

## Wilfrid Laurier University Student Exchange Program 2017/2018 Fact Sheet

### LAURIER INTERNATIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Website   | <a href="http://students.wlu.ca/global">students.wlu.ca/global</a>                                |
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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND DATES

- The university's academic calendar is available online at [wlu.ca/calendars](http://wlu.ca/calendars)
- Although our calendar

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| <b>Fall 2017 term</b>   | <p><b>Orientation:</b> Early September<br/> <b>Lectures:</b> Early September to early December<br/> <b>Study Break (Reading Week):</b> Mid October<br/> <b>Final Exams:</b> December<br/> * <u>Students are advised not to make travel commitments during the exam time period. Exams will not be rearranged.</u></p> |
| <b>Winter 2017 term</b> | <p><b>Orientation:</b> Early January<br/> <b>Lectures:</b> Early January to early April<br/> <b>Study Break (Reading Week):</b> Mid February<br/> <b>Final Exams:</b> April<br/> * <u>Students are advised not to make travel commitments during the exam time period. Exams will not be rearranged.</u></p>          |

## NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please review and complete the 2-Step Application Process at:

[http://www.wlu.ca/exchange\\_application](http://www.wlu.ca/exchange_application). An invitation to the online application will be sent to students after the nomination deadline.

\*Nominate for winter at the same time

### Application Deadlines:

#### Fall (September – December) and Full Year (September – April) Applicants

Nominations are due: May 1st

Exchange Applications accepted until: May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Acceptance letters will be sent electronically to student and coordinator by mid June\*

#### Winter (January – April) Applicants

Nominations are due: September 18<sup>th</sup>

Exchange Applications accepted until: October 9<sup>th</sup>

Acceptance letters will be sent electronically to student and co-ordinator by the end of October\*

\* If student requires a hard copy of their acceptance letter please indicate on nomination form.

Please Note: We do not typically expect students for our summer semester

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Language of instruction is English.
- All incoming exchange students must have sufficient English language skills to be successful in their program of study. While we do not require exchange students to complete a TOEFL or other testing, we do rely on our partner universities to nominate students with sufficient English skills.
- As a guideline, please ensure your students requesting admission at the **undergraduate** level have reached the following minimum requirements:

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| <u>TOEFL</u><br><i>Internet based testing:</i> overall score of 83 or higher with a minimum score of 20 in each component<br><i>Paper based testing:</i> 560 or higher | <u>MELAB</u><br>85 overall or higher                         |
| <u>IELTS</u><br>Academic score of 6.5 or higher  | <u>CAEL</u><br>70 overall or higher (each band 60 or higher) |

- For students requesting admission at the **graduate** level, please ensure they have reached the following minimum requirements:

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| <u>TOEFL</u><br><i>Internet based testing:</i> overall score of 89 or higher, with minimum skill scores of 21 in each component<br><i>Paper based testing:</i> 573 or higher | <u>MELAB</u><br>Minimum score of 90 |
| <u>IELTS</u><br>Minimum score of 7   | <u>CAEL</u><br>Minimum score of 70  |

## ACADEMICS

- Laurier can accept undergraduate and graduate students. However, graduate students must have 4 years of university experience in the topic they would like to study **before** arriving at Laurier.
- Students must be registered as full-time students when studying at Laurier. A full-time course load is 4 courses. The maximum number of courses that students can take at Laurier is 5 courses. As a guideline, 0.5 WLU Credit (one course) = 6 ECTS. We generally do not allow exchange students to register in our online courses.
- Laurier's Grading System can be found here <https://legacy.wlu.ca/calendars/section.php?cal=1&s=505&sp=1723&ss=2151&y=53>
- Please note that we do not allow exam retakes.
- **Course descriptions** are available by going to [wlu.ca/calendars](http://wlu.ca/calendars) and choosing the appropriate year. Choose the appropriate grade level calendar (undergraduate or graduate), then search by Faculty (for example, Faculty of Liberal Arts or Lazaridis School of Business and Economics) and then search by Department (for example, Global Studies or Economics). Once on the department's page, click on Course Offerings to see what courses are available in this discipline area. Please note that not all courses are offered each term or each academic year. **Course schedules** can be found by going to: [telaris.wlu.ca/ssb\\_prod/bwckschd.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_sched](http://telaris.wlu.ca/ssb_prod/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched). Search by the appropriate term and then enter the search terms (Subject or Course Code) to see the course timetable.
- Exchange students will need to choose their courses when they submit their application. Students are asked to provide their top 5 course choices and their secondary choices. Laurier International will work to register the student in their top choices, but there is no guarantee that courses will be available. For example, there may be no space left in the class or the student does not have the required level of knowledge or there are time conflicts. Students are able to use the site [scheduleme.wlu.ca](http://scheduleme.wlu.ca) to prevent the likelihood of time conflicts between courses.

We have two separate campuses (Brantford and Waterloo) with different course options available at each campus. It is not possible for exchange students to study at both campuses and partner universities must choose a campus of study when students are nominated.



**WATERLOO  
BRANTFORD**

Our **Brantford campus** is rooted in the downtown core, offering students a unique campus life experience. Brantford is approximately a one-hour drive along the QEW and Hwy. 403 from Toronto and the Niagara region. The city has a population of over 97,000, and has a small town feel with big city amenities. Proud to be the hometown of hockey's "Great One," Wayne Gretzky, Brantford is a city where sporting events and recreational activities are an integral part of community life.

### Programs/courses available at Brantford:

#### Faculty of Human & Social Sciences

- Criminology, Game Design and Development, Health Studies, Leadership, Policing and Psychology.

#### Faculty of Liberal Arts

- Society, Culture and Environment, Digital Media and Journalism, History, English, Youth and Children's Studies, Human Rights and Human Diversity, Indigenous Studies, Languages, Law and Society.

#### Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work

- Social Work

#### Lazaridis School of Business and Economics

### Programs/courses available at Waterloo:

#### Faculty of Arts

- Anthropology, Archaeology & Classical Studies, Communication Studies, Cultural Studies, English, Environmental Studies, Film Studies, Geography, Global Studies, History, Languages and Literatures (Arabic, French, German, Italian, Spanish), Medieval Studies, North American Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Religion & Culture, Sociology, Women & Gender Studies.

#### Faculty of Music \*

- Music

#### Faculty of Science

- Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Health Sciences, Kinesiology and Physical Education, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, Psychology.

#### Lazaridis School of Business and Economics

- Business (Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Marketing, Operations and Decision Sciences, Organizational Behaviour/Human Resource Management, Policy).



**WATERLOO  
BRANTFORD**

Our **Waterloo campus** is located in the thriving, culturally diverse community of Kitchener-Waterloo (K-W). Located one hour west of Toronto, this city offers plenty of hiking trails, golf courses, skating rinks, soccer fields and even a ski hill. With a population of about 365,000 K-W is small enough to be safe and easy to get around, yet big enough to provide great restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

## TRANSCRIPTS

- One official transcript will be sent to the partner university after the study period has ended.
  - Fall term students: the official transcripts will be mailed by end of February.
  - Winter term and full year students: the official transcripts will be mailed by end of June.
- Please note that Laurier will not release the transcript to the partner university if the student has outstanding debts to the university.
- Additional transcripts can be ordered from Service Laurier for a fee. Please go to [wlu.ca/transcripts](http://wlu.ca/transcripts).
- Transcripts for our students who have studied at your institution need to be mailed as we require the official hard copy to be sent directly from the institution of study. You can use the mailing address listed on the first page with attention to the Student Abroad Advisor.

## STUDENT SERVICES

- Laurier International offers support services to all international students to support their transition and academic success at Laurier. Student advising and support will be easily accessible to students throughout the term.
- Orientation days are scheduled prior to the start of classes in September and January. Attendance is mandatory.
- Exchange students will be paired with a Global Engagement Student Ambassador (GESA) before their arrival. GESAs are Laurier students who volunteer their time to help support exchange students through their transition to Laurier and Canada.
- Events and activities are scheduled throughout the term for exchange students.
- Exchange students have access to all the services offered on campus including the library, Athletic Centre, pool, Centre for Student Success (includes: Accessible Learning Centre, Mathematics Assistance Centre, Writing Centre, Study Skills and Supplementary Instruction Centre), Student Wellness Centre (includes: health and counselling services), Career Centre, student clubs, Centre for Student Life and Engagement etc.
- Student wellness is a priority at Laurier and our goal is to provide students with seamless, coordinated care and collaborative services at our Student Wellness Centres on each campus. Students may access a number of wellness professionals in order to enhance their health and wellbeing while at Laurier. These professionals might include doctors, social workers/counsellors, registered nurses, chiropractors, registered massage therapists, and a psychiatrist. <https://students.wlu.ca/wellness-and-recreation/health-and-wellness/>

## STUDENT FEES

All incoming exchange students will be charged the following incidental fees (approximate costs listed are in Canadian currency):

### Universal Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

\$204/term

UHIP is a mandatory charge for all students\* [uhip.ca](http://uhip.ca)

\* If you have existing coverage through one of the pre-approved plans, you may be able to opt out of the insurance. You will need to pay upfront and then apply to be reimbursed.

### Supplementary Health & Dental Plan

#### *Undergraduate Students\**

\$218/term

<https://www.studentvip.ca>

\* If you have existing coverage that is equivalent to this coverage, you will be able to opt out of the health and/or dental plan fees. Note that travel health insurance is not equivalent to the supplementary health and dental plan.

#### *Graduate Students\**

\$550

<http://www.wlugs.ca/health-and-dental-plan/>

\* If you have existing coverage, you will be able to opt out of the health and/or dental plan fees.  
\* The fee is for 12 months of coverage. You can apply to be refunded for the amount that you don't use when you leave.

### Bus Pass for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

#### *Waterloo Students*

\$82/term

Gives students unlimited access to the local transit system called Grand River Transit

[www.grt.ca](http://www.grt.ca)

#### *Brantford Students*

\$48/term

Gives students unlimited access to the Brantford City Transit system

[www.brantford.ca/transit](http://www.brantford.ca/transit)

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES

**Accommodation** \$450-650/month

**Food** \$300/month

**Telephone** \$50/month

**Text Books** \$500/term

**Optional Exchange Student Activities** \$250/term

**Transportation from Airport** \$100

\* Other expenses to consider: appropriate clothing for weather, house supplies, leisure and entertainment, travel, etc.

## HOUSING/ACCOMMODATION

The [Department of Residence](#) has a limited supply of rooms in university residences available for exchange students. However, demand for rooms can be greater than supply, particularly for students studying in the fall semester. Off-campus housing is available through private rentals. Information about both options is sent to students once they have been accepted to study at Laurier.

## IMMIGRATION INFORMATION:

The Government of Canada regulates international study permits and visas through Citizenship and Immigration Canada ([www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)). Students can find information by getting in touch with the Canadian consular office near them.

**Study permits:** All international exchange students studying in Canada must have a valid study permit, except in cases where the duration of the program of study is 6 months or less. However, we strongly encourage all exchange students to apply for a study permit (even if the duration of study is less than 6 months) since generally it is not possible to apply for an initial study permit from within Canada. In addition, full-time international students who hold a valid study permit may take a part-time job on-campus while they are registered students. International Students who do not hold a valid study permit are not eligible to work in Canada at all.

**Electronic Travel Authorization:** Starting March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an *electronic Travel Authorization* (eTA). Exceptions include U.S. citizens and foreign nationals with a valid visa.

**Temporary Resident Visas (TRV):** Citizens of certain countries require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to enter Canada. A TRV is not the same as a study permit. A TRV gives the student permission to enter Canada, whereas a study permit gives him/her permission to study in Canada. See the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website ([www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp)) for a list of countries that require a TRV. TRVs cannot be issued within Canada. They are available only at a Canadian Embassy, Consulate, or High Commission outside of Canada; students must apply for a TRV (if required) before entering Canada.