

Optional Ancillary Fee Descriptions for Graduate Students

2019-2020 Academic Year

Optional SOGS Fees	Description
Organization Fee	<p>The Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), the student-run organization representing graduate students at Western. SOGS provides various services and programs to its members. These can be broadly categorized into 1) Services and Benefits (e.g. Food Bank and Graduate Peer Support); 2) Financial Support (e.g. bursaries and travel subsidies); 3) Academic and Professional Development (e.g. Academic Peer Advising and Research Forums); 4) Advocacy (e.g. support for marginalized groups); 5) Social and Wellness Programming (e.g. Orientation and monthly events). For more information, visit https://sogs.ca.</p> <p>Students who choose to opt-out of paying the SOGS membership dues will not be eligible for the aforementioned services and programs: to participate in social or informational events designated for SOGS members; to access informational resources provided through the SOGS Office (with the exception of the SOGS Health and Dental Plan and the LTC Bus Pass enquiries); to participate with SOGS and in SOGS' democratic decisions (e.g. SOGS Council and Committees).</p>
CFS Fee	<p>The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is Canada's largest student-run federal and provincial advocacy organization, composed of more than 80 university and college students' unions. SOGS is Local 47 of CFS. For more information, visit https://cfs-fcee.ca/.</p> <p>Students who opt out of the CFS membership fee will be ineligible for the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), free Tax Filing (UFile), CFS merchandise and campaign materials, and participation* in CFS provincial and national conferences.</p> <p>*Must be a SOGS member to be a SOGS delegate at CFS meetings.</p>
Community Legal Services	<p>You can help provide free legal advice and representation to Western students and members of the London community through Community Legal Services. Legal services are funded by Western's University Students' Council, Western's Faculty of Law, the Fanshawe Student Union, Legal Aid Ontario, and the Law Foundation of Ontario. If you opt-out, you will reduce the funding available to support recipients of free Community Legal Services through this program.</p>

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International Student Services	<p>This fee supports international learning and programs in support of international students. This fee supports graduate and undergraduate students throughout their university careers by providing opportunities to gain intercultural skills and experiences and by creating a diverse and welcoming community at Western. Services support intercultural learning, volunteer opportunities for more than 400 students per year, international student orientation, advising, events and activities, English conversation program, intercultural learning, peer guide program, immigration assistance and more. See https://international.uwo.ca</p>
Off Campus Housing & Housing Mediation Services	<p>This fee provides: 1) mediation services to resolve landlord, tenant and roommate conflicts; 2) access to hundreds of rental listings; 3) a lease review service; and 4) personal advising from Western staff members to assist with your search for housing.</p> <p>Opting out of this fee means: 1) you will not have support to ensure the terms of your lease adhere to the Ontario rental law; 2) you will not have mediation services available to assist with resolving conflicts with your landlord and/or roommate; and 3) you will not be able to advertise subletting or sharing your unit via our online listing service.</p>
Services for Students with Disabilities	<p>This fee supports the programs, resources and supports that enhance support for students with disabilities.</p>