

WELCOME TO RESIDENCE



2018 MOVE-IN GUIDE

Welcome to your new home in residence!

Your year in residence promises to be one of the most memorable and rewarding aspects of your academic career at Laurier. It is a unique and valuable experience that will serve as a special part of your postsecondary education.

The Department of Residence is here to support your academic success and to ensure that you get the most out of your stay in residence at Laurier. We are committed to serving you and we value you as a member of our community. With your participation, we can foster a safe, comfortable and accepting home, create an environment conducive to academic pursuits and provide an opportunity for social and personal growth. Residence Life at Laurier has always been characterized by mutual respect.

We will do everything possible to ensure that your time spent living in the Laurier residence community is one of growth and development. Our hope is that you will engage with us in our four Residence Learning Goals and together we can create a strong community where all residents can get the absolute most out of their experience.

**On behalf of the Department of Residence
I wish you the best of luck as you explore
your path into higher education.**

Best Wishes,

Chris Dodd

Director, Residence



Welcome!

The university experience will possibly be one of the best phases of your life. Imagine a four-year period in which your primary responsibility is to learn, interact, challenge contemporary thinking and figure out who you are. The Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union is a catalyst in this regard. The organization exists to provide the best student experience to all our members and as an undergraduate student, you are automatically a member. As a student driven institution, we provide numerous volunteer and paid opportunities, programming (Orientation Week and year round), health & dental coverage and much more.

It is an exciting time as you transition into Laurier. The Students' Union is here to help you pursue your passions and interests. So, step out of your comfort zone, make new friends, try new activities, and get involved on campus. One opportunity can lead to another and take you farther than you can imagine!



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President & CEO

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When Can I Move In?

We want your experience at Laurier to be positive right from the start. This booklet will help you understand and be prepared for Move-In Day!

- **Brantford**
Monday, September 3rd
- **Waterloo**
Sunday, September 2nd
Monday, September 3rd



Residence registration for all First Year undergraduate students will be held on either **Sunday, Sept. 2 or Monday, Sept. 3, 2018**. E-mails will be sent to you by the Residence department regarding your building assignment, specific Move-In Day, key pick-up location, and timeslot. **Students are required to adhere to their specific move-in day and time slot.**

- **Waterloo campus:** Registration is open from 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Athletic Complex or Lazaridis Hall Atrium on both Sunday and Monday.
- **Brantford campus:** Registration is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Research and Academic Centre West Building, 150 Dalhousie Street, on Monday.

Before You Arrive!

Your stay in residence will be one of the most memorable and rewarding aspects of your university career. In residence, you'll learn about yourself and the relationships you have with others. The residence experience is intended to provide an environment where you gain academic support and an opportunity to establish new and long-lasting friendships.

Moving to a new community and a new way of living can be a challenge. It's understandable that you may be a little nervous, but our residence staff are here to make the transition as smooth as possible.

We're looking forward to meeting you and hope that you'll take advantage of all the opportunities we offer in residence at Laurier.



Move-In Day Details

1. Check your room assignment email to confirm your move-in date, time slot, and key pick up location
2. Register and pick up your keys at your registration location
3. Unload your belongings with the assistance of the Orientation Week volunteers.
4. Meet your residence don, who will ask you to:
 - Complete a residence room check-in form;
 - Complete and sign a residence medical form (have your health card available);
 - Pay the mandatory community fund of \$40 (\$60 for Residence Learning Community)
5. Unpack and begin to organize your room. Storage in residence is extremely limited. Boxes, containers and suitcases should be returned home

Plan Ahead

Laurier does not provide insurance or assume liability for personal belongings in residence. It's advised that you check with your parent/guardian's homeowner's policy and/or your insurance representative to ensure that contents coverage is extended to your residence room.

How to Pack

There will not be enough room to bring everything you own. You'll want to make your new room as comfortable and familiar as possible, so we suggest you pack posters, photos and other small personal items.

Pack items into containers that can be carried by one person. **Please note student volunteers cannot carry any items packed in LCBO or beer boxes.**





What To Bring

- Bed linens, pillow and comforter
- Robe and slippers
- Desk lamp (no halogen bulbs)
- Headphones for personal audio equipment
- Power bar with surge protection (must be certified for use in Canada)
- Personal recreation equipment (roller blades, football, frisbee, etc.)
- Computer
- Cell phone
- Shower shoes
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Clothes hangers
- Towels
- Backpack, pens, pencils and school supplies
- Personal toiletries and toilet paper
- Kitchen items



For a **complete list** of items in your apartment-style or dorm-style residence visit:

students.wlu.ca/student-life/residence/new-residence-students

Bedrooms and Bedding Packages

Each bedroom/dorm comes equipped with a bed frame, mattress, desk, chair, bookshelves, closet, wastebasket and recycling bin.

If you want to [purchase linens](#) for your bed, Laurier has a partnership with Residence Linens, a company that will deliver coordinated bedding packages when you move in.

DON'T FORGET!

Bring pictures, posters and décor to personalize your space!

Refrigerator Rental

[Coldex](#) is a privately operated firm that, in affiliation with Laurier, provides you with the option of renting a small refrigerator for your residence room.



What NOT To Bring

- “Large speakers” and “big” stereo systems
- Subwoofers for computer sound systems
- Amplifiers
- Personal fridge units
- Pets
- Alcohol bottles (incl. beer and coolers)
- Electrical outlet wall tap (octopus plug)
- Drinking paraphernalia (e.g. funnels, beer pong tables, etc.)
- Candles and incense
- Draperies
- Halogen lighting of any kind
- Heaters and heat lamps
- Furniture from home, including couches, beds, bean-bag chairs, mattresses, etc. (you are permitted to bring your own office/desk chair but will be responsible for the storage of provided chair)
- Noise-canceling headphones

Key Pick-Up

Waterloo

- Athletic Complex (Main Gym), Lazaridis Hall Atrium

Brantford

- Research and Academic Centre, West (RCW) Lobby



O-Week Kit Pick-Up

Waterloo

- Residence students will pick up the O-week kit at their designated key pick-up location.
- Off Campus Students will pick-up the O-week kit at the Lazaridis Hall Atrium.

Brantford

- All Students – Research and Academic Centre, West (RCW) - Lobby



Parking

When you arrive to pick up your residence keys, you will receive a map indicating the traffic route you **must** take to your building. When you arrive at the residence building, the driver must remain in the vehicle. Volunteers are on-site to assist with the Move-In Day process. Once the vehicle is unloaded, you will park in a designated lot. It is imperative you follow the route directions provided as they are designed to alleviate traffic issues.

Do I Move Into Residence Myself?

Nope! After you pick up your residence keys and head over to your building, you will be greeted by a group of O-Week volunteers who are there to help unload your car and carry your items up to your room.



FYI:

Just look for the volunteers wearing the crazy decorated shirts with the O-Week logo on it.

Residence Code of Conduct

All students must read **Laurier's Residence Guidebook**, which contains all you need to know about living in residence, and what is expected of you. The terms and conditions set out in the guidebook are a part of the contract between Laurier's Department of Residence and yourself, so be sure to read it carefully! You'll also be advised of the policies by residence staff upon arrival to residence.

Just a few things to note:

- Laurier enforces guidelines under the Ontario Liquor License Act and the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario
- All residents must vacate their rooms and the building when the fire alarm sounds
- Orientation Week is one of a number of no guest periods in residence. No overnight guests are permitted
- Any form of smoking in residence is strictly prohibited

Information on the Department of Residence Code of Conduct:

students.wlu.ca/student-life/residence/policies-and-procedures/code-of-conduct



Where Can We Eat?

Wilf's Restaurant & Bar in Waterloo will be open on both Move-In Days. Wilf's is Laurier's on-campus restaurant, located on the first floor of the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. If you end up going to Wilf's, make sure to try the Spin Dip - a campus favourite!

On the Brantford campus, we know that Move-In Day can leave you a little bit tired and a lotta bit hungry! That is why we're bringing our friends from Wilf's in Waterloo down to Brantford for the evening, so you can enjoy some campus classics such as Spin Dip, Mac & Cheese, and other great eats! During the day, be sure to check out some of the great spots downtown Brantford has to offer!

The Shinerama Committee in Waterloo will also be putting on a BBQ outside the Fred Nichols Campus Centre. You can choose between a hamburger or a hot dog with all the proceeds going to Cystic Fibrosis Canada!



Wilf's
Laurier Lives Here



What is a Don?



- Dons are Upper Year students who are carefully selected by the Residence Life management team and receive extensive training to ensure that they meet the needs of the students living in their community;
- Dons create a community environment through building relationships, providing support, promoting responsible behavior, encouraging awareness of diversity and respect, and act as an academic and social role model;
- Through programming, Dons provide an out-of-the-classroom learning experience designed to encourage personal growth, and provide social activities to enhance personal relationships and to have fun!

Meet your
Don in your
community
on Move-In
Day wearing
a black polo

If in doubt, call the Duty Don! Duty Dons wear an on-call vest or jacket and their Residence Life staff name-tag, and carry on-call phones with them from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. every night. The Duty Don phone number will be posted in your residence.

First community meeting

Your first community meeting is scheduled on Move-In Day. Your Don will provide location details during check-in. This meeting will provide you with an excellent opportunity to meet your community, receive important building orientation information, and become familiar with our residence staff.

Community fund contribution

Be advised that on Move-in Day you will be asked by your residence Don to provide \$40 (cash or cheque) for your community fund (\$60 for Residence Learning Communities). This is a one-time payment for the Fall and Winter academic terms. These important funds are managed by the community to facilitate events, activities and trips, and to purchase/rent general items for community use.

What is an Icebreaker?

An Icebreaker is an Upper Year Orientation Week volunteer. Each residence floor/LOCUS community is assigned a pair of Icebreakers whose role is to lead this group of First Year students through O-Week and help them adapt to university life. Their role doesn't end after O-Week as Icebreakers are expected to be a mentor and support system to their students throughout the entire academic year.



What is O-Week?



Orientation Week (O-Week) is your chance to find out why it's so great to be a Laurier Golden Hawk. This full week of events, programs and workshops to introduce you to the Laurier community, your home away from home and your future friends. Some events include a carnival night, headphone disco and a huge concert. We also have different sessions running throughout the week that will help prepare you for academic success! You can RSVP for your free O-Week ticket at tickets.yourstudentsunion.ca.

Get ready for O-Week 2018!

Introducing your **Red Riddlers** **Green Guardians**, **Gold Astros** and **Blue Chargers**. Which team will be victorious and take the title of O-Week 2018 Champions?

Each First Year student will be assigned a colour team based on their residence floor. You will learn what your colour is at registration on Move-in day!



Get Involved Fair (W&B) & Info Fair (B)

Info Fair (Brantford)

Thursday September 6, 2018

10 AM – 4 PM

RCW Lobby & Courtyard

Come on out to learn how you can access services within the Laurier community and the city of Brantford. You can also try some tasty food from local businesses with our “Taste of Downtown”.

Get Involved Fair (Brantford)

Friday September 7, 2018

10 AM – 3 PM

RCW Lobby & Courtyard

Come on out to learn how you can volunteer for a Students' Union committee or club. You can also try some tasty food from local businesses with our “Taste of Downtown”.

Get Involved Fair (Waterloo)

Friday September 7, 2018

10 AM – 3 PM

Alumni Field/Athletic Complex

With over 200 vendors, the Get Involved Fair is a great opportunity to find information about all clubs, committees and organizations that interest you within the Laurier & Waterloo community, along with inflatables and great giveaways.



O-Week Concert

One of the highlights of O-Week each year is our annual Welcome Back Concert. This is our opportunity to bring high profile artists on campus to put on a once in a lifetime show for our students. Past performers include the **Arkells**, **Down with Webster** and **Desiigner!**



To stay up-to-date on everything O-Week, visit:

LaurierOrientation.com

This is your go-to place for everything O-Week, including tickets, blogs and special announcements!

Make sure to also follow Laurier Students' Union:

 @LaurierStudentsUnion  @students_union

 @yourstudentsunion  @students_union

WATERLOO

Announce Date: Thursday, Aug. 16th
@ noon

Tickets on Sale: Friday, Aug. 17th
@ noon
(tickets.yourstudentsunion.ca)

Ticket Price: \$30 for all students

Concert Date: Tuesday, Sept. 4th

BRANTFORD

Announce Date: Tuesday, Aug. 7th

Ticket Price: Free to all incoming first years.

Concert Date: Friday, Sept. 7th



O-Week Shirt Colours

The “ who's who” of Orientation Week!

Waterloo

- Icebreakers - Purple
- Go Team - Teal
- Shinerama - Orange
- A-Team - Black
- Emergency Response Team - Red
- Foot Patrol - Dark blue
- Peer Connect - Lime green
- Food Bank - Light blue
- Eco Hawks - Forest green
- Orientation Team - Beige
- Students' Union Team - Pink



Brantford

- Icebreakers - Team colour
- Go Team - Team colour
- Shinerama - Team colour
- Orientation Team - Purple
- Students' Union Team - Pink



What is the Students' Union?



WHO ARE WE?

In a word, we're you!

The Laurier Students' Union is comprised of all Laurier undergraduate students across the Brantford and Waterloo campuses. **By choosing Laurier, you're automatically a member of the Students' Union, so welcome to the team!**

The Students' Union is a student owned and operated not-for-profit organization serves as the official voice of all Laurier undergraduate students. We work to enhance the student experience through innovative resources, effective representation, and by providing a safe & empowering campus community.

The Students' Union provides students with opportunities to take their university experience outside the classroom: join a club, volunteer, attend an event or use our services like Foot Patrol or Food Bank. There are over 300 clubs and volunteer committees, including ones that represent student interests to the University as well as the Provincial and Federal Government.

The Students' Union is more than volunteers and staff – it's every student that makes it great to be a Laurier Golden Hawk.



Let's Keep in Touch!

YOUR STUDENTS UNION.CA



@LaurierStudentsUnion



@students_union



@yourstudentsunion



@students_union

Getting Involved On Campus

First Year Leadership Programs

The First-Year Leadership Programs (FYLPs) provides unique opportunities for students to find their fit and to become more engaged in their residence experience. The FYLP consists of Campus Councils and House Councils that are led by a team of First Year students, and our new Leadership Certificate that is facilitated by Laurier staff with expertise in leadership development.



(W) - program at Waterloo campus

(B) - program at Brantford campus

- **House Councils (W + B)** each residence participates in a House Council that provides social-based programming to the students living in the building.
- **Arts Laurier (W) & Art Hawks (B)** provides you with the opportunity to share your love and passion for all forms of art including theatre, dance, music and much more.
- **Residence Athletic Council (W+B)** aims to promote a healthy and active lifestyle through first-year intramural, sport tournaments and healthy and wellness workshops.
- **Diversity & Equity Council (W)** provides you the opportunity to explore diversity-related issues and participate in awareness-based programming.
- **Academic Initiatives Council (W)** enhances your student experience by connecting faculty and program-based clubs more closely to the first-year population.

Sustainability Council (W+B) provides you with the opportunity to engage in environmental and eco-friendly activities and events.

Community Outreach Council (W) provides you with the opportunity to develop programming that connects you and your peers with volunteer opportunities allowing you to give back to KW and surrounding communities.

Brantford Residence Council (B) acts much like the House Council, except it aims to provide programming and events to the Brantford campus as a whole, rather than each individual residence.

Students' Union Volunteer Opportunities

Students can get involved and volunteer with the Laurier Students' Union by applying for positions at hiring.yourstudentsunion.ca. There are many opportunities that cater to a diverse range of interests such as large-scale event planning, and advocating for mental health and wellness initiatives. Hiring for volunteer positions open in September so that First Year students have the opportunity to get involved as soon as they get to Laurier.

Clubs and Associations (W&B) Looking to get involved and meet other students with similar interests? Consider joining a club on campus! With over 300 clubs to choose from, there is bound to be something for you! For more info, check out clubs.yourstudentsunion.ca



Where Can I Get Help?

Special Constable Services

If you require assistance or wish to report a crime, please call:

519.885.3333 or from an internal phone at **x3333**

Foot Patrol (Safe Walk Program)

- **Waterloo Campus:** 519.886.3668 (FOOT)
- **Branford Campus:** 519.751.7875 (PTRL)

Emergency Response Team

- **Advanced First Aid (Waterloo Only)**

Can be dispatched via Special constable Services

- **519.885.3333** or from an internal phone at **x3333**

Student Wellness

- **Waterloo Student Wellness Centre :** 519.884.0710 x3146
- **Branford Wellness Centre :** 519.756.8228 x5803



Don't Forget!

Download our SAFEHawk app! It is Laurier's official safety app. The app features emergency contacts, safety tips, a personal safety toolbox, maps and so much more!



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