

Ancillary Fee Descriptions for Undergraduate/Professional/Education/Continuing Studies

2023-2024 Academic Year

Student Organization Fees	Description
Student Buildings	You can access all spaces operated by the USC: the Mustang Lounge, the Spoke, the Wave, Western Film, and other space in the University Community Centre
Student Recreation Centre Fund	This fee was previously approved through a student referendum to contribute towards the capital and operating costs of the Western Student Recreation Centre.
Transit Pass	You have access to a 12-month London Transit Bus Pass if you are a full-time undergraduate student at Western. This pass is valid for free unlimited rides, for all stop locations and all hours of operation, seven days a week (including holidays).
Safe Transit Program	The goal of the Safe Transit program is to get students home safely after the LTC bus service stops at midnight. You can use the mustang on demand service most Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the academic year. Details and a link to download the app can be found at https://westernusc.ca/services/mustang-on-demand/ . During exams, a late-night transportation service takes over to provide rides every night from campus back to your home.
Health and Wellness	You can access additional health and wellness services and support with the USC's Health Promotions team and the Peer Support Centre, which helps support and educate students on issues involving mental health, social health, substance abuse, campus safety, and sexual violence prevention. These programs also help train campus leaders to assist students in finding the resources they need to support their health and wellness.
Health Plan	All full-time undergraduate students are automatically assessed Health Plan fees. The Plan is specifically designed to supplement provincial health care (OHIP/UHIP) and meet students' health care needs, so you can focus on being a student and leave the stress of health coverage to us. The Plan covers a range of health care needs, including health care practitioners, dental care, virtual doctor visits and prescription drugs. Any students with comparable health coverage can opt-out of this fee before September 23rd at https://www.mystudentplan.ca/purplecare/en/home .
Dental Plan	You can enjoy the USC's dental plan, specifically designed to supplement provincial health care and meet students' dental care needs. The USC administers the plan so you can focus on being a student and leave the stress of dental coverage to us. If you opt-out of this fee, you will not receive USC Dental Coverage. **You can opt-out of this fee via the https://www.mystudentplan.ca/purplecare/en/home .
My Virtual Doctor	The program will provide you with individual access to qualified medical care through a virtual platform 24 hrs per day, 7 days per week to address many of the common concerns faced by students **You can opt-out of this fee via the https://www.mystudentplan.ca/purplecare/en/home .
Academic Support (incl. Ombuds Fee)	You can access academic support in a safe and confidential environment where you can discuss University-related problems or concerns through the Ombudsperson. The USC also provides academic support by advocating to the University on student priorities, running the USC Student Appeals Centre and supporting career development opportunities, including job fairs.
Community Legal Services	You can help provide free legal advice and representation to Western students and members of the London community through Community Legal Services. Legal services are funded by Western's University Students' Council, Western's Faculty of Law, the Fanshawe Student Union, Legal Aid Ontario, and the Law Foundation of Ontario.
Government Advocacy	Your voice is heard by Western administration and all levels of government through the USC. The USC advocates for increased supports for students, a safe campus community, and affordable and accessible tuition. Recent advocacy wins include the approval of permanent Fall Reading Week, introduction of a revised medical note policy, allowance of preferred first names on university documents, investment of improved lighting on campus, implementation of LTC express bus routes, and more.
Student Life	You can attend any of the more than 4,000 USC events that take place every year like PurpleFest, BeerFest, Theatre Western performances, Rick's Wednesdays, concerts, conferences and speaker series. All of these events are part of the vibrant, inclusive student experience made possible by the USC through this fee.
Peer Programs	You can access academic support in a safe and confidential environment where you can discuss University-related problems or concerns through the Ombudsperson. The USC also provides academic support by advocating to the University on student priorities, running the USC Student Appeals Centre and supporting career development opportunities, including job fairs.

Clubs Administration	You can join any of the almost 200 clubs on campus that offer events, academic support, social networking, and leadership opportunities through the USC's Clubs System. This fee supports the infrastructure of the system. The easiest way to get involved in clubs is to visit Clubs week in September and talk to our diverse mix of clubs about what they do.
Orientation Week Fee <first year students only>	You can experience diverse and exciting programming that welcomes you to Western, helps you meet fellow first-year students, and facilitates your smooth introduction to campus life. Our amazing orientation leaders (SOPHS) provide mentorship and support to help you feel comfortable on campus and create a strong campus community. SOPHS lead activities and education sessions during Orientation Week and act as a resource for you throughout first year by connecting you to support and information on campus. If you opt-out, you cannot participate in Orientation Week.
Student Initiative Grants	You can apply for grants to run innovative programs, attend conferences and create club events with and for other students. The USC administers the application process and has resources to help you run events.
Gazette	Since 1906, the Gazette has covered what matters to students. As Western's largest student media outlet, we need your help to keep campus informed and entertained.
Radio Western	You can listen to radio content created by Western students and community members through Radio Western, unique in London for its ability to highlight local news and culture. You can also participate in their volunteer training programs and learn more about marketing and promotions, conducting interviews, writing and airing news reports, sports broadcasting, and radio production.
Student Refugee Program	You can support student refugees attending Western University in a safe and supportive environment in Canada. This unique program includes academic supports to help with both the resettlement and university experience.
Marching Band Fee	You can support the tradition and excellence of the Western Marching Band! Established in 1937, they perform at athletic games, parades and festivals and are one of the largest marching bands in Canada.
Faculty and Affiliate Councils	You can experience exciting events and leadership opportunities with people in your faculty or Affiliated University Colleges (Huron, Brescia, Kings) by supporting Faculty and Affiliate councils. These councils host concerts, guest speakers, academic conferences, and more. They also advocate for student needs at a Faculty and/or Affiliate University College level.

UWO Student Ancillary Fees	Description
Recreation	This fee supports campus recreation programs including the operations of Western's intramural leagues & tournaments, recreational clubs, fitness & wellness programs, and thriving lifestyle drop-in facilities.
Sport	This fee supports Western's competitive sport program including our interuniversity sports teams, competitive clubs, and athlete development.
Spirit & Connection	This fee supports spirited Mustangs sporting events and activities for the entire campus. Remember, your student card gets you free admission to Mustangs home games!
Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre (TRAC)	This fee supports the costs associated with running the Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre.
Financial Aid Office	Student Financial Aid provides extensive student loan application review and consultation for undergraduate and graduate students in order to proactively clarify and correct errors, resulting in reduced application delays, processing times, and questions from OSAP, helping to ensure student funding is available at the start of the term.
International Student Services	This fee supports international learning and programs in support of international students. This fee supports graduate and undergraduate students throughout their university careers by providing opportunities to gain intercultural skills and experiences and by creating a diverse and welcoming

	community at Western. Services support intercultural learning, volunteer opportunities for more than 400 students per year, international student orientation, advising, events and activities, English conversation program, intercultural learning, peer guide program, immigration assistance and more. See https://international.uwo.ca
Indigenous Services	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports available through Indigenous Services that support Indigenous student success.
Academic Support & Engagement	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports in the areas of academic skills and learning development, accessible education, and leadership, transition and enrichment programs.
Careers & Experience	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports in the areas of career education, experiential learning, and employer relations.
Wellness & Equity Education	This fee supports programming in the areas of equity, diversity & inclusion education, gender-based violence prevention education, and wellness education.
Health & Wellness	This fee supports the operations of the on-campus student health care clinic as well as mental health supports.
Student Support & Case Management	This fee supports resources in the areas of gender-based violence and survivor support, student conduct support, general case management support and coordinated response from the university on complex incidents.
Off Campus Housing & Housing Mediation Services	This fee provides: 1) mediation services to resolve landlord, tenant and roommate conflicts; 2) access to hundreds of rental listings; 3) a lease review service; and 4) personal advising from Western staff members to assist with your search for housing.
Western Foot Patrol	This fee supports services related to student safety, including the safewalk service.