

Ancillary Fee Descriptions for Graduate Students

2021-2022 Academic Year

Student Organization Fees	Description
Organization Fee	The Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), the student-run organization representing graduate students at Western. SOGS provides various services and programs to its members. These can be broadly categorized into 1) Services and Benefits (e.g. Food Bank and Graduate Peer Support); 2) Financial Support (e.g. bursaries and travel subsidies); 3) Academic and Professional Development (e.g. Academic Peer Advising and Research Forums); 4) Advocacy (e.g. support for marginalized groups); 5) Social and Wellness Programming (e.g. Orientation and monthly events). For more information, visit https://sogs.ca .
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	The London Transit Commission (LTC) bus pass provides unlimited access to the City of London's public transportation. For more information, visit https://sogs.ca/buspass/
Health Plan (Incl. Dental for SOGS)	The Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) Health & Dental Plan provides health coverage beyond provincial health insurance (OHIP) or the Universal Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) for international students. For more information, visit https://sogs.ca/healthplan . This coverage includes paramedical services (e.g. physiotherapy, massage therapy), prescription drugs, vision care, dental care, and travel coverage. Visit https://studentcare.ca for detailed coverage summary. *Canadian post-secondary students must have secondary health care coverage. **Students may not opt back in after the opt-in/opt-out deadline. ***Dependents (partner, spouse, and/or children) may opt in.
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.
Grad Club Levy	The Grad Club is a campus eatery owned and operated by SOGS. It is also an inclusive and multipurpose space for graduate student social, wellness, and academic events. The Grad Club Levy contributes to capital expenses (renovations, equipment, etc.). For more information, visit https://gradclub.sogs.ca .
CFS Fee	The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is Canada's largest student-run federal and provincial advocacy organization, composed of more than 80 university and college students' unions. SOGS is Local 47 of CFS. For more information, visit https://cfs-fcee.ca/ . *Must be a SOGS member to be a SOGS delegate at CFS meetings.

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.