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WESTERN LAW ORIENTATION WEEK GUIDE

2023-2024

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CLASS OF 2026:

Congratulations! Not only have you made it through the law school application process but you've also selected the best law school!

Western Law's 2023 Orientation Program is designed to help ease your transition into law school. Your attendance during our Orientation Week's academic and social programming will serve as confirmation that Western Law is the exact place you are meant to be. We are all so very happy to have you join us! As your Co-Chairs we encourage you to make the most out of this week and use it as an opportunity to get to know your colleagues and make connections that will hopefully last a lifetime.

You have three challenging but wonderful years ahead of you. 2026 seems far away but time passes by quickly. You will find that law school is especially challenging yet rewarding at the same time. The concepts will be frustrating at times but there is nothing better than the moment of clarity after a several hour study-session with classmates.

In your first few months, you will hear all about how law school changes how you think. However, Western Law also teaches you about community. The small group program and extra-curricular activities allow you to find and build support systems very organically. You are never alone at Western Law.

If you have already spoken to your 3L buddies, you might know how willing upper-year students are to mentor the students in the years below them. Western Law is known for having a supportive and collegial student body. Upper-year students are happy to share their class notes and are always open to giving advice. Our Student Legal Society (SLS) will also be one of your best resources as they maintain a case summary drive for all law students to use freely. Our many clubs also have continued support from upper years and alumni. Never be afraid to reach out to Western Law Alumni to ask them about their experience in law school and their careers. New clubs are also created each year to allow you to explore any and all of your interests. We know that you will all find your place here at Western Law and hope that the law building will start to feel like a second home.

Feel free to browse the website for more information about the upcoming Orientation Week. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us. We want to make this transition easy and enjoyable for you! Your JP's (upper year O-week leaders) as well as other upper year students will also be more than happy to provide guidance.

While you may feel obliged to pre-read for classes, we strongly advise that you enjoy the remainder of your summer and rest. You will learn a lot over the next 8 months. We cannot wait to see you on campus on September 5th, 2023.

Sincerely,

Madeline Bandak, Giselle Fiacco, and Parham Pourostad

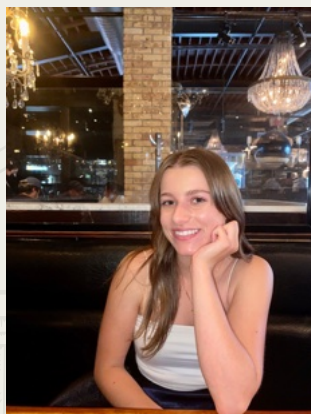


Welcome

MEET YOUR O-WEEK CHAIRS

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Welcome incoming 1L's! My name is Madeline Bandak and I'm so excited to meet all of you. I'm entering 2L with a previous undergraduate degree in English language and literature from Western. You can either find me getting a coffee at Chambers, in the upper stacks of the law library or attending a Denning on Wednesday evenings. Outside of school I love listening to older music and attempting to learn how to golf.



Hi everyone! I'm Giselle Fiacco and I am entering 2L. I am so excited to meet everyone during orientation week! I completed my undergrad at York University in English. I usually am in Chambers before class and after class. I can be found rewatching my favourite tv shows, hanging out with my two cats, or grabbing coffee/bubble tea with my friends!



Hi everyone! My name is Parham Pourostad. I completed my undergraduate degree in International Studies at York University (Glendon) and International Business at Emlyon Business School in France. I plan on working towards obtaining the Business Law Area of Concentration at Western Law. My hobbies are music, public speaking, making sushi, and learning new languages.



DEAN'S WELCOME

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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 fun, 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)

STUDENT LEGAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Class of 2026,

Welcome to Western Law! Over the next three years, this school will become your home away from home. Western law prides itself in having a strong sense of community and being a collegial learning environment. The next few years will be challenging, so remember to lean on and support one another. 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 clubs, Western Law truly has something for everyone.

The Student Legal Society (SLS) is your student government at Western Law. We oversee clubs and committees, and are responsible for most student-led academic, wellness, community, and social initiatives. The SLS is a great resource for any questions you may have or a great support system for bringing any new ideas you have for Western Law to life.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Neha Gulati, SLS President (ngulati3@uwo.ca)



Neha Gulati, President

Neha is excited to be joining the SLS for a third year as 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. Neha hopes the SLS can help make Western Law a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive space. In her spare time, Neha enjoys cooking, playing soccer, and practicing yoga.

**Robyn Jeffries, VP Administration**

Robyn is serving as your VP of Administration. She is responsible for the SLS Daily newsletter, which keeps everyone in the loop about what's happening in our law community. Outside of school, you can find Robyn in the gym or at the Spoke enjoying a bagel and a coffee. She loves making new friends and can keep you updated on upcoming deadlines and events! If you see her around London, feel free to say hello.

**Sam Gan, VP Student Affairs**

Sam is a 3L JD/MBA student returning to the SLS for his second year as VP of Student Affairs. Before attending Western Law, he graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with degrees in entrepreneurship and economics. Sam is also a Program Manager with the Sport Solution Clinic and a presenter for Project Consent with PBSC. Outside of school, Sam loves to play music (see y'all at Obiter Dicta), work out with the Western Track & Field team, and chef it up in the kitchen. Feel free to say hello in the halls or send him a message if you have any questions or just want to chat!

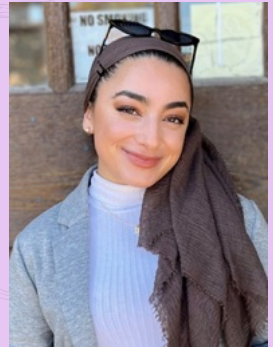


Alex Mangiardi, VP Academic

Alex is excited to serve as VP Academics. Prior to attending Western Law, Alex completed his Master of Management of Applied Science and his Bachelor of Sciences here at Western. Outside of the classroom, Alex has many diverse passions that include exploring the outdoors, watching and playing various sports, learning new languages, and trying new recipes in the kitchen. Alex is extremely grateful to have been elected and is always available to talk whether through email or by having a chat in Chambers.

**Yara Ubaidat, VP External Affairs**

Yara is pleased to be serving the Western Law student body for the second year. She served as 1L Representative last year, and has the privilege of serving the student body as VP, External Affairs for the 2023-2024 academic year. She is all about representation and honesty, and hopes to facilitate diversity and inclusion in law school and in the SLS. She loves meeting new people and listening to others' diverse experiences. She is looking forward to representing her class and becoming part of Western Law's evolution.

**Valerie Koch, Speaker**

Valerie is a 2L student and excited to join SLS as the Speaker this year! In her role, Val is responsible for chairing SLS meetings, deciding the order and duration of speaking, and generally ensuring efficient and democratic Council meetings. In her spare time, you can find Val curled up on the couch with a book, taking her dog for a walk, or cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs (yes, she is an eternal optimist). She is also a prolific stress baker, so if you ever see her in Chambers with a container of treats, please feel free to say hi and grab one!

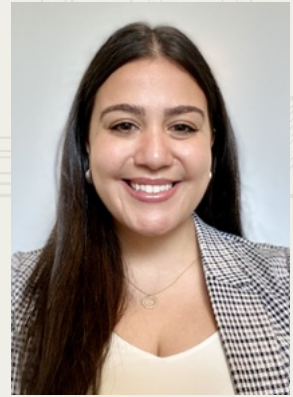


Matt Wronko, 3L Representative

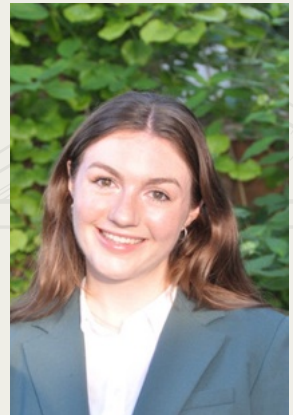
Matt is excited to return for his third year in the SLS as 3L Rep. Outside of the SLS, you can likely find Matt at The Junction attempting to climb things. If you have any questions about law school or the SLS, Matt is available!

**Sydney Sleiman, 3L Representative**

Sydney is a third-year representative of the Student Legal Society. Sydney earned her Honours Bachelor of Science at the University of Windsor with a specialization in medical physics and mathematics. Sydney has spent her time working as a teaching assistant for Professor Oza's Property Law class and a Case Manager for the Western Intellectual Property and Innovation Legal Clinic. Outside of school, Sydney loves attending comedy shows and concerts in London. Sydney wants to ensure that all students have an outlet to voice their concerns and are getting the most out of their law school experience. For any questions, comments, or suggestions, reach out to Sydney via email or in the halls of Chambers!

**Adelaide Naprawa, 3L Representative**

Adelaide is excited to join the SLS this year as a 3L Representative. When she is not waiting in line at Chambers for an iced Americano (it's the best drink on the menu), you can find Adelaide exploring London's growing restaurant scene, running along the Thames or watching any show on Netflix featuring Nick Lachey. Adelaide is passionate about ensuring students have the support they need while navigating the academic, social and professional parts of law school. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions; if you can't find Adelaide on campus, her inbox is always open! For 3Ls, she hopes your final year at Western is rewarding (and fun!).



Taylor Neustaeter, 2L Representative

Taylor is thrilled to be joining SLS for the first time this year. Prior to law school, she studied Cultural Anthropology at the University of Manitoba and worked in Immigration and Settlement Services. Taylor loves board games, trying new restaurants, and all things outdoors. As 2L Representative, she has committed herself to being approachable and available to all students at the law school. In addition to this, she will also ensure that communication between the student government and student body remains open. She is passionate about building a sense of community at Western Law and will do this by fostering student-focused events that build morale and bring students together.

**Avery Holmes, 2L Representative**

Avery is a second-year law student serving as 2L rep for the 2023-2024 academic year and she is new to the SLS. In her free time, she enjoys watching sports, ruining a nice walk outside with a game of golf, and finding great London restaurants. Avery also lacks the ability to say no to a Starbucks run, so if you ever need a coffee buddy, feel free to reach out.

**Gabriel Constantini, 2L Representative**

Gabriel, a dedicated second-year law student, is stepping into the role of a 2L representative. In addition to his passion for the intricacies of law, Gabriel finds joy in engaging in various intramural sports whenever his schedule allows. While his guitar skills may not be finely tuned, he embraces the joy of strumming away. An aficionado of all-you-can-eat sushi, Gabriel's culinary preferences are as diverse as his interests. He is committed to extending a helping hand to his fellow students, offering his support in any way possible, and contributing to the collective success of the 2023-2024 academic journey.

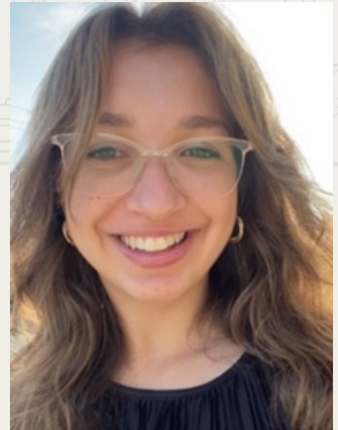


Brayden Secord, VP Technology

Brayden serves as VP Technology and is new to the SLS this year. He is responsible for maintaining the SLS website, assisting with promotional materials, and managing various other digital services provided by the SLS. Brayden served as a Caseworker at the Western Intellectual Property Legal Clinic and will be representing Western Law in the 2023/2024 Harold G. Fox IP Moot. Outside of school, you can find Brayden struggling on the golf course or pretending to be Steph Curry from the 3-point line while no one is watching.

**Michaela Wand, Sponsorship Chair**

Michaela is a second-year law student at Western, and new to the SLS this year. Prior to law school, Michaela completed a Bachelor's degree at Western University studying Management & Organizational Studies and Psychology. As the Sponsorship Co-Chair, her role on the SLS is to solicit funding from firms and organizations for Western Law events including Orientation Week, Law Ball, and Obiter Dicta. Outside of law school, you can find Michaela playing flag football, finding restaurants in London to enjoy, or spending time outdoors. She loves being involved in the student community and is always open if you have any questions!

**Neethan Selvan, Sponsorship Chair**

Neethan is thrilled to be joining SLS during his final year in the combined HBA/JD dual degree program. Neethan will be responsible for ensuring that there is adequate funding to support initiatives this year as well as build corporate relationships. Outside of law school, Neethan enjoys hanging out with his French bulldog and playing basketball. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact him.



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 with 20 instant friends on the very first day of school who 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 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 will receive 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 approximately \$1000! 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.

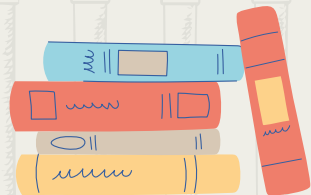
You will be assigned to a locker on September 5th as well, so feel free to store your new books in your new lockers!

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.

You WILL NOT need your laptop on September 5th, so please leave it at home!



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 15-25 page memorandum based on a topic chosen by your Small Group professor.

In January, your Small Group will meet with your professor for several hours each week to discuss progress on the memo. At the end of the month, when the memo has been submitted, you and a partner in your Small Group will write a factum based on the memo. The factum acts as the basis for a moot. The moot is an appellate advocacy exercise where 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.

Some professors have allowed students to complete the memo portion of the term synchronously. However, assume the term will be in person, unless your small group professor says otherwise.

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.



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The CPDO at Western Law:

- Coordinates career-related workshops, professional development sessions, networking opportunities and recruiting programs including On Campus Interviews (OCIs);
- Offers individual career counselling for external recruitment including career planning, resume/cover letter feedback, interview advice, and job search strategies;
- Provides print and on-line career-related resources and recruitment information; and,
- Manages a database of online postings for clerkship, articling and summer law jobs.

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

We use three main career platforms:

- WERC – <https://ssocas.uwo.ca/cas/login?service=https://law-uwo.12twenty.com/SingleSignOn/authenticate>
- InterviewPrep – <https://uwo.interviewprep.app/>
- The Right Profile Attorney Assessment – <https://attorneyassessment.com/>

RECRUITMENT AND TIPS FOR SUCCESS

FORMAL RECRUITMENT FOR 1L LAW JOBS

There are only a few markets (Toronto, London, Ottawa, Calgary, Saskatchewan and the Maritimes) that have structured recruitment drives for 1L summer law students.

All of the 1L recruitment in Ontario takes place in the winter term – apart from Ottawa which hires students with a science background in the fall term to work exclusively in the area of intellectual property law.

CPDO'S TIPS FOR SUCCESS

As you begin your time at Western Law, we encourage you to:

- Focus on your studies (although academic performance is only one factor employers consider, strong grades can help open doors);
- Attend CPDO events and use resources available (1L programming typically begins in late October)
- Take opportunities to get involved and develop transferable skills, by participating in advocacy competitions, legal clinics, SLS leadership/clubs/committees, international opportunities, etc.

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

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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 appearances, meetings with Review Counsel, and Public Legal Education opportunities.

Approximately 10-20 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 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).

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

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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 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 8th 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), Riya Shah and Haris Abid (Student Directors). To apply to the WBLC, please submit your application to the Student Directors at wblc@uwo.ca (email).

Please note that past business experience is not required.

Faculty Review Counsel: Philip King

Student Directors: Riya Shah and Haris Abid

Summer Caseworkers: Joseph Olij and Alexa Wagman

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

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 serves as an advocate 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: Samuel Gan, Safiya Nanji, Laura Wade, Hannah Herrington, Dylan Romero-Marshall, and Anthony Crudo

For more information, please contact the Program Managers at: sportsolution@athletescan.com.



Pro Bono Students Canada (PBCS) is on a mission to provide free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice. We cultivate future leaders to tackle the most pressing social justice issues of our time. With Chapters at 22 law schools across Canada, we are the largest pro bono organization in the country. Our work is guided by our three core values of dignity, equity, and humility.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, PBCS Western is offering 20 unique placements and will be recruiting over 60 student volunteers in the following categories:

- Client Intake and Assistance Projects: These projects involve sitting down with clients of Partner Organizations or clinics to collect their personal information and the facts of their case, and in some cases provide them with legal information or help them complete court forms or other documents.
- Legal Research and Writing Projects: These projects include the reviewing and monitoring of pending legislation, writing legal memos or analyzing current policy questions, and writing for media such as newsletters or blogs.
- Public Legal Education Projects: These projects provide Student Volunteers with an opportunity to develop and deliver legal education materials (e.g. FAQs, info sheets, etc.), workshops, and seminars to people and communities facing barriers to justice.

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The Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides free mediation and conflict skills coaching to London and Middlesex County residents. We are also active in the community through our conflict skills training workshops and 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 ten students from 1L to 3L to participate in our Intern Training Program in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Our Program runs from September to April and consists of a theoretical component, delivered in an informal lecture style, and practical training through mediation and negotiation simulations. Interns are also active in community workshops and our 810 Project. We typically meet bi-weekly, and the time commitment is an average of two hours per week. After completing their training, interns receive a Certificate in Dispute Resolution, allowing them to join our mediation roster to participate as mediators in future years.

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

Completion of our Training Program also offers several opportunities to get more involved with the DRC. In the spring term, interested students may apply for a Student Coordinator position. The Student Coordinator is paid employment during the summer months following the 1L year and offers the opportunity to participate as a co-mediator in disputes throughout the summer. Those seeking volunteer opportunities throughout the school year may apply for a volunteer Student Coordinator position for the duration of their 2L or 3L year.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the DRC, please reach out to any of our Student Coordinators:

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WESTERN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INNOVATION LEGAL CLINIC

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The 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, post-secondary researchers, artists, entrepreneurs, inventors, start-ups, and small businesses in southwestern Ontario.

In September, 1Ls will have the opportunity to apply to join our team as a Caseworker. These volunteer positions will be held until April 2024, with the option to renew for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Each Caseworker works alongside a Case Manager to form a Case Team. Case Teams are assigned client files and will assist these clients by providing legal information on different types of IP rights such as copyright, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, industrial design, and traditional knowledge, as well as legal information on broader technology law issues including data ownership and privacy. The work may include contract and policy review, preparing for filing and due diligence, and providing information on navigating IP strategy and commercialization. This year, caseworkers will also have an opportunity to contribute to our new WIPILC blog, which we are expecting to launch in Fall 2023.

WIPILC is looking for candidates with an interest in IP rights or entrepreneurship. Applications will open in September and should include a one-page cover letter outlining your interest and experience and a two-page Resume/CV. Please keep an eye out for the call for applications in the SLS Daily.

Faculty Director: Professor Bassem Awad

Student Director: Angela Kaiser

For more information, please contact the student director at wipilc@uwo.ca or visit our [webpage](#).

CLASS A ORGANIZATIONS (COMMITTEES)

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3YP Committee

What's 3YP? Third Year Party! Come celebrate your hard work and achievements with one final send off alongside your classmates!

Chair: Matt Wronko

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.

Students: Holly Allen, Raza Husnain, and Pooja Patel

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 mootings/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 Lerner's LLP Cup and the First Year Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Co-Chairs: Meghan Hawa and Kirsten Sullivan

Community Outreach Committee

While attending law school, students have the privilege to play a significant role within the local community. Through the efforts of this committee, we strive to highlight this role by organizing fundraising events and community outreach initiatives. Grounded in collaboration, the committee establishes partnerships with community organizations to address local needs effectively. Your engagement is integral in propelling transformative social responsibility, crafting a lasting impact on both the campus and the broader community.

Co-Chairs: Ivy Duong and Justin Malamis

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Distinguished Speakers Committee

Prominent experts from the legal community and related fields are invited to Western Law by the Distinguished Speakers Committee (DSC) to deliver lectures and share their vast knowledge with faculty and students. Topics can range widely and include pertinent social and ethical issues in the legal profession, practical advice, as well as distinctive viewpoints from experts in fields other than law, such as international politics or medicine. Recent speakers have included the Right and Honorable Chief Justice Richard Wagner, Netflix's "Making a Murderer" attorneys Dean Strang and Jerry Buting, and criminal defence lawyer Marie Henein.

Co-Chairs: Meghan Hawa and Justin Malamis

Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee is dedicated to developing the dialogue in the law school and the legal profession about diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. The Committee will be hosting a wide range of events and initiatives throughout the school year to support its mission. In particular, the Committee is proud to be hosting Western Law's third annual Diversity Month in February 2024 (tentatively) in collaboration with many of the Western Law student organizations. Throughout the month, the Western Law community will see presentations from students, faculty, alumni, and the legal community on a broad selection of topical issues, such as navigating one's legal career as a racialized person or person with a disability. Additionally, the Committee also hopes to host a Cultural Heritage Day to encourage students and faculty to share their culture with one another along with other celebrations of the diversity present at Western Law.

Co-Chairs: Sahiba Badyal and Shahed Khalil

Law Ball Committee

Experience Law Ball, the most anticipated night of the year! As Western Law's premier semi-formal, we welcome you to an evening of excitement, dressing-up, dancing, great food, and celebrating with your friends. This night is about recognizing the contributions you make as students and leaders to the Western Law community. Join our dynamic committee – applications open this September. We look forward to meeting you and celebrating together!

Co-Chairs: Trisha Matasaran, Hanye Chen, and Allen Hujic



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Law Games Committee

Each year at the beginning of January, law schools from across Canada gather for Law Games, a four-day competition. The competition is comprised of activities like sports tournaments, a moot, trivia and a talent show. This is 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 University of Ottawa 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 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. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to your Co-Captains!

Co-Captains: Brenda Passariello and Natasha Apolonia

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.

Student: Pooja Patel

Merchandise Committee

The Merch Committee helps us show off how much we love Western Law! We design clothing and other swag items branded with the Western Law logo and lots of purple for students, family, and staff to purchase. We create things beyond what is offered by the Western University bookstore, including hoodies, sweatshirts, tshirts, sweatpants, hats, and water bottles made specifically for Western Law. Every year we like to offer something different and any ideas or suggestions are always welcome! If you're creative and passionate about school spirit, we'd love to have you as part of our team. Keep an eye out for 1L Representative applications in the SLS Daily and the Facebook group.

Chair: Emily Lynch



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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 kinds: music, dance, comedy, improvisational slam poetry, juggling, whatever talents you have to share! All proceeds from the event benefit St. Joseph's Hospice, a London-based palliative care and bereavement centre.

If you have a passion for performance, a creative mind for events that can bring people together or just want to help a great cause, the Obiter Dicta Committee is the place for you!

Co-Chairs: Emily Vaillancourt and Pooja Patel

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 student representatives may solicit feedback from students regarding courses and bring this feedback to the attention of the Committee. The Committee then makes recommendations to Faculty Council for approval.

Student: Larissa Zhong

Social Committee

Social Committee is your link to all social events at Western Law. We plan events throughout the year to provide much-needed study breaks where you can get to know other law students in a stress-free environment! We would love to have you join the team, so look out for an application call in the SLS, and feel free to reach out with any questions! We can't wait to meet you at the first Denning of the year on September 13th!!

Coordinator: Stephanie Grad

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Sports Committee

We are your ticket to sports and physical fitness at Western Law. Each semester, the Sports Committee coordinates and funds teams that compete in the Western Intramural League. Last year we offered intramural teams in ball hockey, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and many others like inner tube water polo and ultimate frisbee.

The Sports Committee aims to provide an inclusive non-competitive environment where all law students can make friends and destress through teamwork and physical exercise. We strive to ensure self-identifying women have the right to equal opportunity in sports.

Chair: Aitana Robinson

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.

Students: Ivy Duong and Matt Wronko

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.

Student: Sarah Jubas-Bernstein

Yearbook Committee

The yearbook committee organizes the publication and sale of the yearbook. All Western Law students are encouraged to share their experiences and adventures with us by submitting your photos to the Yearbook Co-Chairs.

Co-Chairs: Reyhaneh Rahimi and Leila Juriansz

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!



- Black Law Students' Association
- Business Law Society
- Canada US Law Institute
- Christian Legal Fellowship
- Criminal Law Students' Association
- East Asian Law Students' Association
- Entertainment & Sports Law Association
- Gender and the Law Association
- Indigenous Students Organization
- In Vino Veritas
- Italian Students Law Society
- Jewish Law Society Association
- Labour and Employment Law Society
- Litigamers
- Mature Student Society
- Mining Law Society
- OUTLaws
- Privacy Law Society
- Public Law Association
- Running from the Law
- Runnymede Society
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Students for Truth and Reconciliation
- The BEERisters
- Western Art Law Society
- Western Environmental Law Association
- Western Family Law Students' Association
- Western Food Law and Policy Club
- Western Health Law Association
- Western Intellectual Property Association
- Western Journal of Legal Studies
- Western Law Climbing Club
- Western Law French Society
- Western Law Foodies
- Western Law Hot Ones
- Western Law Tax Association
- Western Law Real Estate Association
- Western Women in Law



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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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 16 leading law schools around the globe.
- Available to 2L & 3L students for one term exchange, with over 50 placement options. A Call for Applications are 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, non-governmental and Indigenous organizations, and private industries.
- Since 2006, the internship program has grown to provide up to 15 internships per year in the areas of international law, environmental law, business and finance law, Indigenous law, access to justice, and sport 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 world. 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 past summer!

Questions?

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

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. If you have not yet obtained your Western ONECard, visit the "Final Step" at the Admitted Student webpage for more information.

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. Parking permits are now sold out for the fall term.

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.

WESTERN LAW WELLNESS SERVICES



Student Wellness Counsellor
Euan Fraser Tait, RP(Q), MA

WELCOME

Being a law student is a challenging endeavour that calls upon you to balance academic pressures, recruitment processes, interpersonal relationships, and many other factors.

During these times of great development and striving, maintaining wellness is a top priority that often falls to the wayside. However, to truly function at our best taking care of ourselves is essential to our growth. Western Law Wellness services hopes to provide you with the skills and knowledge to maximize your wellness and your experience at Western law

WHAT DOES WELLNESS SERVICES PROVIDE?

1. INDIVIDUAL
PSYCHOTHERAPY &
COUNSELLING
2. STRATEGIES FOR
MANAGING YOUR
INNER CRITIC/
IMPOSTOR
SYNDROME
3. LIFE DECISION
COUNSELING
4. GRIEF SUPPORT
5. TIME MANAGEMENT
AND WELLNESS
STRATEGIES

BOOK NOW AT LAWWELL@UWO.CA

WELLNESS FACTS

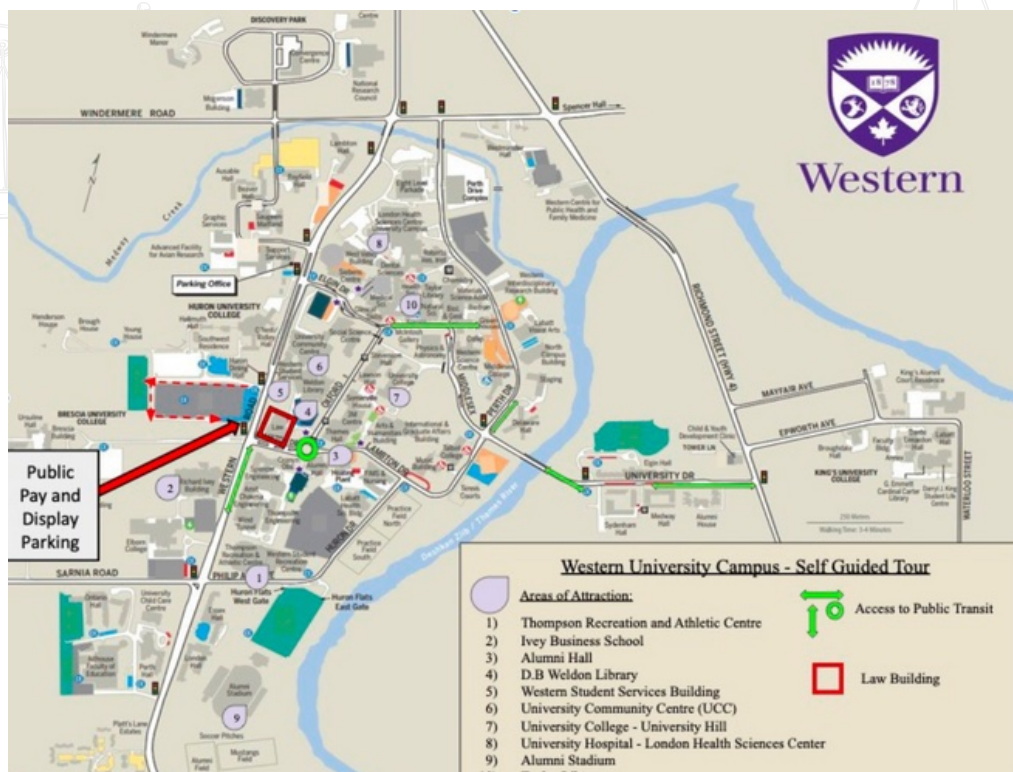
Approximately 1 out of every 4 law students access Wellness Services at least once during the academic year.

The most frequent presenting problems include anxiety, impostor syndrome and relationship issues.

After engaging with wellness services many students report feeling resolved, a greater sense of control and increased self-confidence.



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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!

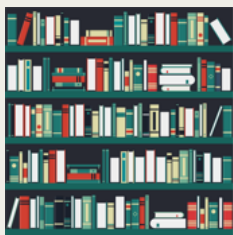
3. Alumni Hall

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. The 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 provide a unique, comfortable study zone. Private study rooms are also available for booking in two-hour intervals. Weldon also has printers that 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



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 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 Alumni Stadium 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 the Weldon Library is much closer to the law building, the Taylor Library is also a great study spot. Taylor is filled with cubicles, each possessing an individual outlet and lamp. Taylor is 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.

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 Cineplex SilverCity. Take the "13 Wellington" bus north.

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

Grocery Stores Near Campus:

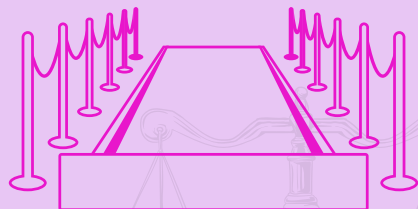
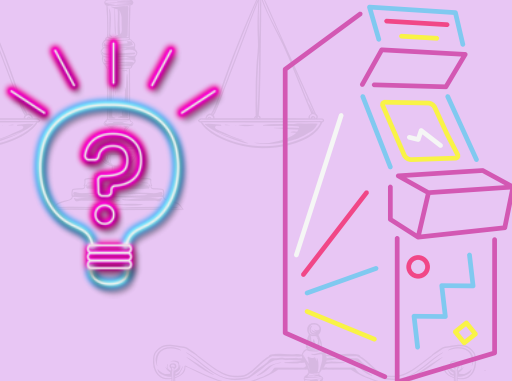
- Valumart: Oxford Street & Richmond Street (Note that they provide 10% back in PC points to students on Tuesdays).
- Loblaw's: Richmond Street & Fanshawe Park Road, across the street from Masonville Place.
- Metro:
 - Oxford Street West between Platt's Lane (Cherry Hill Mall).
 - Adelaide Road between Victoria Avenue & Cheapside Avenue
- No Frills: Fanshawe Park Road and Wonderland Road North
- Food Basics: Wonderland Road at Sherwood Forest Mall
- BulkBarn: 1965 Hyde Park Road & 50 North Centre Road
- Walmart:
 - Fanshawe Park Road and Hyde Park Road
 - Huron Street and Highbury Avenue
- Costco: Oxford Street and Wonderland Road



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! Orientation week is full of great 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 and mentors 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 5:**
 - Welcome & Induction Ceremony (Western Law Building & Great Hall)
 - Welcome Day Trivia Night at The Spoke and The Wave (on Western Campus)
 - Groups A - E at The Spoke and Groups F - I, and W at The Wave
- **Wednesday, September 6:**
 - Begin the night at The Rec Room (1680 Richmond St)
 - Finish the night at Lost Love (153 Carling St).
- **Thursday, September 8:**
 - First Year Gala at The Four Points by Sheraton (1150 Wellington Rd)
- **Friday, September 9:**
 - Graffiti Night at The Ceeps (671 Richmond Street)



DAY 1 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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8:00 - 8:30 AM: REGISTRATION, SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Your first day of law school is an early one! Please arrive between 8:00 and 8:20AM 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.

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 danishes and donuts at 10:30 AM.

11:00 AM - 2:00PM: INDUCTION CEREMONY

At 10:45 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.

2:15PM- 4:00PM: OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR (ROOM 38)

4:00-5:30PM: 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.

5:30-8:00PM: O-WEEK KICK OFF TRIVIA NIGHT

Kick off O-week by joining your fellow 1L class and JPs at The Spoke and The Wave (UCC Building, Western Campus) for a fun trivia night! The restaurants have great menu options and a fun vibe, so come hungry (and with some spending money). Come out to mix and mingle with 1Ls and compete with your small groups and upper years in attendance - see you there! There is no specific dress code; casual is recommended.

REMINDERS FOR THE FIRST DAY:

1. Arrive on time! (If you run into any issues that will delay your attendance, please call or email the Admissions Office at 519-661-3347 or lawapp@uwo.ca **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!
5. Please ensure you pay your SLS Fee of \$225 at <https://westernusc.store/product/student-legal-society-fees/> BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th. This one-time fee is required in order to participate in extracurricular activities throughout your time at law school.

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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Arcade Night

Join your new friends and JPs for a fun Arcade night at The Rec Room! Everyone is welcome! Space has been reserved for Western Law students. Tickets and food will be provided but bring money if you want to purchase extra tickets! Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes! Casual dress is encouraged.

9:00PM - 1:00AM: 1L Social at Lost Love

Come hang out with your fellow 1Ls at Lost Love after our time at The Rec Room! Lost Love is one of London's favourite clubs. Wristbands will be distributed to access Western Law's exclusive area. Feel free to wear anything you feel comfortable in. Lost Love is more casual. There will be a cash bar available for drink purchases!

ORIENTATION WEEK DAYS 3 & 4

Day 3: Thursday, September 7

During the Day: Academic Sessions

6:00 PM - 11:00 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 the Four Points by Sheraton Banquet Hall. Alcohol will not be included, but will be available at an additional cost. This event is a highlight of your 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 pm as doors will close and dinner will be served.

Day 4: Friday, September 8

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 The Ceeps, a famous London, Ontario bar. 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 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 or Tote Bags are officially marked up, put those graffiti tees on and continue the night at Ceeps. If you wish to not wear your T-shirt let your JP know and we can make arrangements. 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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Hi, I'm Steph! I have an unhealthy addiction to coffee and will never stop talking about my dogs Murphy & Zoey. I love spending time outdoors (usually tanning) and listening to music (usually country)! Can't wait to meet you soon!!



Hi. I'm Joe. Only my mom calls me Joseph. Everyone else calls me Joe. Some even call me average Joe but lowkey that's kinda rude. My favourite things to do in London include going to Costco (Costco muffins are undefeated), eating tacos at Los Lobos, and watching LOTR with my roommates. Can't wait to meet all of you soon. I promise law school is a great ride.



Hello friends! My name is Alex and I am super pumped to be a JP this year and help you navigate your first year at Western Law. Ask me about Community Legal Services, mootings and general 1L survival tips. I love playing rugby, watching bad reality TV, and hanging out with my chocolate lab Atlas!



Hi everyone, my name is Allen. I started playing violin when I was 6. I am pleased to say my years of classical study have paid dividends. I can play Despacito by Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee, and Justin Bieber, Take On Me by A-ha, and Blow by Usher. I like playing tennis and watching the NFL. My favourite order at the Spoke (a delicious food place in the University Community Centre) is the smoked salmon "bagelwich" with roasted red pepper cream cheese on a jalapeno and cheddar bagel.



Hi, I'm Tom! I enjoy travelling, hiking, street food and swimming. As a graduation trip, I backpacked across Southeast Asia for 6 weeks. Looking forward to meeting everyone!



Hi everyone, my name is Ellen! I love hosting dinner parties, going on scenic hikes, and curling up on a cozy Sunday with a mug of tea and a good book! I can't wait to see you all!



Hi I'm Alice! I grew up in Vancouver but am mostly settled in Toronto now. My greatest joy is when friends take up my restaurant recommendations and actually think they're good. I don't have any dogs of my own yet, but I try to dogsit as much as I can. I have a ton to say about 1L and am always happy to help with anything!



Hi, I'm Joe and I'm a 2L. I love playing a ton of different sports, my favourites being soccer and hockey. Some fun facts about me are that I have a twin sister and I love eating candy!



Hi Class of 2026, I'm Ben! In my free time you can find me playing sports, making the perfect pizza, or spending time outside. I love hiking, camping, and cheering on the Maple Leafs! Can't wait to meet you all in the Fall!



Hi everyone, I'm Val! When not in the library, you can find me curled up with a good book, going on my daily hot girl walk, or watching the Leafs and complaining that they need to get a better goalie. Fun fact about me is that I am a stress baker, so if you ever see me with a container of treats, please feel free to ask for one! Excited to meet all of you!



Hey, I'm Cam! I recently became addicted to golf and I will probably insist that you come rock climbing with me soon. I have a near-perfect Denning attendance rate and I'm so excited to meet you all. You are going to have a great year.



Hello! My name is Cassandra and I am a 2L. I love trying out new bakeries (send me your recommendations) and hiking with my two dogs. I am so excited to be one of your JPs and I'm looking forward to a fun year!



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Hi everyone, my name is Taylor! I completed my undergrad at Queen's in Art History. In my free time I like to read, paint, and rewatch Bob's Burgers! I am absolutely obsessed with my cat, Evie. Fun fact: she is turning one this September!



My name is Ronnie and I am from a small community north of Barrie, Ontario. I went to Queen's University for undergrad where I majored in political science and minored in history. I took two years off between undergrad and law school where I worked as a personal banking associate at TD Canada Trust. I have spent my current summer working with Professor Richard McLaren doing research for his publications and working on sports law projects. I love to play golf and I am an avid fan of MMA and boxing.



Hi everyone, I'm Rebekah! I completed my undergrad at Western in International Relations and I am a huge politics/history nerd. I enjoy running, hiking, and traveling (my favourite travel destination thus far is the Greek Islands). I love playing and watching soccer and am a massive Arsenal fan. I am also a huge foodie! I love cooking and baking and also trying out new restaurants and cafes. Excited to meet you all!



Hey everyone, my name is Josh! Getting to law school was something I wanted for a long time. I always had the help of supportive family members and friends.



Meet your JPs: Small Group E

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Hi, my name is Samiha. I am a 2L and native Londoner with a background in Medical Sciences. When I am not busy waiting for the LTC, you can find me baking macarons, trying new restaurants, and failing to teach my cats any semblance of common sense. So excited to meet you all!



Hey everyone, my name is Francesco and it is an honour to be your JP this year! In my free time I enjoy playing and watching sports! A fun fact about me is that I almost failed first semester of law school because of the World Cup! If I can survive first semester while watching 8 hours of soccer a day you can too! Looking forward to meeting you all soon!



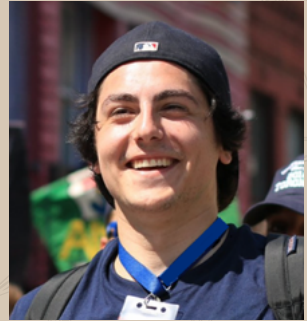
Hi I'm Michael! I love playing sports, tennis and soccer in the summer, and curling in the winter. I'm a huge fan of any type of game: board games, video games, and lawn games. I'm always looking for good music and podcast recommendations for my long drives! Excited to meet you all!



Hi everyone! My name is Jake and I am a 2L student. I love sports (mostly soccer and hockey), watching movies, and good food! I have watched 'Suits' way too many times and my teammates call me Nanny!



Hey! My name is Lucas. When I'm not at school, I'm either losing my temper on the golf course or playing chess. I'm not great at either but I love to learn and improve! Can't wait to meet all of you!



Hi 1Ls! My name is Angel and I can't wait to celebrate the start of law school with y'all. Some things I enjoy are hiking, plants, cats, yoga, and video games. Unsolicited advice ahead of O-week: sleep now (while you can). See you in the fall ☺



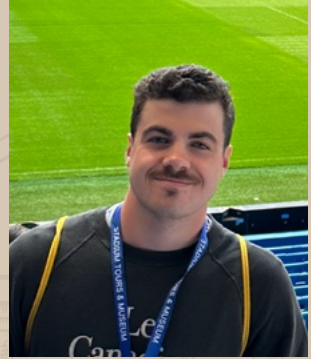
Hi 1Ls, my name is Adriana. I love playing soccer, swimming and a good Starbucks coffee!



Howdy everyone! I'm Mathie. Put your cowboy boots on and saddleup you newest Mustangs! I am so excited to get to meet you all! I'm originally from Toronto, went to Queen's for my undergrad and have now happily settled into life at Western Law. I love getting outside as much as I can (in the winter and the summer!) and it is even better when I get to do so with friends. See y'all soon!



Hey everyone, I'm Nick and I look forward to meeting you all. I have a Bachelor's in Sport Management from Brock with an interest in pursuing a career in sports law, particularly dealing with contracts and dispute resolution. I love travelling, sneakers, and the Blue Jays, and if I'm not doing school work I'm either at a golf course or the student lounge pool table. If you need recommendations for some good pizza or wings in London, I'm your guy.



Hi! My name is Avery and I'm going into 2L. My favourite day of the week is Wednesday, I haven't met a dance floor I don't like, I have a love/hate relationship with golf, and I love Monday night football. I'm so excited to get back to London and meet everyone!



Hey Everyone! My name's Kieran and I'm a 2L from Toronto. I'm a huge sports fan who loves spending my time outdoors on the water in the summer, and inside playing video games or binge-watching tv shows in the winter.



Hi! My name is Tucker (but everyone calls me TJ!) and I'm going into 2L. My favourite season is winter (controversial, I know). I love to sing in a choir and I am an avid skier - downhill or water. I can't wait to meet you all and welcome you to the Western Law family!



Hi everyone, my name is Fatima and I am in 2L. I enjoy being outside, watching Netflix, and playing board games. I look forward to meeting you all!



Hey everyone, my name is Alex. Some of my "pros" are: I regularly recite entire movie scripts, I am able to eat extremely spicy food, and I'm a Halloween costume enthusiast! And cons...: I have an irrational fears of birds and rollercoasters, I'm far-sighted, and I'm dependent on board games for survival.



Hey everyone, I'm Yara! I am a Western alum with a background in Psychology and French. I love law school and want to be on the front lines to greet the upcoming class. I am also passionate about representation and hope to facilitate diversity at Western Law. I have lived all over Canada and am going on 10 years living in London- so I know all the best food and hiking spots. Some of my interests include writing poetry, travelling, hiking, sushi, and my 3 cats.



Hi everyone, I am Shan. I am in 2L and enjoy Powerlifting, Jiu-Jitsu, Fantasy Basketball, and eating contests. I am always looking for new things to try out and do, so if you have any suggestions, feel free to let me know.



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Hi! I'm Maddie and I'm so excited to meet you. In my free time, you can find me roaming around campus as a tour guide, being disappointed by the Toronto Maple Leafs but refusing to give up on them, and poorly line dancing on the Cowboys dance floor. Welcome to Western Law! We'll see you soon!



Howdy folks! My name is Dylan. I'm a McMaster grad and love to talk about Hamilton (city & musical). I love sports, music, books, and chilling with friends. Looking forward to meeting you all!



Hi, I'm Alison! I did my undergrad in the United States and am an incoming 2L. Outside of the Law building, you can find me at the Spoke, hanging out with friends or watching TV. Excited to meet you all!



Hi everyone! My name's Ciaran and I am going into second year at Western. When I'm not with my attack dog (see picture), I enjoy hitting a small white ball around a field, buying into Denning themes, and a good Drip of the Day. Excited to meet everyone!



Hi, I'm Maja!! Welcome to Western Law! I am so excited to be one of your JPs this year. You can find me at a spin class, playing piano, trying out new patios and cafes with friends, or trying to keep my basil plant alive. Also, a fun fact about me is that I have two different coloured eyes. Looking forward to meeting everyone!!



Hi, my name is Ty and I'm very excited to meet the incoming 2026 class! I grew up in Edmonton, Alberta. I love getting outdoors (especially if it involves going skiing), travelling, making Spotify playlists, and trying new restaurants.



Hi, I'm Ashley. Welcome to Western Law! A few things I love to do are hanging out with friends, organizing and planning social events, going to the gym, and binge-watching dramatic reality tv shows. I did my undergrad at Western too, so feel free to reach out if you ever need help finding the best spots on Richmond St. Looking forward to meeting you all!



Hi everyone, I'm Maleeha! I transferred to Western in my second year. I enjoy travelling, reading, and baking with friends. If you're looking for the best places to eat in London, I'm your gal!

