it is essential to exercise caution as there is a potential for some postings to be **scams**. For more information about real estate and rental scams, please visit the Off-Campus Housing website:

<https://offcampus.uwo.ca/scamalert.cfm>

We recommend you check the UWO campus map (attached) and aim to find housing in North London. There are a number of apartments available on Richmond Street that are easily accessible by bus. Our Western Centre for Public Health and Family Medicine (PHFM) building is located at 1465 Richmond Street (corner of Richmond and Windermere), circled on the attached campus map.

Q: When do I pay my Tuition and Fees?

Tuition fees are charged each term (Fall, Winter, Summer) and must be paid in full by the due date each term. Tuition fees are generally due the first week of the term (e.g., since the Fall term formally begins as of Sept 1st, tuition will likely be due on or around September 5th).

The tuition schedules (i.e., amounts and due dates) are posted before the start of each term on the Office of the Registrar's website:

https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_refund_schedules.html. Please see the attached Tuition Guide for instructions on looking up termly tuition fees. The Fall 2024 term tuition fees have yet to be posted, so please review the above website throughout August for updates.

Installment Payment Option: Students have the option to pay their tuition and fees in two installments each term, with no additional fees incurred. To pay your tuition and fees in 2 installments: pay at least 50% of the total term's tuition and fees on the tuition deadline, and then the remaining tuition and fees will be due by the second installment date.

We will provide more information about tuition, fees, funding, and deadlines in our (forthcoming) emails and the Welcome Guide.

Q: When do I register for courses?

Registration for Fall term courses will occur throughout August and early September. Information on *how* to register for courses (and for which courses) will be included in our (forthcoming) emails & Welcome Guide. Please note that students are not "competing" for spaces in EpiBio graduate courses. There is enough space in our courses for any EpiBio graduate students who wish to enroll.

Your supervisor(s) will be able to help you determine which *elective* courses may benefit your thesis research, to aid in your course selection.

Q: When will my classes begin?

All classes will be held in person, starting as early as Thursday, September 5th. You will be able to refer to course outlines for specific start dates, once they are available.

NOTE: students are required to attend orientation sessions on-campus, expected to start on September 3rd.