

Compulsory Ancillary Fee Descriptions for Undergraduate/Professional/Education/Continuing Studies/Business Students

2019-2020 Academic Year

Compulsory USC Fees	Description
Student Buildings	You can access all spaces operated by the USC: the Mustang Lounge, the Spoke, the Wave, Western Film, and other space in the University Community Centre. Student Building fees are considered essential under the Student Choice Initiative.
Student Recreation Centre Fund	This fee was previously approved through a student referendum to contribute towards the capital and operating costs of the Western Student Recreation Centre.
Academic Support (incl. Ombuds Fee)	You can access academic support in a safe and confidential environment where you can discuss University-related problems or concerns through the Ombudsperson. The USC also provides academic support by advocating to the University on student priorities, running the USC Student Appeals Centre and supporting career development opportunities, including job fairs. Academic Support is considered essential under the Student Choice Initiative.
Transit Pass	You have access to a 12-month London Transit Bus Pass if you are a full-time undergraduate student at Western. This pass is valid for free unlimited rides, for all stop locations and all hours of operation, seven days a week (including holidays). Transit is considered essential under the Student Choice Initiative.
Health and Wellness	You can access additional health and wellness services and support with the USC's Health Promotions team and the Peer Support Centre, which helps support and educate students on issues involving mental health, social health, substance abuse, campus safety, and sexual violence prevention. These programs also help train campus leaders to assist students in finding the resources they need to support their health and wellness. Health and counselling support is considered essential under the student choice initiative.
Safe Transit Program	You can take the late-night USC shuttle on the weekends and during exams after London Transit Bus services stop to help you get home safely. All full-time and part-time students are eligible to use the shuttle service with their valid Western Student ID. The goal of the safe transit program is to get students home safely after bus service stops at midnight. This fee is mandatory.
Health Plan	You are required to enroll in the health plan through the USC, unless you have existing medical coverage. The plan is specifically designed to supplement provincial health care and meet students' health care needs, so you can focus on being a student and leave the stress of health coverage to us. The plan covers a range of health care needs, including health care practitioners and prescription drugs. Full details can be found at www.studentbenefits.ca . Unless you have pre-existing health coverage, this fee is considered essential under the Student Choice Initiative. You can opt-out of this fee if you have comparable coverage at www.studentbenefits.ca .
Dental Plan	You can enjoy the USC's dental plan, specifically designed to supplement provincial health care and meet students' dental care needs. The USC administers the plan so you can focus on being a student and leave the stress of dental coverage to us. If you opt-out of this fee, you will not receive USC Dental Coverage. **You can opt-out of this fee via the www.studentbenefits.ca website.

Compulsory Student Ancillary Fees	Description
SRS: Campus Recreation	This fee supports campus recreation programs including the operations of Western's intramural leagues & tournaments, recreational clubs, and fitness & wellness programs and drop-in facilities.
SRS: Intercollegiate Athletics	This fee supports Western's competitive sport program including our sports teams and competitive clubs. Remember, your student card gets you free admission to Mustangs home games!
SRS: Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre	This fee supports the costs associated with running the Thompson Recreation and Athletic Centre.
Financial Aid Office	Student Financial Aid provides extensive student loan application review and consultation for undergraduate and graduate students in order to proactively clarify and correct errors, resulting in reduced application delays, processing times, and questions from OSAP, helping to ensure student funding is available at the start of the term.
Indigenous Services	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports available through Indigenous Services that support Indigenous student success.

Student Success Centre	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports in the areas of academic support and career development.
Student Development Centre	This fee supports the programs, resources and supports in the areas of student learning development and mental health care.
Student Health Services	This fee supports the wellness education programs and resources and the operations of the on campus health clinic.
Western Foot Patrol	This fee supports services related to student safety, including the safewalk service.