

STUDENT EXCHANGE

FACT SHEET

2023-2024



Canada's most innovative university.

For over 60 years, we've been challenging conventions and turning heads. We've taken innovation beyond a buzzword and made it our identity. The University of Waterloo is designed to help you succeed in your academics, career and life. Our 100+ world-ranking programs are infused with experiential learning opportunities to help you apply the knowledge you gain in real-world scenarios. We also offer extensive student services to help you adjust to university life in Canada and ensure you stay healthy and balanced throughout your studies.

WATERLOO FACULTIES

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

- > Faculty of Arts
- > Faculty of Engineering
- > Faculty of Environment
- > Faculty of Health
- > Faculty of Mathematics
- > Faculty of Science

I chose University of Waterloo due to its small town vibe. Everybody is so friendly and welcoming here! I've had the time of my life and I do not want to leave at all.

CHRIZ CHAN
ARTS EXCHANGE STUDENT

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UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Student applications

UNDERGRADUATES

Nominations from the home institution should be directed to the incoming Global Learning Coordinator at Waterloo. Undergraduates must maintain enrolment 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:

[UWATERLOO.CA/SS0/UNDERGRAD-EXCHANGE-APPLICATIONS](https://uwaterloo.ca/ss0/undergrad-exchange-applications)

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 an Honours Bachelors' degree or equivalent and be actively enrolled in a graduate level program. Graduate exchange students must maintain enrolment in a minimum of one graduate course per term. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

[UWATERLOO.CA/SS0/GRAD-EXCHANGE-APPLICATIONS](https://uwaterloo.ca/ss0/grad-exchange-applications)

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. Exchange students study for one or two terms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Learn more about becoming a Waterloo exchange student.

- > Course selection
- > English language requirements
- > Fees
- > Health insurance
- > Housing
- > Schedule of classes
- > Immigration
- > Student experience
- > Transcripts

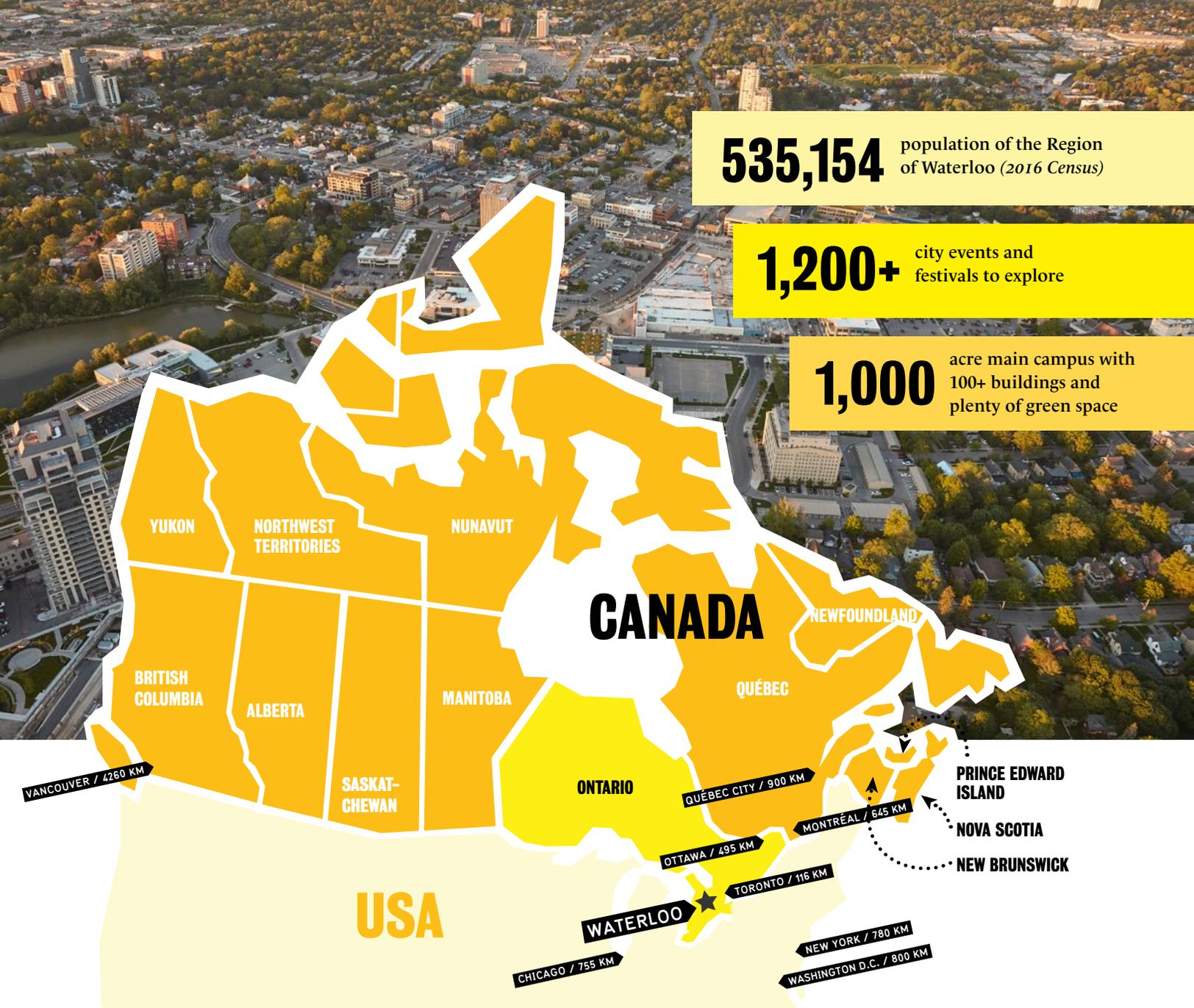
[UWATERLOO.CA/SS0/COME-TO-WATERLOO-ON-EXCHANGE](https://uwaterloo.ca/ss0/come-to-waterloo-on-exchange)

[UWATERLOO.CA/CORONAVIRUS](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus)



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DEADLINE	FALL 2023 (SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER)	WINTER 2024 (JANUARY – APRIL)	SPRING 2024 (MAY – AUGUST)
Nomination & Applications Deadline	April 1	September 1	December 1
Upload Supporting Documentation Deadline	April 1	September 1	December 1
Orientation Program	Early September	Early January	Early May
Classes Begin	Early September	Early January	Early May
Mid-term Break	4 days following Thanksgiving (October)	4 days following Family Day (February)	Not applicable
Classes End	Early December	Early April	Late July
Exam Schedule Available	October	February	June
Exams	December	April	August
Holidays	Labour Day September 4 Thanksgiving October 9 University Closure December 25 – January 1	Family Day February 19 Good Friday March 29	Victoria Day May 20 Canada Day July 1 Civic Holiday August 5
Official Transcripts Released	Late February	Late June	Late October



535,154 population of the Region of Waterloo (2016 Census)

1,200+ city events and festivals to explore

1,000 acre main campus with 100+ buildings and plenty of green space

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 Canada's entertainment hub, Toronto, and the famous Niagara Falls.

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 250 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 healthy while connecting with other students.