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# **Welcome to Western Engineering!**

# Thank you for joining us!

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1. Mute your microphone
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3. Hold all questions until the end! We will open the Chat feature to collect your questions at the start of the Question and Answer period.

# Agenda

1. Welcome by Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
2. Introduction of Graduate Team
3. Graduate program updates
4. Western International
5. Question & Answer session
6. Breakout Rooms by Department

# Faculty Graduate Office Team

**Kamran Siddiqui, PhD, PEng**

Associate Dean, Graduate &  
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SEB 2078

**Sarah Rooth**

Graduate Affairs Assistant  
SEB 2003B

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Administrative Assistant  
SEB 2079

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Graduate Affairs Assistant  
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## Welcome to Western University - You've made a great choice!

- Ranked among the top 1 per cent of universities in the world, we are an academic institution recognized for leadership in education, research and healthcare
- Ranked one of Canada's top universities based on student satisfaction
- Canada's most beautiful university campus - situated on nearly 400 acres of rolling hills and wide-open spaces on the banks of the Thames River

# Western Engineering

- Western Engineering is home to more than 800 graduate students studying in various degree options in a range of fields and interests.
- As a Graduate Student in Engineering you will study new topics in an excellent learning environment and may have the opportunity to get involved in the development of innovative solutions in Engineering that impact communities locally and globally.
- We are committed to provide graduate students with the best experience.



# Departmental Contacts

## Biomedical Engineering

- Jim Lacefield, Director
- Christine Ellwood, Graduate Program Coordinator

## Chemical & Biochemical Engineering

- Lars Rehmann, Associate Chair, Graduate
- Shahzad Barghi, Associate Chair, Graduate Professional Programs
- Marina Omelchenko, Graduate Program Coordinator

## Civil & Environmental Engineering

- Clare Robinson, Associate Chair, Graduate
- Ayman El Ansary, Associate Chair, Graduate
- Emily Moyer, Professional Graduate Program Coordinator

## Electrical & Computer Engineering

- Xianbin Wang, Associate Chair, Graduate
- Abbas Samani, Assistant Chair, Graduate Professional Programs
- Lynda Ding, Professional Graduate Program Coordinator
- Courtney Harper, Research Graduate Program Coordinator

## Mechanical & Materials Engineering

- Liying Jiang, Associate Chair, Graduate
- Samuel Asokanthan, Associate Chair, Graduate Professional Programs
- Joanna Blom, Research Graduate Program Coordinator
- Claire Naudi, Professional Graduate Program Coordinator

# General Admission Details

## Transcript Submission:

You are required to provide one official academic transcript from each post-secondary institution you have attended. An official paper transcript is a transcript in an unopened envelope with the institution's stamp on the seal. If the transcript is not in English, an official translation must accompany the transcript.

### Paper Transcripts

Must be mailed directly from the issuing institution to the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

### Mailing Address

Graduate Admissions  
School of Graduate and  
Postdoctoral Studies  
International and Graduate Affairs  
Building, Room 1N07  
Western University  
1151 Richmond Street  
London, Ontario Canada N6A 3K7

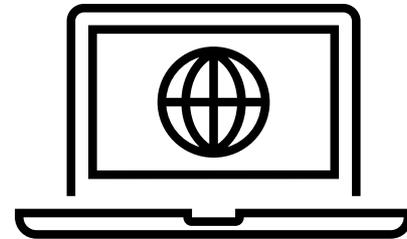
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### Electronic Transcripts

Directly to the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies ([gradapps@uwo.ca](mailto:gradapps@uwo.ca)) from the issuing Institution's Registrar's Office.



# General Admission Details

## Study Permit Submission

If you are an International Student, you will need to submit a copy of your study permit to the School of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies to clear the Study Permit Admission Condition and activate your registration.

### **Electronic Submission**

- A clean copy of your study permit can be emailed to [cbell57@uwo.ca](mailto:cbell57@uwo.ca).

### **In-Person Submission:**

- Directly to the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, International and Graduate Affairs Building, Room 1N07

# Important Tuition Deadlines

- **Tuition Deposit: June 15<sup>th</sup> (for MEng students)**
  - MEng students are required to pay \$500 tuition deposit that will be credited towards their Fall term tuition when they register.
- **Fall Term Tuition Deadline: September 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - If you need to pay the full amount of your tuition for the year for Visa purposes, please see the amounts listed by the Office of the Registrar at the bottom of this webpage: [SDS Letter Tuition Amounts](#)
  - You are also able to see payment details on your Statement of Account in [Student Center](#). ([Student Financials- Statement of Account- Select Term](#))

# How to pay my tuition installments?

# From a Canadian Bank

If you are paying from a Canadian Bank you can pay via:

- Internet Banking
- Cheque or Money Order

For instructions and further information, please see here.

# International Payments

If you are making an International Payment, Western uses Covera Global Pay (formerly Western Union Business Solutions).

For more information, including a Step-by-Step instructional video (offered in 11 languages), please see here: [International Payments - Office of the Registrar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](#)

# Payment Methods NOT Accepted

- The University of Western Ontario **does not accept** cash, Internet e-mail money transfers or credit cards for fee payments.
- **Any company or organization that offers the opportunity to pay fees by credit card is not associated with Western.** If you choose to use such a service, you should be aware that:
  - You will remain responsible for all fees should for any reason the fees payment not be processed;
  - You will be paying a fee to the company over and above Western's fees;
  - You will be required to provide personal information, including your student number, to the company.
- Western does not encourage the use of third party payment services.

# Where can I find information about Tuition and Ancillary Fees?

Tuitions fees for all students at Western are set and controlled by the Office of the Registrar.

If you wish to view the current or previous Tuition Fees Schedules at Western, please visit:

[https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/fees\\_refunds/fee\\_refund\\_schedules.html](https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_refund_schedules.html)

Note: Fall term tuition amounts are not posted yet

Some students may require a receipt of payment of Tuition fees

You can download a copy of your Statement of Account directly from the Student Center (Student Financials-Student Account)

# How will courses be offered in Fall 2023?

The Faculty of Engineering is offering  
all graduate courses in person for the  
2023-2024 Academic Year

**Fall Term Enrollment Dates:**

- Enrollment Opens: The First Week of August. Exact Date TBD.
- Enrollment Closes: September 18th

**Can I defer my admission to  
January 2024/ May 2024/  
September 2024?**

Deferrals may be allowed under  
legitimate circumstances

# **MEng Student Requests:**

Reasoning and supporting documentation is required with your deferral request.

Requests are reviewed and approved by the MEng Chair.

# **MESc and PhD Student Requests:**

Research Students must consult with their Supervisor and Graduate Program.

A deferral of your program could influence your funding package and/or project availability.

**Western International**

**Andrew Metcalfe**

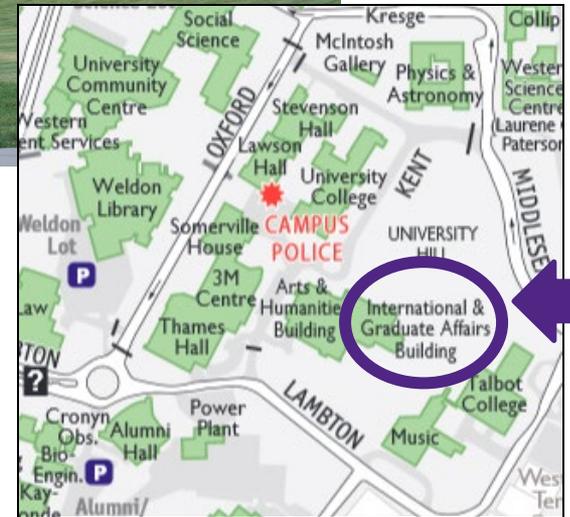
# INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE STUDENT CENTRE (IESC)

Andrew Metcalfe  
April 2023



The International and Exchange Student Centre is a department of Western International.

IESC offers a full range of programs and services to support international students during their time at Western.



# MEET THE IESC TEAM!

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Megan Sager



Sandra Pehilj



Fabiana Tepedino



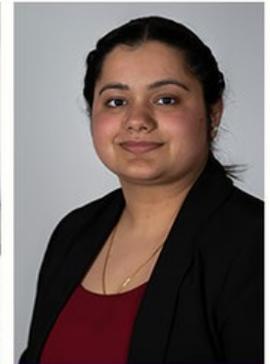
Heidi Liu



Chanra Cragg



Andrew Metcalfe



Kamaljeet Bindra

# IESC PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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- International Travel Arrival & Support
- International Student Advising
- International Student Orientation
- International Peer Guide Program
- English Conversation Program
- Skill Building Workshops and Community-Building & Social Events
- International Experiences for all Students

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

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- Immigration Advising (study permits, work permits, visitor visa, work regulations, etc.)
- Cultural adjustment and personal issues
- Financial concerns
- Academic concerns
- Referrals to Student Health Services, Student Case Management, and other on-campus resources
- Appointments and Drop-In Q&As

Book an appointment online:

<https://iesc.uwo.ca/appointment/index.html>



# NEW STUDENTS WEBSITE

- Orientation Schedule of Events and Registration
- Checklists for new Undergraduate, Graduate, and Exchange Students
- Pre-Arrival Welcome Modules
- Helpful information to get settled in Canada

[https://iesc.uwo.ca/new\\_students/](https://iesc.uwo.ca/new_students/)



## Study Permit and Immigration Information

- Applying for your Study Permit
- Important steps & documents
- Your responsibilities



## International Student Orientation

- Event schedule
- Pre-arrival Welcome Modules
- Other orientation activities



## What to Bring to Canada

- Essential documents
- Personal items and money
- Electronics and Chargers



## Finding Housing

- On-Campus housing
- Off-Campus housing
- Temporary accommodations



## How to Get Here

- How to get to London
- How to get to Western
- London public transit



## Health Care & Wellness

- UHIP (University Health Insurance Plan)
- Physical and mental health services
- Health care providers and extended health insurance



## Money & Banking

- Tips to prepare before you arrive
- Expenses to expect when you arrive
- Banking information



## Arrival & Settling In

- When you should arrive
- Setting up your home (Utilities, Mobile Phones, Internet)
- Programs to help your transition



## Western Basics

- Key services for new students
- Fees & tuition and your Western Identity
- Course registration, Student Center, OWL, Western ONECard, buss pass

# PRE-ARRIVAL WELCOME MODULES

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## Welcome from your International Office

- What we do at Western International
- Supports and programs for international students



## Finding Housing and Living Off-Campus

- Finding housing in London
- Off-Campus Housing Services
- What to know before signing a lease



## Immigration Regulations for International Students

- Study permits and visas
- Working as an international student



## Health Care and Wellness in Canada

- Your health Insurance (UHIP)
- Extended health care plans
- Places to access healthcare near campus



## Academics and Academic Culture in Canada

- Academic integrity
- The Canadian classroom
- Tips from current students

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

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## In person International Student Orientation

- **August 31 to September 2, 2023!**
- Parents and families are welcome to attend some sessions
  - ***Opportunities :***
    - To make connections
    - Make new friends before rest of the campus arrives
    - Learn about Canadian and Western University culture
    - Getting support to settle in your new home to have successful first year
    - And much more!

Check your email often for more information about International Orientation including a schedule of events and registration coming later this summer

# PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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- **International Peer Guide Program**  
Mentor and assist new international students with their adjustment to Canada and Western.  
[www.iesc.uwo.ca/peer](http://www.iesc.uwo.ca/peer)
- **English Conversation Program**  
Facilitate conversation on a variety of topics to help improve communication skills and confidence. [www.iesc.uwo.ca/ecp](http://www.iesc.uwo.ca/ecp)
- **Tea & Info Sessions for Spouses/Partners of International Students**  
Weekly gathering for spouses and partners of international students every Friday at 1:30pm



# EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

## WORKSHOPS

- Immigration Info Sessions (Study Permits, Work Permits, TRV, Inviting Family, PR)
- Travel to Canada
- How to Find a Job in Canada
- US Visitor Visa
- Tax Info Session
- Canada, Eh?! Series
- Academic Workshops

## SOCIAL EVENTS

- Global Café (Thursdays, 3-5pm)
- Online Games Nights
- Thanksgiving Dinner\*
- Trips (Niagara Falls, Sugarbush, Snowtubing, Columbia store, etc.)\*
- Cultural Showcase events\*
- Potlucks, & more!

[iesc.uwo.ca/events](https://iesc.uwo.ca/events)





# CONTACT US

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## Office Hours & Virtual Reception

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Phone:** 519-661-2111 ext. 89309

**Email:** [iesc@uwo.ca](mailto:iesc@uwo.ca)

## International Student Advising Appointments

1. Students fill out advising intake form with availability: <https://iesc.uwo.ca/remote/appointment.html>
2. Reception will email to confirm appointment time with the Zoom link

**Website:** <https://iesc.uwo.ca>

**Facebook:** facebook.com/uwo.international

**Instagram:** @westernuinternational

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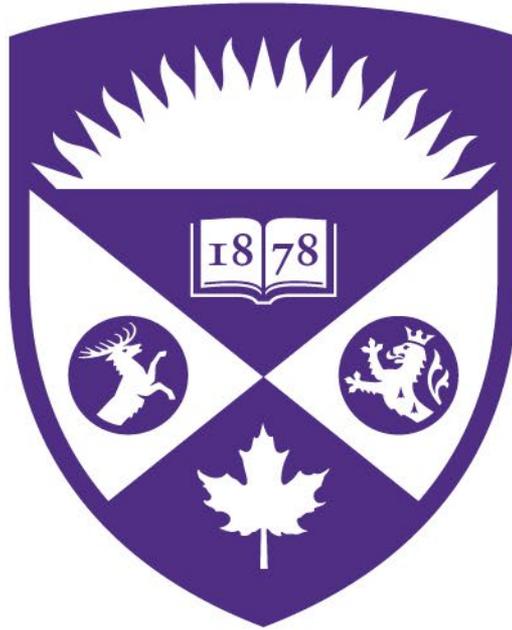
# Upcoming Town Hall Sessions

- May 25 (9:00am - 11:00am EST) - Housing, Campus Life, and Career Planning & Support
- July 20 (9:00am - 11:00am EST) - Course Registration, Arrival at Western and Settlement in London

[Register Here](#)

# General Questions?

- Use the "Chat" feature in Zoom to send in your general questions.
- Following this Q&A session, you will be moved to your department-specific breakout room for department-specific inquiries.



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