

Department of Sociology

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION July 2021

Conditions on Your Offer of Admission

Ensure that the conditions on your offer of admission are met. Conditions will vary, with the most common involving transcripts. I have provided a couple of examples below. If Western (or affiliate) is the only campus you have attended, you are not required to provide an official transcript and you may skip this section.

Condition*: You are required to have the Registrar of each institution you attended send directly to SGPS all official FINAL transcript(s), indicating degrees awarded (if applicable). *If your degree was in progress at the time of application and you will graduate in the spring, wait until after convocation to have the transcript for your current degree sent to Western. After convocation, the transcript will indicate that the degree has been awarded and that will take care of two conditions at the same time. If you will be completing over the summer term and your convocation will be in the fall, you will need to send an official transcript to Western now and another one after your convocation (showing that the degree has been awarded).

Condition**: You are required to have the Registrar of each institution you attended send directly to SGPS all official transcript(s). **Western requires an official transcript from each postsecondary institution you have attended.

Have transcripts sent to gradapps@uwo.ca and copy svilovsk@uwo.ca

Centre for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Assistant (TA) training through Western's Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is strongly recommended, especially for anyone with no previous experience as a teaching assistant.

Go to teaching.uwo.ca for more information

TA Day

Designed for **both new and returning graduate students**, this half-day conference provides an introduction to teaching at Western and helps them prepare for their roles as TAs. In addition to 3 hours of synchronous online sessions on the morning of September 8, a number of asynchronous learning modules will be released to registrants throughout the week, with most focused on TAing in the online environment.

Dates to Keep in Mind

Orientation Sessions will be virtual/in-person and email will be sent out when dates are confirmed.

Classes start on September 13. (<https://sociology.uwo.ca/graduate/courses/index.html>)

Scholarship Funding

Your scholarship funding will be applied directly to your tuition and fees each term and serves as your 'first installment.' The amount will appear as 'pending financial aid' in your student account until it is applied to your tuition on the first day of each term. You may pay the remainder by the 'second installment' deadline (early in the second month of the term) without penalty. If paying through your bank online, be sure to allow 2-3 business days for payment to be processed to your tuition account.

The Registrar's web site provides further details

http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_payment_info_for_canadian_students.html

Tuition To view tuition fees, go to

http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_schedules.html (posted about one month prior to the start of each term)

OSAP

See the Registrar's website for OSAP information and forms -

http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/osap_government_loans/index.html

Health Insurance

Students from outside Canada are required to join the University Health Insurance Plan when they arrive. International students should make arrangements in their home country for health insurance coverage while travelling to Canada. Canadian students from outside Ontario covered by a provincial plan should contact their plan to advise them of enrolment at Western. Extended health insurance benefits are offered automatically for full-time graduate students through the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), provided the student is covered by his/her provincial health plan or has an OHIP equivalent plan (e.g., UHIP). The annual fee (September 2018 through August 2019) for the health plan is included in student activity fees in the Fall term. Students may opt out of this plan if they wish - see SOGS' web site for details: <http://sogs.ca/index.php/benefits/health-dental>

The Graduate Teaching Assistants' Union also offers extended health coverage to graduate students employed as Graduate Teaching Assistants. Their website provides details -

<http://www.psac610.ca/index.php/benefits/extended-health-plan>

External Awards

In order for payments to begin, recipients of external scholarships must inform the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS), according to the instructions for the respective award. In addition, please send an email to Sandra (svilovsk@uwo.ca) informing her of the award. As indicated in your funding letter, receipt of external scholarship funding may affect the amount of funding that you receive from Western.

Email: svilovsk@uwo.ca for more information