



Kicking off the Fall Term!

Welcome to *What's Up Western*—your go-to guide for campus life, news, events, opportunities, resources and supports. As the fall term gets underway, we'll keep you connected to what's happening across campus and highlight ways to get involved, find support, and make the most of your time at Western.

First years, OWeek is underway! We hope you're having a great start to your Western experience. There's still lots happening throughout the week, so check out the remaining events and make the most of OWeek. If you haven't already, [download the OWeek App](#) and follow [@westernusc_events](#) for updates!

Events on Campus

Sept 1-30

Riverfest

Take part in events throughout the month of September to connect with the river and each other.

Riverfest

Sept 10

Global Café

Join us for the first Global Café of the year! Meet new people, make a friendship bracelet and learn about the Western and London communities. Open to all Western students. 3 to 5 p.m., IGAB Atrium.

Global Café

Sept 11

Concert Season

The Fridays at 12:30 p.m. concert series kicks off on September 11. Join us on campus at Western's Don Wright Faculty of Music for more than 350 free concerts and musical events each year.

Concert Schedule

Sept 14-18

USC Clubs Week

Join a club this year! USC Clubs Week is happening September 14-18. Follow [@clubsusuc](#) on Instagram for updates and highlights.

USC Clubs

Sept 17

Spoke Trivia

Spoke Trivia is coming back September 17! Join us weekly every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. and test your knowledge on some fan-favourite topics each semester.

The Spoke

Sept 18-20

Textures in Conversation

Explore the artistic and social connections between music and textile crafts at a free, three-day festival-symposium on campus.

Textures in Conversation

See All Events

Campus Life

Student Welcomes: Connect & Belong



Start the year feeling connected and supported. Join a Student Welcome event to connect with community, discover campus resources and supports, and find ways to get involved.

- [Black Student Welcome](#) (September 15)
- [Muslim Student Welcome](#) (September 17)
- [Students with Disabilities Welcome](#) (September 18)
- [2SLGBTQIA+ Student Welcome](#) (September 22)
- [Jewish Student Welcome](#) (September 24)

All events are 2 to 4 p.m. in SEI 1110. Enjoy activities and refreshments, and bring your Western ONECard to tap in. No registration required, just drop by!

Student Welcomes

GET INVOLVED

Leadership Opportunities

- **Become a First Year Rep for the USC:** We're hiring first-year ambassadors! Visit the [USC website](#) to learn more about open positions and apply. We can't wait to work with you this year!
- **Western B.L.U.E.:** The Western Black Leadership University Experience (B.L.U.E.) Program provides in-person, paid, part-time leadership experiences for 20 Black students. Apply now before September 27 and make a positive impact in the community!

Campus Recreation

- **Fall Intramurals:** Looking for a great way to stay active, meet new people and get involved at Western this fall? Registration opens September 9 at 8 a.m. for Fall Intramurals with recreational and competitive leagues for all skill levels. Choose from basketball, dodgeball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, and more. Registration closes September 22.
- **Recreational Sport Clubs:** Try a new sport or continue one you enjoy with Rec Sport Clubs, offering options for a range of skill and experience levels. Fall membership registration opens September 21. Rec Sport Clubs Week is September 21-25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC) atrium.
- **Western Campus Recreation:** Discover Group Fitness, Aquatics, Drop-in Sports, and more. Visit the [Orientation page](#) for a video tour, self-guided walking tour, and equipment usage videos to help you get started.

STUDENT LIFE

Academic & Career Supports

- **Learn2Learn:** If this is your first time at university, start the year strong with quick, online lessons on time management, note-taking, textbook reading, and test prep. Meet peers, upper-year mentors and build skills for academic success.
- **Peer Guide Network:** Need a place to study, take a break or ask a question? Connect with a Peer Guide or meet other students. Drop-in hours begin September 21, Monday to Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m. Open House: September 14, 4 to 7 p.m., Chu Centre.
- **Employer Events:** Employers are already recruiting for Summer 2027 and beyond, and they want to meet you! Check out the organizations hosting events this month.
- **Free Professional Headshots:** Upgrade your LinkedIn profile with free professional headshots in the Careers & Experience office! Available Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in UCC 210.

Western Eats & Student Deals

- **New Year, New Eats:** Discover new flavours across campus, from [ramen, bao and dumplings](#) at Lucy's in Somerville to milkshakes and soft serve at the [Angry Goose](#) in UCC. Your cafe favourites are getting a refresh, too, with artisan sandwiches and matcha now available, including at the brand new [Purples Cafe](#) in North Campus Building.
- **The Cove:** Stop by The Cove located on the second floor of the UCC and check out our fall menu and try ordering through our new kiosk to save time during your day.
- **Western Fair Student Deal:** Head to the [Western Fair](#) on September 15 and 16 to take advantage of exclusive student pricing: \$12 admission and \$35 all-day ride passes! Complimentary shuttles will run continuously between campus and the fairgrounds. Check [@westernusc](#) on Instagram for schedule and pick-up locations, coming soon!

ROAD CLOSURES: Plan ahead for campus travel

Getting around campus may look a little different this fall. To support pedestrian safety during residence move-in and OWeek, some [campus roadways will close](#) intermittently between Saturday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 12. And don't forget: roadwork on Western Road is ongoing, and Philip Aziz Avenue remains closed while the [City of London completes upgrades](#).

THRIVE ONLINE: New to Western? Here's your tech starter guide



Starting at Western comes with a lot to learn, including new technology. Get tips on Wi-Fi, OWL Brightspace, Duo, CyberSmart and more in the latest Thrive Online blog.

Read the Guide

WESTERN WELLNESS

- **Health & Wellness Services:** The Health & Wellness team is here to support you with [physical health appointments](#), [mental health support](#), and more. Call 519-661-3030 or visit Thames Hall, Room 2170 to book an appointment. Once registered with the clinic, you can set up a TELUS Health Connect Account to book appointments [online](#) and manage your clinic profile.
- **Wellness Support Groups:** Connect with other students through Wellness Support Groups, including Queer Connections, Journey Together, and Grief & Loss Support. These facilitated groups offer a safe, affirming space to connect and explore strategies to support your well-being. [Learn more & register to join a group today](#).
- **Spiritual Guides:** Did you know Western has Spiritual Guides on campus? Drop in Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. in UCC 38B to talk, reflect, and find support, or connect with a guide to arrange a time to meet.

MUSTANGS MINUTE

Western students get in free to all regular season home games with a valid Western ONECard.

Upcoming home games:

- **Friday, Sept 11:**
 - Women's Soccer, 6 p.m. vs Brock Badgers, Western Alumni Stadium
 - Men's Soccer, 8:15 p.m. vs Brock Badgers, Western Alumni Stadium
- **Saturday, Sept 12:**
 - Women's Rugby, 1 p.m. vs York, Alumni Field
 - Field Hockey, 7 p.m. vs Queen's, Mustang Field
- **Sunday, Sept 13:**
 - Field Hockey, 2 p.m. vs Waterloo, Mustang Field
 - Men's Rugby, 3:30 p.m. vs Guelph, Alumni Field

Come cheer on your Mustangs!

Sports Schedule

HOT TAKE

The best way to survive first week is...

- Events & Friends
- Caffeine
- Take it easy
- Do it all

Vote Now

Important Dates

- **Sept 9:** Fall/Winter term begins. [Incoming Student Mandatory Training](#) is due for all first year students.
- **Sept 17:** Last day to add or drop a Fall/Winter 24-week course or a Fall 12-week course. Courses dropped by this date will not appear on a transcript; no fee penalty. Courses dropped after this date will appear on a transcript with a grade of 'WDN' (withdrawn, without academic penalty).

See More Dates

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