

*Exchange Admissions*

# ADD SOME ADVENTURE



*to your degree*

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# WHY WATERLOO



**Cathal**

THE CULTURAL EXPLORER

“Having researched the city of Waterloo and the campus, I knew it would be completely different to my experience as a student in Dublin, which is exactly what I wanted from an exchange! Also, since the university has such a strong reputation for engineering, I knew it would be a good fit academically too. I’m taking the Learn to Skate class offered by the University and I’m absolutely loving it! Since ice skating isn’t very popular in Ireland, it’s been a great opportunity for me to learn this new skill.”

CATHAL COYLE, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN



**Chriz**

THE CARPE DIEM ENTHUSIAST

“I’ve had the time of my life and I don’t want to leave at all! At one point budgeting and school stress were getting to me, but I visited Counselling Services and that really helped. The counsellor suggested different approaches to help me improve my time management and stay organized. Visiting a counsellor is good self-care and I appreciate that it’s offered at Waterloo and talked about so openly.”

CHRIZ CHAN, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



**Kirstine**

THE GENUINELY CURIOUS

“Dana Porter Library is the largest library on campus and one of my favourite places. It has a lot of floors that are divided into different study zones – silent, quiet and group – so you can always find a spot that fits your needs, whether you are doing a group project or want to work completely uninterrupted.”

KIRSTINE BÆKGAARD ANDERSEN,  
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

“I have never been to Canada and I thought going on exchange was a good chance to visit. I like discovering differences between Canada and Korea. Even the menus at Starbucks are different! I like trying new foods and beverages there, plus the line at the Applied Health Sciences’ Starbucks on campus is not that long, which is very important to me.”

SI YON AHN,  
SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



**Si Yon**

THE COLLECTOR

Real students.  
Real adventures.

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# CANADA'S MOST INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

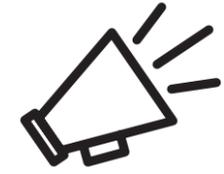
for 28 consecutive years  
(Maclean's University Ranking)

*The adventure begins here.*

Waterloo is a place of opportunity. A place to dream up new ideas and bring them to life. It's a place to explore, experiment, and experience new things as you decide what you want to do, where you want to go, and how you want to impact the world.

We encourage dreams and entrepreneurs because we believe that cultivating creativity is key to global progress. We value diversity and inclusivity because we know we're better, brighter and stronger together. Come to Canada and add some adventure to your degree.

Campus chant:  
**WATER, WATER, WATER!**  
**LOO, LOO, LOO!**



- #1** among comprehensive universities for hands-on experiential learning (Maclean's Rankings of Comprehensive Universities, 2019)
- 34** places to buy coffee on campus
- 33,322** full-time undergraduate students: 48% women, 20% international students (Fall 2019)
- 1,000-ACRE** main campus with 100+ buildings and plenty of green space
- 4,870** full-time graduate students: 41% women, 44% international students (Fall 2019)
- #1** comprehensive research university in Canada (Research Infosource, 2019)
- 32** varsity sports teams to cheer on
- #2** in Canada for computer science and #2 in engineering (U.S. News and World Report Best Global Universities 2020)
- #13** in the world for social and economic impact (Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2019)
- 250+** clubs to join and 3000+ events every term
- 6** distinct faculties each offer their own tutoring sessions, student societies, and social events
- 1** Nobel Prize in Physics won by Professor Donna Strickland (2018)
- 175+** programs offered by Athletics and Recreation to help students stay active and healthy

# CITY OF DREAMERS

## Prepare to be charmed.

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.

## STARTUP PARADISE

The city of Waterloo is an entrepreneur’s playground. Everything you need to kick-start a new business is within a few minutes of campus. Even if you don’t see yourself as the next tech executive, living in one of the world’s top startup hubs gives you the scoop on new trends and technologies.

## TRANSPORTATION

Show your student card to ride Grand River Transit and enjoy easy access to Waterloo, Kitchener, and Cambridge. You can also count on free shuttle services between Waterloo campuses, plus bike- and car-share programs to help you get around town.

## WHY STUDY IN CANADA

Canada is celebrated for our commitment to peace, multiculturalism, and inclusivity. We offer a safe, welcoming environment for you to pursue your studies and explore North America’s attractions and activities.

*“What’s happening here in Waterloo is truly special, from theory to experiment and beyond.”*

STEPHEN HAWKING  
THEORETICAL  
PHYSICIST



*“I specifically chose Waterloo because it is not a big city. I have always lived in a big city and I wanted to experience a smaller, university town.”*

SI YON AHN





# ACCOMMODATIONS

## *Your home-away-from-home.*

Meet new people, make friends, and create memories that will last long after your exchange.

### **WATERLOO RESIDENCES**

Your home-away-from-home should suit your budget and personality. Live in residence during your exchange and choose from traditional single or double rooms, or suite-style apartments. As a one or two term exchange student, you can enjoy:

- > Central location on campus
- > On-site residence life staff to support you
- > All-inclusive residence fees (utilities, unlimited high-speed internet, maintenance)
- > Safe and secure housing

Residence is a popular option because you get to meet and live with students from Canada and around the world. However, space is limited. Exchange students are placed on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early!

[uwaterloo.ca/housing/exchange](http://uwaterloo.ca/housing/exchange)

### **COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Community Leaders are fellow upper-year students who live and work in the residences. They facilitate an inclusive and supportive environment, monitor the buildings, help with academics, and offer support around the clock. They also plan events and activities, like cooking lessons, games nights, and trips to Toronto.



### **FOOD AND MEAL PLANS**

Enjoy fresh meals and snacks from more than 40 on-campus food outlets. You'll find halal, kosher, and vegan options, plus custom creations for anyone with food allergies or other dietary restrictions. If you choose a suite-style building and want to cook for yourself, Waterloo Residences offers a free weekly grocery shuttle to a local shopping centre.



### **LOOKING FOR MORE HOUSING OPTIONS OFF CAMPUS?**

There are lots of options available through the Off-Campus Housing listing service. Many students choose to stay with Waterloo Co-operative Residence Inc. (WCRI), which is conveniently located just across the street from campus.

Contact an advisor in Housing Services for help with finding the right place for you.

[uwaterloo.ca/off-campus-housing](http://uwaterloo.ca/off-campus-housing)

[wcri.coop](http://wcri.coop)



# CARE AND SUPPORT

*We're all in this together.*

University can be rewarding and challenging. Our campus support services give you the resources and personal care you need to help you get the most out of your university experience.



**STUDENT  
MEDICAL  
CLINIC**  
on campus



## STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY

Whatever your ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual identity, you're welcome here. Get connected with students and staff who can relate to your experiences.

- > International and Canadian Student Network
- > International Student Experience team
- > Racial Advocacy for Inclusion, Solidarity, and Equity (RAISE)
- >> The Glow Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity
- >> Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre
- >> Waterloo Chaplains

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Do you want to know the secret to success at university? Keep your body and mind healthy. We offer several services to help keep you at the top of your game.

- > Athletics and Recreation
- > Counselling Services
- > Health Services
- > Student Medical Clinic on campus
- > UW MATES peer support

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Learning a new academic system takes time. Take advantage of services to help you adjust to Waterloo's grading, writing, and classroom expectations.

- > AccessAbility Services
- > Faculty and program specific advisors
- > Student Success Office
- > Tutoring
- > Writing and Communications Centre

We're committed to welcoming all students – and their service animals. Our staff are trained on how best to interact with people accompanied by service animals, and our students are actively involved in service-animal training.



# 120

Campus  
Wellness staff  
to support you



*"Everybody is so friendly and welcoming here! I was surprised that people in Canada don't judge you. You can be who you are and dress how you want."*

CHRIZ CHAN



# STUDENT LIFE

*We know how to have fun.*

Our campus is packed with opportunities to get involved no matter how unique your interests. Between our clubs, associations, recreation programs, and events, there's something for everyone.



## CLUBS AND STUDENT UNIONS

There's no excuse for boredom on campus. Join any of our 250+ clubs, or if you don't see one that fits your exact interest, start your own! The Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) can help you get started. As Waterloo's undergraduate student union, WUSA is also your official voice on campus. Graduate students can get involved with the Graduate Student Association (GSA), which hosts events, operates a members-only club, and a graduate student space.

- [wusa.ca](http://wusa.ca)
- [uwaterloo.ca/graduate-student-association](http://uwaterloo.ca/graduate-student-association)

## SPORTS AND RECREATION

Looking for athletics and recreation? Our fitness facilities, recreational clubs, intramural sports, instructional programs, and drop-in classes are available to help you stay healthy while connecting with other students. If you prefer the spectator-side of sports, come cheer on our Waterloo Warriors from the sidelines – your admission to all home games is free!

[athletics.uwaterloo.ca](http://athletics.uwaterloo.ca)

### VARSITY TEAMS

- co-ed
- female
- male

- |               |                |               |                 |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Badminton     | Field Hockey   | Nordic Skiing | Tennis          |
| Baseball      | Figure Skating | Rugby         | Track and Field |
| Basketball    | Football       | Soccer        | Volleyball      |
| Cross-Country | Golf           | Squash        |                 |
| Curling       | Ice Hockey     | Swimming      |                 |



*“One of my favourite spots is the pool at the Physical Activities Complex, which is open several times a day for fitness and recreational swimming. Since I swim regularly back home, I was happy to see that you can go swimming here for free.”*

**KIRSTINE BÆKGAARD ANDERSEN**

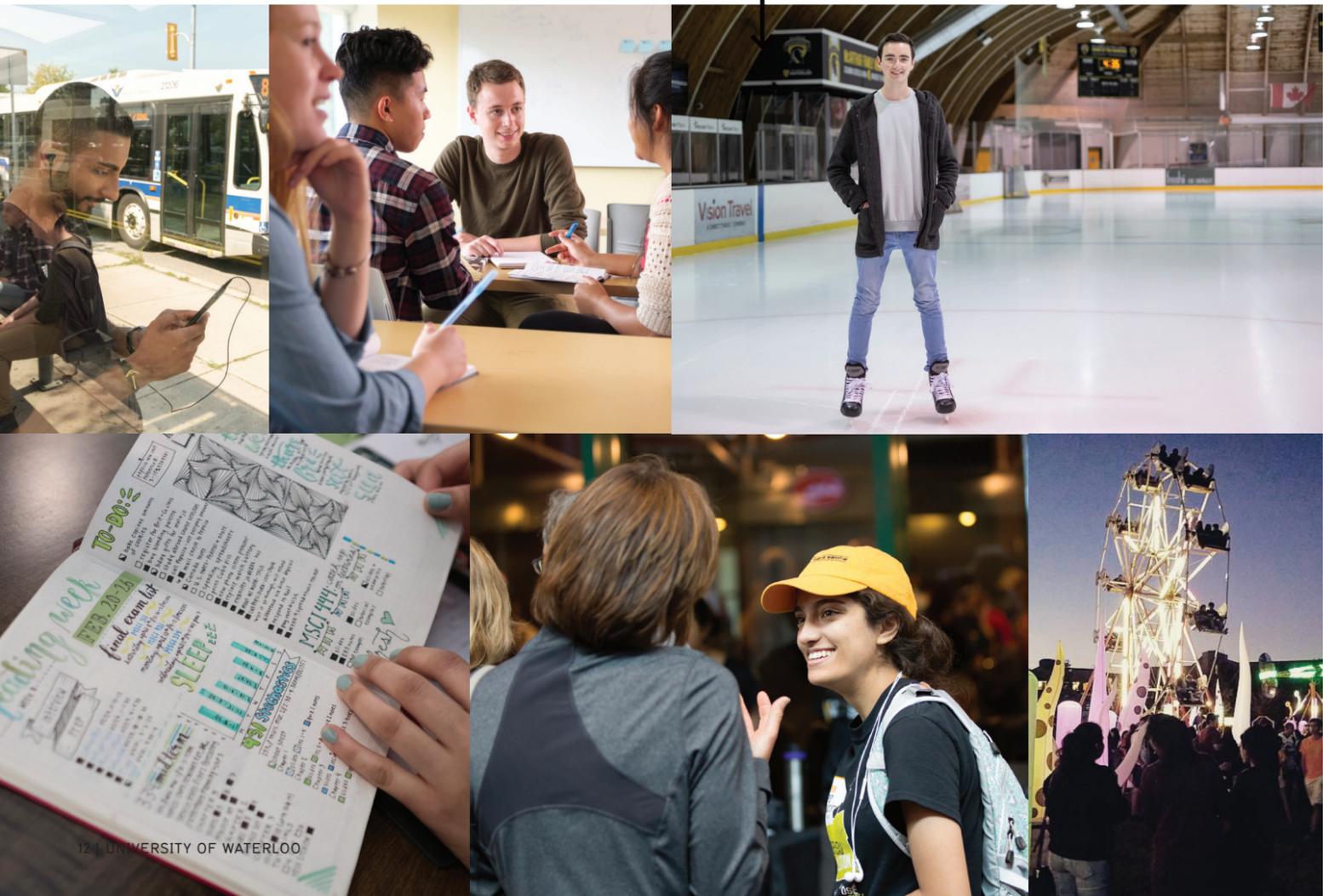
# A DAY IN THE LIFE

*of an exchange student.*

What's it like to be an exchange student at Waterloo? Cathal told us what a typical day looks like:

*"Most days I have lectures from 10 a.m. until lunchtime, then I usually head back to my apartment to make some lunch, or I get something to eat from one of the many food outlets on campus. I'll come back to campus for an afternoon tutorial or lab session, or to study or do work for an assignment. Once I'm done with classes and studying, I'll usually do something fun with some friends; like going for food, a milkshake, or a drink. There have been so many fun extra-curricular activities to participate in throughout the year so I've been keeping busy!"*

CATHAL COYLE



# FIELDS OF STUDY

You can choose from the following fields of study available from our six faculties: Arts, Engineering, Environment, Health Mathematics, and Science.

*"It's been amazing to experience another campus and take courses that aren't taught at my home university, like Introduction to Global Emerging Cities and Traffic Simulation Modelling and Applications."*

CATHAL COYLE



## UNDERGRADUATE

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|---|--|
| Actuarial Science                         | Italian Studies                              |
| Ancient Greek                             | Japanese                                     |
| Anthropology                              | Jewish Studies                               |
| Applied Language Studies                  | Kinesiology                                  |
| Applied Mathematics                       | Knowledge Integration                        |
| Architecture                              | Korean                                       |
| Arts History                              | Latin  |
| Biology                                   | Legal Studies                                |
| Biomedical Engineering                    | Mathematical Business                        |
| Business, Entrepreneurship and Technology | Management Sciences                          |
| Canadian Studies                          | Materials and Nano-Sciences                  |
| Chemical Engineering                      | Mathematics                                  |
| Chemistry                                 | Mechanical Engineering                       |
| Chinese                                   | Mechatronics Engineering                     |
| Church Music and Worship                  | Medieval Studies                             |
| Civil Engineering                         | Mohawk Language                              |
| Classical Studies                         | Music  |
| Cognitive Science                         | Nanotechnology Engineering                   |
| Combinatorics and Optimization            | Peace and Conflict Studies                   |
| Computational Mathematics                 | Philosophy                                   |
| Commerce                                  | Physics                                      |
| Computer Science                          | Planning                                     |
| Croatian                                  | Political Science                            |
| Cultural Identities                       | Portuguese                                   |
| Data Science                              | Psychology                                   |
| Dutch                                     | Public Health                                |
| Earth Sciences                            | Pure Mathematics                             |
| East Asian Studies                        | Recreation and Leisure Studies               |
| Economics                                 | Religious Studies                            |
| Electrical and Computer Engineering       | Russian and East European Studies            |
| English for Multilingual Speakers         | Science                                      |
| Environment and Business                  | Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies      |
| Environment, Resources and Sustainability | Social Development Studies                   |
| Environmental Engineering                 | Social Work                                  |
| Film Studies                              | Society, Technology and Values               |
| Financial Analysis and Risk Management    | Sociology                                    |
| Fine Arts                                 | Software Engineering                         |
| French                                    | Spanish                                      |
| Gender and Social Justice                 | Speech Communication                         |
| Geography and Environmental Management    | Statistics                                   |
| Geological Engineering                    | Studies in Islam (including Arabic language) |
| German                                    | Systems Design Engineering                   |
| Gerontology                               | Theatre & Performance                        |
| Health                                    | Visual Culture                               |
| History                                   |  |
| Human Rights                              |  |
| Human Sciences                            |  |
| Indigenous Studies                        |  |
| Information Technology Management         |  |
| International Development                 |  |
| International Studies                     |  |

**Note: Courses are subject to restrictions and availability. Undergraduate students can choose to study a variety of disciplines provided that the majority of their courses are in one faculty.**

## GRADUATE

- Actuarial Science
- Applied Mathematics
- Architecture
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Combinatorics and Optimization
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- English
- French Studies
- Geography
- German
- Global Governance
- History
- Management Sciences
- Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Planning
- Psychology
- Pure Mathematics
- Recreation and Leisure Studies
- Social and Ecological Sustainability
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Systems Design Engineering
- Theological Studies
- Vision Science

**Note: Courses are subject to restrictions and availability.**

# APPLY TO WATERLOO

## UNDERGRADUATES

Nominations from your home institution should be directed to the incoming global learning coordinator at Waterloo. While at Waterloo, undergraduates must maintain enrollment 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/sso/undergrad-exchange-applications](http://uwaterloo.ca/sso/undergrad-exchange-applications)

## GRADUATES

Nominations from your home institution should be directed to the incoming global learning coordinator at Waterloo. Students applying for a graduate exchange must have completed a Honours Bachelors' degree or equivalent and be actively enrolled in a graduate-level program. Graduate exchange students must maintain full-time status and enroll in a minimum of 1 graduate course per term. For the complete eligibility criteria and the full application instructions, visit:

[uwaterloo.ca/sso/grad-exchange-applications](http://uwaterloo.ca/sso/grad-exchange-applications)

## WHAT ABOUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORES?

All incoming exchange students must have sufficient English language skills to be successful in their program of study. You may be required to meet Waterloo's English language requirements prior to admission to the exchange program.

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
INTERNET-BASED TOEFL	IELTS
<b>UNDERGRADUATES</b>	
90 overall	6.5 overall
25 writing	6.5 writing
25 speaking	6.5 speaking
	6.0 reading
	6.0 listening
<b>GRADUATES</b> Note: Some programs may have different requirements	
90 overall	7.0 overall
25 writing	6.5 writing
25 speaking	6.5 speaking

## ACADEMICS

Waterloo operates on a trimester system. Each term is four months in duration and full academic programming is offered.

## WHEN ARE MY APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DUE?

ADMISSION TERM	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Fall September-December	February 15	April 1
Winter January-April	May 1	September 1
Spring May-August	May 1	December 1

Graduate students may be required to meet earlier deadlines.

*“Coming on exchange is definitely a good opportunity to enhance English speaking and listening skills. So even if it might be tough, I highly recommend students try.”*

SI YON AHN



*“People here don't mind the mistakes you make, encourage you, and compliment your fluency. It allows a lot of room to improve when your first language is not English.”*

CHRIZ CHAN



*“I was a little nervous about having to live in another language, but adjusting to speaking English most of the time was surprisingly easy. At my home university I am used to both reading English textbooks and sometimes having lectures in English, so this part wasn't that different.”*

KIRSTINE BÆKGAARD ANDERSEN

# LET'S GET STARTED

### STEP 1

Talk to your university's exchange coordinator to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements to study at Waterloo. There are different requirements for undergraduate and graduate students.

### STEP 2

Your exchange coordinator must submit the online student nomination form.

### STEP 3

Research the courses you would like to take at Waterloo. You will need to list them in the online application.

### STEP 4

Once you've been nominated, complete Waterloo's online exchange application. You will need to prepare the following documents:

#### UNDERGRADUATES

- > Official transcript including the grading scale
- > A list of courses you are currently taking/will be taking before beginning your exchange
  - > Personal statement
  - > Proof of English language proficiency
- > Photocopy of your passport identification page
- > Architecture applicants are also required to submit a portfolio for review

#### GRADUATES

- > Transcripts (with English translations)
- > Proof of English language proficiency
- > Reference(s) (if required by the department)
- > Résumé/CV (if required by the department)

No application fee is required.

### STEP 5

Wait to hear back about your admission result! We aim to send all offers of admission to students by email within eight weeks of the application deadline.

## LIVING EXPENSES

in Canadian dollars



### HOUSING

\$2,400 to \$6,700 per term.



### FOOD

From \$800 to \$2,600 per term.



### PERSONAL EXPENSES

\$1,500 on average per term. Expenses may include phone, laundry, and entertainment – depends on your lifestyle.



### BOOKS

Most programs estimate between \$500 - \$1500 per term.



### STUDENT FEES

A minimum of \$400 per term for health insurance, transit pass, and more.

# OUR CAMPUS

## Chart your path.

Getting to class is a walk in the park on our pedestrian-friendly campus. Enjoy gardens, patios, and creekside benches in the summer, or dart through tunnels and overpasses in the winter. No building on campus is ever more than a 15-minute walk away.

## GOOGLE MAPS

lets you navigate campus pathways

**3** satellite campuses in Cambridge, Kitchener, and Stratford

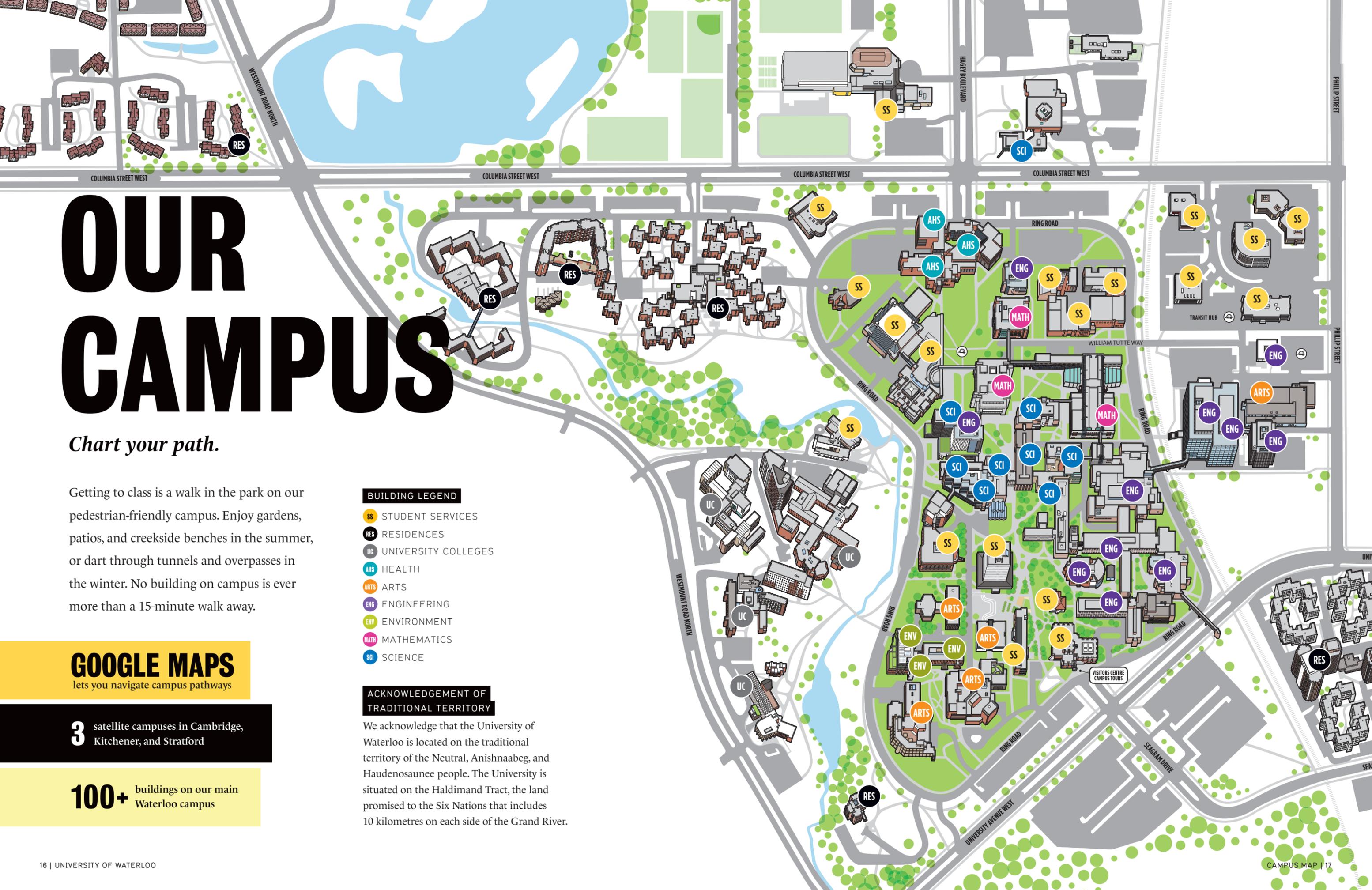
**100+** buildings on our main Waterloo campus

### BUILDING LEGEND

- SS STUDENT SERVICES
- RES RESIDENCES
- UC UNIVERSITY COLLEGES
- AHS HEALTH
- ARTS ARTS
- ENG ENGINEERING
- ENV ENVIRONMENT
- MATH MATHEMATICS
- SCI SCIENCE

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the University of Waterloo is located on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee people. The University is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes 10 kilometres on each side of the Grand River.



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