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WATERLOO FACULTIES

Waterloo is home to 6 distinct teaching faculties and more than 65 departments and schools.

› Faculty of Applied Health Sciences › Faculty of Environment
› Faculty of Arts › Faculty of Mathematics
› Faculty of Engineering › Faculty of Science

FACT SHEET

STUDENT EXCHANGE

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My exchange helped me become a more independent person and a more resilient person in facing the rigor of academics.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE EXCHANGE STUDENT
Student applications

UNDERGRADUATES
Nominations from the home institution should be directed to the incoming Global Learning Coordinator at Waterloo. Undergraduates must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 1.5 credits, generally equivalent to 3 undergraduate courses, to a maximum of 2.5 credits, generally equivalent to 5 undergraduate courses. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

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GRADUATES
Nominations from the home institution should be directed to the incoming Global Learning Coordinator at Waterloo. Students applying for a graduate exchange must have completed a minimum of a 4 years Honours Bachelors’ degree or equivalent. Graduate exchange students must maintain enrollment in 1 graduate course per term. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

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ACADEMICS
Waterloo operates on a trimester system called terms. Each term is 4 months and full academic programming is offered. Each term counts as 0.5 FTE towards the exchange balance. Most exchange students study for one or two terms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Learn more about becoming a Waterloo exchange student.
› Course selection  
› English language  
› Requirements  
› Fees  
› Health insurance  
› Housing  
› Schedule of classes  
› Study permits  
› Student experience  
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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DEADLINE | FALL (SEPT-DEC)
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Nomination & Applications Deadline | Apr. 1
Orientation Program | Early Sept.
Classes Begin | Early Sept.
Mid-term Break | 2 days following Thanksgiving (Oct.)
Classes End | Early Dec.
Exam Schedule Available | Oct.
Exams | Dec.

Holidays
Labour Day Sept. 3
Thanksgiving Oct. 8
Winter Break Dec. 24 2018 to Jan. 13 2019

Official Transcripts Released | Late Feb.

TERM DEADLINE | WINTER (JAN-APR)
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Nomination & Applications Deadline | Sept. 20
Orientation Program | Early Jan.
Classes Begin | Early Jan.
Mid-term Break | 4 days following Family Day (Feb.)
Classes End | Early Apr.
Exam Schedule Available | Feb.
Exams | Apr.

Holidays
Family Day Feb. 18
Good Friday April 19

Official Transcripts Released | Late June

TERM DEADLINE | SPRING (MAY-AUG)
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Nomination & Applications Deadline | Dec. 1
Orientation Program | Early May
Classes Begin | Early May
Mid-term Break | Not applicable
Classes End | Late July
Exam Schedule Available | June
Exams | Aug.

Holidays
Victoria Day May 20
Canada Day July 1
Civic Holiday Aug. 5

Official Transcripts Released | Late Oct.
STUDENT LIFE

Waterloo offers more than just classes. Go beyond academics and enjoy one of the largest campus recreation programs in Canada. Join any of our 300+ clubs, teams, or student interest groups. Our fitness facilities, athletics clubs, intramural sports, varsity teams and drop-in classes are available to help you stay in shape while connecting with other students.

Why study in Canada?

Canada offers you a safe, welcoming environment to pursue your studies and explore your dreams. It’s home to one of the world’s best educational systems and is globally recognized for promoting peace, multiculturalism, and inclusivity.

The Region of Waterloo gives you the best of two worlds. You have all the perks of a big city - transportation, culture, and nightlife - with the charm and familiarity of a small town. Plus, you and your friends are only a short bus ride from top Canadian attractions like Toronto and Niagara Falls.