

# International student exchange



## University facts and figures

- Ontario Tech has a population of over 10,000 students.
- There are 1,153 international students from around the world studying at Ontario Tech.
- 19 cultural and diversity-focused clubs on campus.

## About Ontario Tech

Located in the eastern Greater Toronto Area, Ontario Tech has grown out of a bold, ambitious vision: to take on the grand challenges we face as a society and find solutions to meet and exceed tomorrow's needs. Situated on two campuses in Oshawa, Ontario Tech University offers students the amenities and opportunities of a growing urban centre coupled with the lifestyle of short commutes, vibrant culture and affordable living.



Ontario Tech University acknowledges the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We are thankful to be welcomed on these lands in friendship. The lands we are situated on are covered under the Williams Treaties and the traditional territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation, including Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi. These lands remain home to a number of Indigenous nations and people.

**Internationally ranked...#9 in Ontario, 20th in Canada for best global universities**

*"I spent one year studying at Ontario Tech University. The classes are a lot more practice-oriented than in Germany, and I worked on case studies, along with many group projects. I spent most of my weekends travelling. I explored Toronto, visited Algonquin Provincial Park, Bruce Peninsula and Niagara Falls. During my reading week I travelled to New York and Mexico for some sunlight in the winter. However, don't let the Canadian winter scare you away. There are a lot of great activities to do during the winter, like dogsledding, ice skating, skiing, long snow walks and hikes through beautiful nature. Come to Oshawa and see what Ontario has to offer!"*

**Sonja from Universität Tübingen, Germany**



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## Programs

[ontariotechu.ca/programs](https://ontariotechu.ca/programs)

Ontario Tech University offers a diverse array of undergraduate, college-to-university transfer and graduate programs. We welcome students from our exchange partners around the world, to study for up to two semesters. See if we offer courses relevant to your program of study by viewing the programs offered, visit [ontariotechu.ca/programs](https://ontariotechu.ca/programs) for more information.

- ▶ Business  
[ontariotechu.ca/busi](https://ontariotechu.ca/busi)
- ▶ Health Sciences and Medicine  
[ontariotechu.ca/healthsciencesandmed](https://ontariotechu.ca/healthsciencesandmed)
- ▶ Computers and Technology  
[ontariotechu.ca/compandtech](https://ontariotechu.ca/compandtech)
- ▶ Science  
[ontariotechu.ca/science](https://ontariotechu.ca/science)
- ▶ Education  
[ontariotechu.ca/education](https://ontariotechu.ca/education)
- ▶ Social Science & Humanities  
[ontariotechu.ca/ssh](https://ontariotechu.ca/ssh)
- ▶ Engineering  
[ontariotechu.ca/eng](https://ontariotechu.ca/eng)

## Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

[ontariotechu.ca/gradstudies](https://ontariotechu.ca/gradstudies)



## Semester dates

[ontariotechu.ca/calendar](https://ontariotechu.ca/calendar)

Fall Semester  
Winter Semester  
Spring Semester

**Begins**  
September 5, 2023  
January 8, 2024  
May 6, 2024

**Ends**  
December 22, 2023  
April 26, 2024  
August 11, 2024

## Nomination and application process

<p><b>NOMINATION (Undergraduate and Graduate)</b></p>	<p>Students must be nominated by their home institution through the <a href="#">Ontario Tech Inbound Student Exchange Nomination Form</a>.</p> <p>Home institutions must have a <a href="#">valid student exchange agreement</a> with Ontario Tech University.</p> <p><i>Note: Ontario Tech respects the minimum GPA requirement the host institution determines in their internal processes to nominate students. Approval for exchange is subject to faculty approval and course availability.</i></p>	<p><b>Deadlines</b></p> <p><b>Summer term:</b> February 15</p> <p><b>Fall term:</b> March 15</p> <p><b>Winter term:</b> September 15*</p>
<p><b>APPLICATION</b></p>	<p>After a student is nominated by their home institution and approved to proceed, the nominated student must:</p> <p><b>1. <a href="#">Complete the online exchange application and upload their supporting documentation:</a></b></p> <p>Copy of valid passport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid for at least 6 months after the expected return date.</li> </ul> <p>Transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergraduate students are required to provide their current university transcripts.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be sent from the home university, including confirmation of English language skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <a href="#">Complete the Inbound Student Exchange Course Selection form</a></b></p>	<p><b>Deadlines</b></p> <p><b>Summer term:</b> March 15</p> <p><b>Fall term:</b> April 15</p> <p><b>Winter term:</b> October 15*</p>

Late applications may be reviewed on a case by case basis. We recommend winter nominations and applications to be submitted at the fall deadlines. For more questions, visit that [FAQ](#) page, or contact us at [internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca)



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# Academics

Ontario Tech accepts applications from both undergraduate and graduate exchange students. Exchange students must be registered full time at their home university. They are permitted to take courses across faculties provided they meet the pre-requisite qualifications and have permission from both their home institution and host faculty at Ontario Tech.

## English language requirements

The language of instruction at Ontario Tech is English. All incoming exchange students must have sufficient [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) English language proficiency to be successful in their level of study.

## Graduate study

Students who wish to apply to the graduate level must have completed four years of university or equivalent in their area of study.

## Courses at Ontario Tech

Students can take a maximum of five courses per term. To be considered full-time as an undergraduate student, students must be enrolled in a minimum of three courses.

Students are required to [choose their courses](#) when they submit their application. They will be asked to provide their top and secondary course choices when they submit their application. We will work to register students in their top choices, however, there is no guarantee that courses will be available.

As a guide, where applicable, 3 credits = 1 course = 6 ECTS.

## Grading system

Incoming exchange students should familiarize themselves with the university grading system for [Undergraduate students](#) or [Graduate students](#).

## Transcript

At the end of the exchange, once grade are released, students can [request their official transcript](#) online through [MyOntarioTech](#).

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# Financial information

## Fees

Exchange students are responsible for two fees while studying at Ontario Tech: [UHIP and U-Pass fees](#) can be paid before or upon arrival through various [payment options](#).

UHIP	U-PASS
<p><b>Estimated \$252/term (subject to change)</b> The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is a mandatory health insurance plan that provides coverage for basic medical services and treatments. Coverage information can be found on the <a href="#">UHIP website</a>.</p>	<p><b>Estimated \$150.05/term (subject to change)</b> All full-time students at Ontario Tech receive a <a href="#">Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass)</a>, which provides them with unlimited access to Durham Region Transit during the academic year.</p>

## Estimated Cost of Living

Please be advised that the following table provides estimated costs in Canadian dollars. Costs are subject to change and the information is provided for guidance only. Students are advised to research carefully when planning their finances. We recommend budgeting beyond our estimates to ensure sufficient funds to cover all expenses.

Expenses	4 months (1 semester)	8 months (2 semesters)
Accommodations	\$1,725 - 3,975 (on-campus) \$1,400 - 3,952 (off-campus)	\$3,450 - 7,950 (on-campus) \$3,200 - 7,904 (off-campus)
Food	\$2,000	\$4,000
Textbooks and other supplies	\$1,000	\$2,000
*Personal expenses	\$1,400	\$2,800

\* Personal Expenses include but are not limited to expenses such as; telephone (\$50/month), clothing (\$150/month), leisure and entertainment (\$200/month), household supplies (\$160).

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## Housing/Accommodations

[ontariotechu.ca/residence](https://ontariotechu.ca/residence)

Students decide where they want to live. Their options include on-campus housing, renting a property off-campus or living in a homestay.

On-campus living	Off-campus housing	Homestay
There is no limit to the number of rooms available to exchange students. However, students are advised to apply early as it is a first come first serve basis. Applications are made directly to the residence. Visit our <a href="#">residence website</a> for more information.	Students are welcome to opt for off-campus living and can use <a href="#">property listing for students</a> to find rental accommodations available around Oshawa. We advise that students contact the landlord directly for information.	Students can also opt to live with a host family in their home. Ontario Tech's <a href="#">Homestay Program</a> is operated by the Canada Homestay Network (CHN). These host families (and their homes) have gone through an application and screening process to make sure they are suitable for hosting Ontario Tech students.

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# Supports on campus

[ontariotechu.ca/studentlife](https://ontariotechu.ca/studentlife)

## ORIENTATION

All exchange students must attend both the [Ridgeback Orientation](#) and the [International Orientation](#). You may also register for other optional orientation programs such as [MyStart](#), a series of faculty-specific online modules and live workshops, or the [Graduate Orientation](#), if applicable. Register for each orientation program you will attend.

## ACADEMIC

- Academic workshops
- Learning and study skills
- Peer tutoring
- Subject specialists

## ACCESSIBILITY

- Academic accommodations
- Groups and workshops
- Technology advising accommodations

## CAREER READINESS

- Career counselling, fairs and events
- Co-ops and internships
- Work experience on campus

## EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- Equity education
- Events and workshops
- Leadership development
- Orientation and first-year transition

## EPEER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY

- Community events
- Digital content creators
- Indigenous Education and Cultural Services
- International student supports
- Mentoring

## ONTARIO TECH STUDENT UNION (OTSU)

The OTSU is the official union representing all Ontario Tech students, guided by the advocacy and governance initiatives of elected student leaders. We provide students with services and amenities that support physical and mental well-being, collaborative spaces to pursue passions and foster development, and improve student life through advocacy and leadership. Visit [otsu.ca](https://otsu.ca) for more information.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Our clubs and societies bring like-minded people together to develop skills and cultivate friendships. Each faculty has its own society and nearly 100 student-led clubs such as photography, game programming, anime, racing and more. Check them out at [otsu.ca/clubs](https://otsu.ca/clubs).

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

Enhancing the student experience is what we're all about! Throughout the year, we host a ton of fun events, as well as offer services such as mental-health support and more.

## ESPORTS AND DIGITAL COMMUNITY

Our Discord community offers an opportunity for students to connect online. We have collegiate-level teams for Esports fanatics, community events for casual gamers and a brand new Esports arena





## ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Our 8,400-square-metre Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre offers gym memberships and fitness programs including yoga, Pilates, boot camps, spin classes, personal training, sports clubs, intramurals and extramurals plus recreational leagues.

### Intramurals

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Dodgeball
- Esports
- Flag football
- Floorball hockey
- Ice hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball

### Extramurals

- Cricket\*\*
- Ice hockey
- Volleyball

### Sports clubs\*\*\*

- Cricket
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Ultimate frisbee

\*Currently only offered as a women's team.

\*\* Currently only offered as a men's team.

\*\*\*Sports clubs are subject to change every year.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

All students have access to confidential and comprehensive services at the Campus Health and Wellness Centre. Physicians, nurses, mental health professionals, wellness coaches and administrative staff work together to assist you in managing your healthy lifestyle.

- Athletic facilities
- Chiropractors
- Counsellors
- Fitness classes
- Gym membership
- Health insurance plan
- Health promotion events and workshops
- Ice skating
- Indoor running track
- Massage therapists
- Medical doctors
- Mental health counsellors
- Mood walks
- Online webinars
- Peer Wellness Education Team
- Personal training
- Pharmacy
- Self-defence classes
- Support groups
- Wellness walks

## Immigration information

After the university has received and assessed the exchange application, the university will send you an official Letter of Admission. You will require this letter to get a Canadian Study Permit and/or entry visa/temporary resident visa (TRV).

In most cases, exchange students do not require a study permit since their length of stay is usually less than six months (one semester). However, they may still apply for a study permit if they like. For programs of six months or longer in duration (two semesters), exchange students must apply for a study permit. For more information please visit our [study permit for exchange students webpage](#).

[Frequently asked questions about travelling to Canada](#) (keep in mind not all information will apply specifically to international exchange students).

