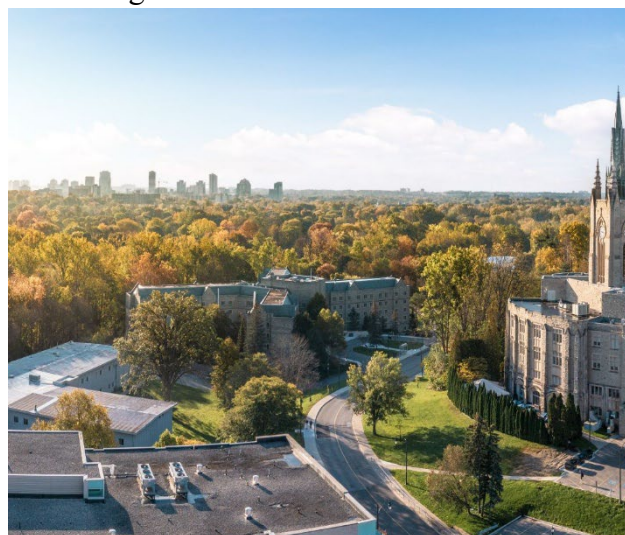


# Western Launch Parent & Family Newsletter

Whether your student is about to begin their journey at Western or is returning for another term, this time of year often brings both anticipation and important planning. Students may be finalizing course selections, confirming housing arrangements, or considering how they will engage with campus life in the fall. As parents and family members, you may also be focused on ensuring they are ready to transition smoothly and confidently into the fall term.

This edition of the Parent & Family Newsletter provides key reminders and resources to help you and your student stay informed and prepared during the summer months. Inside, you will find important dates, updates on campus services, and opportunities for your student to stay connected and engaged as September approaches.

We hope you find this information helpful as you continue to support your student's success and well-being at Western.



## Important Dates

August 8-9th- Engineering and General Faculty Friday + Overnight Experience

August 31st- September 1st- Residence Move-in + Off Campus Student Orientation Registration

September 1st- September 6th- Orientation week

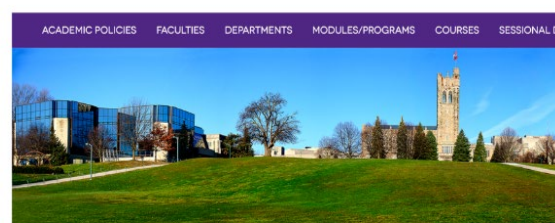
September 4th- First day of classes

November 3-9th - Fall Reading Week

December 11-22nd - First Term Exam Period

January 5th - Classes Resume

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR - 2025



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### ACADEMIC POLICIES

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## Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar is an essential resource that outlines important dates, deadlines, and academic regulations for the upcoming year. From course add/drop deadlines to examination periods and holiday closures, the calendar (sessional dates) helps your student stay organized and plan their studies effectively. We encourage you and your student to review the sessional dates regularly to ensure key dates are not missed and to stay informed about academic expectations at Western. Do not plan any travel during exam times. Students will not be offered accommodation if travel is booked during the examination periods. [Learn more here.](#)



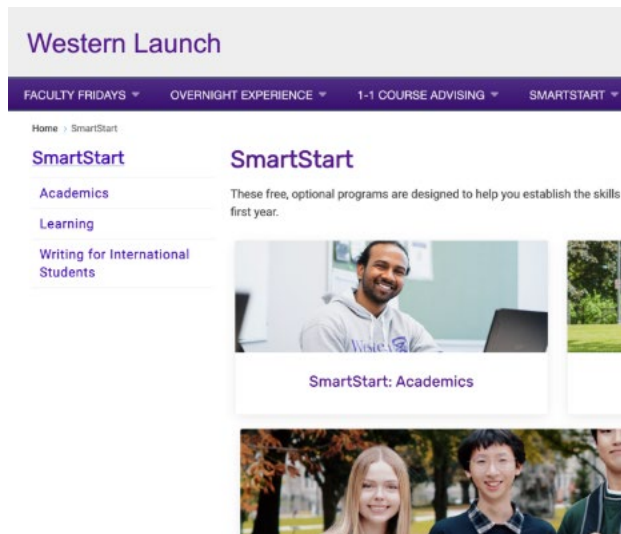
## Launch Online

Student Experience has developed a tool for incoming students to support their transition to university life. These modules offer helpful tips and resources, from tracking important dates to preparing for academic success. Students can access the first three modules directly through [OWL](#) or by clicking the link at the bottom of the Launch website homepage. [Learn more here.](#)



## Tuition and Deadlines

Understanding tuition and fees is an important part of preparing for the year ahead. First-year tuition and fees vary by program and course load. We encourage families to review the tuition breakdown carefully and ensure that payment deadlines are met to avoid late charges. Detailed information about tuition, fees, and payment options can be found on Western's Office of the Registrar website. Staying informed will help you and your student plan financially and focus on their studies with confidence. If your student is living in residence, please ensure all residence fees are received by the deadline to ensure your student does not lose their place in residence. \*Note: Payments MUST BE RECEIVED by the date listed, not paid on that day. [Learn more here.](#)



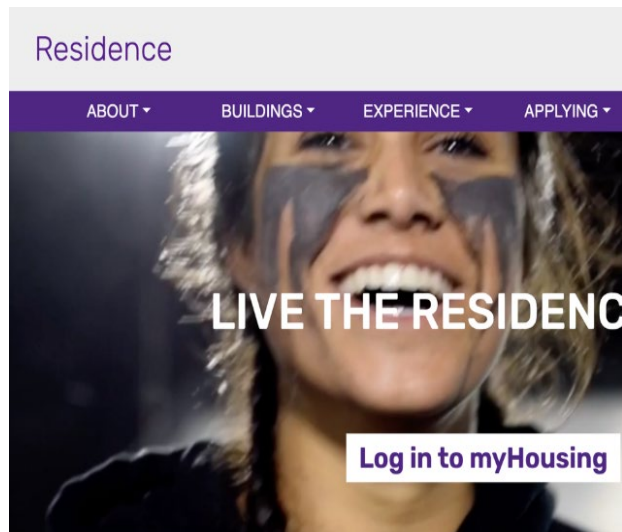
## SmartStart: Learning and Academics

SmartStart: Learning is a self-guided series of online content. Students can review the material at any point over the summer or even into the fall. Take a learning assessment, get advice from peers, and get tips for learning in university. Learning at university can seem daunting, and developing effective learning strategies can take time.

SmartStart: Academics includes short lessons that will help students enhance the skills they've already developed, so they are ready for classes this fall. SmartStart resources are available all year. [Learn more here.](#)

## Accessible Education

Accessible Education is responsible for the determination and coordination of academic accommodations for students with permanent, temporary and suspected disabilities. We honor disability as one of the many forms of diversity on our campus, and as such, we actively collaborate with faculty, staff, and students to support an accessible campus. Accessible Education provides academic accommodation for classes, exams, internships and other course or program activities, as well as digital and Braille textbooks, accessible campus transportation, learning strategy instruction for students with learning disabilities and more. Accessible Education is currently offering intake appointments to students that are starting in September. [Learn more here.](#)



## Residence Life and Move-In Preparation

Living in residence is a key part of the first-year experience, providing students with a supportive community and easy access to campus resources. As move-in day approaches, review packing lists and residence guidelines to help your student prepare and settle in smoothly. Western's Residence Life team is ready to welcome students and help them feel at home from day one. [Learn more here.](#)

If your student is living at home or off-campus, please let them know about our [Off Campus Program!](#) Approximately 1/5th of our first-year class is Off Campus! Our OC team is excited to welcome them to the OC Family!

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