

Western Law Orientation Week Guide

2025-26



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Welcome to Western Law!

Dear Class of 2028,

Congratulations! Not only have you made it through the law school application process, but you have chosen to attend the best law school! As incoming 2L students and the Co-Chairs of this year's O-Week, we are excited to welcome you to Western in the fall.

Western Law's 2025 Orientation Program is designed to help ease your transition into law school. Your attendance during O-Week's academic and social programming is simultaneously the *culmination* of all your hard work up to this point as well as the *beginning* of an exciting new chapter. It is our sincere hope as O-Week co-chairs that you enjoy this week to its fullest extent. Use it as an opportunity to get to know your colleagues and make connections that will hopefully last a lifetime.

The three years of law school ahead of you may seem daunting, but we are confident you are exactly where you're meant to be. Law school can be challenging at times, but the sense of accomplishment you feel after finally understanding a challenging concept is certainly worth it.

Your first few months at law school will be a transformative experience. The study of law is likely unique to anything you have done previously, and your inevitable growth as law students is a fulfilling part of the journey. However, we cannot stress enough that you are not alone on this law school journey. Western Law prides itself on its collegial atmosphere, and the supportive nature of the law school is palpable every day. Through the small group program, extracurricular activities, or even chatting between classes in the Law Building, support systems are everywhere at Western Law.

Support at Western Law is extensive and we encourage you to make use of everything the law school has to offer. Upper-year students are fantastic resources for class materials, general advice, or even tips on the best bagel to order at The Spoke. Our Student Legal Society (SLS) is also an excellent resource as they advocate on your behalf and maintain a drive on their website with class materials. Class A and B organizations (Committees and Clubs) are also excellent ways to interact with your peers who hold similar interests. If you don't see a club that interests you, consider starting your own! Western Law has a place for all of you, and we are confident that those already at the law school will welcome you with open arms and a smile.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns about this year's O-Week and beyond, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us. We are more than happy to help! Your JPs will also be a tremendous resource for you as the year progresses. While you may be tempted to pre-read for your classes, we strongly recommend you enjoy the rest of your summer and save the legal reading for the fall. We cannot wait to see you on campus on September 2, 2025!

Sincerely,

Anton Konach, Sara Ferro, and Fraser Hopewell

Meet Your O-Week Co-Chairs

Hi everyone! My name is **Anton Konach** and I'm so excited to welcome you to Western Law. I'm entering my 2L year after completing a degree in Criminology at the University of Toronto. I've been playing hockey longer than I've been walking, and I'm a long-suffering San Jose Sharks fan. I also love racquet sports and co-founded the Court Sports Club here at the law school! If you see me around the Law Building, feel free to say hi—or give me some unsolicited advice about my perpetually underperforming fantasy football team!



Hi class of 2028! I'm **Sara Ferro**, an incoming 2L here at Western Law. Before law school, I completed my undergrad in Sociology and Criminology at Western, followed by a Master's in Sociology, so I've been in London long enough to know the best coffee spots and the worst construction detours. When I'm not in class, I'm usually out running and am this year's president of the Western Law Run Club, *Running from the Law*. I also played intramural soccer and basketball during my time here. Seven years at Western and no purple shirt to show for it...yet. My happy place is at the movies—popcorn with extra butter is a must. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and helping make your first year a great one.



Hello everyone! My name is **Fraser Hopewell** and I'm very excited to meet you all. I am entering 2L at Western Law having completed my undergrad in Criminology at U of T. I'm originally from BC and am still (unfortunately) a big fan of the Vancouver Canucks. I play for the hockey team at Western Law and enjoy trying to beat Anton in fantasy football in my spare time. If you see me on campus please feel free to say hello!



Dean's Welcome



Welcome to Western Law!

This is the beginning of an exciting journey, not only into legal education but into a community that will support, challenge, and empower you. During Orientation Week, you'll receive the tools to navigate your first year and beyond, and you'll start building the relationships that will shape your law school experience.

At Western Law, we believe students thrive when they have the freedom to chart their own path. You'll be encouraged to explore, to think critically, and to lead from the start. Whether your interests lie in business law, global governance, or private law in a rapidly changing world, you'll find the opportunities and mentorship to make your mark.

O-Week is just the start. I encourage you to participate fully, connect widely, and enjoy it. I'm so glad you're here, and I look forward to seeing where this journey takes you.

Mohamed F. Khimji
Dean of Law
Western University

Welcome to Western Law!

I speak on behalf of the whole community when I say: we are so excited to have you here!

While you will face many challenges over the next three years, from completing your first Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy assignment to navigating the lawyer licensing process, you will also find yourself within a tight-knit and supportive legal community. Western Law is made up of a mosaic of students from all walks of life. There are so many opportunities to find people you connect with – whether that be through the small group program, by joining a club or intramural team, participating in a moot, or spontaneously meeting someone while in Chambers.

The Student Legal Society (SLS) is your student government at Western Law. The SLS oversees clubs and committees, and are responsible for most student-led academic, wellness, community, and social initiatives. The SLS can:

- help you start a new club or committee;
- support you by funding a professional event;
- connect you to a mentor within Western Law; and
- advocate for you if you have a concern surrounding student life.

One of the first things you will notice about Western Law is that so many students are willing to offer guidance and resources. Please feel free to reach out to me, your JPs, or any member of the SLS if you have any questions.

I look forward to meeting you all during O-Week!

Olivia Villani, SLS President (sls@uwo.ca)

Student Legal Society 2025-2026

Olivia Villani - President

Olivia is excited and honoured to be serving as your SLS President! Before law school, Olivia earned her Honours Bachelor of Science at Queen's University. In her 1L and 2L years, Olivia participated in the Merchandise Committee, the Walking Club, and the intramural softball team.

Olivia's previous roles as a 2L Representative on the SLS and a Student Assistant for LRWA allowed her to meet a variety of Western Law students and hear their concerns.

Olivia is looking forward to welcoming you, and her goal is to lead the SLS with transparency and inclusivity. If you see Olivia in the halls, feel free to say hello!



Jessica Johnson - VP Student Affairs

Jessica is excited to be returning as this year's VP Student Affairs, where she oversees all Class A and Class B organizations at Western Law. Before law school, she completed her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Philosophy at the University of Toronto. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys painting, watching Love Island, and exploring London! If you have any questions or concerns about student clubs, or just want to chat, feel free to reach out to Jessica via email - or say hi if you see her in Chambers! :)



Diana McCorquodale - VP Administration

Diana is so excited to return to the SLS as this year's VP Admin! Before coming to Western Law, she studied biochemistry at McGill University. Outside of class she loves finding new places to eat (if you have any recommendations, please let her know), inner tube water polo, and glow in the dark mini golf. If you have any suggestions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to Diana via email or say hi if you see her in Chambers! Welcome to Western Law!



Student Legal Society 2025-2026

Riley Macnab - VP External Affairs

Riley, a 2L here at Western Law, is so excited to be serving as your Vice President of External Affairs for the 2025/2026 year! He can't wait to welcome you to the Western Law community and help make your 1L experience as smooth, fun, and memorable as possible!

Before starting at Western Law, Riley earned his Honours Bachelor of Arts in a Specialist program in Public Law and Judicial Studies from McMaster University. He also completed a certification in Leadership and Management for the Not-for-Profit Sector through Mohawk College.

Outside of the SLS office, you can usually find Riley brushing up on his music theory, playing tennis, or tearing up the dance floor at a "Denning"! Whether you have a question (big or small), need advice, or want to debate whether the Star Wars prequels are better than the originals, he's always happy to chat!

Please don't hesitate to reach out by email, say hi in Chambers, or drop by the SLS office! Riley is here for you and genuinely looks forward to getting to know each of you! Welcome to Western Law - you've got this!



Joshua Vito - VP Academic

Josh is excited to be returning to the SLS this year as VP Academics. Before coming to Western Law, he attended the University of Guelph studying Government, Economics and Management. When he isn't cramming for an exam, you can usually find him in Chambers complaining about the weather or traffic, whichever one is worse that day. He is looking forward to working with the SLS team to make the law school a better place for all students. If you have any concerns or suggestions send him an email or come say hello in Chambers.



Marin Papulkas - VP Finance

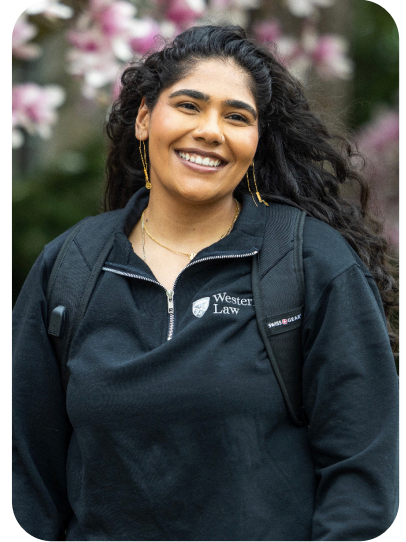
Marin is an incoming 2L student excited to be serving as VP Finance for 2025-2026. She is responsible for managing the SLS budget and handling initiatives like the Professional Development Fund. She is a graduate of the Ivey Business School and worked at Nasdaq before joining Western Law. Outside the classroom, she's a huge baseball fan (go Blue Jays!), enjoys playing the electric guitar, and loves baking. If you're part of a club and need to get reimbursed for a purchase, Marin is your go-to person. Feel free to hit her up for anything!



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Rachel Bipatnath - 3L Representative

Rachel is one of your 3L Representatives this year! She's passionate about advocacy and is always looking for ways to make Western Law feel like a place where everyone feels supported and heard. Whether it's raising student concerns or working on new ideas, she's committed to making a real difference in the student experience. Outside of school, Rachel is probably rewatching *The Office* for the 13th time or on a hunt for the best iced chai. If you see her on campus, don't hesitate to say hi. She is always up for a good conversation, whether it's about making Western Law better or just to chat.



Nigel Chang - 3L Representative

Nigel is an incoming 3L student excited to be serving as a 3L Representative for the 2025-2026 academic year! Last year, he served as VP Finance and as one of the EALSA co-chairs. Nigel graduated from the accounting and finance program at the University of Waterloo. Outside of school, Nigel loves playing and watching sports (Go Raptors!), working out, playing the piano, and also enjoys the "occasional" video game with his friends. Feel free to hit him up for anything!



Daniel Svirsky - 3L Representative

Daniel is a 3L JD/HBA student returning to the SLS for his third year as a 3L Representative. Outside of school, Daniel enjoys gaming, watching basketball, attending rap concerts, and traveling. He is always available to chat about all things academics or extracurriculars, whether it is courses, mootings, clinics, or clubs.



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Maira Khan - 2L Representative

Maira is excited to be joining the SLS as a 2L Representative. She values representation, creating an inclusive environment for everyone, and making the law school experience as fun as it can be! When she's not studying or at least trying to... she enjoys going to the theatres and drawing! If you see her around, feel free to say hi, ask questions, or have chat!



Arman Lakhu- 2L Representative

Arman is excited to be joining the SLS as a 2L representative for the upcoming academic year. Before law school, he completed an Honours Bachelor of Social Science in Conflict Studies and Human Rights at the University of Ottawa. Though often spotted in Chambers, Arman does occasionally escape campus – usually to check out new restaurants, hang out with friends, or fine-tune one of his many Spotify playlists. If you see Arman around or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!



Sydney Meretsky - 2L Representative

Sydney is super excited to be joining SLS as 2L rep for the upcoming academic year! She is dedicated to amplifying student voices and contributing meaningfully to a more inclusive and supportive law school environment. In her spare time, she loves to hang out with friends or binge watch Reality TV. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, feel free to email Sydney, or stop and say hi if you see her in Chambers! :)



Academics at Western Law

Small Groups

Western Law organizes all its 1L students into “Small Groups.” Each Small Group is assigned a letter (A-I, W) and a professor. Your Small Group provides you with 21 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 in a seminar format, led by your Small Group professor.

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), study groups 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 Student Services about the purchase of textbooks, both hardcopy and digital versions. 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 2nd, so feel free to store your new books in your new lockers!

*If buying a pre-owned textbook from an upper-year student, make sure you are buying the correct *edition* of a given textbook. Cross-reference the used textbook on offer with your 1L Class Syllabi to make sure you are buying the correct textbook.*

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 2nd, so please leave it at home!

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. Fall term classes end on December 5. The fall term exam period is from December 8-19. Fall study break will run from October 27-31.

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. All 5 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 don't do as well as you had hoped, you can make up for it on your final exam! That being said, make sure you 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 (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.

Academics at Western Law

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. The January Intensive Period for your year will run from January 5-23.

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 asynchronously. However, assume the term will be in person, unless your professor says otherwise.

Winter Term

The winter term begins immediately after the January intensive period ends, and lasts until April. Winter term classes end on April 10. Your Small Group class will remain in the same format as the fall. The winter term exam period is from April 13-24, with your last final exam falling on April 24th. Winter study break will run from February 16-20.

In the winter term, 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 the fall term of your second year. Final exams take place in April.

Career and Professional Development Office (CPDO)

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;
- Sends Weekly Recruitment emails with key information regarding jobs;
- Manages a database of online postings for clerkship, articling and summer law jobs; and,
- Is a fantastic resource for career-related inquiries and advice.

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 January/early 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.

Key information regarding the 1L recruit will be made available to you as the school year progresses. Be sure to keep up to date with the SLS Daily and any CPDO emails you receive.

Key CPDO Contacts



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Community Legal Services Clinic (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. Services are completely free of charge for eligible individuals.

Students handle files from the initial client intake 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 can 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 20-25 first year students will be hired to work for CLS this year. 1L recruitment for these positions typically occurs in early October. Watch the SLS Daily in early September for details on how to apply. CLS also hires about 8-12 students each summer to work in the clinic full time. These students become very well-versed in our processes and client services and 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.

Students who complete Intro to Clinical Law in second year are eligible to take one of the following clinic courses in 3rd year:

- Advanced Clinical Law (Family)
- Advanced Clinical Law (Criminal)

All Advanced Clinical Law courses are full-year, 6 credit courses. While taking these courses, students are assigned the carriage of files in their designated area of law. Students attend classroom training in those areas of law as well as group discussions focusing on file specific issues, challenges and strategies

Key Contact: Gregory Parrack, Acting Executive Director at Community Legal Services, gparrack@uwo.ca

Western Business Law Clinic (WBLC)

The Western Business Law Clinic (WBLC) is a student-run clinic with a focus on providing small and early-stage businesses, entrepreneurs, partnerships, and not-for-profit organizations with low-cost legal services that would otherwise be inaccessible. Assistance is provided on a wide range of business matters, including:

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

At the beginning of the Fall term, the WBLC Student Directors will hire 12 1L volunteers for a two-year commitment to the Clinic. 1L Case Workers will work on client files alongside a 2L Case Manager and gain valuable experience, receiving opportunities to develop client relations, draft contracts, and grow their legal research and writing skills. The Clinic will also hold training and professional development events to complement the skills gained from working with clients.

The WBLC works with mentor lawyers who dedicate pro bono hours to assisting students in the analysis of legal issues and research. The following firms have been or are currently involved with the Clinic:

- Brown Beattie O'Donovan LLP
- Cobalt Lawyers
- Dentons
- Harrison Pensa LLP
- KFG Law
- Pallett Valo LLP
- Siskinds

Director: Philip King

Student Directors: Hannah Ke and Cindy Luo

Case Managers: Shayanti Roy, Lauren Shligold, and Maahim Suri

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

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.

The Sport Solution Clinic is dedicated to being the legal clinic for Canada's national team athletes by being advocates and advisors while supporting all of their sport-related legal needs. 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 disputes regarding team selection, carding (athlete funding), discipline, safe sport, athlete agreement, and governance issues. The Clinic also provides athletes with 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 typically hires 12 1L volunteer Caseworkers, whose responsibilities range from legal research and writing memoranda, to assisting with drafting documents for active client files.

In the winter term, interested students may apply for a Program Manager position. The Program Manager position is a two-year position that is paid employment during the summer months following the 1L year. The manager then assists running the Clinic during the academic year. Six upper-year Program Managers oversee the Clinic as a whole, directing the day-to-day operation of the Clinic in a leadership role as well as interacting with athletes and National Sport Organizations (NSOs).

For more information, please contact the Program Managers at: uwosportsolutionhiring@gmail.com. Additional information can be found on the Clinic's [website](#).

Supervising Lawyer: Amanda Fowler

Program Managers: Devin D'Gama, Liv Hart, Gavin Hughes, Abby Legere, Joe Van Der Woerd, Erin Vowles.



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Pro Bono Students Canada

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) Western Chapter is a national program launched by the Faculty of Law in 1998/1999. The mission of our program is to pair law students with community agencies in need of free legal services. Agencies typically involved with PBSC include public interest and non-profit organizations, tribunals, legal clinics and lawyers working pro bono on a particular case.

Getting involved with Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) is a great opportunity to gain practical legal experience while making a valuable contribution to your community. Pro Bono projects allow students to explore interesting legal issues that expand on the law school curriculum and fall outside traditional areas of legal study. As much as possible, students are placed with projects that conform to their interests – both in the sense of the area of law and the focus of the organization. Being part of PBSC also allows students to learn the importance and value of pro bono service.

PBSC Western Chapter offers practical hands-on experience to student volunteers and quality professional legal help to organizations. Students will have the opportunity to develop important legal skills in a supervised setting, promote the value of pro bono service and increase access to justice within the London community and across Canada.

Program Coordinators: Anjali Kupchand and Angelica McManus



Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC)

The Dispute Resolution Centre (DRC) at Western Law is a not-for-profit clinic that provides mediation services and conflict resolution training to London and Middlesex County residents. The DRC is operated by trained law students under the supervision of an experienced lawyer and mediator. We work alongside Western Law's Community Legal Services.

Every year, a clinical internship is offered to ten select students at Western Law. In 2016, a negotiation skills component was incorporated into the internship, in addition to the Alternative Dispute Resolution curriculum. Students who successfully complete this program will be granted a Certificate of Completion in the Internship from the DRC.

The program requires students to participate in bi-weekly training sessions (with the occasional weekly session, as required), where the fundamentals of alternative dispute resolution are taught. The program has both theoretical and practical components. The underlying theory and principles of conflict resolution are taught through lectures presented by the DRC Director and student coordinators, with supplementary readings provided. Students learn to apply the theory through the practical component of the training, which is composed of mediation simulations, and exercises. In the second semester of the academic year, students will complete negotiation plans from the point of view of a legal advocate in a mediation. Students practice how to integrate their mediation skills with legal advocacy, and training will focus on preparing to represent a client in a mediation, and legal writing in the mediation and ADR context.

In addition to their training, interns will be scheduled to lead community outreach programs such as our conflict resolution training workshops with Y.O.U. or Leads, or to work on a one-on-one conflict coaching file. Interns will also speak with potential mediation clients at 810 Court (Peace Bond Court). The intern will speak with parties seeking or defending peace bonds about mediation as an alternative method for resolving their dispute. Interns will have the opportunity to watch 810 Court proceedings and work directly with the Crown.

ADR Interns that show a strong capacity for mediation may be given the opportunity to conduct live community mediations in their second semester, or to assist Community Legal Services in the negotiation and settlement of files.

Western Intellectual Property & Innovation Legal Clinic

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, artists, inventors, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small businesses in Southwestern Ontario.

In September, 1Ls will have the opportunity to apply to join our team as Caseworkers. These volunteer positions will run until April 2026, with the option to reapply for the 1L summer and the 2026-2027 academic year. Each Caseworker will work alongside a Case Manager to form a Case Team. Case Teams are assigned client files and assist clients by providing legal information on various types of IP rights, including copyright, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and industrial designs, as well as broader technology law issues such as data ownership and privacy. The work may involve meeting with clients, managing client files, conducting trademark or patent prior art searches, and providing information on IP strategy and commercialization. If you are interested in applying, watch for the call for applications in the SLS Daily. Applications are due on **Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** If you have any questions or would like to learn more about IP at Western, please reach out to the student director at wipilc@uwo.ca

Director: Professor Bassem Awad

Student Director: Gurnoor Kaur Brar

WIPILC's Mission

EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF IP PRACTITIONERS

Better equip future lawyers with the necessary skills to navigate the profession by providing experiential learning and client-facing opportunities to explore IP rights and innovation-related legal issues that start-ups, entrepreneurs, authors, artists, and inventors experience.

IMPROVE IP SAVVINESS & ACCESS TO IP LEGAL INFORMATION

Eliminate early-stage educational and financial barriers to protecting IP rights and leveraging intangible assets by providing pro-bono legal information to researchers, authors, artists, inventors, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small businesses.

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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 over 190 of your closest friends.

Chairs:

Angelica Longobardi (alongob@uwo.ca)

Lauren Cohen (lcohen42@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.

Chairs:

Eric Flowers (eflower@uwo.ca)

Deborah Mensah (dmensah6@uwo.ca)

Rachel Bipatnath (rbipatna@uwo.ca)

Sarah DiPronio (sdiproni@uwo.ca)

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, Cherniak Cup, and First Year Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Chairs:

Max Walman (mwalman@uwo.ca)

Maxwell Mungar (mmungar3@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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:

Sean Ryan (sryan66@uwo.ca)

Stephanie Naraman (snaraman@uwo.ca)

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. 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.

Chairs:

Max Adams (madam56@uwo.ca)

Maxwell Mungar (mmungar3@uwo.ca)

Stephanie Naraman (snaraman@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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 able-bodiedness 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:

Jestina Hajjar (jhajjar@uwo.ca)

Marin Papulkas (mpapulka@uwo.ca)

Michael Zhao (mzhao333@uwo.ca)

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!

Chairs:

Annika Fotheringham (afother2@uwo.ca)

Ashley Kivlichan (akivlic@uwo.ca)

Juliana Wiggins (jwiggin4@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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. Be on the lookout in September for more information on how to apply!

Chairs:

Michael Mattei (mmattei2@uwo.ca)

Matthew White (mwhit232@uwo.ca)

Law Library Advisory Committee

The Law Library Committee is a student group that works to ensure the library remains a comfortable, accessible, and well-maintained space for studying. It gathers student feedback and communicates with the administration to improve the library environment and resources.

Chairs:

Alexander Cox-Dixon (acoxdixo@uwo.ca)

Jake Collie (jcollie5@uwo.ca)

Thea Clarke (tclark96@uwo.ca)

Merchandise Committee

The Merch Committee helps students show off how much we love Western Law! The regular Western Bookstore choices just don't cut it, so every year we launch a merch drop of Western Law-branded clothing (hoodies, tshirts, sweatpants, etc.) and other items (water bottles, mugs, baseball hats) to be purchased and worn by law students, our friends and families, and staff. Merch Committee members help create designs, choose items to be offered for sale, coordinate with the supplier, and spread the word about the merch drop.

Chair:

Jonah Wilson (jwils345@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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 music videos created by each year to represent what it is 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.

Chairs:

Marcus Kuzmarov (mkuzmaro@uwo.ca)

Thea Clarke (tclark96@uwo.ca)

Orientation Week Committee

The Orientation Week Committee is a student-led group responsible for planning and running events to welcome incoming law students. They create programming that fosters community, helps new students transition into law school, and introduces them to academic and social resources.

Chairs:

Anton Konach (akonach@uwo.ca)

Fraser Hopewell (fhopewel@uwo.ca)

Sara Ferro (sferro2@uwo.ca)

Programs Committee

The Programs Committee is chaired by the Associate Dean (Academic), and comprises faculty members and 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.

Chairs:

Alexander Cox-Dixon (acoxdixo@uwo.ca)

Mitchell Robinson (mrobi223@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

Social Committee

The Social Committee is your link to all things social at Western Law, and we strive to make Western Law's social culture as fun and inclusive as possible. This year we are planning so many new exciting events, but don't worry, Dennings are back and better than ever! We would love to see you out at our events! It's a great way to meet new people, hang out with your friends, and take a break from the stressful environment law school can be. Keep an eye out for our events in the SLS Daily. We can't wait to meet you!

Chairs:

Henry Steeves (hsteeve@uwo.ca)

Max Walman (mwalman@uwo.ca)

Shannon Stone (sstone48@uwo.ca)

Sponsorship Committee

The Sponsorship Committee is responsible for securing funding and in-kind contributions from external partners to support student events and initiatives. They build relationships with sponsors, prepare sponsorship materials, and ensure sponsor recognition throughout the year.

Chairs:

Jessica Johnson (jjohn535@uwo.ca)

Saania Zuberi (szuberi3@uwo.ca)

Taranjot Deol (tdeol3@uwo.ca)

Sports Committee

We are your ticket to sports and physical fitness at Western Law. Each semester, the Sports Committee helps students coordinate teams that compete in the Western Intramural League. These Western Law teams are partially subsidized. Last year we offered intramural teams in ball hockey, volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and many others like inner tube water polo and ultimate frisbee. We also work with other organizations and clubs at Western Law to integrate sports and fitness into their programming.

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.

Chair:

Mitchell Robinson (mrobi223@uwo.ca)

Class A Organizations (Committees)

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.

Chairs:

Jake Collie (jcollie5@uwo.ca); Max Walman (mwelman@uwo.ca)
Victoria Bednarz (vbednarz@uwo.ca)

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.

Chair: Victoria Bednarz (vbednarz@uwo.ca)

Wellness Committee

Law School is a stressful time, and the Wellness Committee is here to promote positive mental, social and physical health among law students. We provide resources and host events, with the goal of having students disengage from the stresses of law school and reengage their self-care routine. Events range from Zumba classes and learning Yoga to visits from therapy dogs and free snack breaks.

Chairs:

Ashley Kivlichan (akivlic@uwo.ca); Michael Zhao (mzhao333@uwo.ca)
Shannon Stone (sstone48@uwo.ca)

Yearbook Committee

The yearbook committee organizes the publication and sale of the yearbook. We are always looking for potential photos from events for the yearbook. Have a photo you think should be in the yearbook? Send it to the chairs.

Chairs:

Annika Fotheringham (afother2@uwo.ca)
Juliana Wiggins (jwiggin4@uwo.ca)

Class B Organizations (Clubs)

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 the SLS Daily News, coming live to you every morning in your UWO inbox!

- Animal Justice Western
- Barristers & Baristas
- Black Law Students' Association
- Business Law Society
- Canadian US Law Institute
- Christian Legal Fellowship
- Western Law Climbing Club
- Western Law Court Sports
- Criminal Law Students Association
- Construction & Infrastructure Law Association
- East Asian Law Students Association
- Entertainment & Sports Law Association
- Environmental Law Association
- Family Law Students Association
- Western Law French Society
- Gender & the Law
- Golf Club
- Health Law Association
- Western Law Hockey Club
- In Vino Veritas
- Indigenous Students Association
- Western Intellectual Property Association
- Western International Law Association
- Italian Students Association
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Know Your Writes!
- Labour & Employment Law Society
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Western Mining Law Association
- OUTLaws
- Persian Students in Law
- Running from the Law
- Runnymede Society
- Western Law Real Estate Association
- Western Law Sikh Students Association
- South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)
- Students for Truth and Reconciliation
- Western Tax Law Association
- Western's Technology Law Club
- Western Law Union
- Western Venture Law Society
- Walking Club
- Western Women in Law

If you don't see any clubs that interest you on the list above, consider starting your own! New clubs get started every year, so if you have an idea for a club be sure to get in touch with the SLS.

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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.



WELLNESS SERVICES IS PROTECTED UNDER THE BOUNDS OF CLIENT THERAPIST CONFIDENTIALITY. ANY INFORMATION SHARED IS KEPT SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL

International Opportunities

Western Law's Exchange Program

- Established partnerships with 16 leading law schools around the globe.
 - A full list of Exchange Partners can be found [here](#).
- Available to 2L & 3L students for one-term exchange.
- A Call for Applications is released each year in the Fall Term.
 - Keep an eye on the SLS Daily for specific timing.
- 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.

Western Law Internship Program (WLIP)

- 1L and 2L students may apply for funded summer placements in Canada and worldwide.
- Since 2006, the internship program has grown to provide around 10-15 internships per year in the areas of international law, environmental law, business and finance law, Indigenous law, access to justice, and sport law.
- A Call for Applications is released each year in the fall term.
 - Keep an eye on the SLS Daily for specific timing.
 - Short-listed candidates participate in an interview as part of the competitive selection process.
- Interns receive a stipend to cover basic expenses during their internships including travel, accommodation, and visas.

Global Learning at Western

- If leaving home to travel and live in another country isn't an option for you but you still want to get involved, consider:
 - Volunteering to be an "exchange buddy" for visiting exchange students.
 - Joining Class B organizations with an international focus.
 - Enrolling in international law course offerings in your upper years.
- 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 to future employers. Information about earning the honour can be found [here](#).

- Be sure to attend the **Exchange and WLIP information sessions in the fall term**. For more information about International Opportunities at Western Law, go [here](#).
- **Questions?** Contact the International Program Office at lawintl@uwo.ca

Life at Western: Main Campus

Useful Links:

Western University: www.uwo.ca

University Students' Council: <http://westernusc.ca>

Office of the Registrar: www.registrar.uwo.ca

Western Law: <https://law.uwo.ca/>

University Community Centre: The University Community Centre (UCC) houses many facilities and services useful to students. The UCC hosts a bookstore, a grocery store, a drug store, a post office, a chiropractic office, a salon, a dental office, restaurants and more! For more information visit www.westernusc.ca/services/

Health Services & Wellness Education Centre: Student Health Services is located in Thames Hall, just east of the Law building. 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, and other assorted goodies. For more variety, visit the UCC, which is 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://food.uwo.ca/meal-plan>

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 the relevant link.

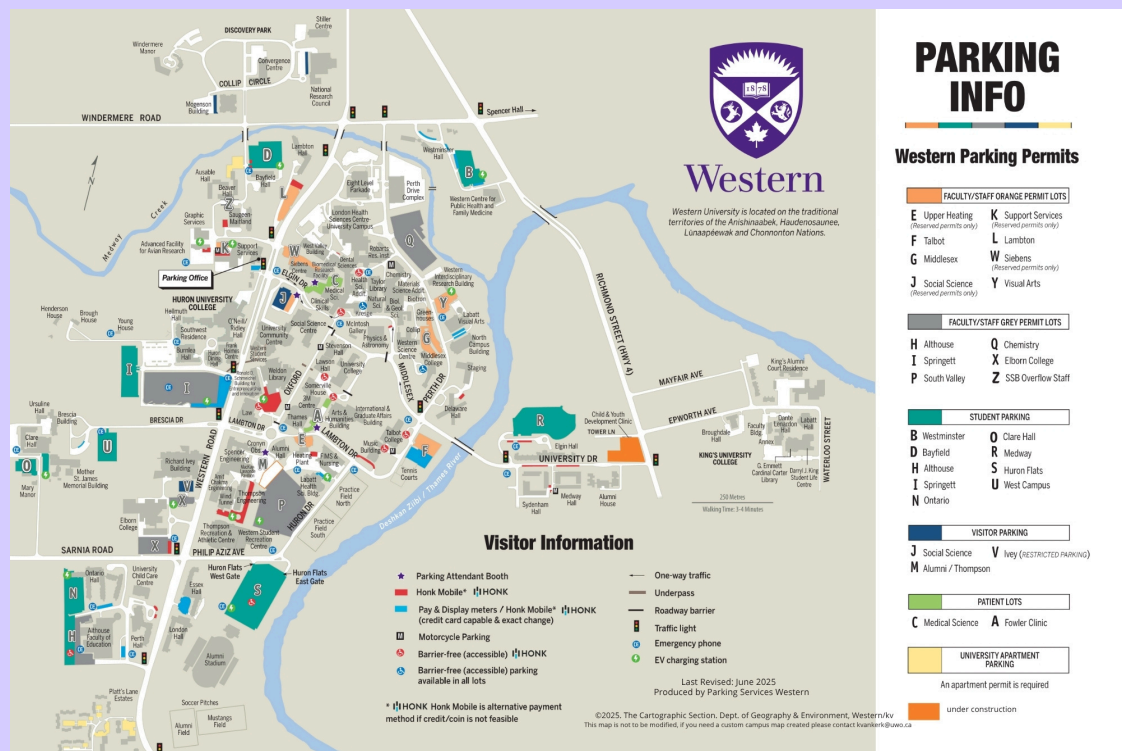
Bus System and Routes: London has a great bus system with many routes, reliable service and newly updated buses. You will quickly become familiar with the routes that stop on campus: the 102/106 Natural Science, 6 Richmond, 2B Dundas, 33 Proudfoot and 31 Orchard Park, to name a few. The London Transit Commission website has all schedules and route maps, as well as a trip planning function on the city map. www.ltconline.ca

Life at Western: Main Campus

Housing: The housing websites below have 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).

- For off-campus housing, visit: offcampus.uwo.ca.
- For on-campus housing, visit: 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.

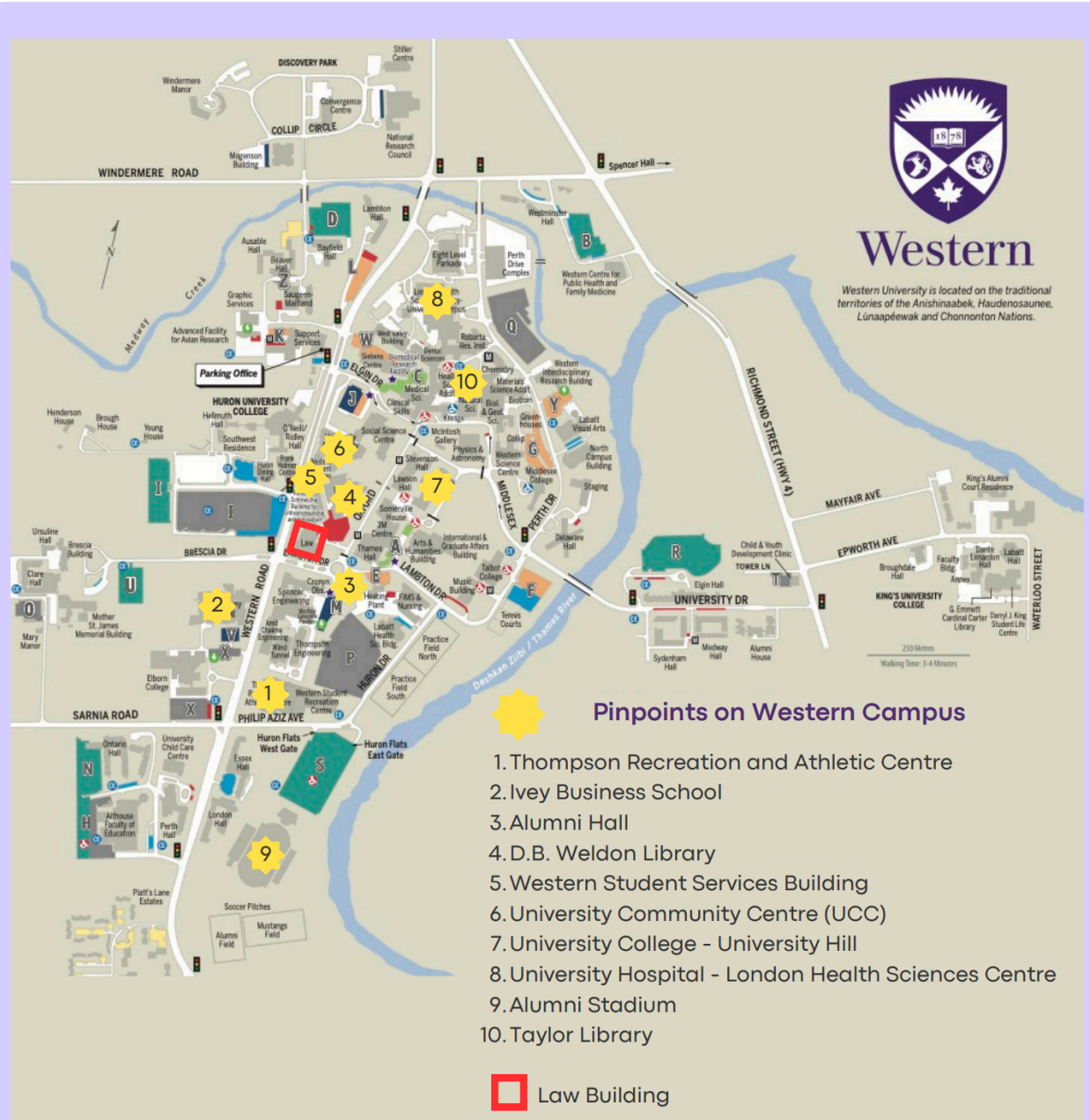


Fitness: Campus Recreation is located south of the Law building and offers fitness classes that are covered by your tuition fees. Other services and classes are offered to students at a special price. Information can be found online at: www.westernmustangs.ca.

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 Campus Map

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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, an arena, a pool and several types of sports courts. The gym's basement has lockers, change-rooms and showers. You can either bring your own lock or buy one there. For a yummy post-workout snack, there is a Jugo Juice located at the entrance. 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 (JD/HBA) 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 Buses make stops here. It holds much more than an impressive auditorium, classrooms, and practice facilities. 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.

Pinpoints on Western Campus

5. Western Student Services

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

- Providing information on 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;
- 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 tavern (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, Canada Life Place, 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 onto 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

Getting Downtown from the Law School:

Exit the Law 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:

CF Masonville Place is located in north London. It is one of London's largest malls and boasts a Cineplex SilverCity. Take the "93 Masonville" bus north from Campus. Visit Masonville's [website](#) for more details and a full list of stores

Grocery Stores Near Campus:

- ***Drew's Your Independent Grocer London***
 - 234 Oxford St E
- ***Loblaws***
 - 1740 Richmond St.
- ***Metro***
 - 301 Oxford St W
 - 1030 Adelaide St N
- ***Food Basics***
 - 1225 Wonderland Rd N
 - At Sherwood Forest Mall
- ***BulkBarn***
 - 1965 Hyde Park Rd
 - 50 North Centre Rd
- ***Walmart***
 - 1280 Fanshawe Park Rd W
 - 1275 Highbury Ave N.
- ***Real Canadian Superstore***
 - 825 Oxford St E
- ***Costco***
 - 693 Wonderland Rd N.
 - ***Valid Costco Membership Required
 - If you have a Costco membership and a car, consider getting gas at Costco as it is often ~10¢/L cheaper than other gas stations.

O-Week 2025 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! 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 upper-year 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, or even telling you where the best study spots are, they are here to support you all year long! Use their experience and heed their advice, they are excellent resources.

Social Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, September 2 (5:30-8:00pm)

- **Small Group On-Campus Discovery Activity—to be revealed Sept. 2!**
 - All groups are to meet in their assigned classroom (where you met your JPs in the morning) in the Law Building to begin and will end the event in room 38 for the big reveal!
 - Food will **not** be provided at this event, be sure to grab a snack before 5:30!
 - Dress Code: Casual

Wednesday, September 3 (7:00pm-Late)

- **Small Group Dinners Hosted by JPs**
 - Food will be provided at the Small Group Dinners
- **Finish the night at Lost Love (153 Carling St) or the Rec Room (1680 Richmond St)**
 - Dress Code: Casual

Thursday, September 4 (6:00-10:00pm)

- **First Year Gala at Bellamere Winery & Events Centre**
 - 1260 Gainsborough Rd, London, ON
 - Food will be provided at this event. Drinks available for purchase.
 - Dress Code: Formal

Friday, September 5 (6:00pm-Late)

- **Graffiti Night at Delilah's**
 - 209 John St, London, ON
 - Appetizers will be provided at this event
 - Dress Code: Casual; be sure to wear/bring your O-Week T-Shirt!!!



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Meet Your JPs: Small Group A

Hi everyone! I'm **Abby** and I'm so excited to be one of your JPs this year! I'm heading into 2L and can't wait to be a friendly face around campus as you kick off your Western Law journey. I love playing hockey, hitting the gym or a spin class, and spending time outdoors, so don't be surprised if you see me strolling around London or relaxing on a patio. I'm always up for a chat and love meeting new people, so never be shy to come say hi! I'm also a big breakfast lover and know all the best spots in town to grab brunch. Looking forward to an incredible year ahead with all of you!



Hi everyone! My name is **Jacob** and I'm excited to welcome you all to Western Law. I am going into 2L and completed my undergrad degree in history at UofT. When I'm not in the library studying you can find me hitting the gym or going on walks in Gibbons park. Looking forward to meeting you all!



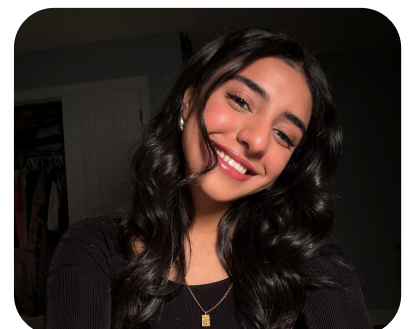
Hi everyone! My name is **Michael** and I am a 2L here at Western Law! Before law school, I spent eight years working at a cemetery - so I'm great at keeping things lively. Whether you need study tips, a coffee buddy, or want to vent about feeling "buried" by course work, I'm your guy!



Welcome to Western Law! My name is **Diana** and I am so excited to be one of your JPs this year! In my free time I love to spend time with friends, be outside in the sun and try new places to eat! I am so excited to meet you all, help you navigate your first year in law school, and have some fun! :)



Hi everyone! My name is **Saania** and I'm so excited to meet you all! I'm in 2L and when I'm not at the law building, you can find me in a pilates class, listening to Taylor Swift, or procrastinating with bad reality TV. Ask me all about the best restaurants in London :) I can't wait to welcome you all to Western Law; it's going to be an incredible year!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group B

Hi everyone!! I'm **Bayla**, and I am very excited to welcome you all to Western Law. Outside of school, I love to travel, take yoga classes, watch reality TV, and try new cafés and restaurants. I can't wait to meet all of you!



Hi everyone! My name is **Sasha**, I'm in 2L, and I'm so excited to meet you all! Outside of the law building, you'll probably find me in a workout class, blasting country music, or grabbing a sweet treat. I can't wait to welcome you all to Western Law!



Hi everyone! I'm **Gavin**. I enjoy running, archaeology, and keeping up with every season of Below Deck. I'm really excited to meet you all on your first day – you are going to love Western Law and everything about your first year.



Hey everyone! My name is **Zak** and I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you this year. Outside of class, I'm usually watching hockey or football, playing sports, or working at Community Legal Services or Labatt. I'm a regular at Dennings, and I fully expect to see you all show up for the theme nights. Can't wait for the year ahead. It's going to be a good one!

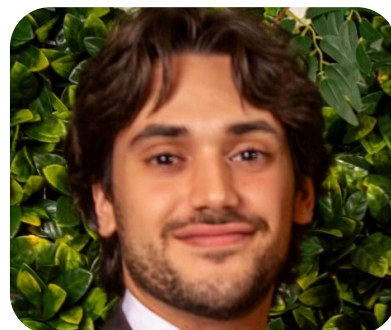


Hey everyone! My name is **Grayson**, and I am thrilled to meet all of you! In my free time I enjoy walking my dog, swimming, snowboarding and driving and cleaning my car. I am a self-proclaimed foodie who loves everything food - the crazier the better! Can also say I am an avid Denning attendee, and I better see you partake in the themes this year! I am excited for this upcoming year, and I can't wait to meet you all!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group C

Welcome 1Ls! My name is **Giuliano**, and I'm excited to meet you all and help make your first year at Western Law an awesome one. When I'm not buried in textbooks, you'll find me watching sports, travelling, or spending time with friends and family. I know 1L can be a big adjustment, so I'm here to share tips, answer questions, and help make your transition to law school as smooth (and fun) as possible.



Hey, I'm **Michael**! Welcome to the best group at Western Law. As a 2L, my advice is simple: go to the Dennings, drink Peach Monster, lock in. Follow the commandments and you'll be golden. We're here to pass the torch so you can keep the legacy of Group C alive, no pressure. But seriously, there's nothing to stress about. Bother us anytime. We've got your back, and we'll make this year one for the record books. I also like sharks. See you soon!



Hi everyone! My name is **Rebekah** and I am so excited to be your JP! I'm an incoming 2L who loves to read, bake, and craft (all the grandma activities)! I'm also a lover of all things reality TV, if you have any recommendations let me know! I am so excited to meet you all and help you navigate 1L. It's an exciting time but can also be stressful, so I am always here to talk to or help in any way I can. This is going to be an awesome year for you all and I'm so excited to be a part of it!



Hi everyone! My name is **Thalia** and I am really excited to meet you all soon. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, hosting girls nights, attending an occasional Wednesday night Denning, and going to pilates/yoga classes (usually with my fellow JP Emily). My summer 2025 highlights include travelling to France with one of my best friends and spending much needed quality time with my 8 month old niece. 1L is going to be a great year! Get excited!



Hey everyone! My name is **Emily**, and I'm so excited to JP for Group C (the best group) and welcome you all to Western Law! Outside of school I love going on long walks, taking and teaching Pilates (with your JP Thalia), trying new restaurants, and of course attending Dennings. It's going to be a great year! Can't wait to meet you all!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group D

Hi 1Ls, I'm **Reeya**! I did my undergrad at Western so feel free to ask me about study spots, places to grab lunch on campus and everything in between! In my spare time, I like to cook/bake, watch reality TV, and try out new cafes (still on the hunt for the perfect matcha in London). Welcome to Western. I can't wait to meet you all!



Hi everyone! I'm **Marin**, and I'm thrilled to be one of Group D's JPs this year. You've got an exciting year ahead, and I promise it's going to be a great ride! If you ever need tips on taking effective summaries or balancing your schedule, I'm always happy to help. Outside the classroom, I'm a huge baseball fan (go Blue Jays!) and I'm always on the hunt for cool restaurants in London and Toronto - so if you have any recs, chat me up!



Hello 1Ls! I'm **Shayanti**, and I'm a 2L. I run on iced coffee, reality TV, and bookstore strolls. I love exploring museums, hiking, and occasionally picking up a ceramics or embroidery project. Big fan of baseball and Formula 1 (always down to complain about Ferrari). I also love to travel — I visited Singapore and New York this summer. Can't wait to meet you all!



Hi everyone! I'm **Shannon** and I'm so excited to get to help you navigate O-Week and your first year at Western Law. As a first generation student I'm looking forward to meeting incoming First Gens and passing along some tips I've learned from my first year. Outside of learning I love sports, coffee, and spending as much time as I can in the sun, and with my friends. Can't wait to meet everyone!



Hey everyone! My name is **Marcus**, but many people at Western call me Kuzmo (that name hasn't really translated to Western Law though). I am currently pursuing a dual degree at Western with software engineering and law, so I am going into my 5th year at Western. I have a huge passion for music and have been playing in a band called "Beef" at Western, playing DIY shows at friends' houses and at bars like Joe Kools'. I am running the Obiter Dicta club as well so if you have some musical talent, I would love to have you join! I am super excited to get to know you all and show you around campus and introduce you to law school!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group E

Hey everyone! My name is **Jade**. I'm originally a BC girl but I've been at Western for 5 years now so I can be your personal campus tour guide. When I'm not in school I love to travel, ski, hike and camp. I'm also a big fan of sappy, dramatic TV shows, so if you're looking for someone to debrief the latest episode of TSITP with then I'm your girl. I can't wait to meet you all and welcome you to Western Law!



Hi everyone! My name is **Milla** and I'm in 2L. I'm a huge Swiftie, love to travel, and am a big reality TV fan. I've also been committed to pickleball this summer if anyone wants to play in London. Looking forward to meeting you all this year!



Hi 1Ls, my name is **Anish**! One thing to know about me is that I'm an absolute island boy! You can find me in Chambers solving complex math equations for fun, or in the kitchen baking cookies and cakes. I was also at Western for undergrad, but don't bother asking me anything about navigating London because I am completely useless with directions. Looking forward to a fun year! :)



Hey everyone, I'm **Gavin**. I love the gym, the Leafs, and F1. Looking forward to welcoming you all to Western Law for 1L and for the year ahead.



Hey guys! I'm **Andrew** - I'm in 2L and I love being outdoors, active, and playing the guitar. I did my undergrad at Laurier and have come to love Western and London! I'm super excited to welcome you all to Western Law!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group F

Welcome to Western Law! My name is **Kyra**, and I am an incoming 2L student. You'll often find me in the lounge at lunch or Weldon between classes. In my spare time, I love exploring new recipes and trying local restaurants. Looking forward to meeting you all in the fall!



Hey, I'm **Max**. I'm heading into my second year here, which means I've had just enough time to figure out where the bathrooms are. In the summer, I like to golf and spend weekends at the cottage. In the winter, I head out west to snowboard. Looking forward to meeting you all and hopefully give you an O-Week as fun as mine.



Hi 1Ls! I'm **Sarah**, and I'm heading into 2L. I'm so excited to be one of your JPs this year! Outside of law school, I am a big hockey fan, an avid reader (even though law school has definitely cut into my reading time!), and I love to do yoga and pilates. I know how overwhelming the first few weeks of law school can feel, but you're definitely not alone. We're here to help you find your footing and have some fun along the way. Can't wait to meet you all and welcome you into the amazing Western Law community!



Hi everyone! My name is **Lara**, and I'm so excited to welcome you to Western Law! I love hiking, travelling, road-tripping, reading, and perfecting my matcha latte recipes. I'm also a cat mom of two rescues. Looking forward to getting to know you all and having the most amazing year!



Hi 1Ls! I'm **Henry** and I can't wait to welcome you all to Western Law. At school, you'll find me grabbing a coffee in Chambers or enjoying a walk between classes. In my free time I love watching hockey, football and baseball, going to the movie theatre, playing guitar, and reading. Looking forward to meeting you all and can't wait to have a great year!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group G

Howdy, my name is **Arabella** and I'm so excited to welcome you to Western! I am entering 2L and did my undergrad at Western in Economics (at this point, I am basically a London local). I can be found on campus waiting in line at the Spoke or out on a walk listening to an audiobook. This summer, I baked a ridiculous amount of chocolate zucchini bread (thanks to my Nonna's garden). I also learned the hard way that you should probably rent ice cleats if hiking in early May in Banff. See you soon Group G!



Hi everyone and welcome to Western Law! My name is **Arman** and I am excited to be a JP this year. I am from Calgary and went to uOttawa before coming to Western. I love finding new music so if you ever have any recommendations, please send them my way! I can't wait to meet all of you in the fall!



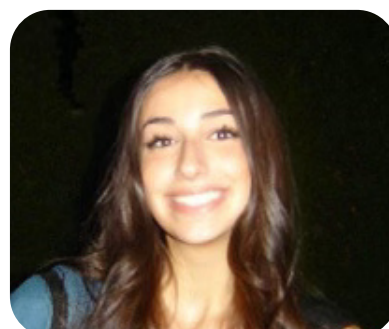
Hi everyone! I'm **Nikita** :) I love travelling, reading, game nights and binge-watching reality TV! I'm so excited to help welcome you to your first year at Western Law! Looking forward to meeting all of you :)



Hi everyone! I'm **Asher** and I'm thrilled to meet all of you! I'm heading into 2L with an undergrad in Sport Management. You'll often see me hanging out in Chambers with my friends, likely humming whatever song is stuck in my head that day. When I'm not in the law building, I'm probably watching Leafs games, movies or TV shows – got any recommendations for me? I'll always be happy to chat with you, whether about school or anything else. Can't wait to get to know each of you and make this year a great one!



Hey everyone! My name is **Grace** and I am so excited to be one of your JPs this year. When I'm not camping in Chambers, I enjoy hiking, online shopping, and binge-watching reality TV. Looking forward to meeting you all and having a great year together!

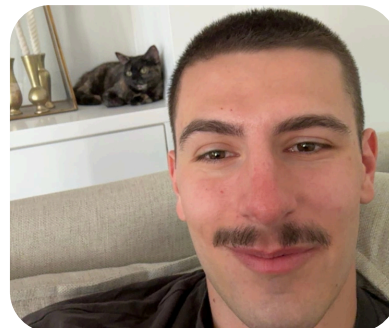


Meet Your JPs: Small Group H

Hey everyone! I'm **Victoria**. When I'm not deep in case law, you can find me on the ski hill, playing pickleball, working on a new painting, or going for long walks with my dog. I love traveling (Portugal and Asia were highlights this summer!), checking out art galleries, and hunting down the best coffee in town — ideally after a little shopping. It's going to be a great year. Can't wait to meet you all!



Hey everyone! My names **Michael** and I'm super pumped to meet you all. I completed my undergrad at Western in History, so I'm pretty much a London local at this point. In my free time you can catch me at the campus rec centre or at Chucks on Thursday nights for football. I hope I can help make your transition into law school as seamless as possible!



Welcome to Western Law! I am **Michelle**, an incoming 2L who graduated from McGill University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science. I can't wait to support you as you navigate this exciting (and nerve-racking!) journey. I love country music, lots of coffee, and watching Love Island — I am not team Nicolandria, let's talk about it! I know we'll make this year unforgettable.



Hey everyone! My name is **Mitch** and I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you. I'm a big sports fan, particularly a ride-or-die Maple Leafs and Blue Jays fan. When I'm not in the law building, you'll often catch me around London going for runs or nature walks. I'm super excited to play a role in your 1L experience!



Hey everyone my name is **Emma** and I'm super excited to get to know you all this year:) I'm going into my 6th year as a Mustang so I'd like to think I'm qualified to answer all your Western life questions. Outside of school I'm a massive music fan who can't resist a good song and dance, I love all things film and TV and I am probably the biggest Celtic FC fan on campus. I can't wait to meet you all and have the best O-Week ever!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group I

Hi everyone!! I'm **Grace** and I'm a 2L in the dual HBA/JD program. I'm a huge concert/music festival lover. My most recent festivals/concerts include Osheaga, Peach Pit, Taylor Swift, and Sabrina Carpenter! During the school year you'll usually find me at Barney's or at the Spoke getting a bagel. I can't wait to meet you all! :)



Hey 1Ls, my name is **Nic** and I'm super excited to meet you all! I am a massive hockey fan (Go Habs Go) and a golfer in the off season. When I'm not studying you can usually find me playing/watching sports or out trying a new restaurant. Looking forward to a great year.



Hi everyone, my name is **Jonah** and I'm excited to be a JP this year! I grew up in Winnipeg and am in my final year of the HBA/JD program. In my free time I like to play hockey and golf. I'm always happy to chat about law school and support you in any way. A couple fun facts about me are that I used to be a competitive mini-donut eater and am a big Canucks fan. Can't wait to meet you all during O-Week!



Hey everyone! My name is **Rachel** and I'm so excited to meet you all! I am currently a 2L and completed my undergrad here at Western at the Ivey Business School. I love to read and try new food places in my free time, as well as play soccer. I hope to see some of you out on the field for our law soccer intramural team, and I hope to see everyone at the Wednesday Dennings. Looking forward to a great year with you all!



Hello everyone, my name is **Jestina** and I'm an incoming 2L at Western Law. I did my undergrad in English and Philosophy at UofT. I love doing the NYT crossword, playing video games, and watching trashy reality dating shows. I'm so excited to meet you all and make this an amazing year!



Meet Your JPs: Small Group W

Hello everyone! I'm **Nicole** and I'm beyond excited to welcome you to your first year at Western Law. When I'm not at the Law building, you'll likely find me with a coffee in hand walking around London or at the golf course. A fun fact about me is that I'm a dedicated cooking show binger. I'm so excited to meet you all!



Hey! My name is **Jordy**—I'm heading into 2L and so excited to meet you all! When I'm not in Chambers, you'll probably find me out for a walk, at the gym, or listening to music. Can't wait for a great year ahead!



Hey everyone, I'm **Justin** and I'm a 2L here at Western. Outside of school, you'll find me playing soccer, basketball, and listening to music. I remember how much it helped to have friendly upper-years around during 1L, and I'm really looking forward to being that support for you. Whether you have questions, need advice, or just want to talk, I'm always happy to chat.



Hi everyone! I'm **Marina**, and I'm so excited to meet you all and help kick off your year. I'm a 2L who loves moot, true crime podcasts, baking, and exploring new coffee spots around London. You'll usually find me in the moot court room, chatting in the student lounge, or helping out with events. I'm always happy to talk or answer questions, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you this fall!



Hi everyone! I'm **Maahim**, and I'll be one of your JPs this year. I did my undergrad at Western, so if you ever need help navigating London or want recommendations on things to do, feel free to ask (I'll try my best!). Lately, I've been getting into golf, but I promise I'm better at giving directions than I am at hitting a ball straight. When I'm not working or studying, I'm usually trying out a new sport, spending time with friends, or, best case, taking a nap. Can't wait to meet you all. Welcome to Western Law!

