



Western Law

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Welcome to Western Law

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous peoples (e.g. First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.



DEAN'S WELCOME

“A legal education leads to a wealth of exciting opportunities, and a degree from Western will provide you with the intensive intellectual, problem-solving, and advocacy skills you need to thrive in today’s demanding environment.”

I’m delighted you are considering joining us at Western Law. A legal education leads to a wealth of exciting opportunities, and a degree from Western will provide you with the intensive intellectual, problem-solving, and advocacy skills you need to thrive in today’s demanding environment.

Our small group program provides you with the opportunity to actively engage with professors and classmates in a comfortable setting, and to receive regular, individualized feedback on your writing and advocacy. This program also supports the collegial community that is the core of the Western Law experience.

We strive to provide you with rigorous, relevant and active learning experiences that suit your individual interests and career aspirations. We have one of Canada’s most robust mooting programs, a wide range of exchange partners and summer internships, and many opportunities to engage in both scholarly and applied legal research. We also offer clinical opportunities in diverse areas like litigation, criminal, family, business, sports and intellectual property law.

Western Law is the only Canadian law school to offer interested first-year students the option of taking corporate law. This allows you to begin taking advanced business law courses at an earlier stage and to build a depth of expertise in fields like corporate securities, insolvency and restructuring, and mining finance.

We recognize that the transition to law school presents new challenges, and we care about your well-being. Western Law has sponsored a mindfulness program for first-year students since 2017, and we have a full-time, dedicated Student Wellness Counsellor to support any counselling needs. In addition, we substantially increased financial aid in 2020 to improve the accessibility of legal education and reduce financial pressures on our students.

Our students come from diverse personal, cultural and academic backgrounds, and together they form a tight-knit, mutually supportive community. I hope that you will join us and find out for yourself.

Erika Chamberlain
Dean, Western Law

ADMISSIONS

We are strongly committed to excellence and diversity. While we believe that excellence in your academic studies is the best evidence of your ability to succeed in law school, we also believe that achievement in other areas may indicate potential for success. Accordingly, our admission policy, which allows you to show your potential in a variety of ways, is designed to produce a mix of students with diverse backgrounds.

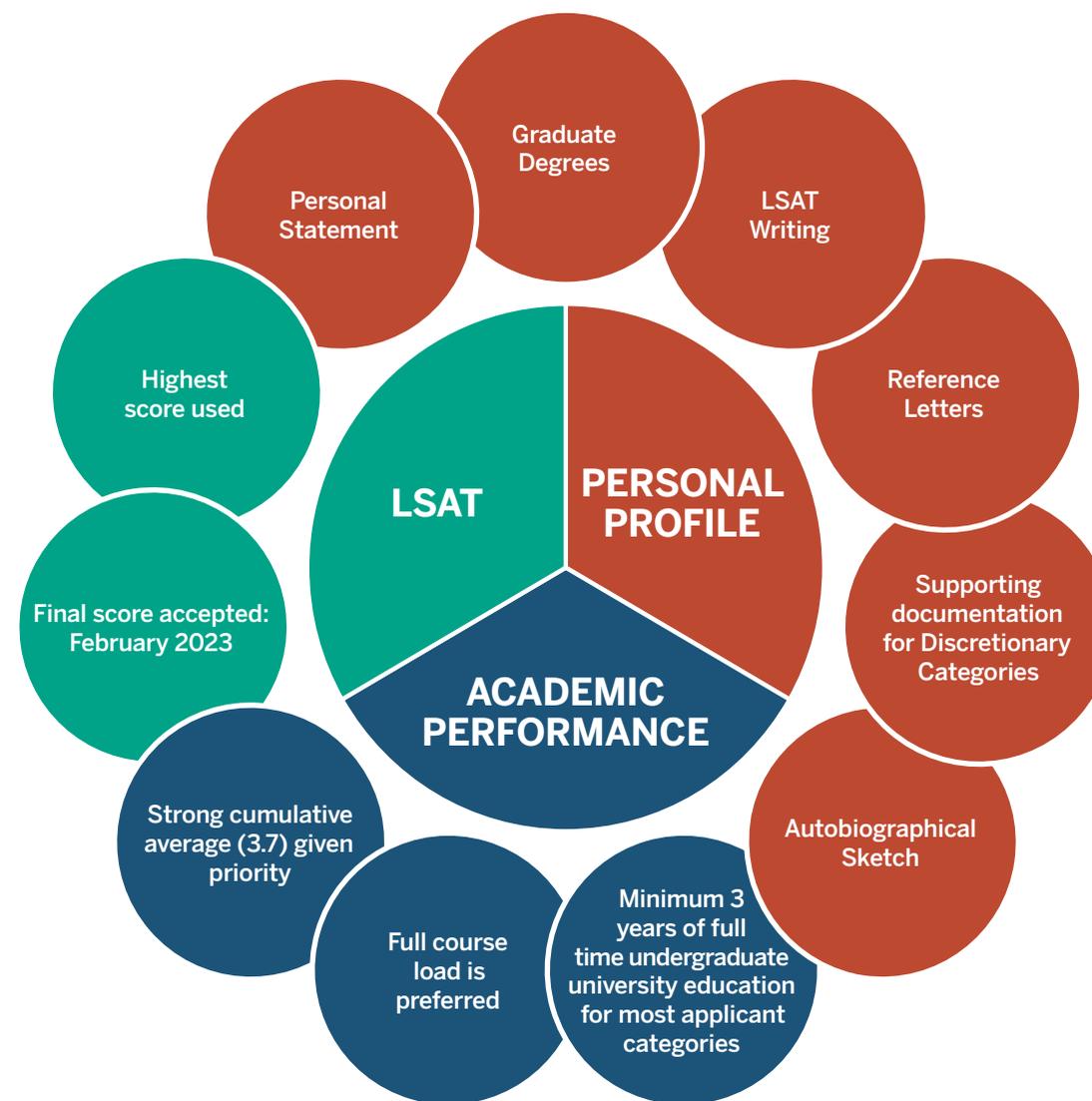
Apply online at ouac.on.ca/olsas

DEADLINES:

First-year applications: **November 1**
Upper-year applications: **May 1**

Applications received in 2022: **2600**
Expected class size: **185**

HOLISTIC APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



APPLICANT CATEGORIES

GENERAL CATEGORY:

The majority of applicants apply in this category. At least three years of full-time (or equivalent) undergraduate university education is required, although the majority of admitted students will have a four-year degree.

DISCRETIONARY CATEGORIES:

Access: You may qualify for this category if your undergraduate academic performance (or LSAT score) was affected by a proven disadvantage, such as cultural, socio-economic, medical or physical barriers, or a learning disability. You must show evidence of potential to succeed at law school (i.e., a minimum of one year of competitive grades among three years of full-time study).

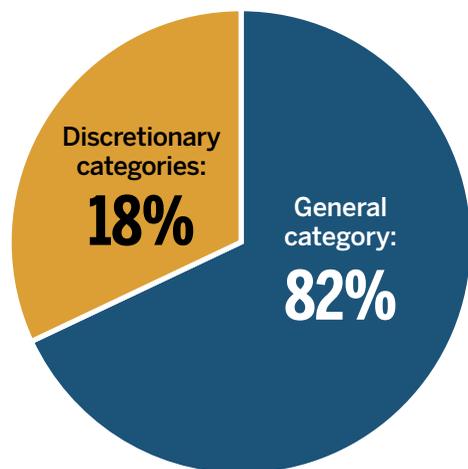
Indigenous: Western Law recognizes that members of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities are not represented adequately within the legal profession and strongly encourages applications from these groups. You are required to provide proof of Indigenous status or ancestry, or other ties to your Indigenous community, which we will consider in our holistic assessment.

Mature: You will qualify as a mature candidate if you have two or more years of university education, and at least five years of non-university experience since leaving high school. You may provide a resumé as a supplementary document. We will give greater weight to your work and life experience.

Canadian Forces Access: Medically released personnel from the Canadian Forces may apply directly to Western Law by November 1 for September admission the following year. All other Canadian Forces personnel should apply in either the General or Mature category through the Ontario Law School Application Service.



PROFILE OF 2021 INCOMING CLASS

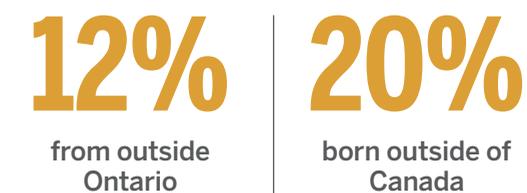
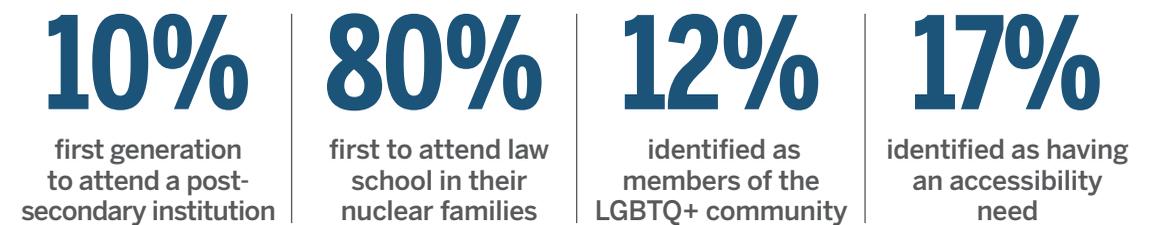


Average age:

18 • 19 • 20 • 21 • 22 • **23** • 24 • 25 • 26 • 27 • 28



CLASS PROFILE SURVEY*



**based on survey of the first-year class in September 2021. Results exclude "prefer not to answer" responses and values <1%.*

Learn more about First-year Applications at law.uwo.ca/applications

Learn more about our Class Profiles at law.uwo.ca/profile



FINANCIAL FAST FACTS

Tuition and fees:
\$21,822/year
Books and supplies:
\$800-\$1,400



FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

We are committed to ensuring our JD students have access to adequate financial resources. In 2020/21, almost 50% of Western Law students received 1.45 million dollars in bursaries, awards, and scholarships. Funding is provided to you through various forms of financial assistance.

Merit-based scholarships recognize and reward students for excellent academic achievement. These include Dean of Law entrance scholarships in amounts up to \$40,000 and named entrance scholarships.

Criteria for entrance scholarships may also include financial need, extra-curricular activities, leadership, entrepreneurship and public service. Separate applications are not required for any of these scholarships.

Need-based funding (bursaries, awards and work study) is distributed to students on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

The Torys LLP Student Support Bursary Program provided an additional \$400,000 in funding to Western Law students beginning in the fall of 2020.

Since 2019, Western Law has created 60-80 summer jobs for first- and second-year law students.

 [Learn more about entrance scholarships at law.uwo.ca/scholarships](http://law.uwo.ca/scholarships)

DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

We believe Western is enriched by the diversity of our campus community, and strengthened by our shared commitment to equity and inclusion.

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Incoming Indigenous law students who successfully complete the University of Saskatchewan Indigenous Law Centre summer program before first-year law will receive credit for Property Law at Western Law. We also provide an award to subsidize the cost of the summer program.

PROSPECTIVE BLACK LAW STUDENTS

We are pleased to financially support the law school application process for five Black undergraduate students annually. Eligible students receive a package that includes:

- a voucher for the \$200 Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) application fee;
- a waiver of Western Law's \$115 application fee; and
- a Princeton Review LSAT Fundamentals LSAT Prep Course, valued at over \$700.

Free LSAT Prep Course

We offer a free LSAT Preparation course annually for high-potential Black, Indigenous and low-income students or graduates who intend to apply to law school in the near future. The course is taught by an experienced LSAT instructor and will prepare you for taking the LSAT as early as August in the year you apply.

Other Financial Support

We offer a variety of scholarships, bursaries and awards for incoming Black, Indigenous or other racialized students.

 [Learn more at law.uwo.ca/black_students](http://law.uwo.ca/black_students)



First-Year JD Program

First-year students are required to take the following foundational courses:

Torts
Property
Contracts
Criminal Law
Constitutional Law
Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy (LRWA)
Legal Ethics and Professionalism OR Corporate Law

The Small Group Program

The small group program lies at the heart of the Western Law experience. First-year students take two courses in a small group of approximately 21 students, led by a professor and assisted by upper-year students who provide peer and academic support. The program provides an interactive and supportive learning environment, which enables you to develop your skills in legal analysis, research, and written and oral communication with personalized attention from your professors. In addition to promoting collegiality and building lifelong friendships, the small group program gives you the confidence and analytical skills you need to become a successful advocate.



Learn more about our Academic Programs at law.uwo.ca/programs



Upper-Year Curriculum

During their upper years, students are required to take the following courses:

Administrative Law
Civil Procedure
Corporate Law OR Legal Ethics and Professionalism
Electives
Indigenous Law

Students must also complete essay requirements, which improve the development of critical communication skills.

The upper-year curriculum provides a diverse array of courses, clinical opportunities and intensive experiences. Western Law offers several optional curricular streams, which provide you with informal guidance on the courses and co-curricular activities you may wish to pursue in light of your personal interests and career aspirations.

Our Capstone courses, which are offered at the end of a curricular stream and bring together theoretical, practical and interdisciplinary components, require you to apply the knowledge and skills you have gained during the JD program.

Experiential learning activities that will ease your transition from legal education to legal practice include:

- Oral advocacy exercises such as civil and criminal trials, examinations for discovery, motions and appellate moots
- Negotiation, mediation and arbitration exercises
- Extended simulations of complex litigation files or corporate mergers
- Field trips to courts, government agencies and international organizations
- Clinical opportunities, representing actual clients
- Opportunities to engage with leading scholars, practitioners and judges
- Community engagement projects
- Client and file management
- Externships
- Public legal education
- Applied research projects

CURRICULAR STREAMS

BUSINESS LAW

CRIMINAL LAW

GOVERNMENT AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

INTERNATIONAL LAW

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY,
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

LITIGATION

MANDATORY &
CORE COURSES

ELECTIVES

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Advocacy Programs
Clinical Experience
International Internship
and Exchange Opportunities

CAPSTONE COURSES

These specialized courses bring together theoretical, practical and interdisciplinary components that will allow you to apply the knowledge and skills you have gained over the course of the JD program.

 Learn more about our Curricular streams at law.uwo.ca/streams



Advocacy Programs

Advocacy is a fundamental skill for aspiring lawyers, which our students develop by preparing written and oral submissions and arguing hypothetical cases before trial and appellate moot courts. Participating students receive comprehensive feedback from practising lawyers and judges. Upper-year students compete in provincial, national and international advocacy competitions and routinely win awards at these competitions. Multiple areas of legal study are represented in our advocacy program, from Constitutional Law, to Corporate Securities, to Family Law.

Western Law students also hone their practice skills in a variety of other competitions.

- Client Counselling
- Contract Drafting
- Corporate Restructuring
- Kawaskimhon Talking Circle
- Negotiation

 **Learn more about our Advocacy Programs at law.uwo.ca/advocacy**



“Winning the 2021 Canadian Rounds of the Jessup – one of the largest and most prestigious moot court competitions in the world – was a defining moment of my law school experience. With the support of my teammates, coaches, professors and classmates, I was able to develop real-world advocacy skills that stood out to law firms during the recruitment process.”

Rahul Sapra, JD '22



Indigenous Law

Our compulsory upper-year Indigenous Law course provides students with an introduction to Indigenous legal traditions, with a particular focus on Anishinaabe legal traditions. The course is an introduction to (and an examination of) the values, norms, worldviews and legal traditions that guide Indigenous Nations.

Students will examine topics such as: (1) the evolution of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Canada; (2) the impact of colonial policies on Indigenous legal traditions; (3) the treatment of Indigenous legal traditions by the courts; and (4) the sources of Indigenous law.

The course is taught by Professor Jeff Warnock, a citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario who previously worked as a litigator, as the Senior Public Policy Advisor for the Métis Nation of Ontario, and on student programs and diversity outreach initiatives at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP.

We are a member of the National Advocates for Indigenous Law Students and participate in organizing events for prospective Indigenous students, such as the 2021 *Opportunities in the Legal Profession: Indigenous Perspectives and Reflections* panel. Respected Indigenous lawyers discuss the law school experience for Indigenous peoples and the various careers available with a law degree.

Intensive Courses

Western Law offers several week-long two-credit intensive courses during the academic year, which cater to students' specific interests in a niche area of law. Examples include Canadian Competition Law and Policy, Racial Profiling and Policing, Election Law, Condominium Law, and Cannabis Law and Practice.

Global Sustainability Certification

This program trains the next generation of leaders in the global mining industry. Through interdisciplinary seminars and a culminating experience, which may include summer internships and domestic and international field schools, students collaborate with professionals to promote sustainable resource exploration and extraction. This Certification is part of our commitment to teaching mining law best practices and providing our students with unique practical opportunities to learn about this challenging sector.

The January Intensive Experience

A Western Law innovation, January intensive courses are designed to provide an active learning experience for every student in the faculty. First-year students concentrate on practical exercises that develop their research, writing and oral advocacy skills. Upper-year students choose electives from a broad range of options, which may include externships, extended simulations and site visits.

Global and Intercultural Engagement Honour

This program recognizes students' achievements in global and intercultural competencies. Through coursework and extracurricular activities, students enrich their legal educational experiences and develop the skills needed to succeed and prosper in our increasingly interdependent global society. When successfully completed, the Honour appears on the official Western transcript.

LEGAL CLINICS

Community Legal Services (CLS) is among the most progressive legal clinics in Canada and a leader in the cause of access to justice. Our clinic provides free legal services to low-income people in the London community and to Western University and Fanshawe College students. Working at CLS provides law students insight into the real-life practice of law. Under the close supervision of expert staff lawyers, students handle all aspects of legal cases, from interviewing a client, to drafting pleadings, to conducting a trial. Upper-year students act as caseworkers, handling cases in the areas of:

- Criminal law
- Landlord and tenant
- Small Claims Court
- Family law
- Public legal education
- Human rights
- Employment law
- University appeals

First-year students may apply to volunteer at the clinic as associate caseworkers. Associate caseworkers gain practical experience by assisting with Public Legal Education, and shadowing upper year caseworkers on client files. This may include attending client interviews, court appearances and class discussions.

In addition to volunteer roles, there are also opportunities for students to be involved with CLS through clinical courses and to receive formal academic credit in second and third year. Furthermore, in the summer CLS hires students to work as paid caseworkers.

CLS proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019 after serving over 25,000 clients since its inception.

 [Learn more about our Legal Clinics at law.uwo.ca/clinics](http://law.uwo.ca/clinics)



Western Law offers students numerous opportunities to develop practical skills and gain valuable hands-on legal experience.

The Western Intellectual Property & Innovation Legal Clinic offers a unique experiential learning opportunity for students to develop their professional skills while gaining exposure to a wide range of intellectual property (IP) rights, and technology law-related client files, under the supervision of external IP lawyers. Students collaborate with authors, artists, inventors, entrepreneurs, and start-ups in Southwestern Ontario to help them protect their intangible assets.

The Dispute Resolution Centre is an experiential program that provides hands-on training to students interested in developing mediation skills. Students meet regularly to participate in mock mediations with expert coaching by a lawyer.

The Western Business Law Clinic provides small start-up and early-stage businesses with student legal assistance overseen by practising lawyers who act as mentors. The clinic creates an environment for students to learn invaluable practical skills in the area of business law and gain exposure to a wide range of client files.

The Sport Solution Clinic is run in conjunction with Western and AthletesCAN, the association of Canada's National and Olympic Athletes and is the only program of its kind in North America. The clinic offers students the unique opportunity to experience the practice of sport law and assist high-performance athletes with administrative appeals, including team selection, discipline and carding disputes. Students may also be involved in interviewing athletes, conducting research and drafting documents. Finally, they may represent athletes in mediation and arbitration at the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada under the supervision of a lawyer.



Pro Bono Students Canada is a national program that was launched at Western in 1998. Law student volunteers are matched with community agencies that need legal services but cannot afford them. Volunteers conduct legal research, participate in placements, or complete other law-related projects for local organizations under the supervision of a lawyer mentor.

EXCHANGES AND INTERNSHIPS

Learn more about our Exchanges and Internships at law.uwo.ca/exchanges

Exchange Program

Western Law has established exchange partnerships with 19 leading law schools across 4 continents: North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

Participating in an exchange term allows students to benefit from expanded curriculum options, study legal issues from a new perspective and create a network of international contacts for the future.

More than 55 placements are offered every year, with two to four places usually available at each partner school. Course offerings are available in English at all partner schools (with the exception of Laval).

Western Law values and embraces the international experience, believing that in this era of globalization, exposure to another legal system is exceedingly important.

Internships

Through our thriving Western Law internship Program (WLIP), students have the opportunity to intern with international organizations, embassies, non-governmental organizations and private industries.

Since its inception in 2006, WLIP has grown to provide up to 15 internships annually in the areas of international law, environmental law, business and trade law, Indigenous law and access to justice, and entertainment and copyright law.

Short-listed candidates participate in an interview as part of a competitive selection process.

Internships are 10-12 weeks and occur between May and the beginning of August. Interns receive a stipend to assist with the costs associated with the internship, such as travel, visas and cost of living.



Jiwan Son
The University of Hong Kong
(Hong Kong, China)



Lauren White
The University of New South Wales
(Sydney, Australia)



Jenny Huang
Radboud University
(Nijmegen, the Netherlands)



Maria Belykh
United Nations High Commissioner
for Refugees to the United Nations
(Ottawa, Canada)



Mikaela Cheslock
LeClair & Associates South African
Labour Law Summer Internship
(Johannesburg, South Africa)



Sarah DeGenova
Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP
World Bank Group Internship
(Washington DC, USA)

COMBINED DEGREES



The Business Law Advantage

As Canada's premier business law school, our curriculum offers a wide range of courses examining the fundamentals of business organizations, finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, trade and taxation, as well as leading-edge topics in mining and energy law and corporate restructuring.

In addition to renowned full-time faculty, our visiting professors and speakers programs allow students to learn from pre-eminent lawyers, economists and leaders in the business and public sectors. Since 2007 we have hosted more than 30 of the world's foremost scholars in business and law from the world's top universities.

We also provide numerous opportunities for students to gain real-world experience through our Business Law Clinic, business-related advocacy competitions and summer internships.

Undergraduate

For current Western students, we offer an HBA/JD with the Ivey Business School and a BSc/JD with the Faculty of Engineering. These programs allow you to complete both degrees in six years (one year less than if the degrees were pursued consecutively).

Submit applications for our undergraduate combined-degree programs directly to the Law Admissions Office by May 1 for September admission. June LSAT scores are accepted.

Graduate

We also offer the following graduate combined-degree programs:

- JD/MSc (Geology or Geophysics at Western)
- JD/MA (History at Western)
- JD/MBA (Ivey Business School at Western)
- JD/LLB (l'Université Laval, Quebec City)
- JD/LLM (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

Western Law and the Ivey Business School

The HBA/JD

Each year we set aside a number of places in our first-year class for high achievers in the Ivey Business School Honours Business Administration program. Students apply at the end of their third year of study (HBA1) and complete the first year of law school in Year 4 of the combined program. Years 5 and 6 consist of an approved mix of required and elective courses from both Faculties.

The JD/MBA

The JD/MBA program provides an exceptional education for highly-motivated, talented students capable of managing the demands of two intensive programs. Students in this program, who are expected to have at least two years of quality work experience, begin with the business essentials component of the MBA before first-year law.

 [Learn more about our Combined degree programs at law.uwo.ca/combined](http://law.uwo.ca/combined)

FACULTY

Our 42 full-time and 48 adjunct Faculty are recognized as leading scholars in a wide variety of fields. Our small class size provides students with excellent opportunities for direct interaction with their professors.



Valerie Oosterveld
Professor

Valerie Oosterveld teaches public international law, the capstone in international law, outer space law and criminal law. She is also the coach of the Jessup International Law Moot team. She is a prolific scholar in the field of gender issues within international criminal justice. She is also a member of Western's Institute for Earth and Space Exploration. Her latest research project examines international environmental laws governing space mining.



Jeffrey Warnock
Assistant Professor

Jeffrey Warnock's research focuses on aboriginal law, constitutional law, Indigenous legal traditions, and public international law (specifically as it pertains to Indigenous peoples). He is the instructor for the Indigenous Law course as well as the coach for Western's Kawaskimhon Talking Circle moot team. His LLM examined the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the interpretation of the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), with a particular focus on the relationship between FPIC and Indigenous legal traditions.



Christopher C. Nicholls
W. Geoff Beattie Chair in Corporate Law

Christopher Nicholls is Western Law's Director of Business Law. An expert in corporate law, finance and governance and financial market regulation, he's written or co-written seven books and many academic articles. He's been a Fulbright Scholar and a visiting professor or visiting scholar at leading international law schools including Harvard, Cambridge, Melbourne and the University of Tokyo. His latest book (with J. MacIntosh), *Duties of Securities Brokers in Canada*, was published in 2021.



Claire Houston
Assistant Professor

Claire Houston's primary research interests include family law, children's law and feminist legal theory, with a particular focus on state regulation of the family. In 2019 she received a research grant for her project "Respecting and Protecting Trans and Gender Non-conforming Children." Her current research projects examine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on family courts and gender bias in spousal support awards.



Wade Wright
Associate Professor

Wade Wright teaches courses in constitutional and administrative law. His research focuses on Canadian and comparative constitutional law, with a particular focus on federalism. He is the co-director of Western Law's Public Law Research Group. In 2021, he assumed authorship of Peter Hogg's *Constitutional Law of Canada*, the leading treatise about constitutional law in Canada, and won Western Law's Award for Teaching Excellence.



Bassem Awad
Associate Professor

Bassem Awad teaches Intellectual Property Law and Disruptive Technologies and the Law. His research interests are in the area of governance of intellectual property rights in the data-driven economy, with a focus on the impact of disruptive technologies on IP and privacy norms. He is also a Professor at the Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva and was recently nominated as a member of the African Union Taskforce on intellectual property rights.



Joanna Langille
Assistant Professor

Joanna Langille's research focuses on private international law, international trade law, and private law theory. She is particularly interested in moral exceptions in economic and commercial law, and the structure of authority in cross-border private law transactions. Joanna is a graduate of NYU Law, Oxford, and the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and her work has been published in the *University of Toronto Law Journal*, the *Yale Journal of International Law*, and Oxford's Philosophical Foundations book series. At Western, she teaches Contract Law, Conflict of Laws, and International Business Transactions.



Rande Kostal
Professor

Rande Kostal teaches Legal History and Torts, with research interests focused on the field of modern Anglo-American legal history. He's the author of a number of scholarly articles and books. In 2020, for his book *Laying Down the Law: The American Legal Revolutions in Occupied Germany and Japan*, Professor Kostal was awarded the Reid Prize, one of the most prestigious awards for legal-historical scholarship.

 Learn more about our Faculty at law.uwo.ca/faculty



Robyn Marttila and Natalie Samuel

CAREERS

Law is a very rewarding profession and the career opportunities for students with a legal education are limitless.

Our Career and Professional Development Office operates year-round to provide information and tools to help you succeed in today's competitive job market. As a Western Law student, you will have access to:

Career Management Software Programs & Tools

- WERC (powered by 12twenty) – our comprehensive online career centre
- InterviewStream
- The Right Profile Attorney Assessment

One-on-One Career Coaching

- Career planning and self-assessment
- Networking
- Job search strategies
- Application preparation (resume and cover letter review)
- Interview preparation (including mock interviews)
- Offer negotiation

Career Development Programming & Resources

We maintain an extensive library of career resources and run a wide range of webinars, panels, programs and workshops throughout the year designed to help you:

- Explore legal practice areas and settings
- Build your professional network
- Navigate the recruitment process
- Transition to practice
- Prepare for the licensing process (including writing the bar exams)

Recruiting Programs

We work with employers across Canada to organize a number of interview programs, including "On Campus Interviews" (OCIs) for summer positions in Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver and the Maritimes.

While all Canadian law schools offer career services, what sets us apart is our collegial environment in which upper-year students and alumni take a real interest and active roles as career speakers and mentors.

We look forward to helping you realize your career goals.

It gives us great pride at Western Law to say that our placement rate is consistently among the best in Canada. Our students graduate with knowledge and skills that enable them to gain fulfilling employment and leadership opportunities throughout their careers.



Over 90%

Students who secure Articles by graduation



Toronto

Market that hires the largest number of our students



1,079

Number of student interviews at our Toronto OCI Program



92.5%

Percentage of OCI applicants who are offered interviews



1369+

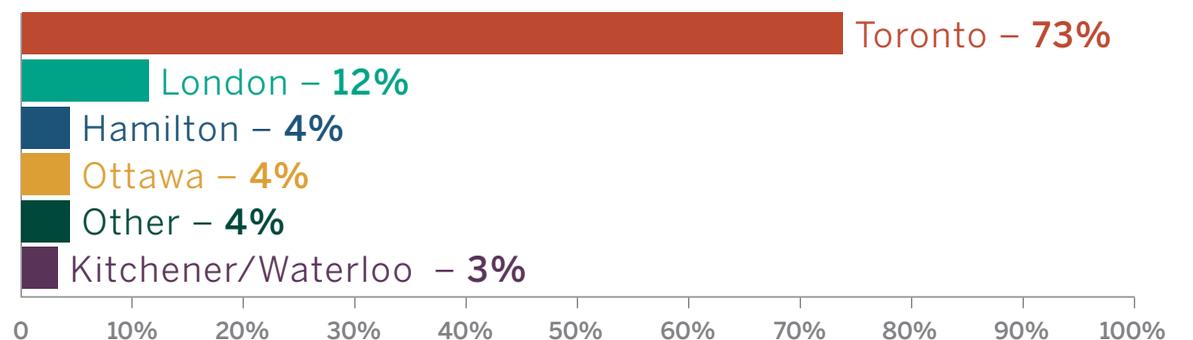
Number of law firms and legal departments in our employer database



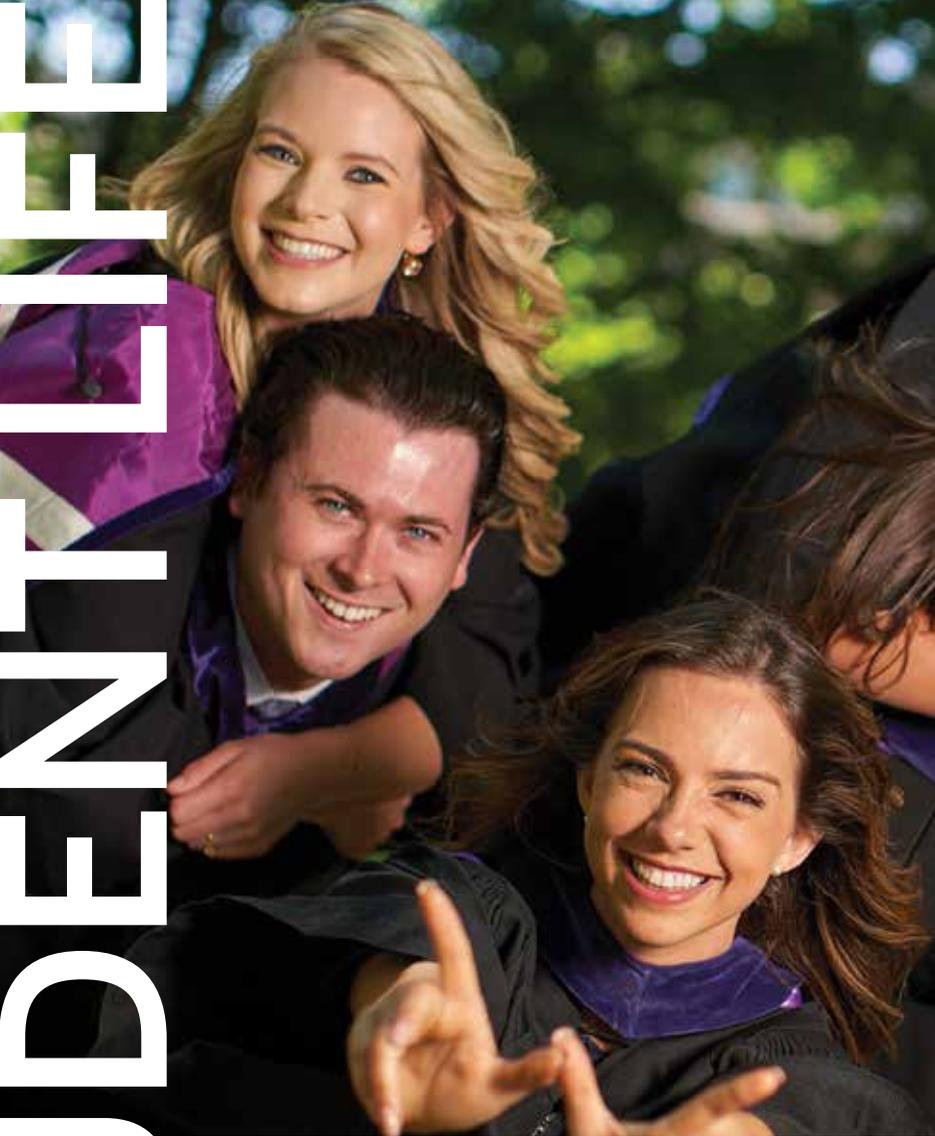
50+

Number of employers who attend our annual Career Conference

Articling Placements Across Ontario



STUDENT



A legal education at Western Law encompasses more than attending lectures and studying for exams; it includes a healthy lifestyle. We believe this balance is important to ensure you are prepared to thrive through law school and beyond.

Our full-time Student Wellness Counsellor is available to promote and support the wellbeing of our students. You can access timely care, including individual appointments, group programs or workshops. Services are free and confidential.

Our class size remains among the smallest in Ontario, allowing more one-on-one time with professors and enriched classroom and co-curricular experiences where classmates become lifelong friends.

We look forward to welcoming you to our dynamic and collegial community!

Student Legal Society

Your Student Legal Society (SLS) works to ensure that you will make the most of your time in law school. The SLS is responsible for many student-led academic, social and wellness initiatives at Western Law and oversees all the clubs and committees you may participate in as a law student. In 2020/21, the SLS successfully expanded its outreach and programming for both law students and the local London community in a variety of ways.

 Learn more about our Student Legal Society at westernsls.ca

Law Student Initiatives

- The 1L/3L Buddy program matched over 160 first-year students with third-year mentors.
- The Case Summary database offers students multiple summaries in every first-year course and 15 upper-year courses.
- The Peer Tutor Program offers students 30 tutors in a range of courses.
- A new mentorship program paired over 70 Black, Indigenous and racialized students across all three years with practising lawyers.
- The Diversity Committee hosts "Diversity Month," which includes guest speakers, panel presentations, and other programming.

Community Initiatives

As part of their ongoing support of the local community, Western law students

- donated over \$13,000 to various community organizations;
- participated in the annual "Western Law Gives Back" event, which raises funds for various local organizations, including the London women's shelter and the Indigenous Friendship Centre;
- volunteered hundreds of hours to facilitate multiple community events; and
- organized textbook drives, clothing drives and food drives.

LIFE IN LONDON



Where is Western University?

Western is located in London, Ontario. London is in the centre of southwestern Ontario, approximately two hours driving distance from Toronto and Detroit, Michigan.



Rich and diverse

London is the second-fastest growing city in Canada! More people are calling London home, including many visitors and immigrants who bring rich culture and diversity to the city.



Lots to do

Sports. Concerts. Parks. Trails. Museums. Shopping. Dining. Nightlife. Festivals. Markets. Skiing. Theatre. Art. Experience all that London has to offer.



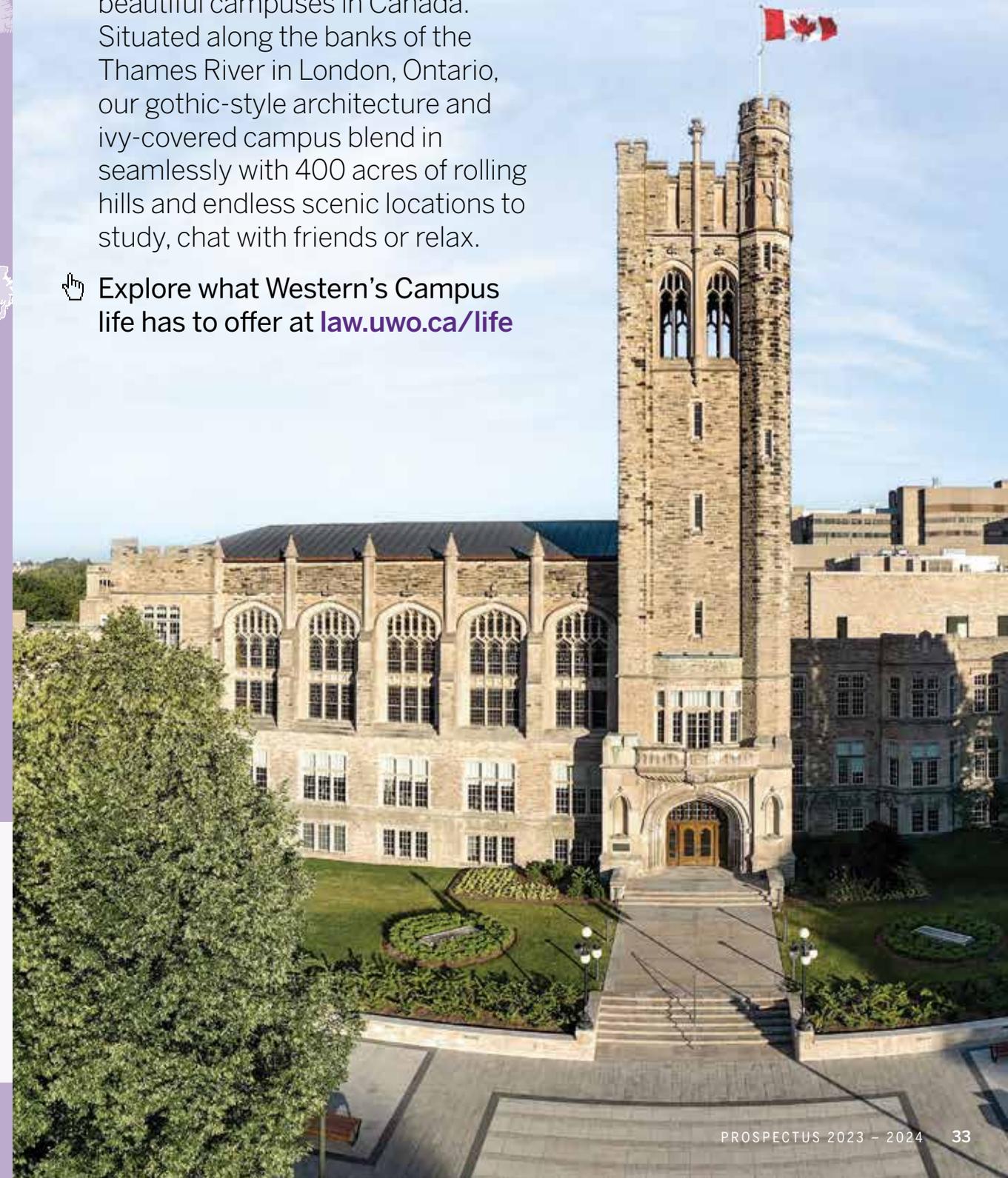
Easy transportation

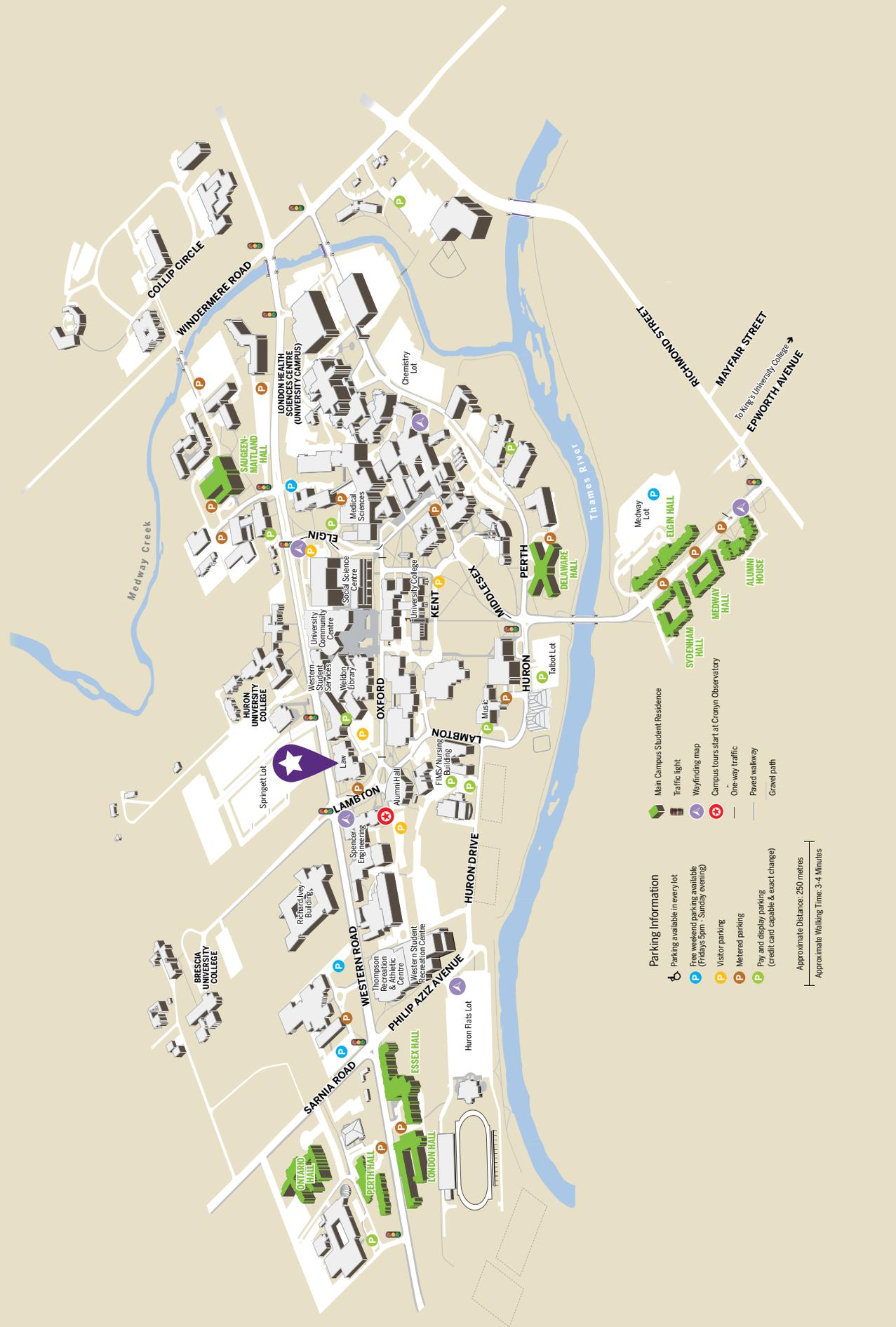
Use a London Transit Bus Pass to get around the city – it's included in your tuition fees!

LIFE AT WESTERN

Western boasts one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada. Situated along the banks of the Thames River in London, Ontario, our gothic-style architecture and ivy-covered campus blend in seamlessly with 400 acres of rolling hills and endless scenic locations to study, chat with friends or relax.

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