

EXCHANGE STUDENT
VIEWBOOK

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY



Be bold. Be inspired. Be Laurier.

LAURIER 
Inspiring Lives.

A truly Canadian experience.

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

Canada is a diverse nation of people from around the world and many cultural backgrounds. As one of the top countries to live, work and study, Canada offers a safe and welcoming community to call home. Residents enjoy a high quality of life and access to dynamic and growing urban centres, scenic landscapes, and diverse entertainment and culture.

Wilfrid Laurier University has been known for academic excellence for more than 107 years. Our campus communities embody Canada's values and inclusivity, allowing you to bring your culture and identity to your university experience, while immersing you in Canadian traditions and culture.

We have campuses in southern Ontario in the cities of Waterloo and Brantford. Our tradition of excellence continues with the opening of our third campus in Milton, Ontario in September 2019.

HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION
#1 COUNTRY in the WORLD
to live, visit and study.
— REPUTATION INSTITUTE'S 2017 COUNTRY RepTrak FINDINGS



LOW-COST TUITION
Canadian tuition fees are *some of the lowest* in English-speaking countries.

— CANADIAN BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



SAFE & SECURE
6TH MOST PEACEFUL COUNTRY in the WORLD
— 2018 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX



ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE
Canada ranked *in the top 10* in the 2016 Human Development Report.
— UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

DIVERSE & WELCOMING NATION
More than 1 million *immigrants arrived* in Canada between 2011 and 2016.

— STATISTICS CANADA



9 LAURIER HAS FACULTIES THREE CAMPUSES

You are welcome here.

Laurier is proud to offer a truly Canadian university experience for students.



Academic Excellence

We pride ourselves on offering innovative programming and academic options that prepare you for your future. Ask any of our more than 100,000 graduates and they will tell you that their experience at Laurier has contributed to their success.

Work Experience

Putting knowledge to work in the real world is a hallmark of the Laurier experience, and it's something employers value in Laurier graduates. Work-study programs, on-campus jobs and Community Service-Learning opportunities help you graduate with relevant and real work experience.

Supportive Community

The moment you set foot on our campuses, you will experience our close-knit, friendly and supportive community. With nine faculties, 20+ research centres and institutes, and more than 19,500 students, Laurier is a dynamic university offering many opportunities to get involved.

Student Satisfaction

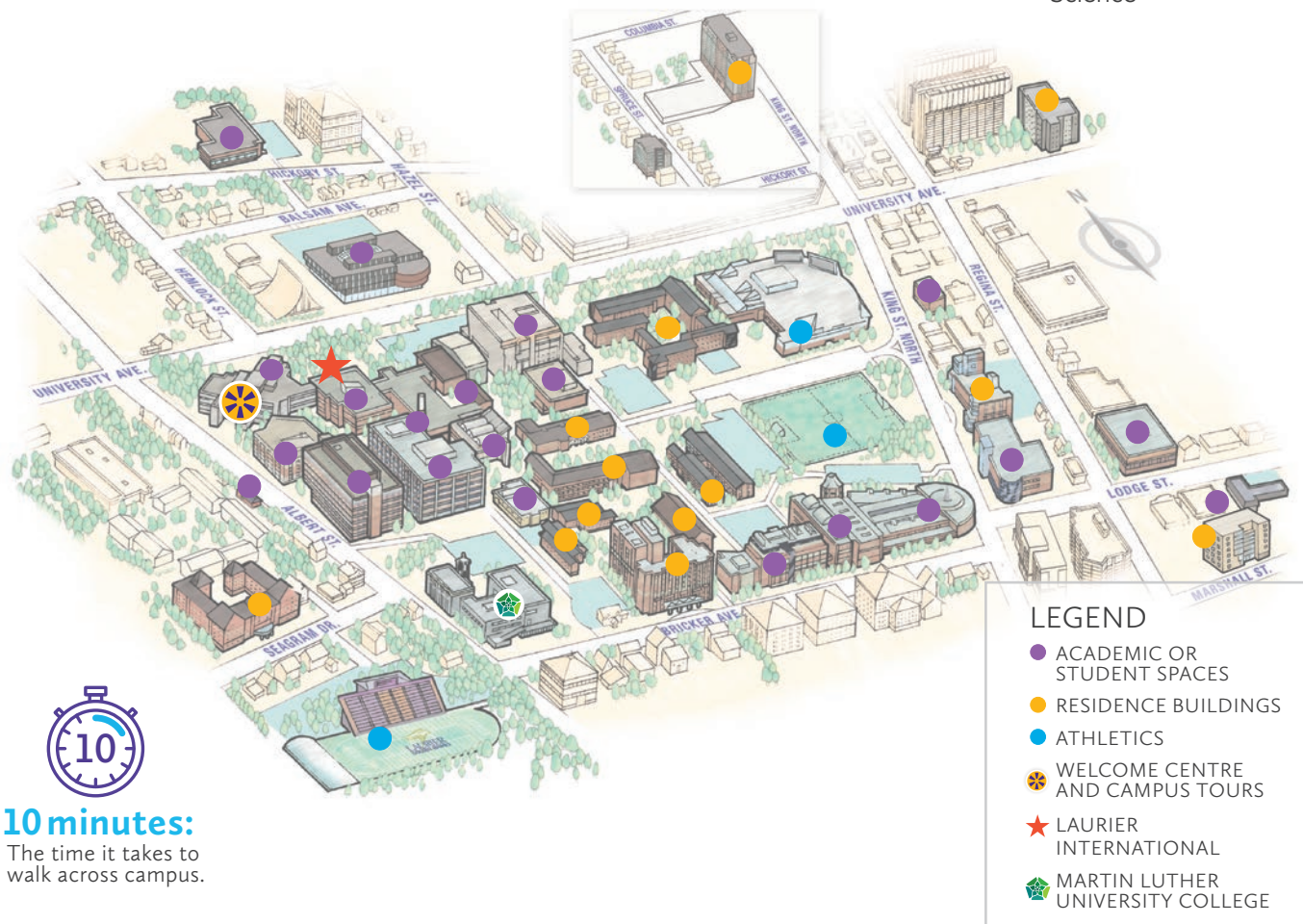
At Laurier, we are a community. You will meet, engage with and learn from faculty and peers who are from Canada and around the world. With these supports and more at your side, we are confident you will find continued success as a student of Laurier.

WATERLOO CAMPUS

Laurier's Waterloo campus is home to more than 15,500 students in undergraduate and graduate studies. On this close-knit campus, you're steps away from your classes, residence and campus amenities. Whether you're running into friends, finding your favourite study spot or watching a game at University Stadium, you instantly feel part of the Laurier community.

FACULTIES

- Arts
- Education
- Lazaridis School of Business & Economics
- Music
- Science



10 minutes:
The time it takes to walk across campus.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE HAS **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**. EXPERIENCE WHAT LAURIER HAS TO OFFER YOU.

wlu.ca/visitus



"At Laurier, we thrive for excellence academically but at the same time, we focus on our campus involvement too. We are a community; everyone on campus belongs somewhere and no one is left out."

TEDDY ZHOU, CHINA
Third Year,
Business Administration



Canada's innovation city.

The Waterloo Region is home to Canada's fastest-growing technology sector and is part of the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor, the second largest technology cluster in North America. Our community has a reputation for innovation, where a new generation of entrepreneurs, who grew up in the age of Waterloo's famous tech giant BlackBerry, are ready to invent the future. Communitech, an internationally recognized, industry-led innovation centre calls Waterloo home, as does Desire2Learn, OpenText, Shopify, Google, Oracle, Vidyard and Igloo.

STUDENT-CENTRIC CITY

With two universities and a college, Waterloo is a vibrant and student-friendly city with plenty of off-campus housing, entertainment, dining and recreational opportunities. And a new light rail transit system will make it easier than ever to get around. In Waterloo you can study, live and play without compromise.

1,400

tech companies
that employ
23,000 people.

– 2017, Communitech

150+

research institutes,
incubators, hubs and
accelerator programs.

– Waterloo Economic
Development Corporation

BIG CITY DRIVE MEETS SMALL TOWN VIBE

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Ski or snow tube at **Chicopee Resort**
- ▶ Canoe on the **Grand River** or hike riverside trails
- ▶ Hike or water tube at the **Elora Gorge**
- ▶ Golf, skate or play at **RIM Park**
- ▶ Hit the baseball field or shoot some hoops at **Waterloo Park**

ENTERTAINMENT

- ▶ Check out a concert at **Maxwell's Concerts and Events**
- ▶ Go to a comedy show or performance at **Centre in the Square Performing Arts Centre**
- ▶ Take in the latest exhibit or go to trendy events at **THEMUSEUM**
- ▶ See a screening at Waterloo Region's favourite movie theatre, the historic **Princess Twin Cinemas**
- ▶ Catch one of the region's numerous **music or cultural festivals**

EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Walk through the doors of a festhalle and have a great time at **Oktoberfest**
- ▶ Check out Waterloo's winter festival, **Winterloo**
- ▶ Enjoy pancakes and festival fare at the **Elmira Maple Syrup Festival**
- ▶ Buy local at **St. Jacobs Farmers' Market**
- ▶ Shop and stroll in **Uptown Waterloo**

Where campus is community.

Shaped by its location on the historic Grand River and proximity to the major industrial and consumer markets of North America, Brantford has a thriving business community that is home to a number of global business operations – but people are drawn to the region for so much more. A healthy arts and culture scene, world-class trails system for walking and biking, and a strong slate of festivals and events make Brantford a vibrant place to call home for residents and students alike.

200+
number of **community partnerships** between Laurier and Brantford **businesses and organizations.**

CONNECTED CAMPUS
Brantford is just over an hour from Toronto and Niagara Falls, and **public transit makes it easy to get around.**



SMALL TOWN FEEL WITH BIG CITY AMENITIES

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Experience a feast for the senses, the Brantford Farmers' Market is open on weekends and is just steps from campus
- ▶ Canoe down the Grand River and hike riverside trails
- ▶ Skate on the outdoor rink at Harmony Square

ENTERTAINMENT

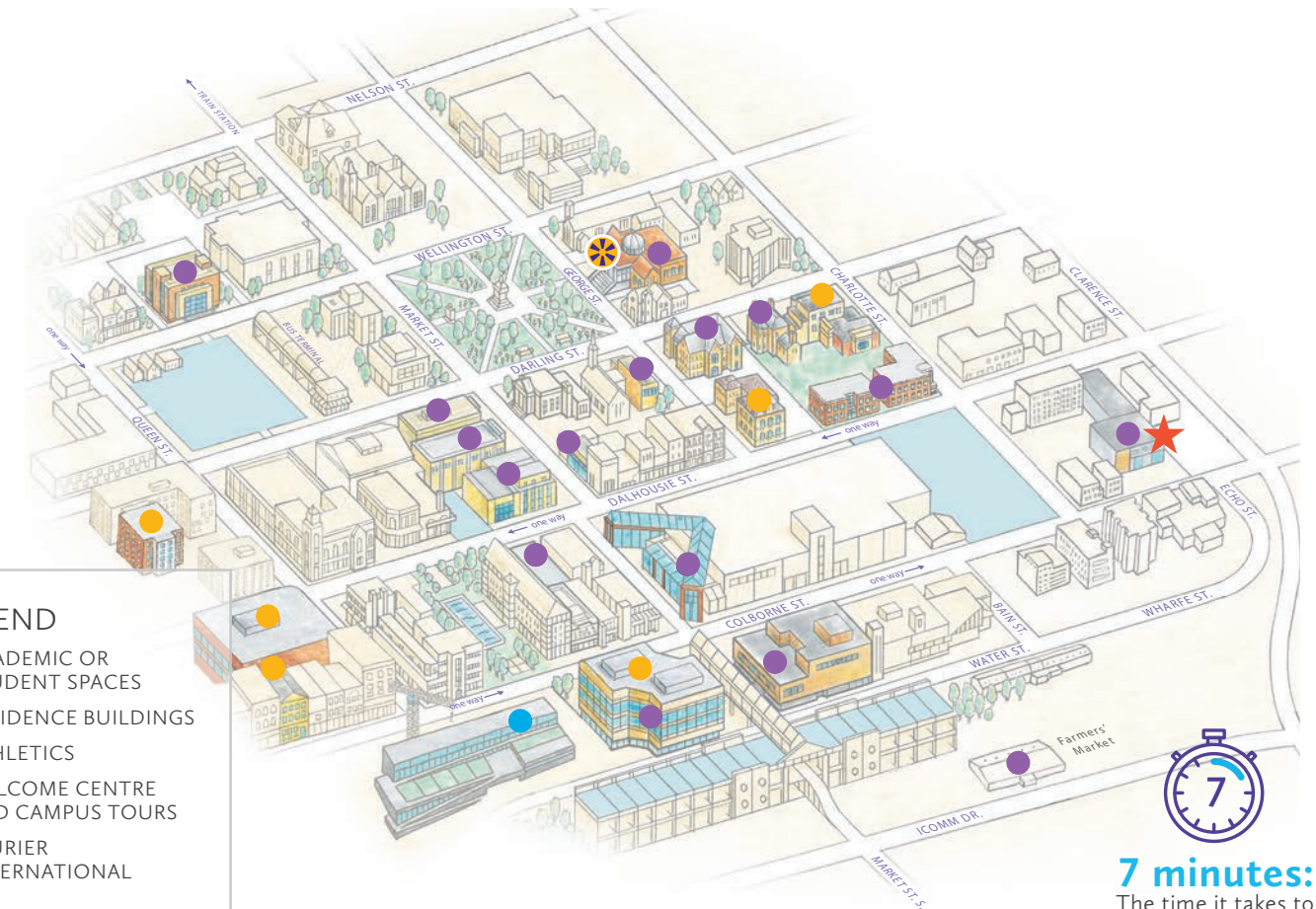
- ▶ Catch a performance at the Sanderson Centre for Performing Arts
- ▶ Listen to live music at the Brantford International Jazz Festival, held in downtown Brantford
- ▶ Immerse yourself in cultures of the Brantford community at the International Villages Festival

EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Check out the indie arts scene at Starving Artist Gallery Café
- ▶ Laugh with some of the biggest names in comedy at the Brantford Comedy Festival
- ▶ Learn more about local Indigenous communities at the Woodland Cultural Centre

STUDENT METROPOLIS

The Brantford campus has transformed the downtown core of the City of Brantford into a thriving student community home to around 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students. With its 20+ buildings spread throughout the core of the city, the Brantford campus is literally interwoven into the downtown. But the strong connections between campus and community don't end there. The close-knit campus experience Laurier is known for is achieved through community partnerships and opportunities for students.



LEGEND

- ACADEMIC OR STUDENT SPACES
- RESIDENCE BUILDINGS
- ATHLETICS
- WELCOME CENTRE AND CAMPUS TOURS
- ★ LAURIER INTERNATIONAL



7 minutes:
The time it takes to walk across campus.



"I can always take a nature walk because the Grand River is just nearby the town. In summer, there are movie nights in Harmony Square! During winter, you can see people skating in Harmony Square. It's a cozy town."

MEI-NING CHENG
TAIWAN
Second Year, Business
Technology Management

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

WE'VE BUILT AN AMAZING **CAMPUS COMMUNITY** AND THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE IT IS TO **SEE IT FOR YOURSELF.**

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Be a trailblazer.

Our reputation for academic excellence is coming to the fast-growing community of Milton in southern Ontario, with a new campus at the heart of the Milton Education Village (MEV). Leveraging Milton's location within the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor, four science programs will emphasize innovative program delivery through unique experiential learning opportunities. We're committed to bringing industry-leading expertise in arts, mathematics and engineering to our Milton campus in years to come.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Full-time undergraduate programs* in:

- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Environmental Science
- Honours Science

**Pending approvals.*

MILTON EDUCATION VILLAGE (MEV)

Laurier's new campus will be part of a comprehensively planned neighbourhood in west Milton, encompassing 400 acres of land alongside the Niagara Escarpment. With plans for post-secondary education along with residential, commercial and recreational uses, this future community is the perfect site for a growing campus.

WELCOME TO MILTON

Milton is a rapidly growing, vibrant community, where optimism meets opportunity. The mid-sized town is part of the Halton Region and home to the youngest population in Ontario. With quaint bistros, arts and athletics facilities, 64 parks and an innovation centre, Milton offers a balanced student lifestyle in a diverse community.

ACADEMICS

Classes will initially be taught in the **MEV Innovation Centre, which is located near the site of Laurier's future Milton campus.** The Centre is an ecosystem of emerging talent and home of HalTech, the region's tech accelerator. Study in a place where local entrepreneurs network, startup companies thrive and innovations turn into growing ventures.

ACCOMMODATIONS

As we build our residence program in Milton, Laurier will help you find accommodations that fit your needs.

TRANSPORTATION

Milton is only 35 km from Toronto Pearson International Airport. The MEV Innovation Centre is accessible by Milton's transit system, GO Transit, 400-series highways and an active transportation network, making it easy to get to your classes and other amenities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

International students at each of our campuses have access to a support system through Laurier International to help with the transition to Canada and to Laurier.

IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE LAURIER.

My journey to Laurier started when I was living in Jamaica and decided that I wanted to study abroad. I had never been to Canada before, nor do I have family here, so I made a list of over 40 different schools and contacted them all in the hope that the school I was meant to attend would stand out – and they did. **Laurier clearly illustrated that I was more than just a student to them.** They made me believe that if I gave Laurier a chance, my experience would be like no other – and that assumption was 100% accurate.

As an international student, admittedly you will have a transition period.

But **Laurier provides so much support, you truly feel you are not travelling this journey alone.** Academic problems? There are dedicated supports to assist you. Want to get involved? This institution has a solid record of community engagement and volunteerism. (It's like we live and breathe being involved). And I learned so much from my academic journey – lessons that will go with me for years. **My professors cared about me as an individual, the friends I met are outstanding and the goals I accomplished have been the icing on the cake.**

My long-held belief is that you can go to any post-secondary institution that will provide you with a degree. However, should that simply be the aim? What about enrolling at a university that will equip you with all the skills and experiences you need to tackle life's challenges? I believe that Laurier is a school driven by students. **We have a strong community atmosphere, a contagious and electric spirit, and solid support for all students.**

I am happy with my choice and if you choose Laurier, I guarantee you will be too.

Tarique Plummer
2018-19 Students' Union President & CEO
JAMAICA
Biotechnology/Biochemistry Graduate '18

#1 for STUDENT CAREER SERVICES

Highest score among Canadian post-secondary institutions with most impressive career services models.

— CANADIAN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR COUNSELLING (CERIC) 2017

#1 in Student Satisfaction

— 2017 & 2018 MACLEAN'S UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

98%

of 2017 Laurier graduates secured employment or went on to postgraduate studies after graduation.

DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITIES WAITING FOR YOU.

Be part of our journey to Milton.
Visit our website to learn more.

wlu.ca/milton

The Laurier experience.

Your life as a Golden Hawk is far more than classes, essays and exams. To make the most of your university education, you need opportunities to connect what you learn inside the classroom to other meaningful experiences you have as a student. Student clubs, hands-on classroom experiences and so much more are available to help you propel your personal, academic and professional ambitions. Laurier is home to an amazing community of students, staff and faculty, and we've saved you a spot.

**250 STUDENT-LED CLUBS
AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH
5,000 MEMBERS**



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Apply your knowledge, develop skills, increase your self-awareness and explore potential careers through real-world learning opportunities.



**LAURIER IS ONE OF CANADA'S
TOP-RANKED INSTITUTIONS
FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

– 2018 MACLEAN'S UNIVERSITY RANKINGS



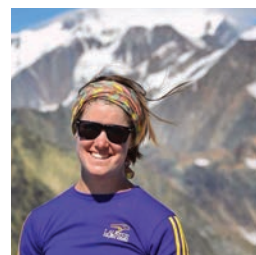
LAURIER EXPERIENCE RECORD

Your official record of your participation in activities, jobs and learning opportunities while you're at Laurier, both inside and outside the classroom. See page 14.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Our team of dedicated International Student Advisers and Global Engagement Student Ambassadors can help you learn about and access services on cultural adaptation, academic transition, and health and well-being, plus much more.



RELEVANT PROGRAMS & ACADEMIC CHOICES

Enrol in NO219 – Canadian Studies for International and Exchange Students – and be introduced to Canadian society, culture, politics, history and geography.



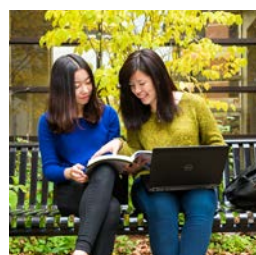
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Be involved in developing and launching a business, social or cultural venture for academic credit. Get creative and innovate new ways to give back to the community and world in which we live.



COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING

Academic course content is fused with service in the community. Gain hands-on experience through a project or placement with a local non-profit organization.



INTERCULTURAL CERTIFICATE

The Intercultural Certificate program develops new intercultural knowledge, skills and attitudes that stimulate a commitment to lifelong learning and strengthen one's capacity to become a globally engaged and active citizen.



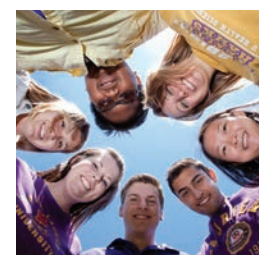
ATHLETICS & RECREATION

Join a varsity, club sports or intramural team and compete with your friends in cricket, dance, flag football, hockey and more. If you supply the energy, we have a program for you.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Golden Hawks are proud to give back to our community. Get involved with a local organization or travel internationally on a Laurier Habitat for Humanity build.



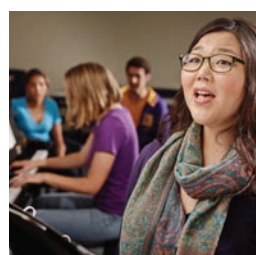
CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

Student-led activities are the heart of Laurier and we have one of Canada's most active student unions. Build a stronger community and develop personally – employers love it, too.



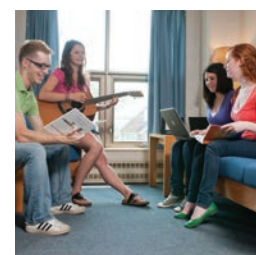
FACULTY RESEARCH

Conduct research that's directly related to your academic studies. Work with faculty to tackle local and global challenges from many different angles in our research centres and institutes.



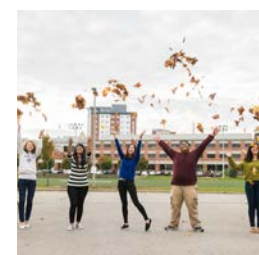
COURSEWORK & ASSIGNMENTS

Extend your academic experiences outside the traditional lecture hall. Learn through labs, musical ensembles, research, workplace projects and much more.



SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We've developed a powerful support structure to make sure you have a fulfilling, safe and successful exchange experience. From academic support to health and wellness, our student services will help you achieve your personal, academic and professional goals.



THE SOCIAL SCENE

Meet lifelong friends in your classes and on campus. Take time for study breaks – there are many places on and off campus where you can connect with your new friends in relaxed surroundings.

CHOOSE LAURIER FOR EXCHANGE

Be part of something.

Year after year, Laurier proves to be a premier destination for exchange students looking for excellent academics, innovative programs and an outstanding student experience. It's hard to know what it's like to be a Laurier Golden Hawk when you haven't experienced it for yourself. But no matter how you live your Laurier experience, you're a Golden Hawk, which means you're part of a tight-knit, supportive community that knows how to aim high, work hard and take advantage of some truly amazing opportunities to make a difference.



HALL OF NATIONS

A celebration of student diversity on our Waterloo and Brantford campuses through the displaying of flags, which represent the many nations Laurier international students call home.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Student volunteers are here to welcome you to campus and help with your transition to life in Canada.



ORIENTATION WEEK

Start your Laurier experience off right by participating in International Orientation events. Meet people, have fun and learn more about your new home.



LAURIER INTERNATIONAL

Visit our lounge to meet other international students, study or just hang out. You're always welcome here!



WORK HARD

Meet up with a group or work on your own in student study spaces like our 24-hour study lounges. There are services to help you excel in your studies with support for study skills, courses, writing, math and accessible learning.



THE SOCIAL SCENE

You'll meet lifelong friends in residence, your classes and at campus events. Take time for study breaks – there are many places on and off campus where you can connect with your new friends in relaxed settings.



RESIDENCE LIFE

Live in an apartment-style residence with other exchange students for a unique experience. Plan events together and meet people from all around the world.



GET CONNECTED. LEARN ABOUT LAURIER.

A current Laurier student will get in touch with you after you apply. Or you can set up a Skype meeting with a Laurier International staff member – email exchange@wlu.ca to get started.



Laurier's undergraduate students come from **80+ countries** around the world.

Laurier is ranked in the top 3.2% of universities around the world.

– Center for World University Rankings, 2017

Succeed at Laurier.

You will be supported in every step of your student journey at Laurier, from the moment you arrive in Canada to the completion of your study term. Laurier offers accessible, engaging and personalized services for student success to make sure you receive the right supports. We offer specialized programs and services to assist you in your studies, help you meet international and Canadian students, and support your overall health and wellness. Our dedicated teams and resources will make you feel comfortable and part of our campus community.

LAURIER INTERNATIONAL

A dedicated resource for international student services and a support network for your growth and development.

Laurier International hosted **390 events** in the 2017/18 academic year.



"I love how all the staff at Laurier International are very supportive and treat me like family. It is my favourite place to study on campus because I feel at home every time I am there."

ELVIRA SATHURNI
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Fourth Year, Health Sciences



International students rated Laurier's support services at **92.7%.**

– International Student Barometer 2017



ACADEMICS

- Academic advising
- Canadian culture course
- In-class workshops
- One-on-one consultations
- Peer-to-peer course support
- Study skills development
- Study sessions
- Tutoring in your native language
- Writing, math and statistics support



LAURIER INTERNATIONAL

- Career consulting
- Coffee Club and SPEAK sessions: share experiences and discuss Canadian culture
- Immigration advising
- International academic transition advising
- International student advisors
- International student associations



CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

- Camp Kawartha Canadian Outdoors Experiential Learning
- Global Kitchen: cultural celebration through food
- Holiday hosts: celebrate Canadian holidays with local families
- Indigenous Student Centres
- Intercultural Certificate
- International Education Week
- Tandem language learning
- Multicultural Gala



ACCESSIBLE LEARNING

- Academic accommodation planning
- Accommodated exams
- Assistive technology and transcription
- Consultants
- Educational supports
- Learning strategy support



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- Diversity groups and associations
- Gender-inclusive housing
- Multi-faith support
- Student advocacy
- Women's centres
- Workshops, events and resources



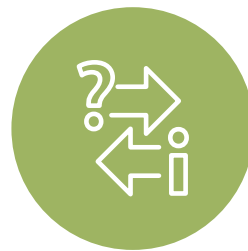
HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Chiropractic, massage and physiotherapy
- Doctors and nurses
- International student health care plan (UHIP)
- Mental health support and counselling
- Supplementary health and dental plan
- Wellness education and resources



SAFETY

- Campus security app: SafeHawk
- Gendered violence supports
- Safe-walk service: Foot Patrol
- Secure residence buildings
- Special constables and campus security



INCOMING STUDENT SUPPORT

- Course registration webinars
- International Headstart: online pre-orientation
- International Orientation and Orientation Week
- Online summer orientation
- Pre-arrival communications and support
- Program and student success webinars

Continue your career development.

At Laurier, your career starts the moment you arrive on campus. That's why we've made career development an integral part of the student experience. You're here to create the foundation for your future – and we're here to help. The Laurier Career Centre provides programs and services to help you learn about who you are and what you want to achieve, and can help you develop strategies to get there.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Career Centre programming is integrated into all aspects of student life to help you enhance your skills, reflect on your learning and make sure you can communicate what sets you apart to your future employers. Enhance your career development through:

- Residence activities
- The Students' Union
- Volunteer experiences
- And more

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Gain experience, develop skills, earn money and launch your career with the help of our employment services:

- Part-time employment, on and off campus
- Summer employment, on and off campus
- Graduating student employment
- Alumni employment
- Volunteer opportunities



GAIN SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

Your Laurier Experience Record shows both your experience and skills to help you land that dream job.



for STUDENT CAREER SERVICES

Highest score among Canadian post-secondary institutions with most impressive career services models.

— CANADIAN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR COUNSELLING (CERIC) 2017

INTERNATIONALIZE YOUR RESUMÉ

Attend workshops offered through the Career Centre and learn how to leverage your exchange experience for future career opportunities. Workshops are offered for specific academic disciplines, career fields and distinct student groups.

8,000+

1-on-1 individual appointments

5,800+

job postings

21,000+

individuals attend 900+ events and workshops



Career development services and programs are available for all students.

CAREER SUCCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Career Centre and Laurier International work closely together to provide career services for international students at Laurier. A career consultant is dedicated to meeting the career development needs of international students.

As an international student, you will have access to all of our core career services including:

- Strategies for career planning
- Resumé and cover letter writing
- Job search assistance
- Interview preparation

We also provide specialized services including:

- Bi-weekly drop-in appointments at the Laurier International office
- Tailored workshops related to Canadian workplace culture, resumé and volunteering
- Career events that allow you to interact with and learn from international alumni and employers
- Specialized career resources for international students, including print and online information



Laurier's career and job fairs are the largest of their kind in Canada.

WHAT OUR EMPLOYERS ARE SAYING

"We're very proud to employ many Laurier graduates in executive positions at PepsiCo Canada. Laurier students are well-rounded, with a good mix of academic and hands-on learning, which is a great fit for our corporate culture."

—PepsiCo Canada



NAVIGATOR – LAURIER'S ONLINE PORTAL FOR:

- The Laurier Experience Record
- Job postings
- Job applications
- Online career tools
- Interview scheduling
- Career Centre event calendar
- Volunteer opportunities, on and off campus
- Career Centre appointments

Money on your mind?

Your university education is an investment. And when you calculate how much living and studying in Canada will cost, there's a lot to consider. To help you budget, we have provided a breakdown of the student fees you will be charged, as well as other estimated expenses.

STUDENT FEES

All incoming exchange students will be charged the following incidental fees. Fees are approximate and listed in Canadian dollars. Fees are invoiced prior to your arrival.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (UHIP) - \$210/TERM

UHIP is a mandatory charge for all students and you are automatically enrolled prior to your arrival. UHIP provides coverage for basic medical services and treatments you may need to maintain good health while living in Canada. You can get more information at uhip.ca.

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

These plans are mandatory for students who do not have proof of existing equivalent coverage.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS - \$220/TERM

The Student VIP coverage includes drug coverage, extended health coverage, vision coverage, dental coverage, travel coverage and accident coverage. You can get more details at studentvip.ca.

Students on exchange at Laurier for the fall term or a full year are automatically enrolled in this plan prior to arrival. If you have existing coverage that is equivalent to this coverage, you can opt out.

Students on exchange for the winter term have the option to opt in to this plan if they don't have existing equivalent coverage. If you have plans to travel to another destination while studying at Laurier, we highly recommend opting in to this plan.

GRADUATE STUDENTS - \$550/ACADEMIC YEAR

The Student Care Plan includes cover for prescription drugs, vaccinations, health practitioners (psychologists, massage therapist, physiotherapists, etc.), vision care, travel health insurance and dental care. You can find more information at wlu.ca/health-and-dental-plan.

Graduate students are automatically enrolled in this plan prior to their arrival. If you have existing equivalent coverage, you can opt out.

The fee is for 12 months of coverage but you can apply to be refunded for any unused amounts once you return home.

BUS PASS

The bus pass is available for undergraduate and graduate exchange students. You cannot opt out of this fee.

Waterloo students - \$85/TERM

Your bus pass gives you unlimited access to the Grand River Transit system. You can get more information at grt.ca.

Brantford students - \$50/TERM

Your bus pass gives you unlimited access to the Brantford City Transit System. You can get more information at brantford.ca/transit.



MONEY MANAGEMENT

Enhance your money management skills and confidence through Dollars & Sense, Laurier's money management program. Access resources, workshops and personalized support for financial planning.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES

All fees are approximate and are listed in Canadian dollars.

Accommodation	\$600-\$800/month
Food	\$350/month
Telephone	\$65/month
Textbooks	\$500+/term
Optional exchange student activities	\$275/term
Transportation from the airport (one way)	\$125

Other expenses to consider include weather-appropriate clothing, household supplies, leisure and entertainment, travel, etc.



45 workshops, events and seminars held annually for students on money management.

RESIDENCE

Live where you learn.

All residence rooms available to exchange students are single-occupancy apartment-style rooms. There is a limited supply of these rooms and demand is highest during the fall term.

Residence is designed to meet the needs of first-year students and includes a mandatory meal plan. Because of this, many exchange students prefer to seek off-campus housing, which is available through private rentals. Information about both options will be sent to you once you have been accepted to study at Laurier.

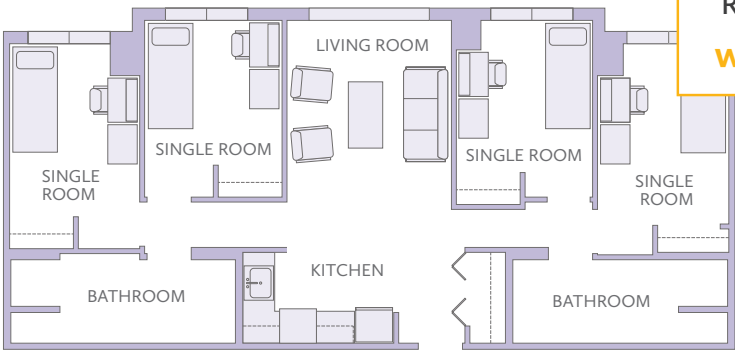
WHAT’S RESIDENCE LIKE?

Apartment-style residence buildings in Waterloo and Brantford include:

- Single or double (shared bedrooms)
- 2 to 7 students per apartment
- Furnished bedroom, living room and kitchen
- Shared washroom(s) in apartment
- Common community spaces
- Co-ed, single gender and gender-inclusive housing options
- Laundry facilities
- Secure, controlled access

SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN

Sample Four-Bedroom Apartment-Style Residence



Floor plans are representative. Room layouts are estimates. Actual sizes and configurations will vary. They are intended to provide you with a better understanding of what different residence rooms may look like.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR
AND VIEW VIDEOS OF ALL
RESIDENCE BUILDINGS AT
wlu.ca/residence.



#1

LAURIER
RANKED #1
in its category
nationally
for residence
living and
extracurricular
activities.

- 2017 & 2018
MACLEAN'S
UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS

MEAL PLANS

Something for everyone.

All students living in residence are required to purchase a meal plan. With the freedom to grab a bite to eat on the way to class or sit down with friends to enjoy a meal, Laurier’s meal plans are convenient, flexible and loaded with options.

WATERLOO CAMPUS MEAL PLANS

All students living in residence are required to participate in a mandatory meal plan. Apartment-style residence students are assigned a Flex dollar declining-balance meal plan, starting at \$1,080 per term. Any student assigned to an apartment-style residence can upgrade their meal plan if needed.

	5-Day All Access Meal Plan	7-Day All Access Meal Plan	Apartment Meal Plan
Unlimited access to the Fresh Food Company	Monday to Friday	7 days a week	Not included
Flex dollars to use at on-campus food service locations	\$400 per term	\$300 per term	\$1,080 per term
Fresh Food Company guest passes	5	7	Not included
Tax savings	Yes	Yes	Yes

Costs are listed in Canadian dollars. Prices are for 2018-2019 and are subject to increase for 2019-2020. Prices include a \$50 levy for All Access Plans and a \$20 levy for the Apartment Meal Plan.

BRANTFORD CAMPUS CONVENIENCE PLAN

A Convenience Plan is required for all residence students at the Brantford campus. All residences on the Brantford campus are apartment-style, which means you’ll have a kitchen in your apartment. You can use your Convenience Plan to buy groceries at a local grocery store, grab a coffee on campus or eat out at various food establishments in the downtown core.



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- Boston Pizza
- FreshCo.
- Grocery Store
- Golden Grounds Coffee
- Mother’s Pizza
- Sunset Grill
- The WORKS Gourmet Burger Bistro
- Williams Fresh Café
- And more

LIVING OFF CAMPUS?

For students living off campus, there are a number of options, including subletting a furnished place from a Laurier student who is already abroad, to seeking out a short-term rental. Most exchange students choose off-campus housing options while at Laurier.



All of your **living expenses** (Wi-Fi, basic cable, heating, electricity and water) **are included** in your residence fees, which makes it much easier to budget.



HOME
GROWN
Shop at local
farmers’ markets
for groceries.



Academic information and language requirements.

We offer an extensive selection of programs at our Waterloo, Brantford and Milton campuses. Exchange students are permitted to take courses across all faculties, provided they have permission to do so from their home institution.

ACADEMICS

Laurier can accept undergraduate and graduate students.

To apply for exchange at the graduate level, you must have four years of university experience in the topic you would like to study before arriving at Laurier.

You must be registered as a full-time student when studying at Laurier. For undergraduate students, a full-time course load is four courses. For graduate students, a full-time course load is three courses. Students in the MBA program will be permitted to take a maximum of three courses from the MBA program. The remainder of their course load may be selected from the offerings in the BBA or MA (Business and Economics) programs. Most MBA courses are offered at night to allow local students who are working full-time and studying part-time to attend.

The maximum number of courses that you can take at Laurier is five courses. As a guideline, 0.5 Laurier credit (one course) = 6 ECTS. Courses offered through the Centre for Online Learning are not generally available to exchange students.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

At Laurier, the language of instruction for all courses is English. All incoming exchange students must have sufficient English language skills to be successful in their program of study.

As a guideline, students requesting admission at the undergraduate level should have reached the following minimum requirements:

CAEL	Overall score of 70 or higher, with each band 60 or higher.
IELTS	Academic score of 6.5 or higher.
MELAB	Overall score of 85 or higher.
TOEFL	Internet-based testing: overall score of 83 or higher, with a minimum score of 20 in each component.
	Paper-based testing: overall score of 560 or higher.

Students requesting admission at the **graduate level** should have reached the following minimum requirements:

CAEL	Overall score of 70 or higher, with each band 60 or higher.
IELTS	Academic score of 7 or higher.
MELAB	Overall score of 90 or higher.
TOEFL	Internet-based testing: overall score of 89 or higher, with a minimum score of 21 in each component.
	Paper-based testing: overall score of 573 or higher.

Graduate Programs (MASTER'S DEGREES)

- Business Administration (MBA)
- Business Economics (MA)
- Chemistry & Biochemistry (MSc)
- Communication Studies (MA)
- Community Music (MA)
- Criminology (MA)
- Cultural Analysis and Social Theory (MA)
- English (MA)
- Geography (MA)
- History (MA)
- Integrative Biology (MSc)
- Kinesiology (MKin)
- Mathematics (MSc)
- Music Therapy (MMT)
- Philosophy (MA)
- Psychology (MA, MSc)
- Religion & Culture (MA)
- Social Justice & Community Engagement (MA)
- Social Work (MSW)
- Sociology (MA)
- Theology (MA)



LEAF Business English Program

This program is for university students who are studying business or who have an interest in international business, and for working professionals who want to improve their English.

Join us to study English with a business focus, make international contacts and learn about doing business in Canada!

- Four-week program in July and August taught by business professors and experienced English instructors
- Visits to and guest speakers from international companies, such as Toyota, Apotex Pharmaceuticals, SC Johnson, etc.

Visit wlu.ca/leaf-business-english to apply.

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ANCIENT STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Arts Administrator
- Curator
- Foreign Service Officer

Study the ancient world through a global, multi-disciplinary lens by exploring the literature, myth, politics and philosophies of the early civilizations, including those of Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and Mesopotamia. In this program, which is unique in Canada, learn how the context of a period influences present and future culture, society, community relationships, and social and political development. Benefit from a thorough understanding of ancient studies and how the events of ancient history are still felt by the modern world.

Gain skills to assess the accuracy of historical information, customs and contexts, and learn how to provide direction and input on how historical references and materials are developed and used.

This program is flexible, allowing you to solely focus on your interest in ancient civilizations or pursue a double major. By taking courses from Laurier’s History, Archaeology & Heritage Studies, Philosophy and Religion & Culture programs, you will broaden your understanding of ancient studies. As you progress in this program, you’ll move into smaller classes and really get to know your professors. In your fourth-year, you’ll have an opportunity to gain hands-on research experience.

As a graduate, you’ll be able to apply what you learn, bringing the ancient world into modern industries, such as entertainment, education and law, or work to preserve the past in the arts and culture, government and tourism sectors.

ANTHROPOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Cultural Resource Manager
- Urban Planner
- International Aid Officer

The study of anthropology opens your mind to the ways people go about being human and how people relate to one another and to the world around them. Explore how people in different places and times rule their worlds. Reveal this using a holistic approach to understanding socio-cultural processes, where social and cultural practices come together for a common purpose. Learning how people conduct business, have fun, organize families, practise spirituality, settle disputes, build cities, find meaning in life and much more can help us make sense of why things happen and help predict what could.

An intrinsic part of Anthropology at Laurier involves experiential learning – specifically through ethnography. Ethnography is a unique anthropological research method based on becoming familiar with culturally diverse realities by being immersed in them. By writing analytical descriptions, ethnography is used to understand another culture’s view of the world from within these realities and without bias. In learning the ethnographic craft and developing intercultural understanding, you gain practical experience that translates into flexible skills needed in the world today.

Work in teams to engage in persuasive, thoughtful debates on important topics and causes for a variety of audiences. Through coursework and research, develop increased self-awareness and interpersonal skills, and be empowered to advocate for cultural diversity.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program, and is also available with the Management Option.

APPLIED WATER SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Environmental Scientist or Technologist
- Hydrologist
- Natural Resource Officer

Learn the underlying scientific principles, processes and theories of the physical, chemical and biological properties of water. And recognize the factors playing a critical role in maintaining ecosystem and human health.

Through a combination of training and practical work experiences, you will identify and solve ongoing threats to our water resources, including those caused by human activities and climate change. You will also recognize that the availability of safe, clean water and its resources is a fundamental question of social justice.

Take advantage of opportunities to gain new skills by participating in extensive fieldwork, excursions, and lecture and laboratory experiences.

Develop the skills needed to apply quantitative and computer analysis to assess, monitor and sustainably manage land and water resources. Understand the critical responsibilities of local, provincial and federal governments to manage and protect water and Earth’s resources. As a graduate of this program, you will feel empowered to contribute to society’s quest to improve the availability, security and reliability of human water supplies, while ensuring whole ecosystem and human health.

ARCHAEOLOGY & HERITAGE STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Field Archaeologist
- Cultural Heritage Specialist
- Forensic Analyst

Archaeologists learn about the human past through studying physical remains left behind by vanished cultures. Artifacts, architecture, human remains and environmental evidence all provide valuable clues to help us reconstruct and understand past ways of life.

For insight into human history, modern archaeology requires expertise in relevant fields, including the sciences and humanities. In the larger field of heritage studies, modern archaeologists consult and work in partnership with Indigenous, descendant and local communities to preserve their cultural heritage.

Archaeology relies on meticulous excavation techniques and laboratory analysis. Learn both theoretical and practical aspects of archaeology inside and outside the classroom. Lab courses provide you with hands-on instruction with actual artifacts excavated from some of the many field projects conducted by faculty members. Experiential learning is integral to our program – fieldwork opportunities in Ontario and abroad serve as training for careers in cultural heritage management in Canada.

Combine your studies in Archaeology & Heritage Studies with Geography and learn how archaeology, landscape studies and environmental approaches work together for excavation purposes.

In-depth training and preparation can lead to many careers using archaeological practices, including market research, consulting and jobs in engineering firms, government, heritage foundations, libraries and archives.

BIOCHEMISTRY/ BIOTECHNOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Biotechnologist
- Research Technician
- Pharmacist

Biochemistry explores the fundamental chemistry of life and is a multidisciplinary science, drawing on core components of chemistry, microbiology, molecular biology and genetics. Biotechnology is the application of biochemistry to develop technologies, materials and products to improve quality of life on our planet.

The Biochemistry/Biotechnology program integrates courses in chemistry, biology, biochemistry and applied biochemistry, providing you with in-depth knowledge and training. Gain both theoretical and practical skills in molecular biosciences to meet the needs of industry and research. Emphasis is placed on the biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, which constitute more than 50% of total activity in biochemical research and biotechnology industries in Canada.

Benefit from a research-intensive environment providing you with hands-on experience in a new and challenging area of biochemical research. In your fourth year, you can complete a directed studies or a senior thesis research project using state-of-the-art equipment. These research experiences will enable you to contribute to the discovery of solutions to problems, demonstrate knowledge of the structure, function, and interaction of biomacromolecules, and develop and master experimental skills. Further, our Biochemistry and Biotechnology with Thesis is accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

BIOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Bioinformatics Specialist
- Government or Industry Research Scientist
- Wildlife Biologist

Interested in an integrative approach to biology? Our programs emphasize commonalities of life principles and processes across the many levels of biological organization, from the molecular level to the biosphere. Study molecular processes and cell structures, signaling mechanisms, biodiversity and conservation, metabolic pathways, patterns of inheritance, physiological responses, life histories and strategies for survival across the three domains of life.

Courses incorporate hands-on lab sessions, tutorials and seminars. In your upper years, you'll have the opportunity to be part of ongoing research programs at the cutting edge of this discipline.

Our Bachelor of Science (BSc) program provides a firm foundation in biology, chemistry and math, preparing you for graduate work in biology or for professional post-degree programs in environmental science or the health sciences.

Our Bachelor of Arts (BA) program is intended for those who want to have a role in communicating biology concepts to others, leading to careers in law, education, teaching, public policy or science journalism. This program is flexible, so you can combine your studies with a minor, option or even a double major with another BA program.

In third year, single-major students in a BA or BSc program may choose one of three concentrations: Cell, Molecular and Microbial Biology, and Genetics; Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity; or Physiology and Toxicology.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WATERLOO CAMPUS
LAZARIDIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)
- Financial Analyst
- Project Manager

Your business education begins day one at the Lazaridis School of Business & Economics in this direct-entry, internationally accredited, full-time program. Through class discussions, case analysis exercises and competitions, and training from professors and industry executives, you will be immersed in the reality of today's business world and in the management of business organizations. Learn to adapt to a world of ever-growing complexity and work in teams tackling real-world problems facing today's businesses and tomorrow's startups.

Our comprehensive approach to business education produces well-rounded graduates who are capable of making integrated business decisions. First, you will take courses covering the foundational areas of business, and after second year, you may choose to specialize in one of ten business concentrations: Accounting, Marketing, Marketing Communications, Business and Sustainability, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Insurance and Risk Management, International Business or Supply Chain Management.

Our business degree co-op is Canada's largest so you can gain valuable experience before you graduate. In this Bachelor of Business Administration program, you'll learn business fundamentals and innovative business strategies. Immersive opportunities connect you with business executives and provide valuable real-world experience so that you will graduate prepared for today's dynamic business world.

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
LAZARIDIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Business or Systems Analyst
- Database Architect
- Web or Social Media Developer

Today's business degree needs technology. And demand is high and growing fast for professionals who have the capability to add strategic value to their work by aligning business and technology. The Information Technology Association of Canada indicates demand for business technology grads is exploding in many sectors, including those beyond the tech industry – natural resources, manufacturing, health care and government.

The Business Technology Management program, offered through Laurier's renowned Lazaridis School of Business & Economics, prepares you with all of the business fundamentals and the added edge of understanding technology and innovation. Learn to assess the value that a specific technology brings to a particular organization and understand how technologies can be used within existing systems.

Graduate with skills and experience that will set you apart in today's business world, including critical thinking, interpersonal communication and collaboration skills. Knowing how to solve business problems through designing, evaluating and implementing technology-based solutions will enable you to bring value to any organization.

To make sure you graduate with a competitive advantage, you will automatically be offered entry into Canada's largest business degree co-op program. If you choose to enrol, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in environments you'll experience when you graduate.

CHEMISTRY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Environmental Scientist
- Quality Control Technician
- Raw Material Analyst

Chemical research has produced innovations in agriculture, industry, health care and consumer goods. Today, chemistry is concerned with developing processes, materials and products that will be the least harmful to the environment.

Chemistry programs at Laurier balance classroom and laboratory time, providing you with solid theoretical foundations and a mastery of experimental techniques. The program's small size means there are plenty of opportunities for you to interact with faculty. A degree in Chemistry from Laurier is an excellent starting place for further education at medical, dental or pharmaceutical graduate schools, or for pursuing graduate work in chemistry and other related disciplines.

Combine this program with Physics to focus on the chemical and physical properties of materials at the bulk and the nanoscale. Learn how to design new materials with unique mechanical, optical, electronic or magnetic properties, which can be applied in sectors ranging from chemistry and physics to computing and medicine.

In your fourth year, you can complete a directed studies or senior thesis research project using state-of-the-art equipment, under the direct supervision of an active researcher. You will demonstrate your knowledge of chemical properties and make critical observations of environmental and chemical interactions. You will also develop an awareness of and sensitivity to the health and safety of products, materials and the environment. You can also choose to complete the Chemistry program with a thesis, which is accredited by the Canadian Society for Chemistry.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

WATERLOO CAMPUS
MARTIN LUTHER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Non-Profit Program Coordinator
- Refugee Resettlement Worker
- Youth Pastor or Youth Worker

Do you feel called to make a difference in the world? The Christian Studies & Global Citizenship program will equip you for careers where you can integrate your spirituality and/or worldview into your life's work.

Through studies and class discussions, learn to think critically about your spiritual beliefs, the world and your place in it. Our goal is to teach you to communicate effectively, be a socially responsible citizen and appreciate diversity, and to give you applied skills so you can serve communities around you.

Participation in international excursions and opportunities to study abroad are encouraged to increase your cultural awareness and support your discovery of the world.

Be an advocate for positive change and develop meaningful relationships with individuals and communities. Graduates are prepared to work in a large number of fields and positions, both within and outside of faith-based professions.

This program is developed and delivered by Martin Luther University College (formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary), which is federated with Wilfrid Laurier University.

Students enrolled in this program will take their core courses in a newly renovated facility. The entire building – including classrooms and common spaces – underwent a \$9-million overhaul in 2018.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Communications Director
- Media Consultant
- Social and Digital Media Officer

Media delivers information to society and humans engage in all modes of communication to shape their interactions. People consume news on Snapchat, blog about contemporary issues, shape their identity on Facebook and create living autobiographies on Instagram. The ways we communicate are changing every day, yet the human need and ability to connect is stronger than ever.

Our Communication Studies program is designed to give you the critical skills needed to negotiate the communication demands and challenges of contemporary industries and teach you how to understand the ever-changing mediascape affecting society, both in the past and the present. Gain foundational knowledge of mass media, along with a critical perspective, allowing you to become a reflective, influential and engaged citizen.

Learn to analyze communication in its social, economic, political and cultural contexts. Our broad approach to the field will prepare you for diverse careers, including professional communications, publishing, politics, non-profit work and public relations. You will also be equipped to pursue professional programs after graduation, such as journalism, business and law.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Addictions Counsellor
- Community Health Educator
- Wellness Coordinator

Community Health explores and recognizes the wide range of social, biological and institutional factors that influence the health and well-being of communities defined by geography, socioeconomic status, gender, cultural makeup, ability and/or vulnerability.

Learn to identify the most significant health challenges in communities and evaluate the factors that create health risks for members of those communities. Throughout this program, you will study and make recommendations for program and policy interventions that will improve health status within your communities of concern.

You can choose courses from across our curriculum or focus your studies in one of our concentrations: Health Studies; Autism and Behavioural Science; or Mental Health and Addictions.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Software Developer
- Business Intelligence Consultant
- Web Designer

The study of computer science includes the fundamentals of programming, algorithm design and computation. It's also the study of applications, ranging from internet computing and writing apps for mobile computing, to applied cryptography and quantum computing. Learn about data management and analysis, gaining a fundamental understanding of big data and its use within industry. The information economy demands well-trained systems analysts, software specialists and programmers, and our graduates are succeeding in this competitive environment.

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) program lets you combine technical training with another BA program. Our Bachelor of Science programs provide the hands-on experience that's key to understanding computing fundamentals with an optional introduction to functional, parallel and logical paradigms.

You can personalize your degree by combining Computer Science with Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. And if you choose to combine Computer Science with Psychology, you can focus your studies in the Computation and Cognitive Neuroscience stream.

CRIMINOLOGY

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Fraud Detection Analyst
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Victims Advocate

Criminology is the broad-based academic study of crime, criminalized persons, victims and the law. Taking an interdisciplinary approach to crime and punishment, this program draws on sociology, psychology and law to examine what defines a crime, why people commit them and how society responds.

Unique to this program at Laurier, you can begin studying criminology in your first year.

Criminology courses include lectures, case studies and seminars, with diverse assignments and visits from individuals and groups associated with various fields of criminology, such as police officers, lawyers and social justice advocates.

Gain a well-rounded education where you will develop strong critical thinking and communication skills, and a solid understanding of research methods. Add credentials to your resumé that are relevant to employers and necessary for advanced careers in criminal justice.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in experiential learning activities provided by the Criminology Student Association, a student-run group that organizes events, such as guest lectures, field trips, career fairs and student conferences.

CULTURAL STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Cultural Administrator
- Public Engagement Coordinator
- Social Media Strategist

Develop critical insights into the world we live in by examining how humans live and engage in culture around them.

Cultural Studies analyzes art and literature, science and technology, media and popular texts in relation to the meaning of everyday life and how they helped shape history. Think critically about all aspects of culture as they relate to larger issues in society, including class, gender, sexuality, race and power.

Courses are exciting and innovative. You may find yourself tackling unique assignments while drawing critical conclusions about your everyday experiences. Courses introduce you to new ways of “reading” culture that embrace the world’s complexity. Explore topics like popular music, visual culture, the culture of work and play, youth subculture and popular culture’s role in social change.

Cultural competency is a skill employers look for. Gain the ability to effectively and critically engage with contemporary issues and clearly communicate your understandings to others. Prepare for diverse careers requiring you to implement solutions for contemporary challenges.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program. You can easily pair your studies with Communication Studies, English, Film Studies, Women & Gender Studies or Global Studies, among others.

DATA SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Data Solutions Architect
- Operational Risk Consultant
- Data Scientist or Analyst

Data-driven decision making is quickly becoming the standard in almost every industry, creating an unprecedented demand for data-oriented professionals across a wide range of industries, organizations and disciplines. Advances in hardware, software and statistical techniques are giving rise to automated methods to analyze patterns and models for all kinds of data, with applications ranging from scientific discovery to business intelligence and analytics. Given the sheer volume of the data sets in question, it is nearly impossible to extract useful information without some degree of mathematical guidance and programming expertise.

The first undergraduate degree of its kind in Canada, our Data Science program seeks to address the data-related needs of modern business and industry. Study mathematics, statistics, data analytics, and computing technologies and methods. You can also take courses in computer science, data analysis, business and economics.

At the Waterloo campus, you can tailor your studies and choose to concentrate in Financial Risk Analysis or Big Data. Graduates of this program are ready for many career opportunities. A deep knowledge of computer science tools will prepare you for big data challenges. And the concentration in Financial Risk Analysis will prepare you for a diverse set of careers, particularly in the financial and insurance industries.

DIGITAL MEDIA & JOURNALISM

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Digital Media Content Developer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Social Media Strategist

The media environment is rapidly changing and evolving. The skills associated with journalism continue to be highly valuable, but not just for traditional media outlets anymore. More and more industries, corporations and organizations rely on digital media for their communications and marketing needs.

Content creators push content to Instagram, Snapchat and other social media platforms. But with an overload of content, how do we strategically use new technologies to share different types of news and content with diverse audiences?

Learn the critical thinking and technical skills you need to work in the fast-paced and fast-changing world of media. Your comprehensive education in journalism, public relations, and digital and social media will prepare you for a career as a digital media professional in a competitive environment where credible news outlets and organizations fight for visibility in our media-saturated world.

When you graduate, you'll be able to produce professional quality digital content, tell compelling stories and harness the power of digital and social media. You will also understand the broader social, political, cultural and economic issues shaping today's media environments, helping you to generate engaging and responsible content.

ECONOMICS

WATERLOO CAMPUS
LAZARIDIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Economist
- Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)
- Risk Advisory Consultant

Economics is the science of how goods and services are produced, distributed and consumed. The field of economics relates to every aspect of our lives and the business environment. Every day we make decisions as individuals, families, governments or firms that affect how we meet demand for commodities. Study economics from the micro level, which looks at individual businesses and homes, to the macro level, which studies entire economies or industries.

As a student in the Economics program, you will come to understand, interpret and explore issues and challenges facing society, such as scarcity, inflation, unemployment and more, both theoretically and empirically. Our Economics program is excellent preparation for graduate studies or employment in economics, business, law, public administration or other professional disciplines. You can also combine your Economics degree with another field of study and all programs can be combined with co-op.

Our CPA-accredited program, Economics & Accounting, gives a career advantage to the future accountant, preparing you to understand business and government issues in a data-driven economy. Graduates of our Economics & Financial Management program leave university with the skills needed to enter investment banking or finance as they understand factors influencing income, wealth and well-being.

ENGLISH

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Publisher
- Technical Writer

English offers an overview of the history, forms and concerns of literature written in the English-speaking world. Learn how to critically engage with verbal and written texts, explore hidden meanings and better understand how humanity uses language for artistry, information sharing, comfort, inspiration and much more. Sharpen your communication skills, analytical abilities and creative writing chops.

Studying English at Laurier's Brantford campus is different from studying English at large Ontario universities. Because the campus is relatively small, the English program in Brantford can be modeled on the best small Canadian universities and American liberal arts colleges. Our English program is highly structured and provides small-class environments, enabling you to form close relationships with your colleagues in the program and continuing relationships with faculty, who are excellent leaders, mentors and educators.

English is an ideal program to help you thrive in ever-changing times, and only at Laurier's Brantford campus can you enhance your degree with a Professional Writing minor. As a graduate, you will have the flexibility to seize opportunities in a wide range of professional fields, such as editing, professional writing, public relations, and social and digital media.

ENGLISH

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Publisher
- Technical Writer

Our English program offers exciting opportunities for you to explore the widest range of great books, emerging works, media and culture, all within their specific historical and cultural contexts. In a globally connected world, your ability to communicate effectively will be key to your professional success. Develop reading, analytical and writing skills through courses in literature and writing, providing you with a strong foundation needed in many professional fields.

Our innovative classrooms emphasize active learning, mostly in small settings, and students study texts drawn from the breadth of English-speaking cultures. Taught by scholars who are internationally recognized researchers and award-winning teachers and writers, courses focus on British, Canadian, American, Indigenous and world literatures.

Engage in experiential learning opportunities, learn from renowned visiting writers-in-residence and connect with faculty who specialize in creative work. One of many ways to customize your degree is to complete the newly-established concentration in Creative Writing.

You can also apply to the BA + Master's in English to receive two conditional offers of admission: one to a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and one to a Master of Arts degree in English – both at Laurier.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Environmental Scientist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Environmental Resource Specialist

Learn to identify environmental challenges and assess solutions based on fundamental principles of how organisms perform in their interactions with their biological, geochemical and physical environments. Our Environmental Science program unites important concepts and teachings from related sciences to understand how physical and chemical processes affect rock, soil, air and water, which then influences the distribution, abundance and performance of living organisms.

Learn how to use analytical tools, including lab and field methods, so you're able to quantify and assess the physical and chemical properties of soil, water and air for assessing and monitoring organism populations. Develop a broad range of techniques to identify and devise solutions to environmental problems caused by human activities.

The skills and techniques you will learn draw from geography, chemistry and biology, allowing you to understand a diverse set of issues. As a graduate of this program, you will be able to communicate to diverse audiences for a number of purposes, such as helping to restore ecosystems and environmental advocacy.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Environmental Consultant
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Resource Conservation Specialist

Environmental Studies combines natural and social sciences to better understand the human relationship with the natural environment. Students and researchers focus on issues of sustainability in the management of land and water, the formulation of environmental policy and how environmental management decisions can be improved to ensure a healthy future for humans and nature.

Study in a program that's current, dynamic and continuously seeking new ways to enhance our understanding of the natural world and our place in it. Our faculty members are actively engaged in regional planning, environment and natural resource policy, as well as nature conservation. You have the chance to learn and practise key skills in environmental management, explore ground-breaking ideas in collaborative classroom environments and connect with other students and researchers who share a similar passion for nature.

In your upper-years, you can participate in field courses, where you will design and carry out original research projects in places like provincial parks, cities and Northern Canada. Opportunities to learn how to use geographic information systems (GIS) and unmanned aerial vehicles will develop your applied skills, which are highly desired by employers.

FILM STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Film Archivist
- Producer
- Marketing or Promotions Manager

Film Studies addresses the prominent role films and visual media play in our experience of the world today. Enrol in a Film Studies program that's considered one of the top film programs in Canada.

Our range of courses makes Film Studies at Laurier an engaging, richly diverse program. Courses equip you with an understanding of the variety of film genres, national cinemas, the history of film, the key methods of critical analysis and film theory, and the relationship of film style to its social and industrial contexts. You also have the opportunity to engage in hands-on production.

Our partnership with the Vancouver Film School provides you with an opportunity to combine your academic study of film with hands-on training in film production, writing or acting. If you choose this pathway, you can complete a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies at Laurier and receive a diploma from the Vancouver Film School in only four years. The following diplomas are offered: Film Production; Acting for Film and Television; or Writing for Film and Television.

You can also tailor your degree by taking a minor or option, or choosing one of two specializations in Film Studies: Film Production or Film Theory.

FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

WATERLOO CAMPUS
LAZARIDIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Actuary
- Financial Analyst
- Statistical Analyst

Financial Mathematics at Laurier focuses on much more than math and quantitative finance. In this dynamic program, which is the first integrated program of its kind in Canada, you can learn mathematics, statistics and financial applications simultaneously.

Gain a thorough education in theory and application related to mathematics and finance, from portfolio optimization theory to the Black-Scholes model. Benefit from extensive experience solving real-world problems in finance and risk management through case-based learning and hands-on math labs, where you will work with relevant industry software.

Our Bachelor of Arts program focuses on how mathematics is used in social sciences and business. In our Bachelor of Science program, you can focus on the connections between mathematics and the natural, physical and computer sciences. In both programs, our Mathematics Assistance Centre and supplemental online resources can help you succeed.

You can choose elective courses from across our curriculum or focus your studies in one of our concentrations: Statistics and Data Analytics; Financial Risk Management; or Computational Finance. Financial implications affect every industry and our graduates have gone on to work in accounting firms, banks, financial institutions, insurance, government, the tech sector and more.

GAME DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Game Designer
- Game Producer or Project Manager
- App Developer

Want to change the world through games? While games can entertain, they can also transform players by informing, building empathy, motivating and engaging them in real-world issues. Transformative games are used in education, corporate training, health care and informal learning institutions, such as museums and libraries. Gamification and gameful design techniques motivate people to get engaged with the real world by adding a game-based layer.

Our Bachelor of Fine and Applied Arts in Game Design & Development offers courses from both Laurier and Conestoga College delivered on Laurier's Brantford campus. Develop skills in game design, mobile game development, motivation through gameful design and gamification, project management and entrepreneurship. You will also have the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to create a variety of games – digital, tabletop and live-action – that can be used to change the world, to entertain or ideally, both.

During your time at Laurier, you will develop games both inside and outside of the classroom to build your portfolio. In your fourth year, you will work with a community partner through the Brantford Games Network to create a game that can make a difference. And if you're interested in exploring entrepreneurship, you'll have a chance to do so with this game.

GEOGRAPHY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Climate Change Impact Consultant
- Geoscientist
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist

Geography is a wide-ranging discipline that examines the characteristics of human and physical features on Earth and the processes that shape them. Available as either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree, our programs offer you an opportunity to interact with faculty who study a range of geographic problems.

In the BA program, focus your degree on human geography and explore patterns of migration, travel behaviour, health, food systems, urban development and sustainability. Or choose to focus on the area of physical geography and pursue a BSc to study the changing surface of the earth, weather and climate or the distribution of water on our planet.

Work with faculty exploring methods and techniques used to understand geographic patterns through technologies, such as global positioning systems, unmanned aerial vehicles data gathering, geographic information systems (GIS), spatial analyses and remote sensing – highly desired skills relevant to both private- and public-sector employers.

The BA Geography degree is chosen as an Arts major at the end of first year. The BSc program offers direct entry into Geography; Archaeology & Heritage Studies and Geography; Geography & Geomatics; or Geography with Environmental Science Option.

GLOBAL STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Refugee and Immigration Services Worker
- Peace and Disarmament Researcher
- International Development Program Officer

Global Studies provides you with a coherent understanding of the world, exploring contemporary issues related to a range of topics like armed conflict, refugees, economic development, environmental change, human rights and more. Become a knowledgeable and engaged citizen of the world and be equipped to pursue a variety of potential paths for further study and careers.

You can choose courses from across our curriculum or focus on one of our concentrations: Peace & Conflict; International Development; or Globalization & Culture.

As a Global Studies student, you will have a range of opportunities to gain international experience. Participate in field courses in places such as Chile, Bosnia and India; study abroad programs; and international placements as part of the Arts Global Experience, which builds skills and self-awareness through intercultural exchange and service-learning.

Gain specialized knowledge and skills that can help you contribute to lasting solutions to our world's most complex problems. The Global Studies program pairs nicely with study of a second language, or with several of our unique options at Laurier, such as Social Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement, International Policy or Sustainability.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Health Care Administrator
- Disability Claims Manager
- Health Policy Analyst

Technological advances can prolong life, but they aren't available to everyone. We have health care systems that offer treatments when we get sick, but why do we fall ill in the first place? And why do only some people use the health care system when they are sick?

The Health Administration program provides you with a broad understanding of the diverse factors affecting the provision, management and utilization of health care, both domestically and internationally.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for important nonclinical roles in the health care sector across Canada.

HEALTH SCIENCES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Health Professional
- Rehabilitation Professional
- Public Health Policy Analyst

Our Health Sciences program is designed primarily as a stepping stone – it's a perfect fit if you want to pursue further education in a health-related profession or practice.

This program offers you a “cell-to-society” perspective on human health and well-being by approaching the study of health through a combination of natural and social science courses. Study biology, chemistry, psychology, mathematics and applied health courses, including anatomy, physiology, epidemiology and the social determinants of health. And in your senior years, you can choose from a variety of seminar courses on many topics in the health sciences.

In this program you will learn to use scientific investigative techniques and develop communication and critical thinking skills, the core competencies in the foundational and applied health sciences. Learn how to apply these skills in hands-on laboratory and/or research training, as well as through practical experience. Exposure to health care practitioners and applied researchers also adds relevance and scope to your academic studies.

Graduate prepared for careers in a broad range of health-related fields. Or if you want to further your education, you will be prepared to apply to many professional and graduate programs.

HISTORY

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Museum Curator
- Lawyer
- Teacher

More than ever, we need to be connected to the past to understand our present and future. The study of history gives us the ability to understand events and issues that shape our realities in their proper historical and cultural contexts.

Receive all the advantages of Laurier's well-respected History curriculum, while also getting the benefits of intimate and small class sizes in the History program at Laurier's Brantford campus. Take courses in North American, British, European and Asian history with faculty experts in military, Indigenous, social, political and art history. Only in Brantford can you pursue a Public History Specialization, which includes a placement with a local museum, archive or a local heritage site.

This program emphasizes experiential learning which will train you to be a strong writer, researcher and critical thinker. Your learning will be enhanced through field placements, seminars and hands-on training to be a historian. Learn how historic artifacts and documents are collected, preserved and displayed. Or become certified to collect oral history interviews and tell the stories of your ancestors and local community members.

In our People Make History lecture series, you will meet participants of historic events and deepen your understanding of the effects felt by humanity.

HISTORY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Museum Curator
- Lawyer
- Teacher

History is the study of the past and why change happens. This dynamic discipline will challenge you to imagine how other people thought and lived. Study ordinary and exceptional people living in many places and conditions, from the ancient past to recent times.

What sets Laurier apart is the variety of thematic courses available starting in your first year and the program's flexibility. You can focus your studies on what interests you, whether that's cultural or art history, social or military history, the history of crime or political history. Laurier's History program also offers personalized experiences, including travel courses, small-enrolment seminars and a capstone project.

Studying history will make you a well-rounded and globally engaged critical thinker. Your degree will lay the foundation for a range of exciting careers in the law, education, journalism, business, politics, and public and international service.

You can also apply to the BA + Master's in History to receive two conditional offers of admission: one to a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and one to a Master of Arts degree in History – both at Laurier.

HONOURS SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

This program is pending approval from Senate and the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance.

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Researcher
- Technician
- Health Professional

Are you passionate about science, but unsure of what discipline to major in? You have the freedom to discover your own path in this broad-based science program.

Define and pursue your interests across a variety of scientific disciplines, before committing to a major. Or you can decide not to major at all and take courses from all aspects of science and graduate with a broad-based science degree. Either way, be prepared for future studies in professional or academic science-related fields.

You have the flexibility to choose courses that interest you – take advantage of Laurier's extensive and diverse list of science course offerings. Tailor your degree to your career aspirations and post-graduation plans. So take your pick. Choose to take courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, statistics and/or psychology, all while developing a myriad of research, analytics and technical skills.

Apply what you learn in hands-on labs and engage in research activities as part of a directed study or undergraduate thesis project. At Laurier, you can immerse yourself in cutting-edge research alongside faculty members.

You have complete control to customize your degree – add an option, choose a minor or double major. It's all up to you. Charter your own course. The opportunities are endless.

HUMAN RIGHTS & HUMAN DIVERSITY

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Non-Profit Organization Director
- Immigration Lawyer
- Human Resources Specialist

Human Rights & Human Diversity prepares you for a career where you can make a difference by advancing justice in Canada and around the world. Examine current issues that matter in people's lives, such as children's rights, disabilities, multiculturalism, women's rights, crimes against humanity, human trafficking, racism, gender and more.

Study how people and groups address injustice towards others. Learn about the United Nations, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and non-governmental organizations, while developing skills that human rights organizations value. Gain skills that enable you to intervene and advocate for change, such as grant writing, policy analysis, intercultural competence, professional fundraising, human rights education and social media strategies.

We offer internships in Ghana, Africa and a summer course on migration in Mexico City. You can customize your degree by choosing a specialization in International Development or Non-Profit Career Skills. Or add one of many options to complement your degree, like Issue Advocacy or Leadership.

HUMANITIES WITH LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Senior Manager
- Project or Development Manager
- Community Leader

Are you interested in becoming a leader in your profession? Combine a traditional arts education with foundational leadership courses and realize your leadership potential in this flexible, interdisciplinary program, which is the only one of its kind in Ontario.

Immerse yourself in the problems leaders and organizations face today while learning how to create long-lasting solutions that consider larger historical and cultural contexts. By studying ethics, history, literature, and other arts and science disciplines, you will broaden your understanding of contemporary issues.

Courses in leadership will help you understand leadership theory and prepare you for what is needed to inspire, motivate and bring about meaningful change. You will begin your studies with a multidisciplinary seminar, exploring a contemporary problem from multiple angles. A capstone, problem-based seminar will allow you to integrate your education and help you become an exceptional leader who has the knowledge and skills to make a difference.

Customize your education by choosing elective courses based on your interests and by participating in experiential learning opportunities, such as undergraduate research, Community Service-Learning and studying abroad.

You will graduate well equipped to understand, critically view and serve in today's complex and challenging world. Opportunities from this program are endless. You will be ready to pursue careers in advertising and promotions, communications, government or legal professions, politics, teaching and much more.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Indigenous Community Liaison Officer
- Policy Analyst
- Support Group Facilitator

Examine the social, political, historical and cultural diversity of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and around the world from Indigenous perspectives in this program.

Indigenous Studies encourages engagement at both the local and global levels, providing hands-on learning opportunities for students to learn more about Indigenous intellectual traditions and how they can be applied to better understand Indigenous and Canadian issues.

Indigenous studies is a rapidly growing and diverse field of study that invites you to think holistically inside and outside the classroom. Diverse teaching methods, such as planting medicines in our Medicine Garden, bring class material to life and allow you to understand Indigenous worldviews by applying them to the world around you.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program or you can minor in Indigenous Studies, allowing you to complement another area of study with courses in Indigenous languages, literatures and traditional teachings. Coursework in two programs, as well as Community Service-Learning courses, which integrate service in the community within academic contexts, prepare you to engage with important issues facing Canada and the world.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
This program is pending approval from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- International School Teacher
- Education and International Development Program Officer
- English-as-a-Second Language Instructor

The first of its kind in Canada, this collaborative program is your pathway to teach in international schools or pursue education-related work in international development. Take courses from the Faculty of Education and Department of Global Studies (Faculty of Arts) to gain global awareness and intercultural competencies. Learn teaching philosophies and approaches specifically for international settings.

This program offers extensive experiential learning opportunities, including mandatory local and international placements. Foster learning in your second year through a local placement in a school or community organization. At the end of third year, during the spring semester, you will complete an international placement for eight to 12 weeks in an international school or organization engaged with education-related work.

Graduate with the skills and competencies sought by international schools and be prepared for work in education-related fields. Graduates will also be well positioned to enter a Bachelor of Education program.

KINESIOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Exercise Physiologist
- Medical or Rehabilitation Professional
- Sports Administrator

Kinesiology is the study of human movement, sport and physical activity. This multidisciplinary program analyzes physical movement through the integrative perspectives of psychology, motor control, sociology, biomechanics, history, physiology, health and philosophy.

Learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom, which is why you will be required to complete two Community Service-Learning placements as part of your degree. In addition, some courses are taught through practical, hands-on learning experiences, such as designing and delivering physical activity programs, fitness testing or injury assessment.

Customize your degree by taking a minor or option that complements your studies. Or focus your studies in one of four concentrations in Kinesiology: Health and Rehabilitation; Human Movement and Performance; Physical Activity Promotion; or Teaching, Coaching and Management.

Enhance your education with access to premier kinesiology and physical education facilities, including teaching and research laboratories in exercise physiology, motor learning and control, anatomy/physiology, biomechanics and health. Our world-class athletic facilities are also used for physical activity tutorials.

LANGUAGES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Bilingual Officer
- Multicultural Relations Manager
- Teacher

Our dynamic approach to the study of languages offers you many ways to tailor a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. In our BA Languages program, which is the first of its kind in Canada, you have the opportunity to study two languages in depth (French and Spanish) and obtain basic knowledge of a third (Arabic, German or Italian). Or, focus your studies on one language in our BA French or BA Spanish programs.

The options to customize your degree are endless. Study linguistics, take a minor in another language and/or experience hands-on research. You can even go on an international exchange – all students are encouraged to do so. Or take a minor in Spanish, which offers a summer course abroad every year.

Gain invaluable communication skills and a heightened awareness of cultural connections. Enhance your ability to think critically. These are all skills that will make you a competitive candidate for unique careers in Canada and abroad.

First-year students who have some level of proficiency in French and Spanish can take upper-year courses with permission from the program.

LAW & SOCIETY

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Lawyer
- Victim Advocate
- Policy Analyst

Have you ever wondered why we have the laws we do? Or how law can promote or inhibit social change? Law & Society helps you see that there's more to the law than just laws and regulations. Learn to critically analyze how things such as power, money and race shape law and in turn, how law can help relieve or reinforce these social factors. Learn to examine what the law says, what the law does and the difference between the two.

Law & Society provides a thought-provoking and rewarding liberal arts education that will help you recognize the complex dynamics shaping personal and social life. Law impacts all aspects of life, so the knowledge of law and legal processes you gain in this program will provide excellent preparation for many careers, including legal professions. The Brantford campus is also located near Brantford's court and legal centres, which provides many experiential learning opportunities outside the classroom.

To broaden your understanding of the complex relationship between the law and social life, this program accepts several approved electives in other programs as credit towards your Law & Society major.

MATHEMATICS

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Biostatistician
- Programming Analyst
- Teacher or Professor

Refine your critical thinking and analytical skills by studying mathematical sciences. Learn to view everyday problems and complex issues from a mathematical perspective so that you will be prepared to find innovative solutions in their entirety and with efficiency.

Laurier's approach to mathematics emphasizes both mathematics and applied mathematics so that you understand mathematical techniques used in engineering, science, business and computer science. In our Bachelor of Science program, you will focus on mathematics in relation to the natural, physical and computational sciences. In our Bachelor of Arts program, you will study mathematics in a broad context, including the social sciences, humanities and business. As a graduate of either program, you will be prepared to become a principal player in many diverse organizations and enterprises in the natural, computational and social sciences.

You can choose elective courses from across our curriculum or focus on one of our concentrations: Analysis and Geometry; Discrete Mathematics and Algebra; or Statistics and Data Analytics. In Laurier's Mathematics programs, you will master mathematical principles and apply your knowledge in small, hands-on labs. Our faculty and staff give you the personal attention you need to be successful and our Mathematics Assistance Centre and online resources will help you maximize your learning.

MEDIEVAL & MEDIEVALISM STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Exhibit Designer or Planner
- Conservator or Preservationist
- Film or TV Researcher

Medieval & Medievalism Studies analyzes and applies cultural materials from the global Middle Ages (c. AD 500-1500) and the representation of the medieval world in later periods, including our own. Study politics, history, literature, music, religion and even digital video games, all from the Middle Ages.

Our emphasis on medievalism makes Laurier's program unique in North America. We are the only university in Ontario to offer multiple Medieval & Medievalism Studies courses to first-year students. As you progress in the program, you can tailor your study of the Middle Ages and medievalism to a literary, cultural or historical focus and prepare for diverse career opportunities, ranging from preserving the past to bringing it to life in the modern world.

Take courses on an exciting variety of subjects like medievalism and video games, witches, outlaws, heretics, knights, dragons and fantasy literature. Learn how to think critically about how these subjects are represented in popular culture. You also have the option to participate in an exchange program with the University of Durham in England or the University of Poitiers in France.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program.

MUSIC

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF MUSIC

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Performer or Teacher
- Arts Administrator
- Composer for film, television or gaming

Laurier’s classical Bachelor of Music is built on a foundation of world-class instructors and a supportive learning environment. We admit 100 students annually in winds, brass, percussion, piano, harp, organ, voice, strings, classical guitar and historical instruments. The size of our program allows for small classes, accessible instructors, full wind and symphony orchestras, three choirs, an outstanding opera program, percussion ensemble and much more.

In your first year, you will receive weekly one-hour private lessons, ensemble experience and masterclasses, plus access to professional coach-accompanists.

Concentrations (chosen in second year) include: Composition; Comprehensive; Integrated Musical Arts; Music Education; Music History, Theory and Critical Analysis; and Performance. New for 2018, Integrated Musical Arts focuses on experiential, self-directed and project-centred learning within the disciplines of music creation, production and performance.

Take advantage of opportunities to work closely with leading Canadian and international artists, who visit campus to perform and lead masterclasses, workshops and lectures.

Auditions for the Bachelor of Music allow you to demonstrate your skills on a primary instrument. If you have a significant proficiency on a second instrument you should consider auditioning on both.

Laurier’s Faculty of Education guarantees admission to their Bachelor of Education program for a limited number of top-ranking music students upon graduation.

COMMUNITY MUSIC

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF MUSIC

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Classroom or Private Teacher
- Arts Administrator
- Community Ensemble Leader (choir or bands)

Learn and experience the benefits of introducing music into different settings within a range of community contexts. A key feature of the program is an emphasis on music creation and collaboration to provide you with extensive experience in creative songwriting, improvisation and student-driven performance.

Take courses that help you develop your musicianship, your critical thinking and your project management skills. Courses are designed to develop flexible and accomplished musicianship while also emphasizing collaboration and leadership. You’ll study voice, drumming, and either keyboard or guitar while you simultaneously advance your music knowledge through aural skills, pop structures and jazz harmony. You’ll learn about principles and practices of community music from around the world and get to put those ideas to use as part of Laurier’s Community Music Ensemble.

With guidance from a Laurier instructor, you will have the freedom to create a capstone project in your fourth year, putting your strengths to action in any form. Capstone project themes are not limited and could be structured as an event, research project, new business, performance and more.

Auditions for Community Music allow you to demonstrate your personal musical strengths. Pieces can be performed on any instrument(s) (including voice) in any genre or musical style.

Laurier’s Faculty of Education guarantees admission to their Bachelor of Education program for a limited number of top-ranking music students upon graduation.

MUSIC THERAPY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF MUSIC

SAMPLE CAREER:

- Music Therapist

Students who have completed two years in Laurier’s Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Music in Community Music can apply to the Music Therapy program.

Music therapy uses music to support the health and well-being of clients with physical, emotional, intellectual or learning challenges. Music therapists work with diverse client populations and age groups, including children, adolescents and geriatrics, those with learning disabilities, autism, special needs and those who require end-of-life care.

Under supervision, you will work with clients seeking music therapy in group and individual placements in our on-site clinic and in the community. Alongside your major instrument, you will learn and use percussion, piano and guitar during your placements.

In your fourth year, you will begin a 1,000-hour internship (organized by Laurier) making you eligible to apply for accreditation as a music therapist through the Canadian Association of Music Therapists upon graduation. Graduates find work in a variety of private and public music therapy settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, special needs classrooms and in private practice.

In 2017, Laurier partnered with Homewood Health Centre to appoint their first music therapist-in-residence. Homewood Health Centre is a leader in mental health and addiction services. As a music therapy student, you may find yourself in a placement role at the Centre under the supervision of the music therapist-in-residence or in similar placement roles that prepare you for your future career.

NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Diplomat
- International Business Consultant
- Policy Adviser

North American Studies explores the links that bind Canada, the United States and Mexico together in the North American region. This program brings together students and faculty interested in understanding North America as a distinct historical, cultural, political and economic entity, as well as Canada’s particular place on the continent.

Focus your studies in one of four key areas: business and economy; culture and identity; public policy; or Indigenous Peoples. You are encouraged to take elective courses from our History, Geography, English, Film Studies, Political Science and Languages programs. And you will also be given the opportunity to study at partner universities in the U.S. and Mexico.

Our innovative first-year course combines the best of online, in-class and active learning. Core courses include: Narrative, Place and Identity in North America; Decolonizing North America; North America: Business and Society; Drugs, Guns and Trucks: Commerce and Contraband Across North America; and Managing Borders in North America.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program, which allows you to complement your studies with knowledge and understanding of another subject area.

PHILOSOPHY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Librarian or Information Specialist
- Lawyer
- Teacher or Professor

Thinking about a major? Major in thinking. Our students study philosophy for many reasons. They want to know more about meaning, values, society, mind and reality. They want to explore ideas about right and wrong, what there is in the world and what we can know. And they want to think more clearly, carefully and conscientiously about themselves and the world we live in.

Tackle the great questions and concerns in society and learn to produce well-reasoned, economically expressed, evidence-supported arguments in response. Develop sensitivity to the historical, social, political and cultural forces that can shape ways of thinking. The ideas you will encounter in your study of philosophy are stimulating on their own. But the skills you will acquire benefit you beyond the classroom.

Take advantage of a full range of courses in the areas of knowledge, reality, values, society and the history of philosophy, including many non-traditional subjects.

This program can be completed as a single major or in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program. You can also tailor your degree by adding a minor or an option. For example, you may choose to take the Legal Studies Option, giving you the opportunity to study legal topics, theories and methods that are at the intersection of law, politics, business, history, philosophy, gender, justice, human rights and ethics.

PHYSICS

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Environmental Physicist
- Optical Engineer
- Teacher or Professor

Physics is the science that explores the properties and interactions of matter, energy and force. In mastering physics, you’ll learn to assess, formulate and solve problems quantitatively. Our Physics program provides a strong foundation in Newtonian and modern physics, quantum mechanics, electricity, magnetism, optics and electronics, all in combination with mathematics. You also have the opportunity to learn about electronics and applied physics in more depth through specialized courses.

Put your learning into practice by choosing to participate in faculty research projects, which focus on constructing fibre lasers, simulating semiconductor nanostructures, exploring quantum computers, or controlling light-matter interactions at the nanoscale to design ultra-sensitive biosensors.

In the Chemistry & Physics program, focus on the chemical and physical properties of materials at the bulk and the nanoscale. Learn how to design new materials with unique mechanical, optical, electronic or magnetic properties, which can be applied in sectors ranging from chemistry and physics to computing and medicine.

In the Computer Science & Physics program, you have a unique opportunity to obtain practical computer programming skills and at the same time, gain knowledge of modern physics. As a graduate of this combined program, you’ll be well positioned to seize developing opportunities in the technology sector.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Lawyer
- Policy Advisor or Researcher
- Public Opinion Analyst

We live in a political world. From the local to the global, decisions made by politicians, government officials, corporations and community leaders affect all aspects of our lives – from the way we respond to the challenge of environmental degradation, to the wait times in our health care system, to whether we send our troops into combat or for peacekeeping.

Learn tools and strategies to analyze the events and debates unfolding around you and receive training to engage in the practice of politics itself, including issue and policy analysis, legal evaluation and argumentation, public opinion, survey design, electoral analysis, advocacy and political communication.

Through specializations and minors you can focus your studies in international governance and global trade, public policy, legal studies, Canadian politics, comparative politics (e.g., the U.S. and Europe), area studies (Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East) and political research methodology.

With a degree in Political Science, you will be prepared to make a contribution to your community and for employment in the public, private and civil society sectors.

You can also apply to the BA + Master's in Political Science to receive two conditional offers of admission: one to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and one to a Master's of Applied Politics – both at Laurier.

PSYCHOLOGY

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Community Agency Director
- Mental Health Worker
- Psychologist

Psychology focuses on all aspects of human behaviour and mental processes, with the goal of understanding why people think, feel and behave in the ways that they do. Learn how genetics, personality, social factors, external environments, cultural differences and societal context influence these behaviours and processes. Graduate from this program with a solid understanding of the principles of human behaviour and be able to apply these principles in a responsible, engaged way.

In the Psychology program at the Brantford campus, you have opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty researchers, to engage directly with the community and to discover first-hand how your education can apply to real-world experiences.

We also offer a direct-entry Bachelor of Arts in Psychology: Forensic Specialization, which provides a broad overview of psychology with an added focus on the role of psychology in the criminal justice system. You'll explore how psychology can help us better understand crime, criminals, victims and the law, which will expand your career options to include forensics and law.

PSYCHOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Community Agency Director
- Mental Health Worker
- Psychologist

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and experience, including thinking, feeling and action. It teaches us how we learn languages, how we function in community, how to promote healthy development across the lifespan and much more.

You can earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Psychology. In both approaches to the study of psychology, you will learn the major subfields of psychology alongside other arts and/or science fields. Study psychology to gain insights into human behaviour, preparing you for many careers in human services or health.

In our BA program, the optional Research Specialist stream immerses you in at least two subfields of psychology and provides hands-on training in psychological research. Our new Community Psychology Specialization teaches how psychology can be applied to promote health and well-being, community engagement and social change.

The BSc program approaches the study of psychology using biological aspects of psychology. Combine your BSc Psychology degree with Computer Science, Biology or Neuroscience. In Psychology & Neuroscience, study human behaviour as it is produced by the brain by examining the structures, functions and workings of the brain and its interaction with our bodies and environment.

PUBLIC HEALTH

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Health Educator
- Public Health Inspector
- Clinical Professional (Doctor, Occupational or Physical Therapist, Chiropractor or Midwife)

Public Health studies how physical and social factors influence health status, with the goal of identifying and promoting interventions that will reduce disease and injury, prolong life and improve population health.

This Bachelor of Arts and Science program teaches core material typically associated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health or Life Sciences and is supplemented with essential knowledge from the social sciences. Examine how biology, environmental quality, social status, health care services and government policies impact risks to the health of individuals and communities. You will gain the research skills necessary to improve our understanding of these relationships.

Public Health is a dynamic program and faculty members integrate the latest scientific advancements and knowledge into their courses. You can also customize your degree by selecting elective courses from other programs that best meet your educational and career goals. Graduates of Public Health find employment in many health-related careers and by tailoring their studies, they're prepared to apply to graduate and professional postgraduate programs.

RELIGION & CULTURE

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Diversity Officer
- Humanitarian Aid Worker
- Program Facilitator

We live in a world of many and diverse religions and cultures. And to help you understand these, learn about a variety of theories, facts, interdisciplinary approaches, and research methods in the Religion & Culture program.

Become better engaged in debates about human rights, religious rights and freedoms, the status of women, identity and belonging, intergroup conflict, resource management, social justice and coexistence in a multicultural society. Learn how to reflect on questions of value and meaning and understand how they affect the world and people around you.

Explore the rich diversity of religious interactions with culture in many different regions of the world, learn research methods and applications, and receive high-quality training in vital professional and life skills. A fourth-year capstone seminar allows you to develop an individualized research project connected to your personal or professional interests.

You will be prepared for a variety of professional careers by learning essential, transferable skills including critical thinking, effective writing, oral presentation, interpersonal communication and how to conduct advanced research. Students are encouraged to take courses in a different language to help increase their cross-cultural skills.

This program can also be completed online.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Diversity and Equity Officer
- Environmental Consultant
- Volunteer Manager

Laurier is a designated Ashoka Changemaker Campus. This prestigious designation means Laurier is recognized as a global leader in social entrepreneurship and social innovation education.

Embrace our Ashoka Changemaker Campus designation in this unique program and be prepared for a career in social and environmental justice. Gain the knowledge, inspiration and career skills to directly contribute to the world.

Study topics such as poverty and policies to reduce income inequality, climate change, sustainable communities and citizens' roles in a democratic society. Graduates of this program are socially aware citizens and inspirational leaders in their communities who are contributing to a more positive, collective future for all.

By choosing the Social Innovation Specialization, you can develop the entrepreneurial skills needed to be successful in your own socially focused business venture or within an established organization.

SOCIAL WORK

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Social Worker
- Mental Health Counsellor
- Social Policy and Community Development Coordinator

The field of social work attempts to facilitate people's full participation in society by advocating for structural change and by facilitating change in individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations. Social work's unique perspective is its focus on persons in environments and those who are vulnerable to being disadvantaged by differences such as class, race, gender, age and ability. Our Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) has a unique focus on Indigenous issues, which includes an examination of the cultural exchanges between Canada's colonial processes and Indigenous Peoples.

Begin studying social work in your first year in this direct-entry BSW program. Learn through experience during two field placements, where you'll gain supervised pre-professional social work experience in social and community agency settings.

By completing your four-year BSW program at Laurier, you will be eligible to apply for advanced standing in our Master of Social Work (MSW) program. In five years, you can complete both your BSW and MSW, giving you a competitive edge when you begin your career.

SOCIOLOGY

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Community Engagement Coordinator
- Human Resources Manager
- Social Policy Researcher

Sociology is the study of the social world and the ways we both shape and are shaped by society. In Laurier's Sociology program, get the skills needed to answer questions and develop solutions to confront real-world social issues.

Through the study of sociological theory and research methods, tackle problems that face individual health, government policy, law and education, and discover how you can be a part of meaningful change.

If you major in Sociology, you can pursue your own interests in focused capstone seminars. Graduate with a solid foundation to pursue many careers in both private and social sectors, including social services, policy, education, finance, business, marketing, health care, law, government and non-governmental agencies.

You can also choose to enhance your degree by taking the Applied Social Research Specialization, which will prepare you to conduct research related to human and societal behaviour. Your ability to make data-driven decisions will be an advantage in many career paths.

USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Information Architect
- User Experience Consultant
- User Interface Designer

User experience (UX) designers are trained professionals who understand how to make sure the entire experience a person has with a product, service, environment or message is a positive one. UX designers employ a wide range of methods for gathering information about users and their tasks; analyzing user needs; creating design solutions; iterating designs through testing and evaluation; and measuring efficiency, effectiveness and user satisfaction.

User experience professionals are in high demand and are valuable in a wide range of industries, including retail, medicine, technology, finance, education and government.

Laurier's approach to UX goes beyond designing for the web and extends to the design of 3D and immersive environments, as well as the design of processes and services. Most classes are hands-on and offer opportunities to work on real-world problems with established companies, startups and community groups. There are opportunities for students to apply for internships and co-op. Students will also work directly with a client during their fourth-year capstone project.

Students in other programs at the Waterloo and Brantford campuses can add a minor in User Experience Design to their degree. Because UX design is used in every industry, you can complement what you learn in your program with an understanding of how to design exceptional experiences for customers and clients – in any area.

WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES

WATERLOO CAMPUS
FACULTY OF ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Insurance or Financial Services Specialist
- Lawyer
- Non-Profit Organization Director

Gender is a central way in which humans understand themselves and organize their relationships across the globe. This program stresses the need for a better understanding of the key role that gender plays in our lives. Learn how gender is linked to other categories such as class, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, age, ability and Indigeneity. Our courses go beyond offering skills for analyzing the world around you. We help you find ways to change it.

Social justice and equity issues are emphasized throughout our program and we stress attention to both local and global issues. Many courses are framed from within a transnational focus, exploring issues extending beyond Canada's borders. Courses in masculinity studies, Indigeneity and the environment encourage relevant and current issues to be discussed and dissected in the classroom.

Through an interdisciplinary approach to the study of women and gender, and a variety of individual, collaborative, oral and written projects, you will foster both creativity and critical thinking. Many students in this program value opportunities provided to discuss and make sense of their everyday lives and experiences.

This program must be completed in combination with another Bachelor of Arts program, enabling you to add new perspectives into another program and vice versa.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S STUDIES

BRANTFORD CAMPUS
FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

SAMPLE CAREERS:

- Child Life Specialist
- Teacher
- Youth Parole Officer

What does it mean to be a child in the contemporary world? How can we engage with children and youth in a way that makes positive change? The Youth & Children's Studies program explores these questions in order to understand the experiences of youth and children in Canada and around the globe.

To study children and youth from many different perspectives, you'll take courses from our Psychology, Criminology, Indigenous Studies, Community Health, Law & Society, English and Human Rights & Human Diversity programs, giving you the most advanced information, research strategies and analytical skills to help you succeed after graduation.

Some courses include hands-on experience in youth- and child-focused environments, similar to those that you may work in after graduation. In the past, placements have been at youth drop-in centres, a Special Olympics chapter, children's charities and Ontario Early Years Centres, as well as preschools and classrooms.

If you're considering a career in teaching, Laurier's Faculty of Education guarantees admission to its Bachelor of Education program (Primary/Junior and Junior/Intermediate) for a limited number of top-ranking students in this program.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying to Laurier.

1. NOMINATION FORM

Ask your university's exchange coordinator to complete the nomination form, found online at wlu.ca/laurier-international/incoming-exchanges.html.

2. LOG IN TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

After the nomination deadline, we will send you a login information for the **online application portal**. You are responsible for completing the application by the required deadline. You will need to choose your courses on the application. We will work to have you enrolled in your top course choices but there is no guarantee they will be available. Laurier International will be in contact with you regarding course registration prior to your arrival.

We will provide incoming exchange applicants with information regarding pre-departure, accommodations, international orientation and more following the application deadline.

Application deadlines can be found online at wlu.ca/global. More information about Laurier's academic calendar can be found online at wlu.ca/calendars.

Please note: Laurier does not typically accept exchange students for the Spring term, Summer session or Intersession courses.



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