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Welcome to Western Law

Class of 2025:

Congratulations! Not only on your successful admission to law school, but for choosing the best law school!

Western Law's 2022 Orientation Program will serve as a transition point for many of you. Your attendance during our Orientation Week's academic and social programming will serve as a tangible culmination of the many challenges and obstacles that you have overcome during your personal admission processes. We as your Co-Chairs encourage you to experience this week to its fullest. This is your opportunity to get to know your colleagues and build relationships that will hopefully span your lifetime.

We would be remiss if we did not go into detail about the three years ahead of you. 2025 may seem quite far away, but the next three years will pass by rather quickly. You will find that law school is a special blend of challenge and reward. There is nothing quite like having the light bulb moment after spending countless hours on the same concept.

In your first few months, you will hear all about how law school *changes how you think*. We will refrain from adding on to this. We will instead emphasize our community. Whether in your small group or within our numerous extra-curricular activities, you are bound to find like-minded and driven peers that will bring out the best in you. With time, you will find that support systems will be created organically. You will never be alone.

If you have not experienced this with your 3L mentor yet, you will soon find that our community is what makes Western Law so great. Upper-year students will share their notes and advice freely. Our Student Legal Society (SLS), through the tireless work of many, has started and maintained a case summary drive for all students to use. Our many clubs have continued support from upper years and alumni. New clubs are added each year that allow you to explore any and all of your interests. We are confident that you will find your place at Western Law and hope that Chambers (our food service/lounge area on the ground floor) will feel like a second home.

Feel free to browse the website for more information about the upcoming Orientation Week. A detailed overview is available as well. If you find that you have any questions, comments, queries, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us. Your JPs (upper-year O-Week student leaders) or any upper-year student will be more than happy to provide guidance as well.

Please, do not pre-read for your courses. Enjoy the last few days of summer. We cannot wait to see you on campus on September 6th, 2022.

Sincerely,

Misha Apel, Meaghan Kenley, and Jaidyn McEwen



Dean's Welcome

Welcome to Orientation Week at Western Law! During O-Week you'll receive important information to help you start your law school journey, including some academic and professional fundamentals. You'll also have several opportunities to get to know your classmates and your Small Group professors, who will provide important friendship and support during your first year.

Our O-Week Committee has worked hard to plan safe, engaging activities to welcome you to the Western Law community, and I encourage you to take advantage of them. As a Western Law graduate, I can personally attest to the importance of our collegial atmosphere. I look forward to seeing you in the classroom and around the school this week!

Erika Chamberlain, Dean of Law (echambe@uwo.ca)

SLS President's Welcome

Dear Class of 2025,

Welcome to our Western Law family! We are so excited to have you here and cannot wait to give you the best law school experience possible. From clinics, to moots, to intermurrals, Western Law really has something for everyone, and it will be wonderful to see all that you accomplish over the next three years.

The Student Legal Society is your student government. We oversee clubs and committees, and are responsible for most student-led academic, wellness, community, and social initiatives. Basically we are here to help with anything and everything during your time at Western. To learn more about us, you can visit our website (westernsls.ca) or reach out to any of our members.

Please don't hesitate to say hi if you see me hanging out in the SLS office (right beside Chambers) and I cannot wait to share some memories with you all!

Kennedy Neustaeter, SLS President (kneusta@uwo.ca)

Kennedy Neustaeter, President: Kennedy is thrilled to return to SLS for a third year as your President. In this role, she oversees the day-to-day operations of the SLS and works closely with each VP, Representative, and various committees and clubs to ensure that every Western Law student has a rewarding experience during their time here. She hopes to be a strong advocate and aims to ensure that the needs of all students are met as we emerge into a post-pandemic world. In her spare time, Kennedy enjoys spin classes, cheering on the Edmonton Oilers, and watching scary movies.



Jonathan Ng, VP Administration: Jon is excited to be serving as your VP Administration for his second year on the SLS and fifth year at Western in the HBA/JD dualdegree program. In this role, he is responsible for your daily Western Law news fix through the SLS Daily. Jon is a lover of gifs (feel free to submit yours to slsdaily@uwo.ca for a feature) and hopes to communicate important information throughout the year in fun and engaging ways! Outside of school, you can find Jon following the Raptors and Blue Jays, updating his fashion Instagram account @style_before_fashion, or searching for his golf ball in the right rough. He also loves meeting new people, so if you have any questions, feel free to shoot him a message or say hi to him on campus!



Ryan Krause, VP Student Affairs: As VP Student Affairs, Ryan is excited to oversee and work with all the student clubs and plan events at Western Law. Currently in his second year, Ryan will help our clubs reach their goals and run exciting events as we begin to open up after COVID-19. In his spare time, Ryan is an avid rock-climber and has been preparing for a triathlon. He also enjoys going on long walks around campus, so feel free to join him and say hi or send him a message!



Neha Gulati, VP Academic: As your VP Academic, Neha is responsible for all things school! She oversees both the SLS Tutor Program and CaseSummary Drive, providing you with the resources you need to help ease your academic transition into law school. Neha is also your go-to person for providing any course-related feedback to the Western Law administration. Her goal is to ensure every student has the tools and support they need to succeed academically. In her spare time, Neha enjoys trying new recipes, spending time outdoors, and making new friends (so feel free to say hi if you see her around)!



Renée Rankine, VP External Affairs: Renee is extremely excited to return to the SLS this year as the VP of External Affairs. She will be working closely with a variety of student groups across campus. In this role, she will advocate for law students within the University Students' Council (USC) and the Law Students' Society of Ontario (LSSO). Renee's goal is to ensure that Western is a safe space for students of all backgrounds. If you see her in Chambers, or around campus, make sure to say hi!



Charles Wang, VP Technology: Charles is responsible for maintaining the SLS website, creating promotional materials, and managing various other digital services provided by the SLS. He is very excited to be returning as VP Tech for the SLS for a third year. Charles previously worked as an electrical engineer before coming to law school, so feel free to talk to him about anything engineering or technology related.



Matt Wronko, VP Finance: As VP Finance, Matt oversees the spending of SLS organizations and administers remittances. In this role he hopes to efficiently manage the inquiries and requests of students, better enabling clubs and committees to host events and maintain the welcoming social atmosphere Western Law is known for. Outside of law school, Matt is an avid rock climber, runner, and Formula 1 enthusiast. Reach out to Matt with questions or whenever crossing paths in the halls!



Nicole Dotson, Speaker: Nicole is a second-year law student and new to the SLS. As Speaker, Nicole is responsible for chairing SLS meetings, deciding the order and duration of speaking, and generally ensuring efficient and democratic Council meetings. In her free time, Nicole loves visiting local markets and coffee shops, reading non-law related books, and playing video games. Nicole is excited to meet her fellow Western students and is open to questions and discussion about law and non-law topics (especially if you want to discuss Skyrim)! Feel free to stop her and say hi in the hallway or reach out by email if you want to take part in an SLS Council meeting!



Chloe Holmes, 2L Representative: Chloe is excited to be a 2L rep this year. In her free time Chloe enjoys cheering for the Bruins, playing board games, and walking her dog, Poppy. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or want to chat!

John Sorgini, 2L Representative: John is a fun-loving student entering 2L. He is thrilled to have the opportunity to support the student body by representing the cares and concerns of his colleagues. As far as hobbies go, John is a lover of all things social. All year you will catch him at Dennings or studying in Chambers. John's inbox is open to everyone, especially if you are interested in starting an 80's hard rock band (he plays a mean triangle). In his spare time, John likes to frolic around campus and appreciate nature. John cannot wait to make this an incredible year!

Sydney Sleiman, 2L Representative: Sydney is always open to answering any and all of your questions or concerns and can't wait to make 2022-2023 an amazing year! Prior to law school Sydney completed her BSc in Medical Physics at the University of Windsor. Her role on the SLS is to advocate on behalf of her peers and colleagues in 2L and ensure they have a network of social and professional support during the year. Sydney is interested in Intellectual Property and Real Estate Law and is a Clinic Fellow at the Western Law Intellectual Property & Innovation Legal Clinic. Outside of law school, you can find Sydney putting together sweet and savoury charcuterie boards or watching the latest Netflix Stand-Up Special.



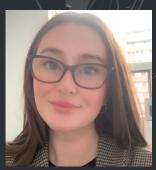




Daniel Alievsky, 3L Representative: This is Daniel's third year at the Student Legal Society. From first-year rep to second-year rep, and now finally the third-year rep, Daniel has become a man of the people and is ECSTATIC to be welcoming everyone back to Western. Daniel loves to meet new people so if you have any questions or are looking to make a new friend, Daniel is your guy.



Nicole Harris, 3L Representative: Nicole is excited to join the SLS this year as a 3L Representative. Prior to law school Nicole studied Psychology at Laurentian University and worked as a Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor. Nicole is interested in mental health advocacy, sports, reality television and spending time with her cat Clover. Nicole is always happy to be of support to her fellow law students and encourages you to reach out to chat and say hi around the law school.



Tom Leschinski, 3L Representative: Tom is one of the 3L reps on SLS. He is excited to represent the needs and wants of students in their final year at Western. Tom works closely with many student groups, clubs, and associations, and hopes to help make Western Law a fun and rewarding place to be! Tom is thrilled to continue his involvement in student life by being an active member of the SLS!



Meg Kenley and Alexa Amar, Sponsorship Co-Chairs

We couldn't have planned this week without the help of our sponsorship chairs! Their hard work ensures our events at Western Law are a success!





Academics at Western Law

Small Groups

Western Law organizes all its 1L students into "Small Groups." Each Small Group is assigned a letter and a Professor. Your Small Group provides you 20 instant friends on the very first day of school and they will likely become your biggest support system as first year progresses. Of course, you will make friends outside your Small Group, but this is the group of individuals you will share each and every class with. You will take one of your courses exclusively with the other members of your Small Group, led by your Small Group Professor. Many Small Group members share notes, delegate summaries, hang out after class or create study groups. You will find it invaluable to have people in your first year who share all of the same classes and experiences.

Although Small Groups only exist in first year, the people in your group will be a great network throughout law school and your friends for life. We encourage you to spend as much time as a group as possible – dinners, Dennings (our bi-weekly social event), library sessions and more! So, start early and be sure to make the most of O-Week with your new group.

Textbooks

You have received emails from Admissions about the purchase of textbooks, both hardcopy and digital versions. Keep your eyes on your email for more information about textbooks as it becomes available. Be prepared, as first year books can cost up to \$1000 in total! The UWO Bookstore is located in the basement of the University Community Centre (UCC), and has extended hours during Orientation Week. For more information about the UWO Bookstore visit https://bookstore.uwo.ca/

You may also be able to purchase used versions of many of your textbooks from upper year students! These are typically advertised on Facebook, so keep an eye out for textbook posts in the first two weeks

You will be assigned to a locker on September 6th as well, so feel free to store your new books in your new lockers!

Laptops

Laptops are a staple at Western Law. Most students bring them to every class to take notes. Your professors will inform you of any specific policies they have on computer use in the classroom. Do not forget to back up all your work to the cloud (i.e. Google Drive, Dropbox) in the event that you have unexpected hardware issues! Western Law conducts computerized exams so make sure that you have a reliable laptop if you choose to submit your exams electronically. Writing by hand will still be an option for those students who prefer the traditional method.

Academics at Western Law

Courses

In first year, all 1L students take the same core courses taught by a variety of professors. In upper years, you are free to choose your courses. Be open-minded about all of your first-year classes, as you may be surprised about the areas that interest you! Below you will find how the academic year is organized.

Fall Term

The Fall term lasts until the December holidays. You will take 6 courses in the Fall term of your first year. Five of these courses last all year: Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Property Law, and Tort Law. Of these 5 courses, you will take one exclusively with your Small Group. These courses will have a midterm exam in December, worth 20%-30% of your final mark. Given the relatively low weighting of the midterm, there's no need to stress: even if you do poorly, you can absolutely make up for it on your final exam! That being said, make sure to study hard and take your December exams seriously. These exams are a great opportunity to diagnose any areas where you can improve, in order to help you prepare for finals.

The sixth core course of your first semester is Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy, or LRWA. You will take this course throughout the Fall term, and focus on it exclusively in January. The Fall term of LRWA consists of writing case briefs, comparing and analyzing cases and writing a short legal memorandum. Large group sessions of LRWA will be taken with your entire 1L class and will be supplemented with Small Group LRWA sessions.

January Intensive Period

During the first three weeks of January, you will not attend regular classes. Instead, you will focus on one large LRWA assignment. You will research and write a memorandum, between 15 and 25 pages long, based on a topic chosen by your Small Group professor. In January, your Small Group will meet with your professor for a few hours each week to discuss progress on the memo. At the end of the month, when the memo has been submitted, you will partner with another person in your Small Group to write a factum based on the memo. The factum will then act as the basis for a moot. The moot is an appellate advocacy exercise in which each team of two competes with another team in the Small Group. Groups will present a side of the case that was the basis for the memo and factum in a friendly appeal court. Your Small Group Professor and Upper Year Student Assistants (SAs) will act as judges and, although no decisions will be reached, the moot court exercise will make up part of your LRWA grade.

Winter Term

The Winter term begins immediately after the January Intensive Period ends, and lasts until April. However, you get a break during the university-wide Reading Week, which is in February. You return to the same five core courses that you started in the Fall, and you will also take either Corporate Law or Legal Ethics and Professionalism. You will choose one or the other during the Fall term and there will be an information session about both courses before you have to decide. They are both required courses, so whichever course you don't select in first year you will take in second year. Final exams take place in April.

Career and Professional Development Office (CPDO)



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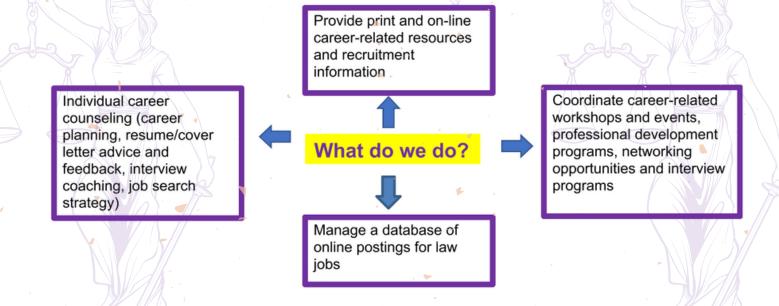
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Welcome to Western Law. We look forward to assisting you with your career planning needs!



Connect with the CPDO

Please feel free to contact the CPDO via telephone or email, or, schedule an appointment (via WERC- Western Events, Recruitment & Career resource centre).

We use two main career platforms:

WERC - https://ssocas.uwo.ca/cas/login?service=https://law-uwo.12twenty.com/SingleSignOn/authenticate

InterviewPrep - http://uwo.interviewprep.app/

Recruitment & Tips for Success

There are only a few markets (Toronto, Calgary, London and Ottawa (IP) [for students with a hard science background]) that have coordinated recruitment drives for 1L summer law students and the number of employers and positions is quite small. All the 1L recruitment takes place in the January/Winter term - with the exception of Ottawa, which hires IP students in the fall.

TIPS:

- 1, Focus on your studies (strong grades will open doors)
- 2. Take opportunities to get involved and develop transferable skills, by participating in advocacy competitions, legal clinics, SLS leadership/clubs/committees, international internships/exchanges, bar associations and law-related affinity groups, sports/intramurals and/or organizations in the broader Western and local community.
- 3. Attend CPDO events and use resources available

Community Legal Services Clinic

Community Legal Services (CLS)

Community Legal Services (CLS) located in Room 126 is a teaching legal clinic where law students, under the supervision of the clinic's lawyers, handle legal files on behalf of marginalized and low-income individuals in London, as well as Western and Fanshawe College students. Our services are completely free of charge.

Students handle files from the initial client interview all the way to settlement or trial. From our expansive facilities, we provide important access to justice services ensuring community members in need have representation that is unavailable anywhere else. We handle hundreds of files per year and provide brief legal advice to many other individuals. CLS primarily covers Criminal law (summary conviction matters) and Provincial Offences, Small Claims Court matters, Landlord and Tenant, Family Law and Public Legal Education

In providing these legal services, students at CLS receive valuable legal training in practical lawyering skills such as interviewing clients, document drafting, file management, and courtroom advocacy. Many graduates feel their experience in CLS gave them an advantage in the job market.

First-year students are able to participate in the clinic as "Associate Caseworkers." In this role, they shadow a senior student (Team Leader) and get exposure to CLS Training, Duty hours, Client intakes, Client Meetings as note taker, Court or Tribunal appearance, Meeting with Review Counsel, and Public Legal Education Opportunities.

Approximately 20-25 first year students will be selected through an application process in early September. Watch for more details!

CLS also hires about 8 students each summer to work in the clinic full-time. These students become very well versed in our processes and client services. These students then go on to become CLS Team Leaders in the following academic year. First year students may apply for this opportunity. Watch for the job posting and recruitment information in January.

Second and third year law students may choose from a selection of courses including Introduction to Clinical Law (recommended for 2Ls), Advanced Clinical Law is offered with a focus on Civil, Family or Criminal for those who already know what area of law they want to focus on. Introduction to Clinical Law is a pre-requisite for the Advanced courses.

We look forward to having you take part in CLS and welcome any questions you may have.

Kimberley Gagan (kgagan@uwo.ca)
Director, Community Legal Services
www.law.uwo.ca/CLS/index.html

Western Business Law Clinic

The Western Business Law Clinic (WBLC) provides legal services and information to small and early-stage businesses, entrepreneurs, partnerships, and not-for-profit organizations. The Clinic's services, which may otherwise be inaccessible, help prepare clients to confidently initiate projects and engage in various business transactions. Assistance is provided on a wide range of business matters, including:

- Incorporations
- Shareholder agreements
- Partnership agreements
- Employment agreements
- Confidentiality agreements
- Corporate maintenance/corporate governance
- General legal information

At the start of the Fall term, the WBLC Directors will hire twelve 1L volunteers for a three-year commitment to the Clinic, who will work on client files alongside a 2L Case Manager and 3L Mentor.

Caseworkers will gain valuable experience and have opportunities to develop client relations, draft contracts and hone their legal research and writing skills. First-year students will have the opportunity to undertake work on a variety of topics including corporate structuring, corporate governance, employment law, and drafting other legal agreements and memoranda. The Clinic organizes regular training and professional development events to complement the skills gained from working with clients. Lawyers from the Toronto law firm McMillan LLP generously donate their time to provide training sessions for the Clinic each school year.

If you are eager to gain practical business law experience in a supportive environment, we encourage you to apply to the WBLC. Applications will be accepted until Friday September 9th at 11:59 PM. Your application should consist of a (maximum) two-page resume and a one-page cover letter. Please address your cover letter to Professor King (Faculty Review Counsel), Kirsten Sullivan and Nick Naida (Student Directors). To apply to the WBLC, please submit your application to the Student Directors at wblc@uwo.ca.

Please note that past business experience is not required.

Faculty Review Counsel: Philip King

Student Directors: Kirsten Sullivan and Nick Naida

Summer Caseworkers: Nicole Bruce, Justine Dryburgh and Omar Najar

For more information, please contact the Student Directors at wblc@uwo.ca, or visit our <u>webpage</u>.

Sport Solution Clinic

The Sport Solution Clinic is the only program of its kind in North America. The Clinic is a program of AthletesCAN, the association of Canada's national team and Olympic-level athletes, in conjunction with Western Law.

Sport Solution offers Canada's national team and Olympic-level athletes' access to information, assistance, and advice on a range of sport-related legal issues. The Clinic helps resolve team selection, carding (athlete funding), discipline, safe sport, and doping disputes. The Clinic also offers athletes guidance on how to avoid conflict and are advocates for the fair administration of sport in Canada.

Sport Solution provides an excellent opportunity for students to practically apply their studies to the interesting and dynamic area of Sport Law. At the start of the fall term, Sport Solution hires 1L volunteer Caseworkers, whose responsibilities range from legal research to assisting with drafting documents.

In the spring term, interested students may apply for a Program Manager position. The Program Manager position is paid employment during the summer months following the 1L year. There is also an opportunity to be hired as an upper year volunteer Case Manager for the duration of the school year.

Supervising Lawyer: Amanda Fowler

Program Managers: Hannah Dobie, Samuel Gan, Rheanna Geisel, Safiya Nanji and Laura Wade

For more information, please contact the Program Managers at: sportsolution@athletescan.com or visit their Instagram page @sportsolution



Pro Bono Students Canada

Pro Bono Students Canada is an award-winning program that provides free legal services to non-profit organizations and low-income Canadians in 20 cities from coast to coast. For over two decades, PBSC has been training law student volunteers to help vulnerable Canadians with their essential legal needs. Partnering with courts, community organizations and law firms, PBSC offers innovative, high-impact placements in all areas of the law. Operating in 22 law schools across Canada, PBSC has exposed generations of law students to the value of pro bono service, helping to create a culture of public service in the legal profession. For the 2022-2023 academic year, PBSC Western is offering 20 unique placements and will be recruiting over 50 student volunteers in the following categories:

- Client Assistance: Students volunteer at a legal clinic providing research assistance, meeting with clients, and drafting submissions.
- Legal Research: Students are involved in internships ranging from providing legal information to helping homeless people get government identification. Students may also research diverse topics ranging from environmental law, employment law, landlord and tenant law, and human rights.
- Public Legal Education: Students prepare public legal information materials and present them at local schools, clinics, and organizations. Public legal eduation may also include creating education documents to be distributed by our community partners.

Nassima Kaddoura and Ryan Krause Program Coordinators

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Dispute Resolution Centre

The Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides free mediation and conflict skills coaching to London and Middlesex. We are also active in the community with our conflict skills workshops and our 810 Court Project where we help resolve Peace Bond applications with mediation rather than court orders. We are operated by Western Law Students and supervised by the Director of the DRC, Robyn Hurley.

Every September, the DRC selects 10 students from 1L to 3L to be part of our Intern Training Program in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Our Program consists of a theoretical component, delivered in an informal lecture style, as well as practical training in the form of drills and mediation and negotiation simulations. Interns are also active in community workshops and our 810 Project. We meet bi-weekly, with the occasional weekly meeting, and the time commitment is an average of 2 hours per week.

Our training provides an excellent introduction to the fundamental skills of mediation and negotiation, which are applicable for most legal practices. It will also be of interest to anyone curious about becoming a mediator. We accept applications in early September.

Justine Pileggi, Jacqueline Murphy and Nakisha Thapar DRC Student Coordinators jpilegg3@uwo.ca and jmurp28@uwo.ca www.law.uwo.ca/drc



Western Intellectual Property & Innovation Legal Clinic

WIPILC provides a unique learning opportunity for law students to develop their professional skills while gaining exposure to a wide range of intellectual property (IP)-related client files. By providing pro bono legal information, WIPILC fills the gap in access to affordable IP rights and related legal support for authors, artists, inventors, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small businesses in Southwestern Ontario.

The WIPILC, Western's newest legal clinic, aims to educate the next generation of IP practitioners and to improve IP savviness & access to IP legal information.

Supervising Lawyer Director: Professor Bassem Awad Student Directors: Bushra Ami Ali and Daniel Derkach wipilc@uwo.ca



Admissions Committee

The Admissions Committee helps establish policy and internal guidelines concerning admission to Western Law. Further, members of this Committee review and make recommendations on applications for admission.

Student Members: Amanjot Saral, Mark Penner and Hilary Lai

Advocacy Committee

The Western Law Advocacy Committee is committed to teaching, promoting, and supporting law students who aspire to develop strong oral advocacy skills. We aim to accomplish this goal through coaching and mentoring students who choose to compete in internal and external mooting/trial competitions. Additionally, we liaise with London and Toronto litigation firms to host advocacy related seminars. The Western Law Advocacy Committee is also responsible for organizing and judging the Lerners LLP Cup and First Year Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Chairs: Shannon Reid, Safiya Nanji and Rheanna Geisel

Community Outreach Committee

Even while in law school, we are important members of the community in which we live. This committee attempts to raise awareness of that fact by organizing community outreach programs and fundraisers. As future lawyers, we must be aware of our ability to become leaders in our communities. Therefore, it is important to spend time now creating a positive image for the Law School through involvement with community agencies that can benefit from student assistance. Without your participation, these goals will be hard to reach.

Chairs: Safiya Nanji and Hilary Doyle

Distinguished Speakers Committee

The Distinguished Speakers Committee (DSC) invites prominent members of the legal profession and related fields to lecture at Western Law and share their extensive knowledge with law students and faculty. Our speakers are all at the top of their respective professions and include members of the judiciary, high-ranking politicians, and experienced practitioners. Topics vary widely and can involve current social and ethical issues in the legal field, valuable advice to take into practice, as well as unique perspectives from specialists outside of law, such as medicine or international politics.

Chairs: Rheanna Geisel and Safiya Nanji

Diversity Committee

We have an amazing team to help diversify our faculty by celebrating the view that diversity and merit are two sides of the same coin. Our committee seeks to research and model a law school environment at Western Law that is welcoming, safe, and inclusive for all our administrators, staff, and students by viewing differences in nationality, race, religious belief, gender, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and ablebodiedness as opportunities for understanding, learning, and growth. This year our focus will be on hosting events and activities aimed at recognizing and celebrating diverse perspectives and experiences to foster meaningful and respectful engagement in all aspects of life at Western Law. We look forward to meeting you all in September!

Chairs: Nikki Sandhu and Justine Dryburgh

Law Ball Committee

What is Law Ball? It's only one of the most anticipated events of the year and is Western Law's semi-formal event. It is your chance to get dressed to the nines and dance the night away with your Western Law family! Most importantly, Law Ball is a night to celebrate student excellence at Western Law. The awards distributed at our winter formal recognize the achievements of our peers and their significant contributions to the Western Law community. We will be welcoming applications for committee member positions in September. We can't wait to meet you during O-Week! Cheers!

Chairs: Nicole Dietz and Nikki Sandhu

Law Library Advisory Committee

We work closely with the law librarian to run various initiatives and supports for students throughout the year such as ensuring there are enough copies of frequently accessed books, helping students during exam periods and making internet resources more efficient and accessible.

Chair: Tom Leschinski



Law Games Committee

Each year at the beginning of January, law schools from across Canada gather for Law Games, a four-day competition comprised of several activities including sports, a moot, trivia and a talent show, all for the highly-coveted Law Games Cup, Sports Cup, and Spirit Cup. The team is comprised of students across all three years with interests in playing sports, mooting, participating in a talent show, or producing a closing ceremonies video.

Last year, the Université de Montréal and the City of Montreal hosted this unforgettable week. Joining the team is not only a great way to get to know students from all years at Western Law, but also to meet students from across the country. Most Western Law team members claim that this one-of-a-kind experience is a highlight of their time in law school. Be on the lookout in September for more information on how to apply.

Chairs: Daniel Alievsky and Shawn Medeiros

Merchandise Committee

Are you the person all your friends turn to for fashion advice? Do you take pride in your school spirit? Do you want to have a say on the Western Law swag circulated this upcoming year? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Merchandising Committee is for you! This past year we launched our 24/7 merchandise website so that you never have to wait to show off your love of Western Law! This upcoming year we will be focusing on making sure there is always something for everyone! If this sounds like a role you would be interested in, please keep your eyes open for the call for applications.

Chair: Emily Lynch

Obiter Dicta Committee

Obiter Dicta is Western Law's annual charity talent and variety show. It is a fantastic night where students of all years can dazzle their peers with talents of all stripes; music, dance, comedy, improvisational slam poetry, whatever you're into! The show also features a contest where each year puts forward a video about what its really like to be in 1L / 2L / 3L! Additionally, all proceeds from the event benefit St. Joseph's Hospice, a London-based palliative care and bereavement centre run by amazing people.

So if you have a passion for performance, a creative mind for events that can bring people together during this time of distance, or just want to help a great cause, the Obiter Dicta Committee is the place for you!

Chair: Liz Whelan

Programs Committee

The Programs Committee is chaired by the Associate Dean (Academic), and comprises faculty members and two student representatives. The Committee meets to discuss curriculum-related issues such as program and graduation requirements and grading policies; the Committee then makes recommendations to Faculty Council for approval. The student representatives may solicit feedback from students regarding courses and bring this feedback to the attention of the Committee.

Student Member: Neha Gulati







Social Committee

No way, is someone at this school actually having a party?" (Legally Blonde) – said no Western Law student ever, because there's always a party. The Social Committee is your link to all things social at Western Law. We provide much-needed study breaks in your busy schedule with fun-filled events. This year we want to focus on making the social culture at Western Law as fun and inclusive as it could possibly be! Always feel free to reach out to us with ideas or feedback, or better yet, join our team!! Keep an eye on our Facebook page "WLaw Social" for your social calendar and all the can't-miss social events in the upcoming year. Welcome to Western Law. We are so excited to meet you!

Chairs: Andrew Au-Yeung and Laura Wade

Sports Committee

The Sports Committee aims to get each and every law student involved in the Western community through sport. Each semester, the Sports Committee registers teams in intramural sports on campus, with teams in hockey, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and many others like inner tube water polo. We also have a competitive hockey team that plays against other law schools from across Ontario. Our student lounge is equipped with both a pool and foosball table, as well as a PlayStation 3.

Chair: Andrew Au-Yeung

Student Appeals Committee

Student Appeals is a faculty committee that meets to consider any appeals or decisions made by the adminsitration or faculty members. This can be anything from a grade petition based on a belief of bias to a request for an exemption due to a medical condition. Student members ensure that student voices are considered in the appeal decision while maintaining the tradition of academic integrity at Western Law.

Student Members: Neha Gulati and Nakisha Thapur

Student Alumni Committee

The Student Alumni Committee is the bridge between current students and Western Law's Alumni Relations & Development department and the law alumni community. The Committee helps to support alumni events by working closely with Law's AR&D staff. The most important events in the Alumni portfolio are Homecoming, an Alumni Awards of Merit Reception, and possible Alumni Dennings in the Fall and Spring months.

Chair: Meaghan Sweeney

Student Careers Committee

The Student Careers Committee represents the professional interests of Western Law students, and aims to assist students in their career and professional development. The Committee provides assistance to the Western Law Career & Professional Development Office (the "CPDO"), and acts as a liaison between the CPDO and Western Law students.

Chairs: Nicole Dotson and Justine Dryburgh

Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee at Western Law promotes positive mental, social and physical health among law students. The Committee is composed of 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls who plan a number of wellness events throughout the year. All students at Western Law are invited and encouraged to participate in our events.

Chairs: Rheanna Geisel and Morgan Kearns

3YP Committee

What's 3YP? Third Year Party! One last chance to celebrate the end of 3 years of summaries, moots, and, of course, Dennings. Say goodbye to Western Law and 3LOL with 185 of your closest friends.

Chairs: Meaghan Sweeney and Shurabi Srikaruna









Western Law is home to many clubs, so join and participate in as many as you are interested in! Clubs Day will take place in the first few weeks of September, so keep an eye out for these clubs and more on that day! More information will be provided to you through SLS Daily News, coming live to you every morning in your UWO inbox!

- Animal Rights Association
- Black Law Students' Association
- Business Law Society
- Canada US Law Institute
- Charter Society
- Christian Legal Fellowship
- Criminal Law Students' Association
- East Asian Law Students' Association
- Entertainment & Sports Law Association
- First Generation Network
- · Gender and the Law Association
- Ipso Facto
- In Vino Veritas
- International Law Association
- In Wingo Veritas
- Italian Students Law Society
- Jewish Law Society Association
- Labour and Employment Law Society
- LEVEL
- Litigamers
- MENALSA
- Mining Law Society
- OUTLAWS
- Peer Support Program
- Running from the Law
- Runnymede Society
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Students for Truth and Reconciliation
- Technology and the Law
- Western Family Law Students' Association
- Western Health Law Association
- Western Human Rights Society
- Western Intellectual Property Association
- Western Journal of Legal Studies
- Western Law Entrepreneurial Organization
- Western Law French Society
- Western Law Foodies
- Western Law Mindfulness Society
- Western Law Portuguese Association
- Western Law Tax Association
- Western Law Ski and Snowboard Club
- Western Legal Innovation Association
- Western Personal Injury and Insurance Law Association
- Western Real Estate Law Association
- Western Environmental Law Association
- Western Women in Law



International Opportunities

At Western Law, we value and embrace the international experience. There are a variety of ways to add global learning to your law studies, both here and abroad.

Western Law's Exchange Program:

- Established partnerships with 19 leading law schools around the globe.
- Available to 2L & 3L students for one term exchange, with over 50 placement options.
- A Call for Application is released each year in November with a January deadline.
- A dual degree program (JD/LLB) is offered with L'Université Laval.
- A dual degree program (JD/LLM) is offered with the University of Groningen.
- A dual degree program (JD/LLM) is offered with Radboud University.

Western Law Internship Program (WLIP):

- 1L and 2L students may apply for funded summer placements in Canada and worldwide
- The General Call for Applications will be released in December with a January deadline.
- Short-listed candidates participate in an interview as part of the competitive selection process.
- Internships may be with international organizations, embassies, non-governmental organizations and private industries.
- Over the past 15 years, the internship program has grown to provide up to 15 internships per year in the areas of international and environmental law, business and trade law, indigenous law and access to justice, and entertainment and copyright law.

If leaving home to travel and live in another country isn't an option for you, it's also possible to add some global learning right here at Western Law:

- Volunteer to be an "exchange buddy" for one or more of the visiting exchange students.
- Get involved with student clubs such as the International Law Association, Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights, or Level Changing Lives through Law.
- Enroll in the international law course offerings, or participate in a moot such as the Jessup.
- Participate and/or attend events during Western's International Week held annually each November.

All of these international and intercultural activities may be used to satisfy the requirements for Western's Global and Intercultural Engagement Honour (GIEH). If obtained, the Honour is added to your transcript and can help your JD stand out in an increasingly globalized nworld. Information about earning the honour can be found at:

https://international.uwo.ca/learning/global_at_home/honour/"

Plan to attend the Exchange and WLIP information sessions held during October and November. For more information about our international programs, check out: www.law.uwo.ca/international or visit our Facebook page, "Western Law International Programs Office" to see what our WLIP interns have been up to this See below for our first year students' experiences this past summer!

Questions?

Contact Western Law's International Programs Coordinator at lawintl@uwo.ca

Life at UWO - Main Campus

Useful Links

- Western University: www.uwo.ca
- University Students' Council: http://westernusc.ca
- Office of the Registrar www.registrar.uwo.ca

University Community Centre: The University Community Centre (UCC) houses many facilities and services useful to students. The UCC hosts two bookstores, a grocery store, a drug store, a post office, a chiropractic office, a copying center, a movie theatre (really cheap), two restaurants and more! For more information visit www.westernusc.ca/services/

Health Services & Wellness Education Centre: Student Health Services is located in the newly renovated Thames Hall. Services include medical and counselling appointments. You can access this online at www.uwo.ca/health/. The USC offers a Health Plan, included in your tuition fees. You can opt out of this plan if you are covered by another plan through your employment or your parents' employment. Go to: www.studentbenefits.ca, and select 'University Students' Council of Western University'.

Campus Meal Plan: The Law School has its own cafe, with coffee, muffins, sandwiches, soup, salads and other assorted goodies. For more variety, visit the UCC, only a three-minute walk away. If you find yourself buying a lot of food on campus, you might want to consider a Campus Meal Plan. You can save between 5% and 20% on purchases, depending on how much money you put on the plan. Check out https://www.mealplan.uwo.ca.

Western ONECard & Bus Pass: If you are new to Western, you will need to obtain your Western ONECard. This card requires your photo as it functions as an ID card, a bus pass, a library card, and a meal plan card. It also provides access to Campus Rec and door access to the law building. Assistant Dean Danielle Lacasse sent you an email with detailed instructions regarding obtaining your WesternONE Card, including the online service for submission of your photo.

Bus System and Routes: London has a great bus system with many routes, reliable service and newly updated buses. You will quickly become familiar with the routes that stop on campus: the 13 Wellington, 6 Richmond, 2B Dundas, 33 Proudfoot and 31 Orchard Park, to name a few. The London Transit Commission website has all schedules and route maps as well as a trip planning function on the city map. www.ltconline.ca

Housing: The housing website below has an extensive list of apartments and houses for rent. If you are looking to find a place close to campus, avoid listings in South and East London. Of course, if you have a car, these places might be a viable option for you. But if you'll be taking the bus, it is more convenient to be in one of the typical student areas (e.g. Downtown, Masonville, Old North, etc.). For off-campus housing, visit: www.offcampus.uwo.ca. For on-campus housing, visit: www.housing.uwo.ca.

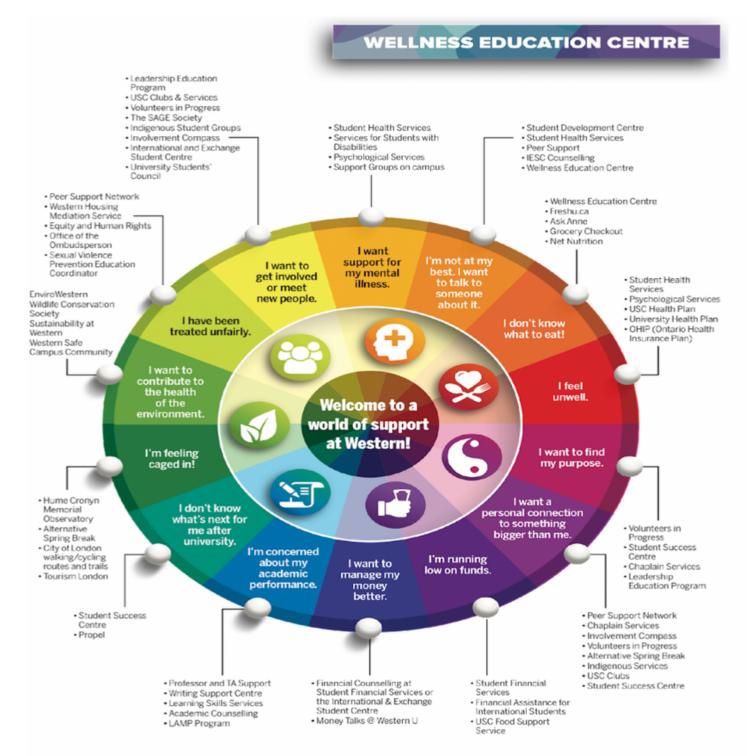
Parking: For more information about parking passes, the location of parking lots, and costs, visit the UWO parking website: www.uwo.ca/parking.

Fitness: Campus Recreation is located near the Law building and offers fitness classes that are covered by your tuition fees. Other services and classes are offered to students at a special price. Information can be found online at: www.westernmustangs.ca.

Libraries

The Law Library is fully equipped with all the books you will need to do any assignment in Law School. Just in case you get tired of the same old scenery at the Law Library, however, there are plenty of other libraries on campus where you can find a place to study. Visit www.lib.uwo.ca/law for more information.

Wellness Education Centre

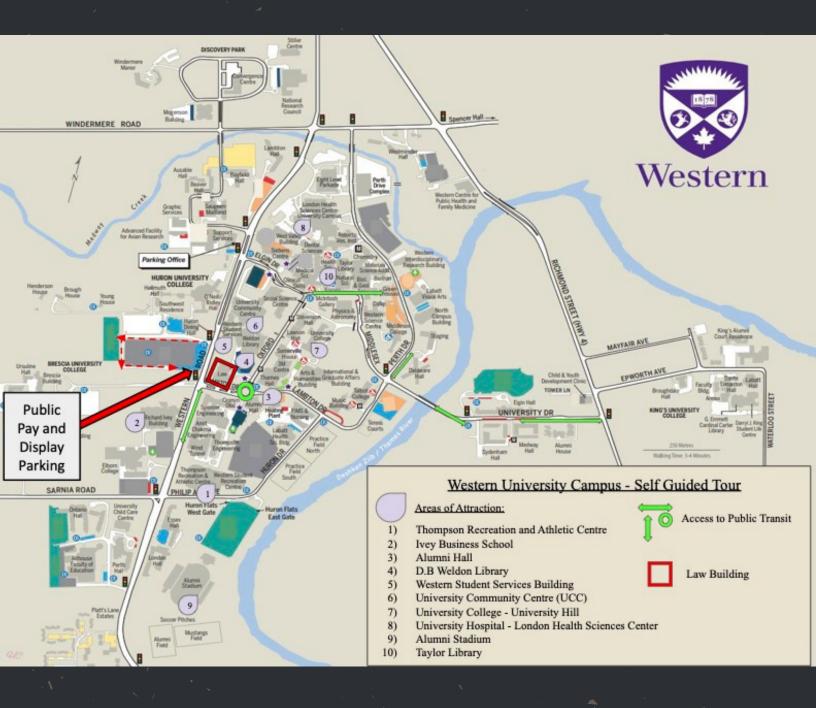


Want to learn more? Visit us at the Wellness Education Centre - we're happy to help!

Wellness Education Centre University Community Centre Room 76 wec.uwo.ca 519-661-2111 ext. 87127



UWO Campus Map



Pinpoints on Western Campus

1. Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre

Campus Recreation offers students a wide range of programs and activities geared to all levels and abilities. Western's gym provides fitness classes, a variety of exercise machines, a pool and several types of sports courts. The gym's basement has lockers, changerooms and showers. You can either bring your own lock or buy one there. For a yummy post-workout snack, there is a Booster Juice located at the front of Western's gym. Like many other buildings on campus, if you don't mind noise, the gym has some study spots!

Features include:

- 20,000 square-foot fitness centre with more than 200 cardio machines
- Eight-lane, 50-metre pool
- Squash/racquetball courts
- Five gymnasiums

2. Ivey Business School- 1255 Western Road

The Ivey Business School is a state-of-the-art building that integrates the best in green building, design and construction. One of the newer buildings on campus, it is conveniently located across the street from the Law building, and is home to combined-degree students in our Honours Business Administration/Law (HBA/JD) and Master of Business Administration/Law (JD/MBA) programs. Ivey is a great place to study surrounded by natural light and silence. Ivey also has a cafeteria with many food options such as a salad bar, soups, deli sandwiches and an interactive station with rotating meals including curry, tacos and Pad Thai. Ivey also has a Starbucks that never seems to have a line!

3. Alumni Hall

Alumni Hall is a common hub on campus, easily accessible and identifiable, on the roundabout. Public Transit and Campus Shuttle Busses make stops here. It holds much more than an impressive auditorium, classrooms, and practice facilities. In addition to hosting the University's annual convocation ceremonies, Alumni Hall is also home to the Mustangs Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling teams, and houses the J.P. Metras Memorial Sports Museum.

4.D.B. Weldon Library

Weldon is the largest of Western's libraries. There are many quiet and private study options available: The round couch booths on the 2nd floor provides a unique, comfortable study zone, and private study rooms are also available for booking in two-hour intervals. Weldon also has printers which will be useful during exam season. Bring layers, if you can, as this library can get chilly.

Bonus: Coffee is available in the Library at Quotes Cafe in the basement level.

Pinpoints on Western Campus

5. Western Student Services

Services are offered in-person, by chat, or by email and include:

- Providing information on undergraduate admissions & recruitment, student records, course registration, OSAP, forms of financial assistance, scholarships, tuition and other fees, exams, and graduation;
- Processing tuition fee payments;
- Distributing government loans and other forms of financial aid;
- · Assisting with course registration;
- Producing transcripts and official Western letters;
- Producing Western ONEcards (photo ID cards).

6. University Community Centre "The UCC"

This building is Western's leisure time headquarters. You will find a wide complement of stores, services, recreation facilities and community related events every day in the UCC. One of the biggest draws is the Food! Outlets include Centre Spot (the UCC cafeteria), Tim Horton's, The Wave (casual sit-down restaurant) and The Spoke taverns (café and eatery). At the Lower Level shops, you can buy a new computer, new or used textbooks for class and Western gear at the Book Store! You'll also find a postal outlet, bank machines, a variety store, a unisex hair salon, a small grocery store, pharmacy, chiropractor clinic and eye doctor. If you don't mind noise, the UCC also has some study spots!

7. University College (UC) / University Hill

University College, historically known as the Arts Building, has become an iconic symbol of the university, as well as a prominent landmark in London. The building sits atop a hill (known as UC hill) and faces the Thames River. Along with the Physics and Astronomy Building, University College is one of the first buildings that was built on the present campus in 1922. The building currently houses the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

8. University Hospital

University Hospital is a large teaching hospital that is affiliated with the Western's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. It is part of the London Health Sciences Centre hospital network and the Lawson Health Research Institute, which manages clinical research across all London hospitals. There is an Urgent Care centre available at this location.

9. Alumni Stadium

Situated near the corner of Western and Sarnia Roads, the field is CFL regulation size featuring an infill turf playing surface with a 2" rubberized e-layer. Bordering the field is an eight-lane, 400-metre mondo track. The Press Box is outfitted for TV, voice and print media.

10. Taylor Library

While Weldon is much closer to the law building, Taylor is also a great study spot. Taylor is filled with cubicles, each possessing an individual outlet and lamp. Taylor is a located in the Natural Sciences Center, which is also home to several eateries including Tim Horton's, Teriyaki Express and Einstein's, a café serving coffee and light food. Taylor's main floor has two printers, both of which print in colour.

Life in London

London can be considered either a big city or a small city, depending on where you grew up. Fortunately, London offers the best of both worlds: big city excitement with a small town feel. It has restaurants, pubs, clubs, shopping malls, museums, theatres, festivals, the London Symphonia, and the beautiful Covent Garden Market. It also has a great hockey arena, Budweiser Gardens, which features big name concerts and sporting events. For nature and exercise enthusiasts London has numerous public parks, bike paths, and an extensive trail system that runs along the Thames River right on to Western's campus. In good weather you can also enjoy the beaches of two Great Lakes (Huron and Erie) in Grand Bend and Port Stanley.

Useful Links:

City of London: www.london.ca

London Transit Commission: www.ltconline.ca

Tourism London: www.londontourism.ca

City of London: www.yourlondoncalling.ca (This is a website created by students about the

post-secondary experience in London)

Getting Downtown from the Law School

Exit the Law School building and walk across the traffic circle to Alumni Hall. Take either the "106 Richmond" or the "2 Dundas". We also recommend downloading the "Transit" app, as it can help you find the best bus route to take you anywhere in London!

Shopping Mall Near Campus

Masonville Place is located in north London. It is one of the larger malls in London and also boasts a Famous Players SilverCity. Take the "13 Wellington" bus north.

Visit: www.cfshops.com/masonville-place.html

Grocery Stores Near Campus

- Valumart: Oxford Street & Richmond Street (Note that they provide a 10% discount to students on Tuesdays).
- Loblaws: Richmond Street & Fanshawe Park Road, across the street from Masonville Place. (Note that they provide a 10% discount to students on Tuesdays).
- Metro:
 - Oxford Street West between Platt's Lane (Cherry Hill Mall).
 - Adelaide Road between Victoria Avenue & Cheapside Avenue
- No Frills: Fanshawe Park Road and Wonderland Road North
- Food Basics Wonderland Road at Sherwood Forest Mall
- BulkBarn: Students get 15% off on Wednesdays 1965 Hyde Park Road & 50 North Centre Road

O-Week 2022 Schedule!

Orientation Week is your introduction to life at Western Law. Be prepared to meet many of your classmates, attend your first lectures in law school, and have a great time! The Orientation Committee is pleased to organize a week of opportunities to make friends and get settled into Western Law. We've worked hard all summer to make O-Week fun for all first-year students, and we strongly encourage you to attend every event. You only get one O-Week and you don't want to miss it! The Justices of the Party ("JPs" if you will) are 2L volunteers who are here to help you transition into Law School. Whether it's organizing get-togethers before O-Week events, providing you with summaries and advice on professors, or being that shoulder to cry on, they are here to support you all year long!

Social Schedule at a Glance:

- Tuesday September 6:
 - Welcome & Induction Ceremony (Western Law Building & Great Hall)
 - Welcome Day Carnival and Food Trucks (Location TBA).
- Wednesday September 7/2
 - Social at The Ceeps (671 Richmond Street).
 - Bowling Night at <u>Palasad Social Bowl</u> (777 Adelaide St N).
- Thursday September 8:
 - First Year Gala at <u>Brookside Banquet Hall</u> (99 Brookside Street)
- Friday September 9:
 - Graffiti Night at <u>El Furniture Warehouse</u> (645 Richmond Street) and <u>McCabes</u> (739 Richmond Street) Small groups will be split into two depending on your small group (A-E at Warehouse and F-I + W at McCabes)

Orientation Week Day One

8:30 AM: REGISTRATION, SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Your first day of law school is an early one! Please arrive at 8:30 AM for registration. Registration will take place in Chambers on the ground floor of the law building, after which you will go to a classroom assigned to your Small Group.

During this time with your Small Group, the Student Legal Society (SLS) will be circulating to collect the \$200 SLS Fee and assign lockers. You will have the opportunity to meet the other members of your Small Group as well as your JPs. Don't be afraid to chat – your classmates will be a major part of your life for the next three years! There will be a Grab & Go continental breakfast consisting of coffee, tea, and muffins provided.

11:00 AM: INDUCTION CEREMONY

At 10:30 AM, you will be escorted by your JPs to the Great Hall for Western Law's Induction Ceremony! You have already received a formal invitation to this event from Dean Erika Chamberlain. This is an important part of Orientation designed to formally welcome you to Western Law and to the legal profession. **Business attire is required**, which typically means suits. However, it's perfectly appropriate to wear pants/skirt with a collared shirt and tie or a nice blouse.

The Western Law community looks forward to sharing this important milestone with you!

After the Induction Ceremony and lunch, you may have some time to change out of your business attire (if you wish) for your first academic session at 2:15 pm.

4:00-6:00 PM: FREE TIME

This is your chance to head home and rest up before a night of fun with your small group! You may also choose to purchase any textbooks that you have not already ordered or pick up books that are waiting for you at the Book Store.

6:00 PM: O-WEEK KICK OFF CARNIVAL & FOOD TRUCKS

Kick off O-week by joining your fellow 1L class and JPs for a fun night outdoors! Location TBA. Featuring inflatable activities (obstacle courses, bungee run, jousting), games, music and amazing food! The London Food Trucks Association will be sending 3 trucks to this event, so come hungry (and with some spending money). This event will take place rain or shine! Come out to mix and mingle with 1Ls and upper years in attendance - see you there! Dress casually and bring sweaters/blankets for the evening weather.

REMINDERS FOR THE FIRST DAY:

- 1. Arrive on time! (If you run into any issues that will delay your attendance, please call the Admissions Office at 519-661-3347 as early as possible.)
- 2. Leave your laptop at home.
- 3. Bring your credit or debit card for textbooks, and bring cash or a cheque for your SLS Fees (\$200).
- 4. Wear professional business attire, and bring a change of clothes if you wish. If you are unsure about what to wear, please feel free to reach out to the Orientation Week Co-Chairs!

Orientation Week Day 2

During the Day: Academic Sessions as outlined in your O-week at a glance schedule

8:30 PM Bowling Night

Join your new friends and JPs for a fun night of Bowling at Palasad Social bowl! Everyone is welcome! Space has been reserved for Western Law students. No bowling skills required - only fun! Don't forget to bring a pair of socks to use with bowling shoes. Casual dress encouraged.

8:30 PM: 1L Social at Ceeps

Come hang out with your fellow 1Ls at Ceeps! The Ceeps is one of London's favourite bars. Wristbands will be distributed to access Western Law's exclusive area. Make sure to arrive before 8:45 pm to avoid the line! Feel free to wear anything you feel comfortable in, the Ceeps is more casual. Drinks will not be provided, but the bar and dance floor will be open!

Orientation Week Day 3 and 4

Day Three: Thursday

During the Day: Academic Sessions

6:30 PM FIRST YEAR GALA

After another full day at the law school, we add a touch of class to O-Week with our First-Year Gala! Join your classmates, professors, and the Faculty of Law's Deans for dinner at Brookside Banquet Hall. Alcohol will not be included, but will be available at an additional cost. This event is a highlight for O-Week. Semi-formal attire is recommended. Transportation is not included and we recommend organizing a ride, uber/taxi or use public transportation. Parking is available.

Please arrive by 6:30 as doors will close at 7 pm.

Day Four: Friday:

During the Day: Academic Sessions

6:00 PM: GRAFFITI NIGHT

To complete your journey through your first week at Western Law, we have the famous Graffiti Night, which will be held at Warehouse for Groups A-E and McCabes for Groups F-I + W. Throughout the evening, you are encouraged to leave your mark on your classmates' shirts – sign your name, write a note, draw a picture – creativity is encouraged! The result is a great night, new friendships and an O-Week keepsake that will make you smile for years to come. Make sure to bring a white T-shirt that your classmates can write on, preferably your O-Week shirt!

9:00 PM: END OF O-WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Once your t-shirts are officially marked up, put those graffiti tee's on and make your way with your JPs to Revolution (545.5 Richmond St). This is the closer to an incredible o-week where you'll have the chance to chat, hangout, dance and celebrate with your new friends. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar. The vibes are free.

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Meet Your JPs: Small Group A

Raza Husnain: Hello! I am a 2L student who loves plants, nature, and fashion. My favourite show is RuPaul's Drag Race and I love going out to see local London drag talent. Ask me about Western's OUTLaws and The Fashion Law Society!



Harleen Cheema: Hi I'm Harleen! I love travelling, coffee and Tiktok. Excited to meet you all soon!



Holly Allen: Hey, I'm Holly! I am unhealthily obsessed with my rescue dog (a wiener dog named Nash), I'm arguably Taylor Swift's #1 fan, and I have a huge sweet tooth. Really looking forward to meeting everyone!



Xander Winter: Having completed my undergrad at Nipissing I've loved getting to know Western and London, and can't wait to help all of you get to know the law school! I'm an avid Raptors fan and love sports and music. Can't wait to meet you all!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group B

Madeline Cummings: I am from Calgary and love cooking! Fun fact: I have my own Instagram cooking show called Maddy's Magnificent Meals.



Justine Dryburgh: Hi my name is Justine! In my free time you can find me watching The Office, buying too many plants, or making fun coffee creations! A fun fact about me is that I have driven across Canada!



Spencer Daniel: I'm a 2L student and I love sports and doing activities with my 2-year-old bulldog, Frankie. I spent two years working in Toronto before law school and was a varsity athlete in the states for undergrad. I also love a good Denning!



Shawn Kirkman: Hey everyone, my name is Shawn and I am super excited to be your JP this year. In my free time I play a lot of sports (mostly golf and hockey), hangout with friends, and watch a lot of movies. My favourite sports team is the Toronto Maple Leafs and I am a firm believer that 2023 is the year they will finally win the Cup. Really looking forward to meeting everyone!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group C

Kirsten Sullivan: Hi, I'm Kirsten! I love spending time outdoors, biking, hiking, and running. I am a huge fan of listening to podcasts, watching reality TV, eating good food (big sandwich gal), and dancing about.



Hannah Nadler: Comprised of 10% dunkaroos, 30% reality TV, 5% tree hugging, 20% biking, 15% dogs, and 20% cheetos.



Eric Lee: Hi everybody! My name is Eric and I love eating Korean fried chicken. My favorite animal is a penguin! I also dabble in gardening, but I'm trying to keep these darn squirrels from eating my cherry tomatoes.



Jason Kim: Hey! My name's Jason and I'm a 2L Ivey (HBA) dual. I love watching cheesy Netflix dramas or finding someone to play chess with, so please message me if you're down!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group D

Gabriel Potkidis: My name is Gabriel and I'm a 2L. I'm a big golfer and a huge Bills fan.



Noah Brennen: Super excited to meet the incoming class of 2025! When I'm not trying to decipher 150-year-old cases you can catch me trying to cook the perfect steak, listening to 70s rock, or binging the new Game of Thrones prequel.



Brittany Hopkins: Hi! I'm Brittany and I love hiking, exploring new patios and cheering on the Raptors. If you're looking for London food recommendations, I'm your girl! Excited to meet you all!



Rebecca Hynes: Hi, I am Rebecca! I enjoy all things active including hiking, swimming and golfing. I'm a huge movie fan and when I'm not being active you can find me binging Netflix shows.



Meet Your JPs: Small Group E

Bria Steele Gunter: My name is Bria and I'm a big fan of reality TV, reading and mooting!



Zachary Rambaran: Hey what's good. My name is Zack and I like to play guitar, love a good Burger-Burger rip, and will never say no to a karaoke night at Molly Blooms



Neha Gulati: I completed my undergraduate degree at Western in Health Sciences. I love spending time outdoors, hanging out with friends, and Wine Wednesdays at McCabes.



Grace Sarabia: My name is Grace and I am a 2L from Toronto! Outside of school I am obsessed with anything true crime and also frequent London's only decent Mexican restaurant. Looking forward to a great week!

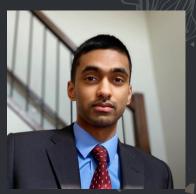


Meet Your JPs: Small Group 7

Renée Rankine: Hi! I am excited to be a JP and I'm also your current VP of External Affairs. I am looking forward to the upcoming school and to meeting the incoming 1L students. When I'm not studying, I spends my free time painting and drawing.



Neethan Selvan: Hi everyone. I have many interests. I love basektball and travelling. A recent fact about me is I just got a French bull dog puppy! Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!



David Kumar: Some of my interests include anime, video games, sports and music! An interesting fact about me is that I am on Western's Varsity Wrestling team and will be entering my 5th year on the team and 9th year in the sport!



Brooke Granovsky: I am interested in criminal law and government/policy work. I am involved with Community Legal Services, the Criminal Law Students Association, Ipso Facto newspaper, and I worked as a research assistant this past summer. Off campus, I am deeply committed to contemporary dance and to re-watching Modern Family.



Meet Your JPs: Small Group G

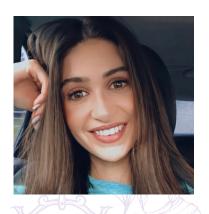
Deepak Vadera: Hi I'm Deepak! In my free time I enjoy listening to comedy podcasts, trying new exotic pops/snacks and going on bike rides. I am so excited to meet you all!



Shahrose Javed: My name is Shahrose! My interests are weight training, pick-up basketball, soccer, anime, and just kicking back chillaxing with the homiez. Fun fact, I can't ride a bike (Not a big fan of the expression "It's just like riding a bike").



Brenda Passariello: Hi! My name is Brenda and I am so excited to meet you all and be one of your JPs! A fun fact about me is that I don't have a middle name. I enjoy playing soccer, going to the gym, and hanging out with friends!



Ivy Duong: Hi, my name is Ivy and I am a 2L. I love street food, R&B, and am an amateur golfer! Looking forward to meeting you all :)



Meet Your JPs: Small Group H

Mary Diemert: Hi, I'm Mary! I like music, dogs, and the first seven seasons of The Office.

Nicole Bruce: My name is Nicole and I'm a 2L at Western Law! A fun fact about me is that I love camping and just got back from a rainy canoe trip in Algonquin Park.

Ethan Levy: Hi! My name is Ethan and I am a 2L and Thornhill native, a cinephile and a chocolate chip cookie enthusiast. Above all, I am excited to meet and schmooze with the class of 2025!

Owen Bourrie: Hi everyone, I'm Owen! I did my undergrad at Laurier and am going into 2L. I like running, hanging out with friends, and binge-watching shows on Netflix.









Meet Your JPs: Small Group 1

Valerie Nwaokoro: I might be here for law school, but I stay for one reason and one reason only: to discover all the food gems in the city. If you're ever looking for a place to eat your pain away after a law lecture, I probably have a suggestion.

Razan Mohamed: Hey, my name is Razan! I did my undergrad at Western in Geography and spent the summer before law school living in Vancouver while I interned at the UN. In my free time I love hanging out with my friends, playing card games and travelling! I'm excited to meet you all!:)

Emily Lynch: Hi everyone I'm Emily and welcome to Western Law! This summer I spent my time hanging out at the cottage or the beach, eating ice cream and going to concerts! When I'm not doing readings, you can find me having Bachelor/ette nights with friends or watching the hockey game (go Sens).

Elizabeth Whelan: Hi 1Ls. My name is Liz, I am an incoming 2L. I like the arts, the outdoors, running, thrifting and going out dancing with pals.









Meet Your JPs: Small Group W

Transfer and Exchange Students (Small Group W - for Western!)

Rojin Kharazi Zadeh: I was born and raised in Iran, studied business in my undergrad, and in my free time I like to hang out with my family and friends, read, cook, or travel.

Nassima Kaddoura: Hi everyone, I'm Nassima! I enjoy reading, travelling, playing sports, and watching reruns of The Office (best TV show ever). I can't wait to meet you all!

Mikaela Cheslock: Hi! I am interested in labour and employment law and compete with the varsity curling team at Western. Having just returned from an internship in South Africa, (an awesome opportunity offered by the school) Mikaela is looking forward to welcoming new students to Western Law!

Sarah Cvetkovski: Hi, my name is Sarah and I'm a 2L. I'm a huge fan of cats, chai lattes, and plants. If you're looking to grow your indoor plant collection I can be your guide!







