

# International Student Exchange

Fact Sheet 2023-2024

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## 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. We have over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, including 600 international students from around the world.



**88% of graduates  
are employed within  
6 months**



*Land Acknowledgement: Ontario Tech University proudly acknowledges the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, which is covered by the Williams Treaty. We are situated on the Traditional Territory of Mississaugas – a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation – which includes Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi.*

*"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!"*

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# 1. 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. Complete the online exchange application and upload their supporting documentation:</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. Complete the International Student Exchange Inbound Application Form (Proposed Courses)</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, visits that [FAQ](#) page, or contact us at [internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca)

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## 2. 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.

### Faculties and Programs

To explore information about our faculties and programs, please visit the respective [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) programs website.

### 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 their [MyOntarioTech](#) account. Transcript requests can usually take five business days to process and may take longer during peak times.

### Academic calendar

- Fall semester: September to December
- Winter semester: January to April
- Summer semester: May to August

## 3. 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 \$224/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 \$147.25/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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## 4. Housing/Accommodations

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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## 5. Student Services

### 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 the [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.

### Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

SAS works in cooperation with instructors and with students who require services and accommodations to find suitable accommodation measures. Students requiring support with disability-specific academic strategies, testing accommodations, alternative format course materials and other accommodations can contact [studentaccessibility@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:studentaccessibility@ontariotechu.ca) for information.

### Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre

The [Recreation and Wellness Centre](#) provides activities that help you stay healthy and have fun on campus.

## Equity and Inclusion

Ontario Tech aims to create a supportive, equitable and inclusive community, providing a variety of resources, to engage students on campus. To learn more about the services provided visit our [Student Life](#) website.

## Mental Health Support

Ontario Tech University is dedicated to supporting mental and physical health and wellness of students. Visit our [mental health services page](#) to explore the mental health supports and workshops that are offered on campus.

## Events

Take advantage of various [events](#) promoted by Student Life and the International Office for an opportunity to meet other International and Canadian students and socialize.

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## 6. 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). To learn more about the requirements and process for entry into Canada, visit our [immigration information webpage](#).

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

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## 7. Covid-19 related information

Ontario Tech University continues to monitor developments both in Canada and globally. The Student Exchange program is conditional to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic status and any travel restrictions that may be in place, at the time students are expected to start their study abroad.

If you have any questions please email us at [internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:internationalexchange@ontariotechu.ca)