

Welcome International Students to The University of Western Ontario!

Dear International Student,

On behalf of the International and Exchange Student Centre, we welcome you to London and The University of Western Ontario!

We at International and Exchange Student Centre (IESC) are here to help you with your preparation for and transition to life in Canada and at Western.

We provide services year-round to international students and students involved in international exchange. We offer counselling, information, and assistance with issues covering a broad range of questions and concerns, including immigration (visa, permits, ect.) and government regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at iesc@uwo.ca, by phone at 519-661-3031, or in-person by coming to International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120 in the Western Student Services Building.

We look forward to meeting you upon your arrival at the university and wish you every success at Western!

Welcome from all of us at the International and Exchange Student Centre:

Rose Aquino	Advisor & Coordinator
Bibiana Alcala Valencia	International Exchange Coordinator
David Arenas	Interim International Exchange Coordinator
Flora Chong	International Education Intern
Ashley Kewayosh	Internationalization Programming Coordinator
Francesca Mancuso	IESC Transitions Project Coordinator
Rachel Soojung Oh	International Education Intern
Sandra Pehilj	International Student Advisor and VIP Program Coordinator
Fabiana Tepedino	IESC Programs Coordinator

International Student

rientation Day 2012

JAN. 6. 2012

Date:

Friday, January 6th, 2012

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Social: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location:

Dr. David S.H. Chu
International Student
Centre, Room 2130, WSS

For more details and to register, visit:

www.iesc.uwo.ca

Organized by:

International and
Exchange Student Centre
in collaboration with:

- SDC's Writing Support Centre
- SDC's Learning Skills Services

Join us for a full day of orientation. Topics include:

- achieving academic success
- writing skills
- cultural transition
- Canadian culture
- immigration regulations (study/work permits, etc.)

Orientation Day offers a great opportunity to meet new people and learn more about life at Western and in London.

The International and Exchange Student Centre

FIND US AT:

The International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120, WSS

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays

NOTE: All Western Offices, including the International and Exchange Student Centre, will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.. Our offices will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

TELEPHONE:

519-661-3031 OR 519-661-2111 ext. 85908

E-MAIL US AT:

(IESC) iesc@uwo.ca
(Exchange) exchange@uwo.ca

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.iesc.uwo.ca>



Welcome International Students Reception Service

What is it? The International and Exchange Student Centre (IESC) at Western provides a Reception Service especially for newly arriving international students. We are here to answer any questions you may have and help you get organized and settled here at Western and in London. The service includes individual assistance from our **IESC Welcome Team & IESC staff, and registration for the International Peer Connection Program and IESC trips organized during the second semester.**

When does it start?

Tuesday, January 3rd - Friday, January 6th

- IESC Welcome Team volunteers are available to meet and assist you upon your arrival on campus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come to the International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120, Western Student Services Building (WSS) or call 519-661-2111 ext. 85908.

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View our **PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDE** online for helpful information!
www.sdc.uwo.ca/int

First Week with IESC

During your first week at Western, be sure to attend the following events to meet other new and returning international students, and the IESC staff and student volunteers!

- **January 6th:** Orientation Day Social
- **January 9th:** Drop In Reception
- **January 10th:** Coffee and Information Night
- **January 11th:** Global Café
- **January 14th:** Welcome Potluck Lunch

For more information about events organized by the International and Exchange Student Centre this winter, please visit our website: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?events>.

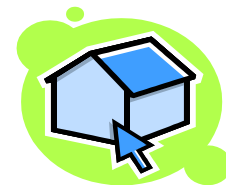
JOIN US for our **Tea & Information session for Spouses and Partners of International Students** on **Friday, January 13th, Room 2120, WSS**
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Temporary Accommodation

We can make every attempt to ensure that you find a clean, inexpensive place to stay upon your arrival in London, however we cannot pre-arrange or pay for temporary accommodation. For assistance, please drop by our office during office hours, e-mail us at iesc@uwo.ca, or refer to the "Pre-Arrival Guide" on our website for information on "Housing."

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?prearrival>



We look forward to meeting you when you arrive in London and hope that you take advantage of our Reception Service!

Programs & Services for International Students

Get Connected! Sign up to have a Peer Guide! International Peer Connection (IPC) Program

Would you like to be contacted by a Peer Guide before and after your arrival in Canada? Then register online!

This program connects new international students with Peer Guides who are current Western students, both Canadian and international senior and graduate students. The program offers friendly support, information, involvement in campus activities and a link to Western services and the London community.

Advantages of the International Peer

To DO: Register for the
**English
Conversation
Program**

Registration begins:
January 16th, 2012

Visit
Western Student Services Building
Room 2120

Connection Program:

- ◎ Your Peer Guide can answer any questions you may have about coming to Canada.
- ◎ Being contacted by your Peer Guide BEFORE you come to Canada also means that you will know someone when you arrive here.

To register, just complete the registration form available at the International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120, WSS or online:

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?ispc>

Practice your Spoken English! English Conversation Program (ECP)

Conversation Circles and small Group Workshops are offered throughout the year to help improve spoken English skills, to enhance confidence in conversational English, to increase knowledge of Canadian culture and to provide the opportunity to meet people from different areas of the university community. This program is open to members of Western's international community and their spouses or partners. For more information visit our website at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?ecp>

Register in person at the International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120, WSS starting on January 10th, 2012 until January 20th, 2012.

Pick up a Copy of the International Student Handbook

When you arrive in Canada, be sure to pick up your full-length paper copy of the **International Student Handbook** at the International and Exchange Student Centre (Room 2120, WSS). This copy includes additional information that you will find helpful once you arrive. For example, there is information on where to buy inexpensive furniture, where to buy food (including food from your home country), additional details on subjects such as health care, reporting income tax, and immigration documents (such as Study Permits, Work Permits and Visitor Visas), as well as a directory of the different resources at Western and in London.



Stay Connected! International Student Network

Stay updated with weekly e-mails about our events, activities, and programs offered throughout the year for international students as well as interesting London community events. Note: If you register to have a Peer Guide you will automatically be registered for the International Student Network e-mail list.

To register, complete a form available at the International and Exchange Student Centre, Room 2120, WSS or online: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?network>

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Twitter: IESCatUWO

