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How to get involved at Waterloo

Emma Danesh, Senior Editor

Starting university can feel like being dropped into a city where everyone else already knows where they're going. You're learning your schedule, figuring out where to get coffee between classes, and probably still getting lost on campus all while trying to make new friends. Luckily, you don't have to wait for friendships to happen naturally. One of the easiest ways to meet people at UW is to get involved. Whether you want to join a club, play a sport, or simply show up to an event, there are plenty of ways to find your community outside of the classroom.

You don't need to know exactly what you're looking for right away. First year is the perfect time to try things out.

Start with clubs

If you've heard one thing about getting involved at Waterloo, it's probably "join a club." And there's a reason for that. Waterloo has more than 200 student clubs, covering everything from food and politics to dance, gaming, culture and the environment. There are also sports clubs, faculty societies and other student communities, meaning you're bound to find something that catches your attention.

Not sure what you'd actually enjoy? That's okay. The best way to find out is to explore the clubs and societies fair at the beginning of the term. You might find yourself signing up for something you never would have considered in high school.

The best part? You don't have to make a huge commitment immediately. Go to a meeting, attend an event, and see if you like the people and the atmosphere. If you don't, there's always another club to try.

Check out your faculty or program society

If you want to meet people who are taking the same classes, working through the same assignments, or trying to make sense of the same program, your faculty or program society is a good place to start. These societies organize events, provide academic resources and create opportunities to connect with other students. Many also have volunteer or first-year representative positions, which can be an easy way to get involved while meeting people in your program.

These groups can also be a great way to meet people outside of your immediate classes. You might recognize someone from a lecture, see them at a society event, and suddenly have someone to sit with the next term.

Join intramurals

You don't have to be a varsity athlete to play sports at Waterloo. Intramurals are open to students of different skill levels, including beginners. Whether you're a longtime athlete or someone who hasn't touched a soccer ball since elementary school, there are opportunities to get active while meeting people. Waterloo Athletics describes intramurals as "being just as focused on social connection and inclusion as competition." You can also look into Waterloo's sports clubs and recreational programs if you want something more structured or want to try a completely new activity.

Don't skip orientation

Waterloo's First Year Orientation is specifically designed to help incoming students meet classmates, upper-year students, and staff while learning about campus and the Waterloo community. Go to the events that interest you even if you're nervous about going alone. Orientation is one of the rare times when almost everyone around you is in exactly the same position: trying to meet people and figure out what they're doing.

You can also get involved in upper years as a leader and meet even more people.

Go to events, even when you don't know anyone

Keep an eye out for events happening around campus, from student society events and performances to talks, social events, and activities hosted by WUSA and other student groups. Waterloo's campus life includes opportunities across athletics, arts, culture and student advocacy. If you see a poster for an event that sounds interesting, save it. If someone in your class

mentions a club meeting, go with them. If you see people handing out flyers in the SLC, stop and ask what they're promoting.

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Find your community

Getting involved isn't only about hobbies. For many students, university is also an opportunity to find communities connected to their culture, identity, interests or experiences.

Waterloo has clubs and communities centred around a wide range of backgrounds and interests, including cultural, religious, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities. There are also groups focused on advocacy, inclusion and creating spaces where students can connect with people who share similar experiences.

If finding a community is important to you, don't be afraid to seek these groups out early. You don't need to wait until you feel settled on campus to start looking for people who make you feel at home.

You don't have to do everything

With hundreds of clubs, sports, events, societies and volunteer opportunities, it's easy to feel like you're already falling behind before first year has even started. But getting involved isn't a competition, and there's no correct number of clubs you're supposed to join. Some students will find their people immediately. Others will try five different clubs before finding one that sticks. Some will spend their first year exploring, while others will dive straight into leadership.

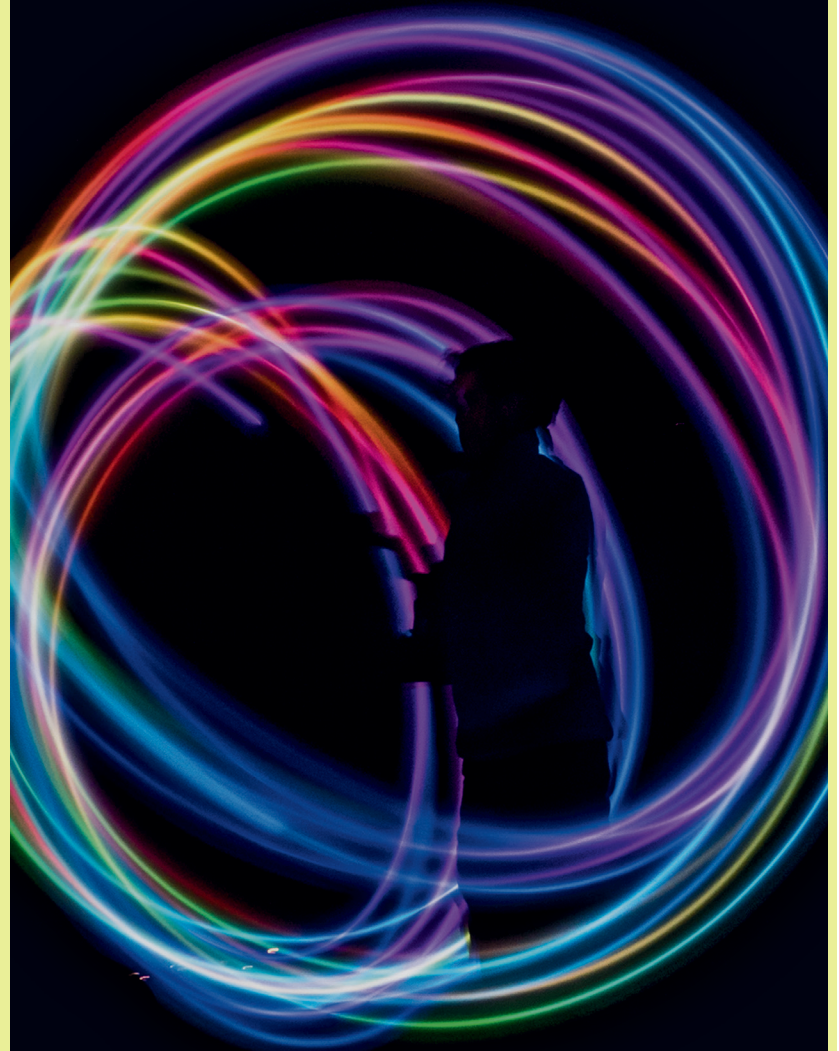
The important thing is to give yourself opportunities to meet people outside of your lectures and residence. Go to something you're interested in. Introduce yourself to someone, try the club you've been debating joining, or show up to an event even if you're nervous. Your first year doesn't have to be about finding your entire friend group on day one. Getting involved is simply about putting yourself in places where friendships can happen.

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WUSA and GSA: A guide to perks and services for undergraduate and graduate students at UW

Ananya Muralidharan, Contributor

Being a student can be challenging at times. From back-to-back assignment deadlines to insane course schedules, it can be hard to get your head out of the intense midst that is a school term and thus overlook the many perks and services available to UW students. This guide highlights what's available for you as a UW student, either undergraduate or graduate.

Undergraduate perks and services

The Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) is the governing body that provides services for all undergraduate students at UW. They are in charge of representing the wants and needs of all undergraduate students to the university. All clubs, services, and societies on campus operate under WUSA. They also run the Student Life Center (SLC) building, where their main office is located. They are a non-profit group and are student-led, working to empower undergraduate students on campus to make the most of their university experience. As an undergraduate student, you automatically become a member of WUSA and gain access to the services, events, and support that they provide. For example, WUSA has partnered with the GRT to incorporate a GRT U-Pass through your student fees, which gives you unlimited rides on the GRT buses and the ION light rail system, all through your WatCard.

As an undergraduate student, you also have a health and dental plan that is included in your student fees. This plan, which is provided by insurance company Studentcare, has been designed for students to cover many services that might not be covered by OHIP or basic health care programs. Students can submit claims through the WUSA or Studentcare websites. The WUSA Health and Dental plan is charged to all full-time and part-time undergraduate students, including international students, co-op students on work terms, and exchange students. If you choose to opt out of the plan, you must do so on the Studentcare website and provide alternative health coverage if required, and opt outs are valid for the whole policy year, from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, regardless of when you do so. You can opt out at

the beginning of your first term of your degree or the fall term of every year. For the most up-to-date information on opting out, students are encouraged to visit the Studentcare or WUSA websites.

With the WUSA and Studentcare partnership, you also have access to free legal support, whereby you can receive legal advice on any topic of contention, such as academic rights, co-op/employment, and housing/tenancy. Just as with the health and dental plan, you can opt out of the legal support program during your first term of the degree or during the fall term of subsequent years.

Some other perks and deals included with your WUSA membership include a free one-year *New York Times* subscription, FlightHub and VIA Rail discounts, an SPC membership, and a CIBC student life bundle which offers numerous other advantages such as discounts on Disney+ and a free Skip+ membership.

WUSA has also partnered with a local farmer to provide fruit and veggie markets each week in the SLC to support healthy eating among students. For students facing food insecurity, WUSA operates a non-profit service offering confidential food hampers and hygiene products. You can submit a hamper request on the WUSA website.

At the Turnkey Desk in the SLC, you can also receive discounted movie vouchers for Princess Cinemas, a 40-year-old independently run cinema in Uptown Waterloo. They regularly have showings for newer blockbuster films, as well as hidden gem cult classics.

Furthermore, starting in September 2026, WUSA is launching a WalkSafe pilot program, where students can walk from one point to another anywhere on main campus with a volunteer. The pilot program is free to undergraduate students, and you can sign up on the WUSA website.

There's always a roster of new perks and services avail-

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- Samir Sharma, WUSA's current president

able to undergraduate students, beyond what has been mentioned in this article, so it's always worth your while to check the WUSA website to see what's up and coming.

WUSA holds annual elections for its board of directors, and students can participate by casting their vote or even running for a position. You can also get involved by participating in any of the clubs or societies on campus, as the leadership teams for these groups are under WUSA. WUSA also hires volunteers and co-op students. "Get involved with clubs, get involved with societies, and get involved with WUSA. It's a great way to uplift your student experience," says Samir Sharma, WUSA's current president.



Graduate perks and services

The governing body for graduate students is the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Similar to WUSA, the GSA is a student organization run by graduate students to provide services and events that make graduate life more enjoyable, as well as advocate for them. The GSA sits on a variety of committees at UW to ensure that graduate student input is considered when major changes are being made at the university level.

Similar to the undergraduate plan, the GSA has a partnership with Studentcare and the GRT, whereby graduate students are able to receive health, dental, and legal coverage as well as a U-Pass for transit. The terms of coverage and opt-out procedures are similar to the undergraduate ones. For more information, visit the Studentcare and GSA websites.

In February 2026, a collective agreement between UW and a union representing all graduate teaching assistants (TAs) and research assistants (RAs) was approved. With the unionization, there have been many changes, and throughout the process, the GSA has been bridging the gap between CUPE and the university to ensure that any relevant information is distributed out to graduate students. The GSA essentially acts as a liaison between students and CUPE or the university, directing any concerns that students might have to CUPE or the university accordingly. One of the biggest changes for graduate students is that starting in fall 2026, graduate students are required to apply for TA positions, as opposed to automatically being assigned positions, and a failure to apply could result in a lost TAsip. "Because everything is changing, GSA wants to make sure that students are aware of what their role is in all of this and proper communication is provided to them," says Julian Surdi, the GSA general manager.

GSA also provides two main food support services for students facing food insecurity. The first is called Nourish 'N Go, where students can grab a free meal from the SLC grad lounge, with vegetarian and vegan options available.

The second is a partnership the GSA has made with Odd Bunch to provide 50 boxes a month for students to purchase, each filled with fruits and veggies. The boxes go for \$10 each and are delivered straight to students' doors. Students can sign up for these boxes via a GSA submission form that opens on the first Monday of each month.

Every March and April, the GSA also provides tax aid services to help graduate students learn how to complete their income tax forms. In these sessions, graduate students can meet with an accountant for a one-on-one 20-minute consultation to get advice on how to file their taxes. Registrations open in January, and spots fill up fast.

The GSA also runs the Grad House, located next to SCH and across from DWE, with a very realistic looking cow statue at the entrance. It is the only spot on campus that serves alcohol. The Grad House serves as a central space for graduate students and other people, including undergraduate students, on campus. The GSA hosts many of their community building events at the Grad House, with weekly trivia and bingo events being one of the more popular events. Furthermore, graduate students who have paid their Grad House fee receive discounted pricing on all items except for alcohol. "I've tried everything on the menu, the food is so amazing," says Surdi when asked for recommendations. "The Frankenbleu Wrap, which is a buffalo cauliflower wrap with a blue cheese, is perfect. I never get tired of it."

When asked about how graduate students can get involved with GSA, Surdi shares, "We are always looking to add new students to our volunteer roster, it's a great way of supporting your fellow graduate students and helping out with events. We also hire for various roles within the GSA on a termly basis. We are also actively looking for students who are interested in running for councilor positions. This is an opportunity to represent your department and provide your input on various university matters." To get involved, navigate to the "Jobs and Opportunities" page on the GSA website.

You can follow WUSA's and the GSA's Instagram accounts to stay on top of all the upcoming perks, services, and updates.

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Taking care of your physical and mental health

Carla Stocco, Staff Writer

You've arrived at UW! Before you become overwhelmed by your courseload or hyperfocused on your grades, it can be a great idea to familiarize yourself with supports available on campus and ways you can keep yourself physically and mentally healthy throughout your degree.

Physical health

If you want to perform at your best academically, it's important that you care for your body. Your brain needs nutritious fuel to function best and your body needs regular, consistent movement to stay healthy. So, where and how can you get active on campus? What are some good food options when you're rushing between classes and co-op interviews? No stress, we've got you covered.

Imprint reached out to UW's new dietitian, Kristine Brigino, to learn more about how incoming students can support their health and develop lasting, healthy nutritional habits.

Brigino shared a few tips. Firstly, she emphasizes the importance of giving yourself time to adjust when first arriving on-campus, "Your nutrition [and] your appetite might change and fluctuate, but give yourself time and patience because developing new routines is a process."

Next, recognizing that your diet may not always be as healthy as you'd like is okay. It's okay to slip up sometimes and Brigino adds, "know that one difficult week does not dictate your whole health. Healthy eating isn't about perfection." Her third major takeaway for students is for them to prioritize their overall physical well-being, such as sleep, social connection, and seeking professional help when needed.

If you're tempted to skip meals when the stress of

university life picks up, think again. While discussing the importance of good nutrition for a student's academic performance, Brigino shares, "Not eating enough can certainly affect your concentration [and] your energy. It can also lead to feeling intense hunger throughout the day." Rather than have a large sit-down meal if you're low on time, she suggests having smaller, more frequent meals throughout the day, "making sure that you have a meal or snack every three to five hours can really help you with your energy and help you improve your performance with your studies."

During your time as a student, you're bound to come across nutrition and diet information online, through friends, or simply have questions of your own. Brigino encourages students to connect with a registered dietitian to discuss any nutritional concerns, as they are the most reliable sources of dietary guidance.

Fueling up: Your go-to meal inspiration guide

While reaching out to a registered dietitian is the best way to receive tailored nutritional advice, there are general nutritional guidelines and food options that can be good sources of energy. Check out some of our options below for some easy, accessible, and healthy food options:

Smoothies

This is a great option because it offers the ability to customize what goes into your beverage, is easy to make, and can be consumed quickly. Stock up on frozen fruit, bananas, powdered protein or peanut butters, and you've got yourself a filling breakfast or snack.

Nut and seed butters

A high-protein and fibre source of nutrition, nut and seed butters are shelf-stable and can be a game changer when you sleep-in and need to rush to an 8:30 a.m. class.

Sugar-free granola

Granola is a great high-fibre breakfast option, but it can also be an easy way to add healthy carbohydrates to a yogurt parfait. It's also an easy and filling snack option or can be a great pre-workout source of energy.

Canned legumes

Beans, chickpeas, and lentils—they're all excellent sources of high-quality, plant-based protein. Consider keeping some cans in your dorm room or cupboard. They can come in handy when you need a quick course of protein and a good source of dietary fiber to complement a meal.

Breaking a sweat: Your guide to getting active at UW

Donna Rheams, senior manager of wellness & active living at UW, shared her insights into how physical activity can support the well-being of incoming first-year students. Rheams was quick to point out a 2017 study done by UW researchers, which investigated the effects of campus recreation, GPA, and first-year student engagement. The research found that first-year student engagement helped students ease into the university transition more smoothly, improved academic results, boosted community engagement, and increased a student's sense of belonging on campus. The study found that student participation in campus recreation was especially impactful for students with a lower GPA, "suggesting that participation in campus recreation activities helped students who were not doing well academically by providing an outlet to involve themselves in campus life." Low-GPA students become more likely to continue their studies and potentially mitigate GPA decreases that commonly occur during the transition from high school to university. Meanwhile, students with high GPA that engaged in campus recreation showed higher general university engagement, possibly improving their "future enjoyment at the university in terms of feeling connected to their postsecondary institution."

Asked what she would say to a first-year student who feels they're just too busy to make time to exercise, Rheams says making time for exercise can be viewed "as a trade-off [but] it doesn't have to be." She emphasizes how movement is an investment in oneself, sup-

porting healthy habits, academic learning, and building resiliency. She encourages students to be proactive in developing healthy physical activity habits, which can support them when stress hits.

Another meaningful area Rheams touches on is how campus gyms and activity spaces are locations on campus where stakes are not particularly high: "This space is a place where you can fail with very little risk involved." When academic pressures and the stress of exam season make success seem like the only option, being able to have a safe space to make mistakes and simply be can be immensely supportive to both your physical and mental health. "It's somewhere that you can come and it's okay to not be good at it, which makes this space on campus a little bit unique," she adds.

Campus recreation spaces offer the chance to build community and healthy habits, and offer the chance to truly unwind and have fun. At the end of a long week, being able to take your mind off academic stress can mean when you hit the books later, you'll be refreshed and ready to tackle whatever comes next.

Natasha Cardinal: From the high school studio to leading UW's ballroom dancing club

Natasha Cardinal, a fourth-year psychology student at UW, is now the co-president and an instructor of UW's ballroom dancing club. While initially disappointed to say goodbye to her time as a competitive dancer during high school, she rediscovered an outlet for dance while exploring the clubs fair during her first year. Through the club, she met what would become her closest friends, participated in classes, events, and trips, met her long-term partner, and eventually became the co-president. "For first year students coming in, I would recommend taking the chance to try that new hobby you've always thought about or reconnect with an activity you used to love, because chances are there is a club or group on campus that does it!" Cardinal encourages.

Asked for any self-care tips she's learned over the course of her undergraduate degree, she emphasizes the importance of prioritizing alone time and adequate sleep. She admits that in her first year she spent much time balancing new friendships, activities, and her courseload, which led to moments of extreme stress

and burnout. She explains, “When I learned to time manage, go to sleep at a consistent time and get used to saying no to plans, I was able to actually enjoy the things I was doing. Just because you are a student doesn’t mean you are no longer a human with physical and psychological limits!” When stressed, she would turn to “low stimulation cozy video games, comfort tv shows, easy-read fantasy books that allowed me to escape my long to-do list or slow yoga or walks.”

As for her go-to health snack or meals when on-campus, Cardinal admits that with all the amazing food spots in KW, healthy eating was something she learned to prioritize. “It might not be everyone’s cup of tea but first-year me lived off the chicken, tuna, or ham sandwiches at Flock Stop in [the] SLC or from any of the CnDs on campus. They were low [in calories], high protein, with veggies, cheap, and always accessible. I am sure there are more exciting options, but that always worked for me.”

Mental health resources at UW

Without a doubt, taking care of your physical health, such as ensuring you’re fueling your body well and getting in enough daily movement are essential, but it’s also important to prioritize taking care of your mental health. Although good nutrition and exercise can support a more positive outlook and help manage anxiety or stress, it’s important to take note of some of the many resources on-campus available to you. Taking care of your mental health may then enable you to better support your physical health and maintain ongoing healthy habits.

Counselling Services

As a registered UW student, counselling appointments are available to you at no charge, on Monday to Friday. The number of sessions you receive is based on your personal progress. Three types of counselling sessions are offered: single session, brief, and crisis. Full details on the services offered are available on the Counselling Service page on the UW website.

If you’re looking to begin counseling, you can book an appointment by calling 519-888-4096 and press 1 for Health Services and 2 for Counselling Services. Alternatively, you can also visit the office in person in Health Services or on the second floor of Needles Hall.

Mental Health Resources

Campus Wellness

Counselling Services Location: Needles Hall (NH), second floor
Health Services Location: Health Services (HS)
Phone (for both): 519-888-4096
Email: counselling@uwaterloo.ca
hsforms@uwaterloo.ca (non-urgent only)

UW MATES

MATES offers one-on-one peer support for students looking to have a confidential chat with an upper-year student. Trained student volunteers seek to listen and suggest possible coping skills and resources.

Location: UW, SLC 3102
St. Jerome’s University, Sweeney Hall 1012
Email: mates@wusa.ca

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Phone: 1-855-853-0565
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Six staff picks for Back-to-school tech

Staff Writers: Carla Stocco, Zoey Pearce, Angela Li

The start of a new school year is a great time to check out new gadgets, both for school and for fun with friends. In partnership with Best Buy Canada, *Imprint* staff have some recommendations to get this year off on the right foot.

Angela Li, Senior Editor



Garmin CIRQA screenless fitness tracker band

While the semester brings a jam-packed curriculum and plenty of new information to absorb, finding time to recharge between classes, study sessions, and everything else on your schedule is just as important. This fitness tracker offers a simple way to keep tabs on sleep and fitness, particularly during exam season. Its screenless design promises limited distraction while in class, while the Garmin Connect app provides easy access to health and activity insights. With up to 10 days of battery life, you can track your heart rate, sleep, and activity across your busy student schedule. After all, a healthy mind is built both in and out of the classroom!

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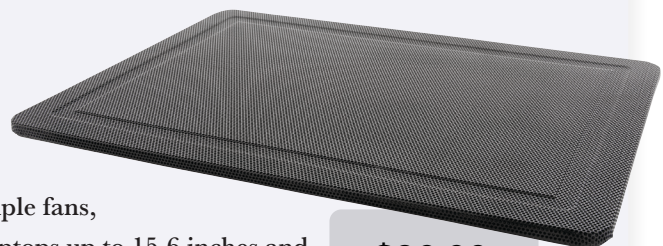
Studying can mean long hours in front of a screen, with your hands and wrists constantly at work on a mouse or trackpad. If you're starting to feel wrist and hand strain, a vertical ergonomic mouse is a great upgrade and investment. This mouse can connect to your computer via Bluetooth or USB receiver, giving you the flexibility to work without having to sacrifice a USB port when using Bluetooth. It also has programmable buttons so you can add convenient shortcut functions.

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If your laptop fan is acting up because you don't want to close your 50 browser tabs, cooling mats can be super helpful. For those who don't want to spend a lot on high-grade cooling pads with multiple fans, this budget-friendly option is perfect. This pad is compatible with laptops up to 15.6 inches and connects to your computer via USB.



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Zoey Pearce, Staff Writer

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Carla Stocco, Staff Writer

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First-year guide to on-campus jobs

Dildare Yurtsever, Contributor

For many first-year students, finding a part-time job can feel like a separate job in itself. Between learning how to get around campus, balancing coursework, and joining clubs, the idea of applying for a job during the school year can get easily pushed aside. However, many students do not realize how many opportunities are already available around them, sometimes in the same buildings they pass through everyday. From food services to athletics and recreation, there are several on-campus roles designed with students in mind.

Why on-campus jobs?

On-campus jobs offer students the convenience of working between classes, before tutorials, or after labs without losing time to a long commute. Additionally, campus employers often understand student schedules and may be more accommodating around classes and exams.

Food services

If you have ever walked through the Student Life Centre between classes, you have probably seen the long lines at Subway, Tim Hortons, and several other food spots. What many students don't realize is that several of these spaces, along with most other eateries across campus, are part of UW Food Services, which actively hires part-time students to help run operations.

Food Services roles can be a good fit for students who enjoy fast-paced environments and do not mind being on their feet. Responsibilities may include preparing food, taking orders, helping customers, restocking items, and keeping areas clean, with increased demand during peak hour rushes.

Isra Selcuk, a second year Health Sciences student who previously worked with UW Food Services, said she first heard about the job through a friend. She began working there while still in high school, before starting university, which she said "surprises many people who assume the job is only open to current university students". After starting at

UW, she continued because of how convenient it was to get to work after classes.

Selcuk said the day-to-day work depends on the location, as Food Services includes everything from SLC Tim Hortons to residence cafeterias. In her residence cafeteria role, she rotated between stations such as cash and pizza, with training provided for each task. She said the hours were one of the biggest benefits of the job. "This is actually what I love about Food Services because you get to balance work and studies especially during busy times". She usually worked around 10 to 15 hours a week, with flexibility to book off time for exams or other commitments.

To apply, UW Food Services directs students to complete an online form and upload both a resume and an availability form. Students are asked to submit only one application, and a supervisor will contact applicants selected for an interview.

Athletics and Recreation

For students who enjoy sports and fitness, Athletics and Recreation is one of the largest student employers on campus. Some roles they hire for include intramural referee, facilities associates, fitness instructors, varsity game staff, and even social media content creators!

This means students do not have to be varsity athletes to work with Athletics. Some roles are sport-specific, but others involve facility supervision, event support, and basic customer service.

The Warrior Recreation website highlights open staff roles, and students can easily view the qualifications needed, tasks and responsibilities, and an email address to which they can send their resume, cover letter, and availability.

Asiyah Osman, a 2026 graduate from the kinesiology program who has previously worked with Athletics and Recreation as a basketball scorekeeper, said she found the application herself and applied to several opportunities on

the website. As a scorekeeper, her role involved taking minutes, noting fouls, and keeping referees informed of the time during games.

For students worried about balancing work with school, Asiyah described the role as “super flexible,” adding that it did not exceed 10 to 12 hours per week. Beyond the manageable schedule, she said she “really enjoyed the experience” and that it helped open opportunities for physiotherapy assistant roles.

Work-Study program

For many students, UW’s Work-Study program can be another path into on-campus employment. The Work-Study program specifically offers part-time, on-campus jobs for full-time students who demonstrate financial need.

For this program, eligibility depends on the student’s situation. The Centre lists pathways for students approved for OSAP, students approved for out-of-province financial aid, and international students who meet certain criteria, such as being enrolled in the current term, fees arranged, in year 1B or higher, and enrolled in a full-time course load. Those who meet the eligibility requirements can log into WaterlooWorks and apply for Work-Study jobs, but fees must be arranged before applying. Students can earn a maximum of \$2,000 in a work study term.

WUSA

The Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) offers various on-campus jobs for students interested in getting involved. There are part-time opportunities, co-op positions, service coordinator positions, operations staff, and special events team members.

Working in student-run services and centers involves being a part of student-led initiatives. At Radical Advocacy for Inclusion, Solidarity, and Equity (RAISE), for example, students can apply for positions ranging from roles in leadership to event planning. Other student-led groups on campus like Glow, the Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity, also actively hire students to work part-time throughout the term.

Additionally, WUSA regularly hires students to help run operations and businesses, such as retail and food services (i.e., event staff, front desk assistants, or special events team members).

Imprint (yes, *that’s us*), UW’s very own student magazine, is another way to get hired on campus. *Imprint* offers paid and volunteer opportunities for staff writers, magazine contributors, copyeditors, graphic designers, videographers and photographers. Especially for those interested in journalism, design, and social media, *Imprint* can be a way to build experience while staying connected to student issues. For instance, writers may pitch ideas, interview students or faculty staff, fact-check sources, and write stories that help inform the campus community. *Imprint* job openings are posted on WUSA’s webpage at the end of the term for the next term, so keep an eye out for those openings!



WUSA Welcome Brunch event, helped run by students

Campus ambassador programs

Campus ambassador programs are another on-campus opportunity for students who enjoy meeting new people, public speaking, and representing the university. Waterloo student ambassadors provide virtual and in-person campus tours, support major recruitment events, such as the Fall Open House, and share their personal experiences with prospective students.

Waterloo’s central student ambassador role is listed at \$18 per hour, with ambassadors averaging 5 to 10 hours per week. Students interested in applying should check Waterloo’s Student Ambassador page, where applications open

during specific hiring periods. If applications are closed, students can also submit their information through the website to be notified about the next round of openings.

Campus Housing

Jobs within campus housing are another on-campus opportunity for students who enjoy supporting others, building community, and being involved in student life. Campus Housing offers a variety of paid student roles, including Residence Ambassadors, Front Desk Assistants, and Dons. These roles can involve giving residence tours, helping students and families at front desks, and mentoring first-years, while helping students build on their communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills. Students interested in applying should check the “Campus Housing Jobs & Leadership” page regularly, as applications open during specific hiring cycles and available positions change by term.

Tarandeep Panwar is a second-year health sciences student who worked as a Residence Life Don at Mackenzie King Village (MKV) during the fall term, after spending his first year living there. He said his own Don helped make the transition away from home feel easier: “My own Don was the catalyst who inspired me to apply.”

As a Don, he supported approximately 40 first-year students through one-on-one check-ins, community meetings, weekly events, resource referrals, and duty shifts that involved responding to concerns such as noise complaints, parties, or students requiring assistance. The role required flexibility, as students could book meetings or approach him for support throughout the week.

He said the experience involved trial and error, but helped him become better at managing academics, residence life responsibilities, personal time, and social life. Beyond the practical responsibilities, the role helped him strengthen his leadership, communication, and peer-support skills, while helping first-year students feel “welcomed, supported, and more connected to the Waterloo community.”

Resources

Apply to Food Services: <https://uwaterloo.ca/food-services/work-us>

Apply to Athletics and Recreation: https://athletics.uwaterloo.ca/sports/2010/7/13/Employment_and_Volunteering.aspx

Apply to the Work Study program: Work-Study option on the WaterlooWorks Dashboard

Apply to work with WUSA: <https://wusa.ca/jobs-opportunities/>

Apply to be a campus ambassador: <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/student-ambassador>

Apply to Campus Housing: <https://uwaterloo.ca/campus-housing/jobs-leadership>

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The places every Waterloo student eventually discovers

Zunairah Shahzad, Contributor

There are two ways you get to know the Waterloo campus. The first is during orientation and the first few weeks, when you learn the buildings your classes are in and still somehow get lost. You might even think you'll never be able to memorize the campus. Then there's the second, more subtle way. One day, you discover a study spot that's somehow always quiet. Someone shows you the tunnels and now you're saved from walking outside during a snowstorm. You wander into buildings you have no classes in but stay for the vibes and now it's a permanent spot.

There are plenty of these small discoveries scattered across campus. To locate some of them, we asked Waterloo students to share the places and resources they wish they'd known about in their first year.

The first piece of advice is to not limit yourself to your own faculty. Majdalen Azouz, vice-president of WUSA, says one of her favourite places on campus is the glass study space in the EV building. "It is bright, open, and a nice place to study or get work done between classes. I would definitely recommend that first-year students explore buildings outside of their own faculty because there are a lot of great study spaces around campus that you might not find otherwise."

It's easy to spend most of your time in the same few buildings where your lectures are. However, some of the best spots on campus are the ones you discover when you randomly decide to take a different route. Environment lounges are filled with natural light, Engineering buildings have spots overlooking campus, and after classes end, empty classrooms are great places to get work done.

There's also the ML Diner in the basement of the Modern Languages (ML) building. "ML Diner is a great place to study," says Samir Sharma, president of WUSA. "It features a burger/milkshake diner. It also has a Tim Hortons that most people don't know about, which makes the lines much shorter. The study space also connects to the tunnels that lead to the other arts buildings, so it is easy to get around in winter." Finding a Tim Hortons with a shorter line at lunchtime is such a win.

Speaking of winter, every Waterloo student eventually comes to the same realization: walking outside between classes is optional.

"There are a lot of indoor routes connecting different buildings across campus," Majdalen Azouz says. "It can take some time to learn them, but once you do, getting around campus becomes much easier."

Check out our website (uwimprint.ca) for the *Imprint* article, “An introduction to tunnels and bridges on campus,” to see the tunnels at Waterloo!

Not every hidden gem is about studying, though. Sometimes you just need a place to sit outside and give your brain a break from assignments. Many students like to sit at the South Commons courtyard with its bright yellow umbrellas. There’s also the rock garden between EIT and MC. Personally, I find the greenery makes it a peaceful place to sit for a few minutes. If you’re near Village 1, the rooftop patio is also a great place to watch the sunset after a long day of classes.

Another recommendation from Azouz is the Graduate House, which many students overlook simply because of its name. “Undergraduate students can also go there for food, drinks, events, or just a more relaxed place to spend time. It’s a good spot that a lot of students may not know about right away.”

Some of Waterloo’s biggest hidden gems aren’t places but services that students would find useful. WUSA members recommend places like the WUSA Thrift, where most items cost under \$10, the Fruit and Veggie Market in the SLC, the Bike Centre, Pay-What-You-Can meals at The Bomber, and WUSA’s Food Support Service. These places are not usually on people’s must-see spots in Waterloo. However, you’ll appreciate knowing these resources if you actually need them.

“A lot of students do not realize that they have access to legal support through WUSA,” Azouz says. “This can help with things like leases, housing issues, employment, co-op concerns, and academic rights. You can also use it before there is a problem, such as getting a lease reviewed before signing it.”

It is definitely worth discovering and knowing these resources as it can save you time, money, and a lot of unnecessary stress throughout your degree.

So, the next time you have a break between classes, check one of these places out. Some of these might end up becoming some of your favourite spots too... you’re welcome. To the upper-years who were hoping to keep these spots a secret... our apologies.



The following are a few of the *Imprint* team’s favourite hidden gems, alongside some of my own recommendations:

Study

Even if you’re not interested in rocks or fossils, the Earth Sciences Museum is worth seeing. It’s surprisingly peaceful and is a fun place to see some unique exhibits.

There’s also the MC Comfy Lounge and its connecting patio in the Mathematics and Computer (MC) building. Here students come to relax, chat, eat lunch, or work. It’s also convenient as it is right beside MC’s CnD, where you can grab an affordable snack or drink whenever desired.

The SLC is a great place to socialize, find food places, study and check out upcoming events. It has many study spaces throughout the building too. My favourite is the new lounge on the 3rd floor.



MC Comfy Lounge

Food

Located in Downtown Kitchener, Whoopsie Daisies is a great spot for local pastries from small businesses, along with plenty of drinks. They also have vegan options, making it an easy stop for a quick treat or study break.

For a closer recommendation, located near UWP, Foodie Fruitie is a convenient option for an affordable meal between classes. Many of their dishes are under \$15, and students can also get a free 15 per cent student discount card.

In the Student Life Centre (SLC), check out Chaska, Wok Stop, The Bomber, or Flock Stop if you are looking for an affordable meal. Smarty Pants also offers delicious ice cream for a sweet treat in between classes.

Coffee

If you're a matcha fan, La La Bakeshop is worth the trip to Uptown Waterloo. Many students swear by their matcha, especially their jasmine matcha latte. The shop is also right in the heart of Uptown, making it easy to get to by ION.

Other off-campus spots worth checking out include Coffee Brick, Rommana Cafe, Lucero Canteen in Downtown Kitchener, and Midnight Run in Uptown.

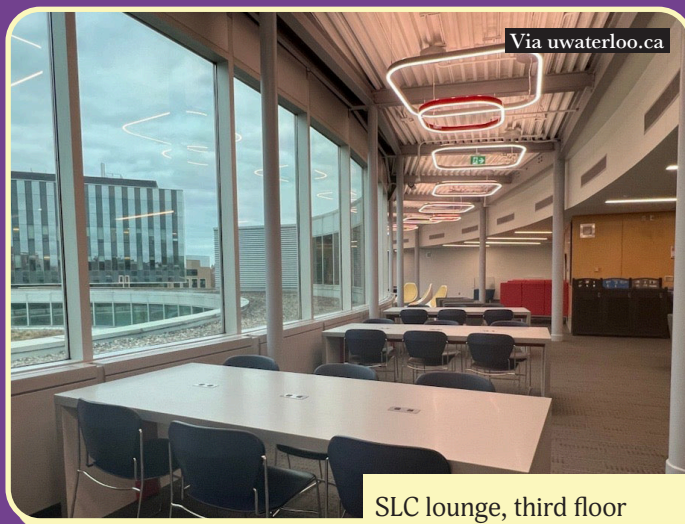


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Earth Science Museum



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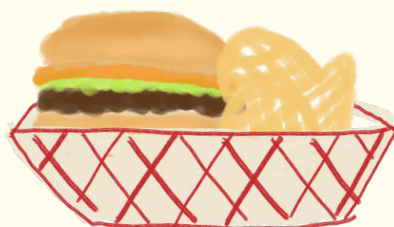
Things to do before graduating

Radha Vyas, Staff Writer

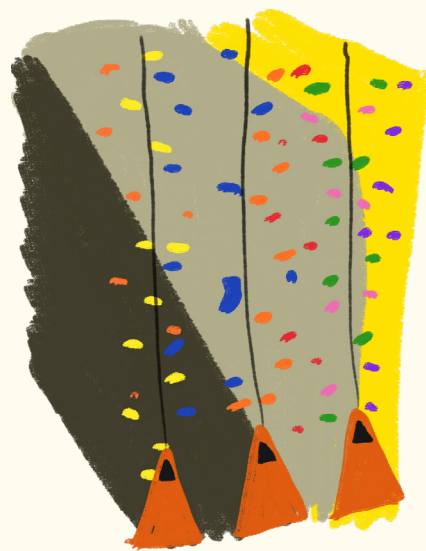
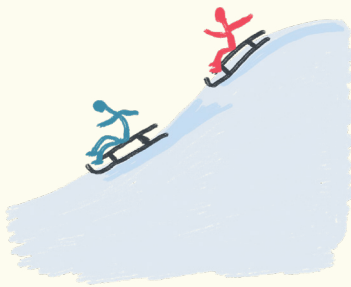
Have you ever wondered what you should do before graduating from UW? This bucket list has you covered!

On campus:

- ☐ Explore all the tunnels (Hint: one entrance is in SCH)
- ☐ Attend the Renison One Sky Festival, an annual festival that allows students to experience Japanese, Chinese, and Korean culture at Waterloo
- ☐ Become an Orientation Week leader
- ☐ Grab lemonade from the EngSoc C&D in PSE
- ☐ Get a photo with your faculty mascot
- ☐ Take a walk around Ring Road
- ☐ Study in the EV1 courtyard
- ☐ Try Liquid Assets' tomato basil soup and garlic buns
- ☐ Join a club and stick with it for the term
- ☐ Visit the Grad House



- ☐ Grab a burger and waffle fries (with cheese) from the Bomber
- ☐ Join an intramural or varsity team
- ☐ Participate in ENVigorate, the faculty of environment's annual community festival with live music, food, a marketplace, and swap shop
- ☐ Sled down the CIF lower field hill
- ☐ Tour the Gustav Bakos Observatory
- ☐ Watch a play by the UW theatre and performance program



- ☐ Try rock climbing at PAC
- ☐ Study in the Earth Sciences Museum in EIT
- ☐ Attend the Campus Life Fair in SLC
- ☐ Talk to your professors
- ☐ Go on exchange for a study term
- ☐ Move to somewhere you've never been for co-op
- ☐ Visit the installation Fountain on the 2nd floor of Hagey Hall
- ☐ Visit the hidden biology museum on campus
- ☐ Visit the University of Waterloo Art Gallery, which showcases work from UW artists alongside international artists

Off campus:

- ☐ Get a Vincenzo's sandwich
- ☐ Go ice skating at the Waterloo Public Square in winter. You can rent skates for cheap at McPhail's Cycle & Sports Ltd.
- ☐ Buy or trade a book at Old Goat Books
- ☐ Grab a hot chocolate from Old Fire-hall Confectionery
- ☐ See a movie at the Princess Cinemas
- ☐ Study at Menchie's
- ☐ Take a GRT adventure around Waterloo Region
- ☐ Eat at LooBapBap
- ☐ Attend a pottery or glassmaking workshop at the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum
- ☐ Visit the Kitchener Farmers' Market
- ☐ Visit the Pub on King
- ☐ Grab a bite at Famoso
- ☐ Walk a lap around Waterloo Park
- ☐ Attend the Lumen Light Festival
- ☐ Attend the Royal Medieval Faire, an annual event that happens every 3rd Saturday in September at Waterloo Park
- ☐ Café hop in Uptown Waterloo or Downtown Kitchener

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Here's a guide to the way out of Waterloo :D

Annora Jo, Contributor



Welcome, Waterloo Warriors! As you begin a fresh chapter at UW, you will be residing in this area for quite some time. But do not worry — whether you are heading back home, exploring nearby cities, or travelling within the Waterloo Region, we have plenty of transit options that connect you to different destinations. This will be a transportation guide for your trip to St. Jacobs Farmer's Market, the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Hamilton, Stratford, London, and more regions.

Before looking into specific destinations, here is a brief overview of the main modes of transportation that you will see in this guide:

- The ION rail and GRT buses are the most common options for local transportation within the tri-city (Waterloo-Kitchener-Cambridge). Full-time UW students can enjoy unlimited rides on GRT buses and the ION with their U-pass, included in their tuition.
- The GO Transit connects Waterloo to various regions, including Hamilton and the GTA. Fares range between \$10 and \$20 depending on the distance and can be paid with a Presto card or credit/debit card.
- The FedBus is an exclusive option for UW students that is operated by WUSA. Operating during class weeks but not exam periods, FedBus connects students to destination across the GTA and London. Buses run on Fridays and Sundays. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the trip via their website or at Turnkey Desks.
- FlixBus is a bus service that offers diverse destinations from two departure stops in Kitchener. It is required to secure a ticket through the Flixbus app or website before the trip. As the ticket prices increase closer to the departure date, make sure to purchase it as soon as possible.

Uptown Waterloo & Downtown Kitchener

Uptown Waterloo is where many people go for a night out, as there is a variety of restaurants, cafes, and pubs. Heading further in the same direction will take you to Downtown Kitchener, which includes the health sciences satellite campus and more places to explore. As both destinations are southeast of campus, they can be reached by similar modes of transportation, such as taking the ION or walking.

- From the UW Station, it takes only around 5 minutes to reach Willis Way station in Uptown Waterloo and 20 minutes to reach Central Station in Downtown Kitchener. Keep in mind that this option is completely free for most UW students and that you must have your WatCard to



travel, as the ticket inspectors come to check your U-Pass validity at times.

- For Uptown Waterloo, one of the best ways to visit in the fall and summer terms is by walking. It takes about 20-25 minutes to pass through Waterloo Park, and this way, you will be able to have a nice, refreshing walk while exploring the town in more detail.

St. Jacobs Farmer's Market

St. Jacobs is a small village in northern Waterloo, known for its unique aesthetic that reflects its Mennonite heritage. Located in the area is a local market district that includes the must-visit St. Jacobs Farmer's Market. The market is only open on Tuesdays and Saturdays with different operating hours, so double-check its official website before visiting. As many vendors at the farmer's market only accept cash and debit, it is recommended to bring an appropriate payment method with you.

- a. Departing from UW, you can take different routes on the GRT Bus with your U-Pass. Bus route 19 directly takes you to the farmer's market within 30 minutes. You can also take route 201 and then transfer to 21, which will take about 40 minutes to get to the destination.
- b. Driving to the market district by car only takes around 10 minutes from UW, but it might take some time finding a parking spot since it is a popular tourism spot.



School of architecture campus, Cambridge

Downtown Cambridge

Cambridge is a city in the southern part of the Waterloo Region, and it is where the school of architecture satellite campus is located. The campus is located in Galt, in the northern part of Cambridge, and many students travel by car or using public transportation. If you're not travelling near the school of architecture, there are different transit options to get to other parts of the city as well.

- a. From UW you can use public transit services like GRT or Go Transit. Currently, there are no direct public transit routes, and the trip takes 1 hour 15-45 minutes with one transfer for most routes. By GRT, take the Southbound ION, transfer to bus route 302 or 206 at Fairview Station, and then get off at Ainslie Station, which is near the Cambridge campus. By GO bus, you can take route 25 at UW Station, and it stops at a few terminals in different parts of the city. If you're transferring from Go bus route 25 to the architecture campus, you can take GRT bus routes 302 or 51, depending on where you get off.
- b. A quicker way to the Cambridge campus is by driving 35 minutes from UW. To note, the UW employees and students will have to purchase a parking permit to use the campus parking lot starting from September 2026.

Stratford

Stratford is a city located approximately 45 minutes west of Waterloo, and it is where the school of interaction design and business campus is located. As a city recognized for its artistic culture, it is worth experiencing Stratford's theatres, local shops, and scenic parks. However, many places in downtown Stratford either close early or open late, so it is suggested to double-check the operating hours of where you plan to visit in advance.

- a. From the UW main campus to the Stratford satellite campus, there is a shuttle bus term pass available to students, and it offers a 45-minute direct trip. This option is for upper-year Stratford students, as first-year students get a free shuttle travel once a week to the Stratford campus. The pass is first-come, first-serve with limited quantities, so for those who must bus to Stratford from Waterloo, buy your passes as soon as the sale begins.
- b. It is also recommended to travel to the Stratford campus by driving or finding a carpool. As Stratford is not a part of the GRT, you are not able to travel further without a car once you get to the campus building. This

way, you will be able explore the city without distance limitations and park for free at the campus parking lot.

- c. A daily GO train route that connects Union to Stratford has begun to serve starting this July. Stratford is the new station extended from the Kitchener-Union line, and for students who live near the Kitchener GO Station, this 40-minute direct trip would be a good option to consider.

Hamilton

For the Hamilton area, the most accessible travel option from UW would be taking GO Transit. On weekdays, a direct bus runs hourly, connecting UW to Hamilton, which also makes stops at other university stations on the way.

- a. The GO bus route 17 takes you directly from UW's bus terminal to Hamilton Go Centre, and the stops include three other universities: UW, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Guelph, and McMaster University. From UW to Hamilton, the trip is around 2 hours and 40 minutes long with a total of seven stops on the way.
- b. On the weekend, there is no direct travel to Hamilton, but you can take GO bus routes 25 or 30, then transfer to routes 47 or 40. The trip takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes to 3 hours and 30 minutes depending on the route and schedule. For any case where you have a longer travel using GO Transit, including Hamilton, it is recommended to use the \$10 one-day weekend GO pass for a more cost-efficient travel.



Hamilton GO station

Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

The GTA is a common destination for many UW students, whether they are just going out or visiting home. As it is a big area, there are diverse public transportation options available depending on the schedule and the specific destination you're heading to. GTA commonly uses the Presto card to travel

within the area, so for students who visit often, it is recommended to get a Presto card with a discounted student fare, which you can apply for online.

- a. The most popular travel option to GTA is the GO Transit, where you can take the train from Kitchener Station or the GO bus from the UW campus and nearby stops. If you are going to downtown Toronto, there is a direct train from the Kitchener GO Station to Union Station, and this trip takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes. From the UW Station, GO bus routes, 25 or 30 run daily, but it takes one more hour to get to Union Station as you must make a transfer.
- b. An exclusive option for UW students is travelling by the FedBus. The FedBus takes students from UW's Davis Centre (DC) to and from the GTA every Friday and Sunday with destinations like CF Markville, Richmond Hill, York Mills Station, and McCowan Station. The ticket price per trip starts from \$26 for the GTA, and tickets must be purchased prior to the trip online or at the Turnkey Desk in SLC or DC.
- c. Flixbus is a travel alternative from Kitchener to Toronto that provides a more comfortable trip for the two-hour trip. This option also requires booking in advance through their app or website, so make sure to get your tickets before travelling.

London

London is a city west of Waterloo, where Western University is located, and whether you are visiting your family or friends, there are different bus routes that connect you to London directly from UW.

- a. The most affordable and convenient option is the FedBus that runs from DC to CF Masonville Place in London. The ticket price for London is \$21 per way, and as the same as the GTA routes, the bus runs on Friday and returns on Sunday evenings. Also, note that if you book a round trip for any destination using FedBus, a \$3 discount is offered.
- b. If you are travelling to London outside of Friday, FlixBus is also available from Kitchener to London every day. This option takes around 1 hour 20 minutes to 2 hours depending on the stops, and it directly takes you to the city. It is suggested to book your ticket in advance, as FlixBus ticket prices increase closer to the travel date.

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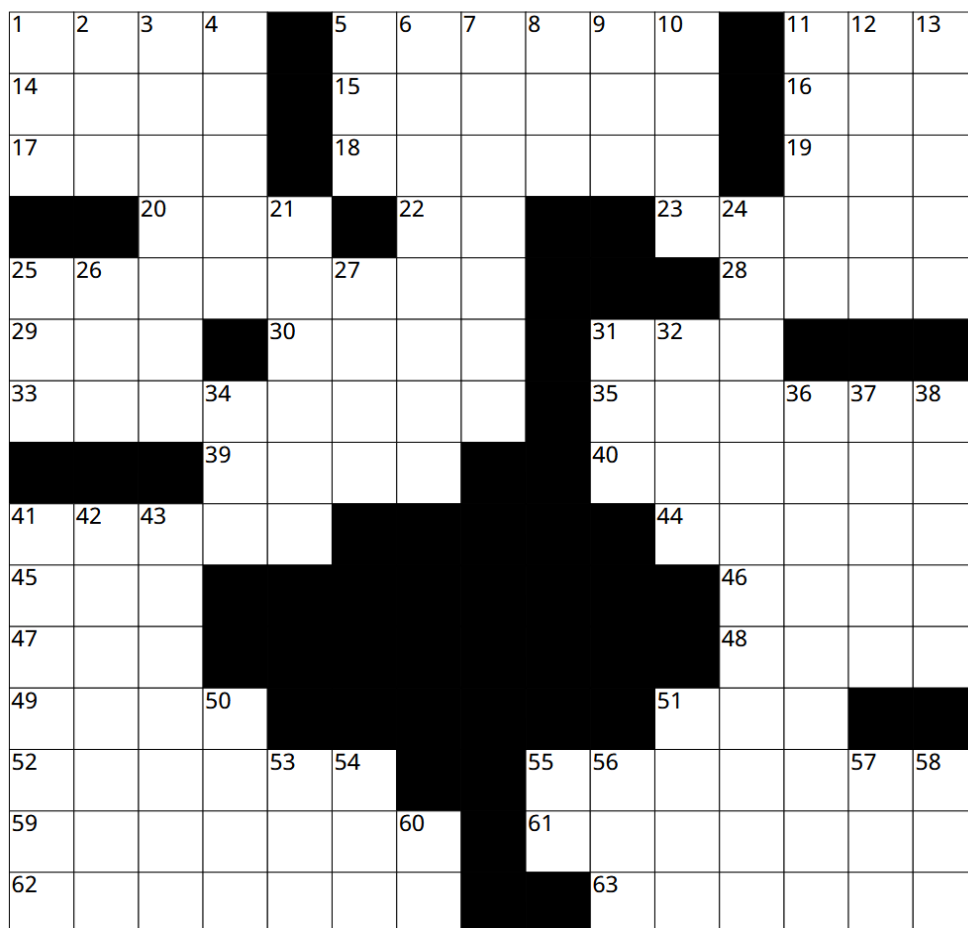
Waterloo Scavenger Contest

Orientation crossword

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ACROSS

1 *Support organization of which incoming first-years are automatically members
 5 *A co-op student's sequence of work and study terms
 11 *Campus hub full of services, food options, and study/lounge spaces (abbreviated)
 14 Taiwanese laptop brand
 15 Granola relative
 16 Category label including but not limited to Deaf (abbreviated)
 17 Kind of support
 18 Radio interference
 19 *___ G. Needles (namesake of the building containing AccessAbility and Counselling Services)
 20 *UW's work-study program (abbreviated)
 22 User who started the thread, online (abbreviated)
 23 Receded
 25 Subject of City of Waterloo bylaw 2011-124 (two words)
 28 Big name in cat food
 29 Orbiting research station (abbreviated)
 30 Fall event sometimes featuring a midway
 31 USA sports organization with an upcoming main season (abbreviated)
 33 USA city known for its casinos (two words)
 35 *Distinctive colour of UW branding equally called 'gold' in the official style guide
 39 Environment-related science (abbreviated)
 40 Nissan crossover named for an Italian city
 41 Selling point
 44 One who nods off
 45 *"___ of the North" (cheeky title given to UW) (abbreviated)
 46 Subscription-based model in cloud computing (abbreviated)
 47 Suffix with pay- or Cray-
 48 Once, once
 49 Depend (on)
 51 Tuna often featured in sushi or poke
 52 Like mosaic tiles
 55 Retaining original colour and shine
 59 Breastbone
 61 *King ___ (longtime UW mascot)
 62 *Student services desk open 24/7 in 11-Across
 63 Unspecified, as a wake-up alarm



(two words)

DOWN

1 *___ Card (Student ID also used as a bus pass)
 2 Purpose
 3 *Student ___ Office (resource centre that aims to help students achieve "their self-identified goals")
 4 Pale
 5 Texting format (abbreviated)
 6 *Small class type often paired with a lecture course and taught by a teaching assistant
 7 Some spicy peppers or harvesting machines
 8 Waterloo timezone (abbreviated)
 9 ___ Express (Amazon alternative)
 10 Little rodents
 11 ___ Inu (dog breed)
 12 ___ ipsum dolor sit amet
 13 Attractive and popular men, in internet slang
 21 Result
 24 *UW's new President and Vice-Chancellor (two words)
 25 Canola or sesame
 26 Advertisement theoretically meant for common good (abbreviated)
 27 "Othello" villain

31 Suffix with pseudoor homo-

32 Ongoing quarrel
 34 *Shape in which geese fly when migrating
 36 *Either of the namesakes for the Quantum-Nano Centre
 37 *UW students in their first terms (abbreviated)
 38 Superlatively bad
 41 Lover of love
 42 Feature of "guilt" but not "gilt" (two words)
 43 One who dawdles
 50 Knitter's material
 51 Natural style for coily and kinky hair textures
 53 Pen contents
 54 Earned, as credit
 55 *Our school, as this crossword refers to it (abbreviated)
 56 Formula output error in Excel
 57 Fair-hiring note in a job ad (abbreviated)
 58 Bus system covering Ajax and Oshawa (abbreviated)
 60 Belonging to me

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