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WATERLOO FACULTIES

Waterloo is home to 6 distinct teaching faculties and more than 65 departments and schools.

› Faculty of Applied Health Sciences  
› Faculty of Arts  
› Faculty of Engineering

› Faculty of Environment  
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› Faculty of Science

FACT SHEET

My exchange helped me become a more independent person and a more resilient person in facing the rigor of academics.

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UNDERGRADUATES

Nominations from the home institution should be directed to the incoming Global Learning Coordinator at Waterloo. Undergraduates must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 1.5 credits, generally equivalent to 3 undergraduate courses, to a maximum of 2.5 credits, generally equivalent to 5 undergraduate courses. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

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GRADUATES

Nominations from the home institution should be directed to the incoming Global Learning Coordinator at Waterloo. Students applying for a graduate exchange must have completed a minimum of a 4 years Honours Bachelors’ degree or equivalent. Graduate exchange students must maintain enrollment in 1 graduate course per term. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

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ACADEMICS

Waterloo operates on a trimester system called terms. Each term is 4 months and full academic programming is offered. Each term counts as 0.5 FTE towards the exchange balance. Most exchange students study for one or two terms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Learn more about becoming a Waterloo exchange student.

› Course selection  › Housing
› English language  › Schedule of classes
› Requirements  › Study permits
› Fees  › Student experience
› Health insurance  › Transcripts

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DEADLINE  FALL (SEPT-DEC)
Nomination & Applications Deadline  Apr. 1
Orientation Program  Early Sept.
Classes Begin  Early Sept.
Mid-term Break  2 days following Thanksgiving (Oct.)
Classes End  Early Dec.
Exam Schedule Available  Oct.
Exams  Dec.

Holidays  Labour Day Sept. 3
Thanksgiving Oct. 8

Official Transcripts Released  Late Feb.

TERM DEADLINE  WINTER (JAN-APR)
Nomination & Applications Deadline  Sept. 20
Orientation Program  Early Jan.
Classes Begin  Early Jan.
Mid-term Break  4 days following Family Day (Feb.)
Classes End  Early Apr.
Exam Schedule Available  Feb.
Exams  Apr.

Holidays  Family Day Feb. 18
Good Friday April 19

Official Transcripts Released  Late June

TERM DEADLINE  SPRING (MAY-AUG)
Nomination & Applications Deadline  Dec. 1
Orientation Program  Early May
Classes Begin  Early May
Mid-term Break  Not applicable
Classes End  Late July
Exam Schedule Available  June
Exams  Aug.

Holidays  Victoria Day May 20
Canada Day July 1
Civic Holiday Aug. 5

Official Transcripts Released  Late Oct.
STUDENT LIFE

Waterloo offers more than just classes. Go beyond academics and enjoy one of the largest campus recreation programs in Canada. Join any of our 300+ clubs, teams, or student interest groups. Our fitness facilities, athletics clubs, intramural sports, varsity teams and drop-in classes are available to help you stay in shape while connecting with other students.

Why study in Canada?

Canada offers you a safe, welcoming environment to pursue your studies and explore your dreams. It’s home to one of the world’s best educational systems and is globally recognized for promoting peace, multiculturalism, and inclusivity.

The Region of Waterloo gives you the best of two worlds. You have all the perks of a big city - transportation, culture, and nightlife - with the charm and familiarity of a small town. Plus, you and your friends are only a short bus ride from top Canadian attractions like Toronto and Niagara Falls.