# Undergraduate – Wilfrid Laurier University

## About

At Wilfrid Laurier University, community is at the core of who we are and what we do. No matter which program you choose, you will experience the welcoming, supportive, student-focused community we are known for the moment you set foot on campus.

The [**Waterloo campus**](https://wlu.ca/about/campuses-and-locations/waterloo.html), home to nearly 17,000 undergraduate students and 6 different faculties, spans 1 large city block, so you are always just steps away from your classes, food and your new favourite study spot.

The [**Brantford campus**](https://wlu.ca/about/campuses-and-locations/brantford.html), home to around 2,500 undergraduate students, has transformed the downtown core of the City of Brantford into a thriving student community, where former post offices are now student residences, movie theatres are lecture halls and banks are study spaces.

Conveniently located in the Greater Toronto Area, our new [**Milton campus**](https://wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/campuses/milton.html) gives you the option to study close to home with a comfortable learn-work-live lifestyle. As of fall 2024, Laurier Milton offers Computer Science and Psychology programs, with plans to introduce additional industry-leading programs in the years to come.

We encourage you and your family to [**experience Laurier**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/index.html) for yourselves. We cannot wait to welcome you to our community!

## Programs

Choose a field that you love – something that fuels your drive to make a difference. Then choose a program that will get you there. We have 100+ programs across [**10 faculties and schools and 2 affiliated institutions**](https://wlu.ca/academics/faculties/index.html).

[Browse All Programs](http://wlu.ca/programs)

## Key Dates

[Dates and Deadlines](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/dates.html)

## Admission Requirements

### Group A Admission Requirements

If you are a [**Group A applicant**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide/#groups), admission is based on your top six 4U/M courses.

* For some programs, we include your required courses when we calculate your admission average (refer to your [**program page**](https://www.wlu.ca/programs/index.html)).
* A 4U English at a minimum of 60% (or higher for some programs) is required.
* All required courses listed in your program’s admission requirements must be at a minimum of 60% (or higher for some programs).
* To maintain your offer of admission and begin studying at Laurier, you must obtain your Ontario Secondary School Diploma and meet all the conditions outlined in your official [**offer of admission**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/students-with-offers/index.html).

### Group B Admission Requirements

#### Canadian High School Students From Outside of Ontario

Review our [**Canadian course equivalents chart**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/requirements/canadian.html) to find approved course equivalents for the Ontario curriculum.

* For some programs, we include your required courses when we calculate your admission average (refer to your [**program page**](https://www.wlu.ca/programs/index.html)).
* A Grade 12 English at a minimum of 60% (or higher for some programs) is required.
* All required courses listed in your program’s admission requirements must be at a minimum of 60% (or higher for some programs).
* To maintain your offer of admission and begin studying at Laurier, you must obtain your secondary school diploma and meet all the conditions outlined in your official [**offer of admission**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/students-with-offers/index.html).

#### Home-schooled Applicants

You will be considered for admission at the discretion of the faculties. You must submit satisfactory documentation of independent evidence of academic achievement.

You must submit transcripts from your home-school program and a second assessment from one of the following:

* SAT subject results,
* ACT subject results,
* AP exams,
* university or college courses or
* Grade 12 curriculum transcripts.

In addition to these assessments, you must submit a personal statement outlining your volunteer experience, extracurricular activities and why you are interested in attending Laurier.

#### International Applicants

Our staff, faculty and student volunteers are dedicated to ensuring that your experience as an [**international student**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/index.html) is the best it can be. We offer support specifically for international students and are committed to ensuring your health, safety and academic success.

**Resources:**

* [**About Canada**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/about-canada.html)
* [**English-language requirements**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-laurier/#language)
* [**International student tuition deposits**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/assets/resources/international-student-tuition-deposits.html#:~:text=Laurier%20requires%20a%20tuition%20deposit,is%20not%20an%20additional%20fee.)
* [**Stay Golden Scholarship and Housing Guarantee**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/assets/resources/stay-golden-international-scholarship-and-housing-guarantee.html)

Find out more and review requirements for your curriculum on our [**International Curriculums**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/requirements/international.html) page.

#### Transfer Applicants

Many college and university students just like you choose to continue their postsecondary studies at Laurier.

Whether you are looking to build on the knowledge you have learned at college or to switch gears and try something new, we are here to help you through the process of [**transferring institutions**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/transfer/index.html).

**Transfer Credits**

We grant [**transfer credits**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/transfer/transfer-credit-policy.html) upon admission in recognition of the work completed at another institution. Depending on your academic background, you may be eligible for transfer credit toward your Laurier degree.

If you are coming to Laurier from a certain program and/or college, you may be eligible to receive transfer credits through a [**college pathway or articulation agreement**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/transfer/college-pathways.html) and shorten your degree length by 1 year or more.

#### Mature and Other Students

We have an admission policy specifically for mature students who do not meet the minimum requirements for admission and who have never attended a university. Find out more in [**Admissions Requirements**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/requirements/index.html).

### Other Admission Requirements

#### Indigenous Applicants

We are committed to fostering a positive experience for all [**Indigenous applicants and students**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/indigenous-students/index.html).

[**Email the Indigenous student recruitment officer**](mailto:indigenous@wlu.ca) to discuss admission policies, funding and our programs.

#### Special Circumstances

If recent or present circumstances have impacted your ability to achieve a strong academic standing, you may [**submit a personal statement**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/strengthen-your-application.html#special-case). The Special Case or Extenuating Circumstances form will be available through our portal after you apply.

#### Tips for Applying

This is the beginning of an amazing adventure, and we want to make your application and transition to university as smooth as possible.

From [**admission requirements**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/requirements/index.html) to the [**application process**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/index.html), you will be a Golden Hawk in no time. Be sure to familiarize yourself with our important [**dates and deadlines**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/dates.html).

After you apply, you will receive a confirmation email with your next steps. We will keep you informed and inspired throughout your applicant journey.

## Supporting Documents

### Transcripts

After you apply, you must submit your [**required documents**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/documents.html) electronically so that we can assess your application.

If you are a Group A applicant, all grade information will be submitted through the OUAC by your school.

If you are a Group B applicant, you will submit all required documents, including unofficial copies of your transcript(s), in a supplemental application that you receive access to after you apply. Your list of required documents will be in your supplemental application.

### Language Requirements

You must show us evidence of your [**English proficiency**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/requirements/english-proficiency.html) if you have not studied for a minimum of 3 years in an English-language school system without taking any English as a second language courses. We will communicate how to submit evidence of your English proficiency to Laurier after you apply.

There are 3 ways to meet our English-language requirement:

* submit an English proficiency test score,
* show us you have studied in an English-language school system for 3 years or
* register for the [**Academic Transition Pathway Program**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/english-language-support/leaf/index.html).

### Supplemental Documents

At Laurier, we believe extracurricular involvement and personal achievements are important.

You can choose to submit extracurricular information through the [**Applicant Background Summary**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/strengthen-your-application.html) form after you apply. We may use this information for admission consideration.

The form is optional but highly recommended. You will gain access to this form through our portal after you have applied.

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid

Getting a university education is an important **investment in your future**, but it can be daunting when you consider the total cost. That is why **we are here to help**.

We offer [**funding opportunities**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tuition-finances/financial-aid.html) for your first year and beyond, including automatic [**entrance scholarships and bursaries**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tuition-finances/entrance-scholarships.html).

Take advantage of our [**money management supports**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tuition-finances/financial-literacy.html) and you’ll be on your way to good financial health.

[Domestic Tuition and Fee Estimates](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tuition-finances/index.html)

[International Tuition and Fee Estimates](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/applicants/international/tuition-and-finances.html)

## Offers of Admission

### About Offers of Admission

We make admission decisions on an ongoing basis between November and May. We need to review enough grade information to be able to give you an admission decision.

If you are not eligible for admission to the program that you applied to, you will be automatically considered for an alternate offer of admission.

[**Offers of admission**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/admission-decisions.html) can be either final or conditional.

### Conditional Offers

A **conditional offer** means you must satisfy certain conditions to enroll in your program. If you are currently enrolled in high school or any postsecondary studies, your offer will be conditional.

An example of an **admission condition** would be to graduate with a certain minimum average, or that you need a minimum final grade in a particular course. Do not worry – we communicate all of this to you when you receive an offer and want to help you enroll at the university with ease.

If you meet the **academic requirements** for your program, but do not meet the English-language requirement, you may receive an offer of admission that is also conditional upon meeting our English-language requirement.

### Final Offers

**Final offers** will only be issued to applicants who are not currently enrolled in any high school or postsecondary education, and if we have received all final official documents. A conditional offer may be issued if we have final grades, but these were not sent directly from the issuing institution. Find out how to submit final official documents in [**Required Documents**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/process/documents.html).

## Accessibility Services

The Accessible Learning Centre (ALC) facilitates access to the learning environment for students with disabilities of all kinds.

With personalized accommodation supports and services, the ALC works directly with students, instructors and campus partners to remove barriers and enable equitable academic access and participation.

Visit our [**ALC registration**](https://students.wlu.ca/academics/support-and-advising/accessible-learning/registration/index.html) page for information about registering, including documentation requirements and timelines.

If you believe you would benefit from accommodations, we recommend you connect with the ALC as soon as you accept your offer to Laurier to get the conversation started.

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) as part of our core values, and understand that the effective creation and dissemination of new knowledge must take place in an academic community that recognizes the dignity and value of each of its students, staff and faculty members.

Our [**Centre for Student Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**](https://students.wlu.ca/student-life/diversity-and-equity/index.html) works to cultivate a culture on campus that respects and promotes EDI and social justice in all aspects of Laurier – from classrooms to residence communities.

## Residence

At our Waterloo and Brantford campuses, [**guaranteed first-year residence**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/residence/index.html) is a key way Golden Hawks connect, grow and settle into university life.

Our residence buildings are more than just a place to sleep and study. Living in residence gives you lots of opportunities to get involved, both across campus and within your building, which can support a quicker, easier transition to university.

Immerse yourself in a community of support from your first day at Laurier, where staff and upper-year students are committed to your personal growth, development and safety.

## Campus Tours and Events

### In-person Tours

Know that you belong the moment you set foot on campus!

Student-led campus tours run Monday through Saturday in Waterloo and Brantford and are approximately an hour and a half long.

We ask that you keep guests to a minimum and that only those in your immediate family participate. We can’t wait to meet you!

[Book an In-person Campus Tour](https://laurier.secure.force.com/events#/calendar?type=Campus%20Tour&keyword=Waterloo%20Campus)

### Video Campus Tours

If you cannot make it for one of our in-person tours, we offer an [**on-demand tour of the Waterloo campus**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDYh3LjZZdY) and an [**on-demand tour of the Brantford campus**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inZ3VnVRf2g&list=PLr3gDBfyde1v38C1k7JMx3wm6WY3iWg0G) that you can watch at your convenience.

Pre-recorded Residence Tours

Look inside our different residence buildings on our Waterloo campus, with our 360-degree [**residence video tour playlist**](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLr3gDBfyde1u7fWTX2QMdXS3AKNkQZIh8).

### Open Houses

Come experience what it’s like to learn and live like a Laurier Golden Hawk! Fall 2024 [**Open House**](https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/undergraduate/experience-laurier/open-houses.html) dates are:

* Milton campus: Saturday, October 26
* Waterloo campus: Saturday, November 9
* Brantford campus: Saturday, November 16

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