



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' COUNCIL AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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Student Organization Fee Descriptions

Undergraduate/Professional/Education

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Student Buildings	This fee covers maintenance and building needs of spaces run by the USC in the University Community Centre (UCC).
Transit Pass	This fee provides access to a 12-month London Transit Commission (LTC) 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). Through negotiations, this pass is significantly less than the \$1,320 cost of purchasing monthly passes over a year for a student! https://westernusc.ca/services/transportation/bus-pass/
Safe Transit Program	This fee covers transportation services aimed at getting students home safely after the LTC bus service stops at night. This includes the USC's Mustang on Demand service where students can book a ride home most Wednesday-Saturday nights during the academic year. During exams, a late-night transportation service takes over to provide rides every night from campus back to your home. https://westernusc.ca/services/mustang-on-demand/
Health and Wellness	This fee covers various USC wellness initiatives, including the Peer Support Centre, and advocacy to the University on health and wellness issues. https://westernusc.ca/services/peer-support-centre/
Health Plan	All full-time undergraduate students are automatically assessed Health Plan fees for USC PurpleCARE. The plan is specifically designed to supplement provincial health care (OHIP/UHIP) and meet students' health care needs. PurpleCARE covers a range of health care needs, including health care practitioners, prescription drugs, travel benefits and more. Any students with comparable health coverage can opt-out of this fee before September 23. https://westernusc.ca/services/health-plan/



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Dental Plan	Part of PurpleCARE, this fee is specifically designed to supplement provincial health care and meet full-time undergraduate students' dental care needs. This is an optional benefit and students can opt-out without equivalent coverage before September 23. NOTE: University students are not eligible to receive Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) benefits, even if they opt-out. https://westernusc.ca/services/health-plan/
Virtual Health Care / *NEW*Student Assistance Program (SAP)	The USC provides full-time undergraduate students access to qualified medical care and crisis counselling through a virtual platform 24/7. This year, students will also have access to SAP, a confidential mental health and wellness service. Access to professionals through the program involves no out-of-pocket fees, as the cost is covered by your Virtual Health Care plan. This is an optional benefit and students can opt-out without equivalent coverage before September 23. https://westernusc.ca/services/health-plan/
Academic Support (incl. Ombuds Fee)	This fee goes towards the USC academic initiatives including academic advocacy, the Ombudsperson (jointly funded by Western), as well as towards financial literacy programming and the Income Tax Clinic. https://uwo.ca/ombuds//index.html https://westernusc.ca/services/income-tax-clinic/
Community Legal Services	This fee provides free legal advice and representation to Western students and members of the London community through Community Legal Services. The USC funds legal services, Western's Faculty of Law, the Fanshawe Student Union, Legal Aid Ontario, and the Law Foundation of Ontario. https://law.uwo.ca/legal_clinics/community_legal_services/index.html
Government Advocacy	This fee covers advocacy to the Municipal, Provincial, and Federal governments on issues that matter to students, like better transit service, financial aid and housing support. This fee also covers the Ontario Undergraduate Students Alliance membership fee.



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Student Life	This fee covers all of the USC's programs and student events, including Public Arts, EnviroUSC, Purple Concert series, Puppy Yoga, and many other programs throughout the year. https://westernusc.ca/events/
Peer Programs	This fee covers the cost of equity advocacy and programming, including Pride USC, Ethnocultural Support Services, and more.
Clubs Administration	This fee covers the overhead costs of the USC Clubs System and our over 240 ratified clubs. This includes event support, insurance, training, and Clubs Week. https://westernusc.ca/clubs/
Orientation Week Fee *first year students only	This fee, which is only paid by first-year, full-time students, pays for Orientation programming costs. This includes campus-wide programming, administrative costs, Soph support, and Faculty constituency budgets. https://www.oweeek.ca/
Student Initiative Grants	This fee covers the cost of grants and administration for the USC Grants Program. This program provides approximately \$100,000 annually in grant funds to support innovative student initiatives. https://westernusc.ca/services/grants-and-recognition/
Gazette	This fee supports the Western Gazette, the newspaper and website of record for all events related to the campus community. Since 1906, the Gazette has been a watchdog, supplying Western students with accurate, lively coverage of the administration and the USC. Staffed by undergraduate students, the Gazette also has a mandate to train community members and continue preparing new generations of journalists. The USC's Board of Directors are the publishers of the paper, but The Gazette and its publishing committee are editorially independent. https://westerngazette.ca/
Radio Western	This fee supports Radio Western, Western's on-campus radio station. Students can also participate in Radio Western's volunteer training programs and learn more about marketing and promotions, conducting interviews, writing and airing news



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	reports, sports broadcasting, and radio production. Radio Western is a separate organization from the USC. https://radiowestern.ca/
Student Refugee Program	This fee supports the living and educational costs for student refugees sponsored through Western, the USC and the World University Service of Canada (WUSC). https://wusc.ca/
Marching Band Fee	This fee supports Western's Marching Band. Established in 1937, they perform at athletic games, parades and festivals and are one of the largest marching bands in Canada. https://westernmustangband.uwo.ca/
Faculty and Affiliate Councils	This fee supports the operating costs of Western's Faculty and Affiliate councils, which represent students at the faculty or affiliate college level. These Councils are governed by each faculty's Deans Office.