INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

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Protagonist by Wei Qi

OCAD U is Canada's University of the imagination

Founded in 1876, OCAD U is dedicated to art and design education, practice and research and to knowledge and invention across a wide range of disciplines. OCAD U continuously builds on its traditional, studio-based strengths, adding new approaches to learning that champion cross-disciplinary practice, collaboration and the integration of emerging technologies. In the Age of Imagination, members of the OCAD U community are uniquely qualified to act as catalysts for the next advances in culture, technology and quality of life for all Canadians.

Our programs and research bridge fields of digital media and design, sustainability, health and wellness, cultural diversity and indigenous cultures.

Our students engage in creative studio-based, aesthetic and technical learning, together with critical, theoretical, scientific and historical knowledge and methods.

Finally, our location inspires. OCAD U is situated at the heart of the nation's art, design, business and new media capital, on the ancestral and traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe and the Huron-Wendat—the original owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.

OCAD University

Toronto

Toronto, Canada is one of the most multicultural places you could imagine. Home to more than 100 distinct ethnic groups, Toronto is a city of neighbourhoods and cultural communities, many of which take their identity from the immigrants who settled there: Chinatown, Little Italy, Koreatown, Greektown, and Portugal Village, and Little India to name just a few.

Toronto represents the centre of arts, design, culture, communications, and commerce in Canada. As the largest city in the country, with a population of 2½ million, and almost 5 million in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Toronto attracts more visitors and immigrants than any other Canadian city.

English is the primary language spoken, but a multitude of other languages can be found as well–French, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tamil, Punjabi, Tagalog, Hindu, and Urdu, to name just a few.

You may experience some adjustments, depending on where you are coming from, or there may be little change at all. No matter where you may come from, we know you'll feel at home in Toronto, a welcoming and tolerant place to live, learn, create, work or play in any way you desire.

OCAD is well positioned in the centre of this activity, thriving in its role as Toronto's arts and design hub.

(Adapted from online sources at Humber College and Seneca College)

It is worth noting that although Canada officially uses the metric system, Canadians use a mix of metric and imperial. While the temperature is expressed in degrees Celsius, measurements are often given in feet and inches (for example for materials you might use in school as well as square feet being used when you look for a place to live). When driving, Canadians use km/h.

Nathan Phillips Square

Preparing for OCAD U

Try to arrive a few weeks before your semester starts in order to get acclimatized to your new surroundings. You will have enough time to find a permanent accommodation, set up a bank account and get a SIM card for your phone. It can be quite stressful to do these things when school starts, because you will be busy with assignments.

OCAD U also hosts a welcome event for international students as well as orientation days (**O-Days**) before the semester starts. You will be able to find out more about the school, services and student groups and meet peers and might make some new friends.

You can check canvas (OCAD U's online student portal) to find out if you need to buy specific materials or textbooks for your courses and pick them up before they start. It is also worth checking if some of your textbooks are available in the library. Reserved ones cannot be taken out, but you can to study and take notes inside the library.

START LEARNING SOFTWARE

Depending on your program, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself any software that will be used before arriving at OCAD U. **You are expected to learn software by yourself as it will not be taught in class.** You can get your laptop imaged at the Laptop Help Desk at OCAD U or access some of the software online. As an OCAD student, you have access to Lynda.com, a learning platform that provides online courses for creative software.

FACE2FACE POSTCARD EXHIBITION

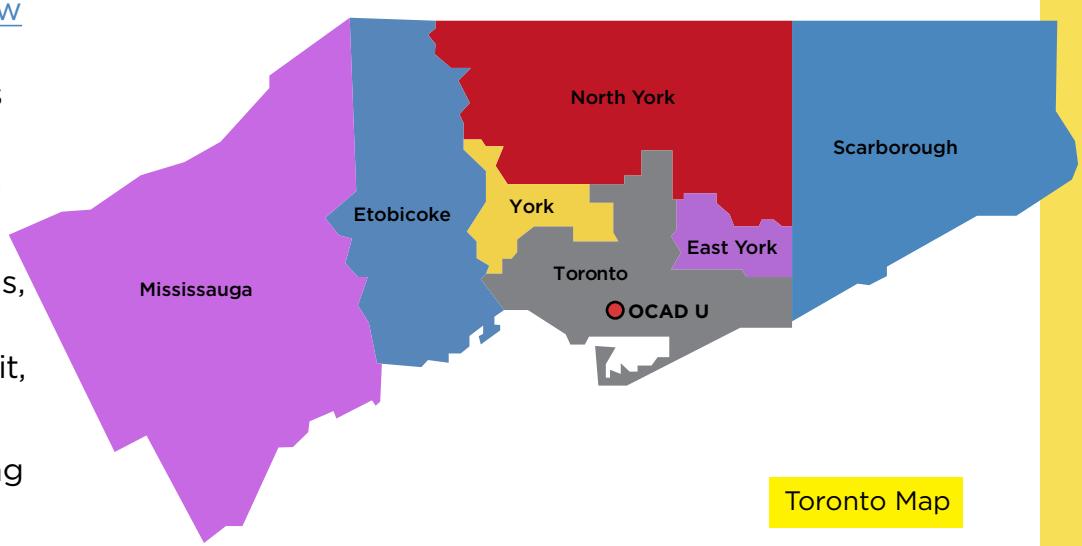
Participate in the Face2Face postcard exhibition. Each year, new students can create and send in a self-portrait postcard that will be exhibited on-campus. It's a great way to introduce yourself to the OCAD U community!

MENTORING

The program runs from June through to November. New and first-year undergraduate students are encouraged to sign up (anytime between May and September) as a "Student Mentee" and get matched with a "Peer Mentor" who will provide support, guidance and information regarding university procedures, student services and extracurricular activities, while encouraging engagement with community, peers, faculty and staff.

Housing and Living

- OCAD University is a 100 percent commuter campus, which means that students have to find off-campus housing by themselves. You can share an apartment or house with other students looking for roommates, rent an apartment or try to find a homestay. Furthermore, there are different co-op houses, residences and dorm-style accommodations in Toronto.
- Inform yourself about different areas in and around Toronto and what they have to offer before trying to find a place to live. When applying, make sure to check how long it would take you to get to OCAD—some places might be farther away from a subway, streetcar or bus station and require you to walk for some time.
- Depending on your program, you might spend a lot of time in school to use the studios or to work on your assignments. You might need to bring a variety of tools, large canvases or 3D models to school. Keep in mind that some of them might be hard to take on public transit, especially during rush hour.
- If you have already lived on your own before, try asking your previous landlord for a letter of recommendation in English (you might want to write it for them and ask them to sign it for you). Some rental places in Toronto will ask for one or more when you apply to live there.
- Be sure to review housing contracts thoroughly before signing. If you don't have a written contract, you might not be able to exercise your rights as a tenant.
- Keep any receipts or proof of payments and ask your landlord to write you one if they want to you pay in cash.
- On Facebook, you can find a student-run community group page called OCAD U Housing, where OCAD U students can seek or list housing options and all related information.
- **You can find more detailed information and different listed homes and housing options on the OCAD website.**



Toronto Map

Things to consider about off-campus housing

Distance
Is it within walking or biking distance to the university or college?

Public transportation
What's the overall distance? How frequent is the bus or subway service? What is the travel time? How early in the morning and how late at night is the public transportation service available?

Food
How close is the nearest grocery store?

Price
How does it compare to other locations, number of roommates, facilities, transportation, etc.?

Utilities
Are services such as phone, internet, cable, electricity, heating, etc. included? If many tenants, will it be divided between the tenants? What is the cost of heating during the winter months? Note: If utilities are not included, you'll have to set up accounts with the various providers and pay your monthly bills. You may also be required to give a deposit and/or an initial instalment fee.

Facilities
What is offered? (laundry, heating, lighting, basement storage)

Information by Ontario Immigration

Parking
Is parking included or does it cost more?

Furnishings
Is the room or apartment furnished? Do I need a bed, dresser, study desk, lighting, chairs and shelves?

Lease
What are the terms of the lease? Landlords usually ask payment for two months at time of rental—the first month and the last one.

Payments
When is the rent due? How do I make the payments?

Subletting
Is subletting permitted?

Safety
How safe is the neighbourhood? Are there good locks on the doors and windows?

Noise
Are there restrictions on how loud I play music? Can I host parties?

Outdoor Access
Do I have access to the backyard?

Maintenance
Who is responsible for the maintenance of the outdoor? Will I have to shovel the path and sidewalk in the winter? Do I have to cut the grass in the summer?

Financial Planning and Payable

- Tuition Payments
- Estimated expense and resource calculator

BUDGETING

Living abroad can be expensive and it can be tough for students that have never lived on their own before. Try to create a budget in order for you to find out how much money you can spend each month for living, supplies or transportation.

Don't forget that you will continuously spend money on materials, supplies or for printing. This amount depends greatly on your program and your assignments.

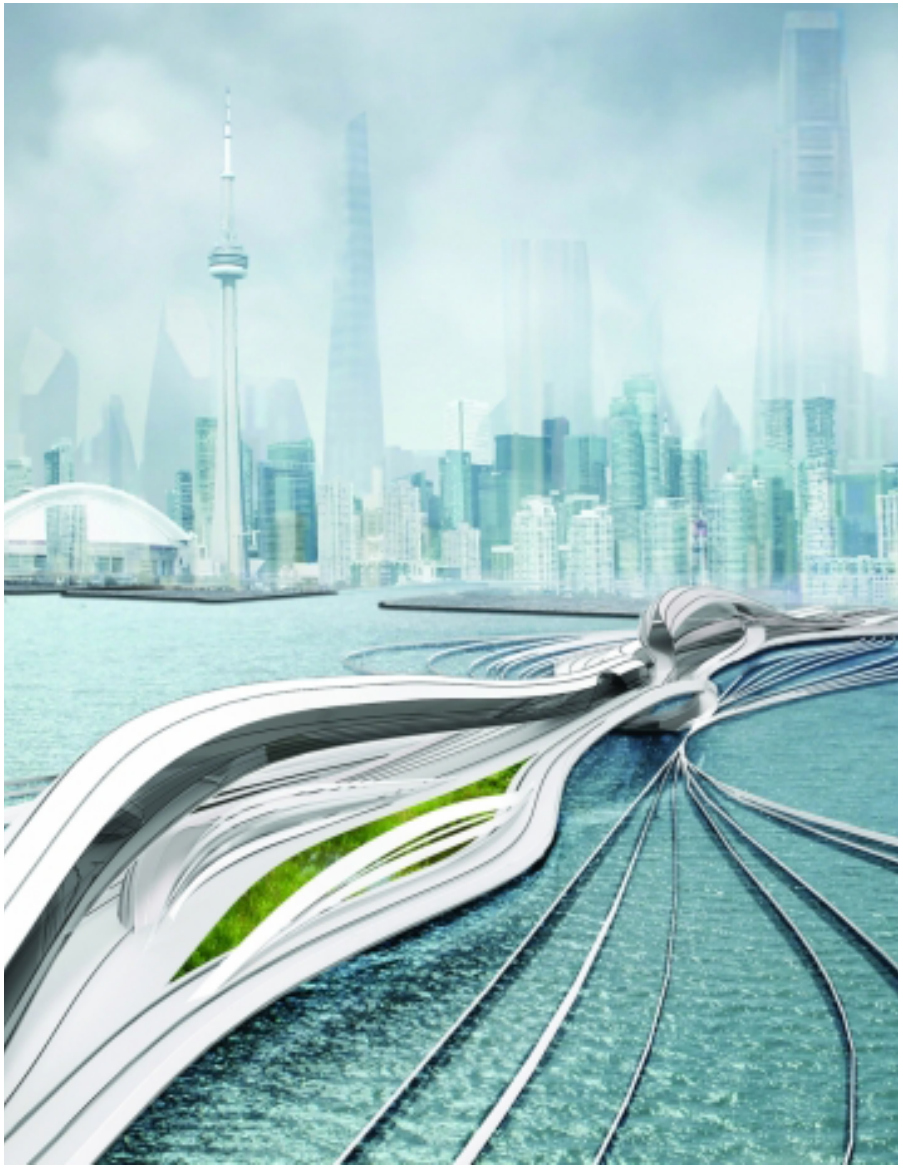
You can find some budgeting tips here.

PAYABLE

Payable is OCAD University's online payment system that lets students, staff or faculty add credits to their Materials or PaperCut (print) accounts. This way, you can purchase supplies and pay for rentals in the Shops and Studios, self-serve print on campus, print jobs at the Digital Print Centre (Print Shop) at 51 McCaul, and order prints online. You will use your student ID to pay.

Payable FAQ

You are eligible for various discounts with your OCAD U student ID. For example, you can get 10% off at art supply stores such as Above Ground and Curry's.



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Arriving in Canada

PRE-ARRIVAL: COMPLETE A DECLARATION CARD ON BOARD THE AIRPLANE

You will receive a Declaration Card on board the aircraft before your arrival. It will ask you information about yourself, your travels and what you are bringing into the country. **It is important to declare goods, currency and/or monetary instruments, otherwise you might need to pay a penalty and your items can be taken away.** It will also ask for your address in Canada, make sure to have the address of your hotel or future residence with you.

Find out more about the declaration card here.

AFTER ARRIVAL: FIRST CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY (CBSA) CHECKPOINT

After arriving at the terminal, follow the signs to the first Canada Border Service Agency checkpoint where a border services officer will examine your Declaration Card, identification and other travel documents. The officer will ask you a few questions to make sure that you meet all requirements to enter into Canada.

When you inform the CBSA agent that you are arriving in Canada to study, you might be asked to proceed to Arrivals and Customs. Please keep in mind that this process can take a few hours, depending on the time of your arrival at the airport.

There, you will be required to show a variety of documents to get your **study permit.** Make sure to **have these documents with you at all times** and don't put them into your checked luggage. **You might be denied entry if one of them is missing.**

After you receive your study permit, make sure that all your personal information is correct.

Afterwards, you may continue to the baggage area and can pay any taxes or duties, if applicable. You will need to present your Declaration card again.

TRANSPORTATION FROM PEARSON AIRPORT

You can either take public transit or a taxi from the airport to your accommodation. They are a safe and reliable form of transportation in Canada. There are designated taxi and limousine pick-up locations at the airport that offer flat rates to your destination. You can find out prices to your destination and additional information on the Toronto Pearson website.

Alternatively, you can take public transit. You can travel with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Toronto's public transit system. It takes around 45 minutes, but is the cheapest option with $3.25. Find out more here.

The UP express is the fasted way to get to Downtown Toronto (Union Station) and takes only 25 minutes and is $13. However, you might need to purchase additional tickets if you need to take a subway or streetcar to get to your final destination.

It is helpful to plan your route before arrival and to write it down. There is free Wi-Fi access at Pearson Airport if you want to check your travel times before you leave.

The Academic Session

One academic session at OCAD U has two terms that are each 12 weeks long. The Fall term starts in September and ends in December, while the Winter term starts in January and ends in April. There are optional spring/summer terms that offer 3 or 6 week classes.

Most courses are worth 0.5 credit. The normal full-time fall/winter course load is 5.0 credits, with 2.5 credits taken each term. The maximum course load in the fall or winter semester is 3.0 credits.

You must register for at least 2.0 credits in each term to maintain full-time status.

You can find important dates and deadlines, such as when the registration period starts and ends, deadlines for tuition payments or closure of the campus on the website.

PROGRAM GUIDES AND MINORS

If you are uncertain which classes you need to take in order to fulfil your program requirements, check the program guides. You can also find out what requirements minors have if you are interested in declaring one in second year. You can find out whether a minor is a good choice for you or find a list of the ones available.

COURSE REGISTRATION

- Tips for creating your schedule
- OCAD University policies and procedures
- If you have doubts or questions, visit Student Advising

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Registration and advising

International students must have a valid Study Permit in order to register for courses. You can submit any outstanding documents to the Admissions office. A complete list of required documents can be found here.

Registration for new first-year students begins in early July. New first-year students are also notified by email regarding their registration date and time.

To assist new students with the online registration process, the Office of the Registrar hosts Registration Assistance Days (R.A.D.). During R.A.D., students are shown how to register for courses and navigate their online records. Instructional guides and videos are also available on the Registration Videos and MYOCAD U Guides page.

Transcripts, letters of enrolment, as well as information about graduation, convocation and course registration is provided by the Office of the Registrar.
See the full list here.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

230 Richmond Street West, Level 5

Email: regservices@ocadu.ca

Phone: 416.977.6000, ext. 235

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STUDENT ADVISING

The Student Advising Centre provides a coordinated and centralized model for undergraduate student academic advising. The Student Advising team supports student success by providing a welcoming environment where students can get support and advice related to their personal and academic success.

- Provide help, answers, support and advice
- Assist with course selection and program planning
- Discuss program requirements
- Review educational path and identify opportunities
- Connect students with on-campus resources

You can find more information about Student Advising on their website.

STUDENT ADVISING CENTRE

100 McCaul Street, Level 2 (Room 266)

Drop in hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Email: advising@ocadu.ca

Phone: 416-977-6000, Ext. 4022

Campus Life

Campus Life, within OCAD U's Student Success Programs, ensures that students have access to social, learning and development opportunities outside the classroom. Their programs encourage enhanced personal growth, connection, engagement, leadership, self-confidence, interpersonal and team-building skills.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT ON CAMPUS

We encourage you to get involved with the campus community. There are many different ways to do so:

- Attend or volunteer for O-DAYS! in September.
- Join the Student Mentor Program as a student mentee.
- Volunteer on campus.
- Join or start a student-run group.
- Participate in shaping our educational community with a seat on university committees.
- Participate in paid, elected and volunteer positions with the OCAD U Student Union.

MYOCADUNEWS

An official OCAD University e-newsletter, myOCADUnews is designed to share timely student-related news and information from University services and departments. You can subscribe here.

FITNESS AND WELL-BEING

Physical activity can boost your energy, improve concentration and reduce stress. Find out more about accessible fitness and well-being programs close to OCAD here.

OCAD U also offers weekly yoga classes on campus.

You can visit the Health and Wellness Centre to discuss health and well-being questions and concerns with our doctor, nurse or counsellors. You can also access group programming at the HWC, such as a drop-in group to learn skills for coping with stress and anxiety.

CAMPUS LIFE

Level 5, 230 Richmond St. West

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Email: ocadcampuslife@ocadu.ca

Telephone: 416-977-6000, Ext. 275, 4021

Laptop Program

The Laptop Program provides software and support for students bringing their own laptops to OCAD University for their learning and instruction in art and design. Your laptop is the primary computer you will use on campus, in specific courses, studios and open areas between classes. For a full list of Laptop Programs, view the FAQ.

DO I NEED A LAPTOP AT OCAD U?

You will need a laptop. All undergraduate students entering First Year or Second Year at OCAD University are required to bring a recommended laptop computer with them to University. This is a laptop you already own, or a recommended model you will purchase at education discount.

WHAT KIND OF LAPTOP DO I NEED?

In most cases, you will need an Apple MacBook Pro, which is what most students choose. You can also choose a Lenovo W Series laptop for programs requiring extensive use of Windows software. For a comprehensive list, read about Laptop Program: Recommended Laptops and Purchasing Advice.

DO I NEED TO BUY SOFTWARE?

No. We license all the software you will require on campus such as Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Office and Lynda.com. You will be charged a series of fees on your Student Fees Account to cover the cost, and we offer discounts not found anywhere else.

IT Services

There are different types of support available at OCAD U.

AV HELP DESK

Contact the AV Help Desk if you require...

- AV equipment loans
- Classroom technology support
- Media Kits
- Special Event Support

For loans please refer to terms and conditions.

IT SERVICES HELP DESK

Contact the IT Help Desk if you are having trouble with...

- Email
- Student Portal
- Printing
- Logging in to Computer Studio workstations
- Any IT related problem

LAPTOP HELP DESK

Contact the Laptop Help Desk if you are having trouble with...

- Your laptop hardware, if you are a laptop program student or faculty
- Software installed on your laptop by the Laptop Help Desk
- Accessing the OCAD Wireless network with your mobile device or laptop
- Canvas support

Health and Wellness Centre

The Health and Wellness Centre is OCAD University's on-campus clinic that provides medical and counselling services to all OCAD U students. The services are accessible and responsive to issues relating to gender, race, age, culture, ability, sexual orientation, income and faith. It consists of a team of health-care professionals whose goal it is to make your time at OCAD U a positive and fulfilling experience and help you maintain optimal physical and mental health while pursuing a post-secondary education.

The Health and Wellness Centre offers individual counselling services if they are experiencing a crisis or seeking ongoing therapy. Counsellors can help you with challenges such as stress, anxiety, relationship or family issues or sexuality.

Our family doctor and nurses provide medical and health services such as general health information, immunizations and treatment of minor illnesses.

You can find out more about the Health and Wellness Centre on the OCAD U Website. You can also find resources and tips about dealing with procrastination or how to manage stress.

Junk+Food by Qining Lei

Healthcare information

The University Health Insurance Plan (**UHIP**) is a **mandatory** health plan for all international students studying in Ontario. UHIP is a primary insurance plan that provides basic medical coverage for most doctor and hospital services in Ontario. The insurance is effective from September 1st each year until August 31st of the following year.

The cost for 12 months of coverage for a single student in 2019/2020 is $636. The UHIP fee is added to your stu-dent fees account at the time you register and OCAD U will enrol you in the plan. You will then be able to get your UHIP proof-of-coverage card.

If your spouse and/or children accompany you to Ontario, they are also required to be enrolled in UHIP. There are additional fees for family coverage.

Your UHIP proof-of-coverage card will be sent to your OCAD U email.

When you visit a clinic or hospital, you will have to show your UHIP card. You should also bring a UHIP claim form with you. You can also download the my Sun Life Mobile app to view your coverage card, submit claims and check your coverage.

Hospitals in the UHIP Preferred Hospital Network and clinics that accept UHIP will submit the request for payment directly to the insurance company (Sun Life Financial). This means that you will not need to pay for the medical services at the time of your visit.

If the hospital or clinic does not accept UHIP, you will have to pay for the medical services at the time of your visit. Ask the doctor to complete the claim form and be sure to get an official receipt for your payment. You should then send the receipt and claim form to Sun Life Financial so that you can be reimbursed for all eligible expenses.

HEALTH AND DENTAL

In addition to UHIP coverage, all students registered in at least 1.5 credits in the first term of the academic year are automatically enrolled in OCAD U's Student Health and Dental Plans. These plans are separate from UHIP and are coordinated by the OCAD U Health & Wellness Centre (Level 6, 230 Richmond Street West).

The Student Health and Dental Plans pay for routine dental care and some medical services not covered by UHIP, including prescription medication, certain kinds of medical equipment, physiotherapy and chiropractic care.

You can print your Pay-Direct card from the insurance company's website. You should present the card at your pharmacy when picking up prescriptions or when visiting your dentist. Please note that some dentists or pharmacies may require you to pay at the time of your visit. In this case, be sure to get an official receipt for your payments. You will then have to submit a claim form and your receipt to the insurance company so that you can be reimbursed for all eligible expenses.

Dorothy H. Hoover Library

The Library nurtures a learning ecology extending beyond the classroom and studio, where everyone can engage in historical, critical and scientific inquiry, research, lifelong learning and the celebration of creativity, experimentation and innovation.

The Library is comprised of three departmental locations that offer distinct collections, services, and programs: The Dorothy H. Hoover Library, The Learning Zone and Visual Resources & Special Collections.

The Dorothy H. Hoover Library houses more than 70,000 books, periodicals, videos and special collections such as the Diana Myer's Artists' Bookwork collection. The print collection is predominately composed of visual art and design publications, whereas science and social sciences subject areas are more strongly represented within Library's collection of digital resources. These resources include more than 180,000 ebooks, 60,000 electronic periodicals and hundreds of thousands of streaming videos, images and other digital objects. The Library's Reference & Instructional services support teaching and research and facilitates use of the collections in all research endeavours.

The Visual Resources & Special Collections department maintains, develops and facilitates access to digital image, media and archival research collections. Visual Resources provides alternative formats to students and instructional image and video services to faculty.

Learning Zone

Learning Zone

The Learning Zone is a studio-based library space. It's an alternative work area where you can collaborate with other students and faculty, or seek advice from library staff.

The Learning Zone features:

- desktop and laptop computer work spaces
- printers and scanners
- high-tech and low-tech equipment available for loan
- table space for non-toxic studio work
- two single-use gender-neutral bathrooms
- the ReUse Depot, a location for picking up and donating used art supplies
- several collections, including the OCAD U Zine Library Art & Design Annuals, the OCAD U Seed Library and the Visionaire periodical collection

The Learning Zone is also an active exhibition space and hosts a wide range of workshops and events. Visit the Equipment page to see the materials they have available for use in the space.

It is located at 122 St. Patrick Street, Level 1, also accessible from 113 McCaul Street.

Writing and Learning Centre

The Writing & Learning Centre is OCAD University's first stop for students seeking support in writing, critical thinking and reading, studio and study skills. We provide a range of services to OCAD U undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty.

TUTORING

The tutoring program offers students one-to-one help from trained and experienced tutors. We offer 45-minute in-person appointments and, for quick questions, we have daily drop-in times. Click here for more information.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

Our ELL programs help students develop the English language skills needed to communicate fluently and confidently in a range of contexts at OCAD University. Click here for more information.

FIRST-YEAR SUPPORT LEARNING

We understand the challenges of transitioning to university and provide several services to support students through their first year. Click here for more information.

WORKSHOPS

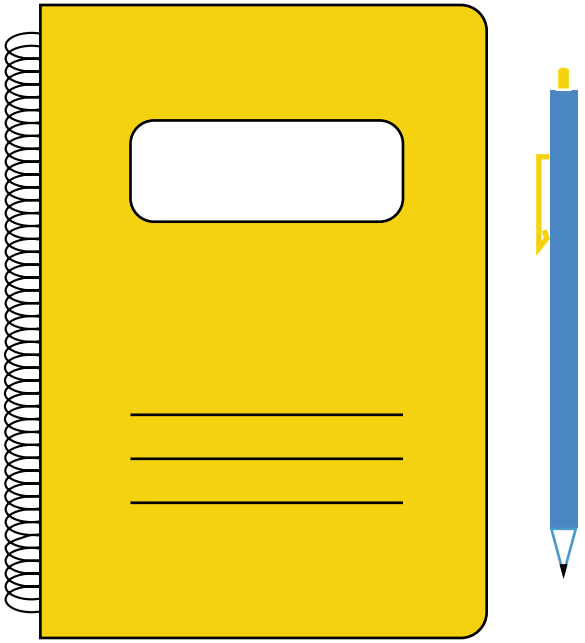
The WLC offers a variety of workshops through the year; some topics include time management, writing and avoiding plagiarism. Click here for more information.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

We provide services for graduate students, including specialized tutoring, workshops and panels. Find out more here.

ABORIGINAL STUDENT SUPPORT

All aboriginal students are supported by the Indigenous Visual Culture (INVC) program. The WLC also provides dedicated support in academic skills, writing and learning for both undergraduate and graduate aboriginal students. Click here for more information.



English Language Learning (ELL)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTORING

Meet with an English language tutor for help reading more efficiently in English, developing your English writing style, or any other language concerns.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE MINI-SERIES

Meet with an English Language tutor once a week for four weeks to work on your grammar or vocabulary skills.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY PLAN

Meet with an English Language tutor for one session to make an individual plan for improving your English.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESOURCE GUIDE

Visit the resource page for selected material to practice English on your own.

To book an appointment for any of these services, contact:

WLC@OCADU.CA
416-977-6000 EXT. 229
Room 510, Level 5
113 McCaul Street
wlc.bookings.ocadu.ca

Winnie Troung

OCAD Student Union

The OCAD Student Union is an independent, democratically run student organization with approximately 5000 members, incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation. The OCAD Student Union operates a variety of programs and services on campus at OCAD University including access to: legal services, student advocate, campus food bank, produce delivery program, community drop-in lunch, student grants, social events, and workshops.

The OCAD Student Union is committed to ensuring that the University campus and broader OCAD U community are inclusive spaces where all members are treated with respect and dignity. OCADSU encourages applications from everyone, including but not limited to women, Aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and persons of all sexual orientations or gender identity.

XPACE CULTURAL CENTRE

Xpace Cultural Centre is a membership driven artist-run centre supported by the OCAD Student Union and dedicated to providing emerging and student artists with the opportunity to showcase their work in a professional setting.

Find out more at www.ocadsu.org

Soft Armour by Erin Rei

Centre for Students with Disabilities (CSD)

REGISTERING WITH THE CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Centre for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at OCAD University supports undergraduate, graduate and continuing studies students with temporary and permanent disabilities. Students can be enrolled in full-time or part-time studies.

It is important to register with the CSD as early as possible to ensure appropriate academic accommodations can be arranged in a timely manner. Students can register with the CSD throughout the year.

SCHEDULE YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT

Contact us by phone, email, or dropping-in to schedule your first appointment with a Disability Counsellor.

DEVELOPING AN ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION WITH YOU

CSD staff will work with you to develop an academic accommodation plan that takes into consideration the functional impact of your disability, as well as your academic program.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All services provided by the CSD are confidential.

CSD SERVICES

The CSD provides services to students with documented disabilities, including but not limited to:

- Mobility
- Visual
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Medical
- Mental Health
- Learning Disabilities
- ADHD

CONTACT:

Email: csd@ocadu.ca
Telephone: 416-977-6000 Ext. 339
Fax: 647-438-9731

TTC Post-Secondary Pass on PRESTO

Post-Secondary (university and college) students can purchase a monthly pass to use on the TTC's subway, bus and streetcar system. The cost is $116.75 per month. If you do not already have a PRESTO card you will need to purchase a card for $6.

In order to purchase a pass at the student rate, you must first get a TTC Post-Secondary Student Photo ID.

HOW TO GET A TTC POST-SECONDARY STUDENT PHOTO ID

Students must bring their acceptance/enrollment letter or current timetable from their institution confirming that they are an eligible student, plus a piece of photo identification (e.g. passport) to the TTC's Sherbourne Station Photo ID Facility where the student is photographed for a card.

Sherbourne Station Photo ID Centre

Photos are taken at the TTC Photo Centre at a cost of $5.25 (cash only).

PURCHASING A PASS

Once you have your TTC Post-Secondary Student Photo ID, you must set a post-secondary fare type on your card at select Shoppers Drug Mart locations or at the TTC's Customer Service Centre above Davisville Station, before you can purchase a monthly pass. Government issued identification is required to set your fare type.

TTC streetcar

Campus Map

AGA 165-169 Augusta Ave.
Ignite Gallery

DDA 285 Dundas St. W
Continuing Studies

MCA Main Building
100 McCaul St.
Academic Computer Centre
Ada Slaight Student Gallery
Alumni Association
Anniversary Gallery
AV Loans and Support
Centre for Students with Disabilities
Criticism & Curatorial Practices
Drawing & Painting
Environmental Design
Fabrications Studios: Foundry, Metal, Mouldmaking, Plastics, Wood
Faculty of Art Office
Faculty of Design
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Sciences and School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Graphic Design
Illustration
Industrial Design
Integrated Media
IT Services & Help Desk
Laptop Program & Help Desk
Material Arts & Design Studies: Ceramics, Fibre, Jewelry
Mailroom/ Distribution Services
OCADFA- Faculty Association
Photography
Printmaking
Rapid Prototype Centre
Sculpture/Installation
Student Advising
Studio Management

MCB Aboveground Art Supplies
74 McCaul St.

MCC Annex Building
113 McCaul St.
Dorothy H. Hoover Library
Faculty & Curriculum Development Centre
Indigenous Visual Culture Program
Library Technical Services
Writing & Learning Centre

MCD Rosalie Sharp Pavilion
115 McCaul St.
Under Construction

MCF 51 McCaul St.
Copy & Print Services
Facilities Planning & Management
Photo ID & Lockers
Safety & Security Services

MCG Open Gallery
49 McCaul St.
Career Services
Centre for Emerging Artist and Designers
Inclusive Design Institute
Open Space Gallery

SPA The Learning Zone
122 St. Patrick St.

RHA 205 Richmond St. W.
Associate Vice President, Research & Graduate Studies
Design for Health
Digital Future Initiatives
DMRII Research Office and Laboratories
Graduate Gallery
Office of Research & Graduate Studies

RHB 230 Richmond St. W.
Admissions & Recruitment
Campus Life
Cashier
Development & Alumni Relations
Diversity Equity & Sustainability Initiatives
DMRII Research
Faculty of Design Office
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Health & Wellness Centre
Human Resources
Imagination Catalyst
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International Student Services
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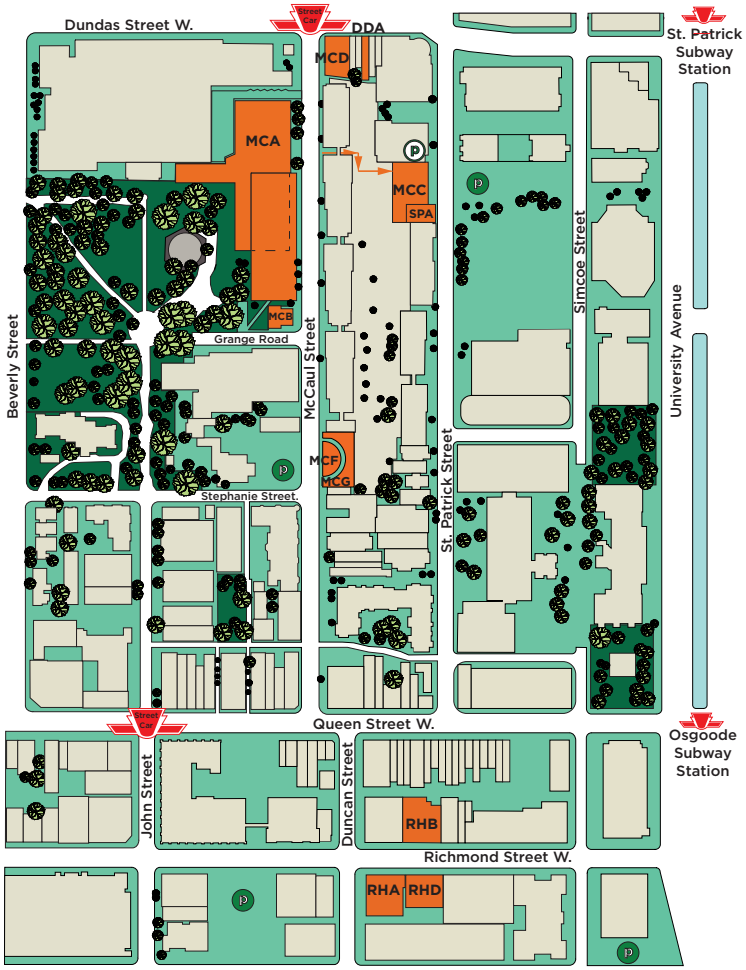

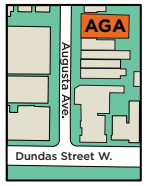

Student Gallery in Kensington Market

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Advice from current students

"Perfectionism is overrated and you'll learn more and do better by loosening up and experimenting rather than tailoring your work for a 'perfect' grade."

"It's all about your fellow students and the teachers that care."

"Don't make art that is going to get you a good grade or to please your teachers when it is all over you want to like what you are making, grades don't reflect how other people will like your artwork it is just the grade given by one teacher who has their own personal preferences for art. Don't take critique personally! it is to help you see things you may not be able to see in your work and improve on mistakes and get better. Never compare yourself to other artists, just support one another because these will be people you will work with in future shows, exhibitions... AND FINALLY for goodness sake make a contract for yourself!!! Use it when people want to hire you for work. don't just trust people's word for things, have everything down in writing and have it signed! It will protect you and your artwork."

"Join the peer mentor program its quite helpful!"

"We actually have clubs! Throwing club and free lunch are great to meet new people."

"Do your own thing. Don't feel like you need to create art the same as everyone else."

"Take liberal classes during summer, and focus on studio classes during the fall and winter semester."

"Try meeting new people, don't stick to just one group. Also don't buy the books and materials before the first weeks of class. And learn as much Adobe as you can before coming because skills aren't taught in OCAD."

"Become part of the Student Union!"

"Don't be afraid to ask! There are people who want to help you! Just ask!"

"Get your hands dirty, make mistakes, and talk to people in class and outside your program. It's so easy to never talk to anyone outside your program and there's so many lovely people at the school, so go find them! Also make friends with your profs! You'll thank yourself."

"Get to know the students around you! Shyness is common, but many students are in the same boat – looking for friends. Chances are, they are equally determined or in need of a friend."

"Don't be shy, Canada is an amazing place. People are very diverse and supportive of different ideas."

“Have a part of your apartment that is really homey, but new. Make it about you and your new identity between two worlds. Tell your story though it so that when you’re there you’re present”

“Be responsible for the decision you made—to come here, and that this is the time when you build your future and create a strong base for it. Skype with family and if it’s possible go home on long breaks. As well don’t be close-minded. Talk to people, challenge yourself.”

“Call a friend or a family member from back home every time you feel homesick. Focus on your studies and in inner growth.”

“Sometimes I try to skype with my family as much as I can, and sometimes I try to think positively. Think about the bigger picture, how brave I’ve been to be able to do this, and what great opportunities I’ve been given to living in this country. And how all of this is helping me become a better and stronger person.”

“Keep busy! Keep occupied, pursue what you love, and make friends. Make a home away from home.”

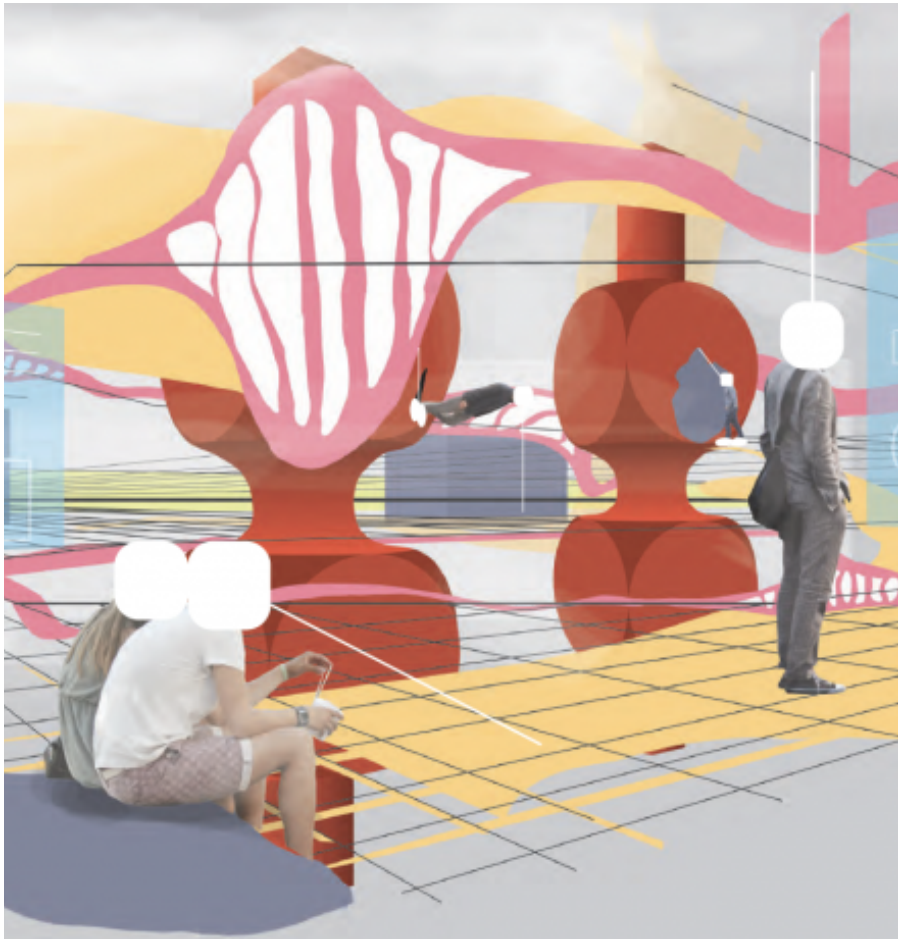
“Don’t be afraid to reach out for help or advice! People love to offer tips”

“Take spring/summer classes, eat and stay healthy, don’t procrastinate, be better and more productive than you were yesterday.”

“Engage in the events going on in OCADU. You will find friends in the studios as well.”

“Learn to arrange your time properly.”

“I know it’s hard, you’re not the only one, and there are people who want to help you. Don’t ever think you are alone. Toronto is a great place for immigrants. Everyone is very nice and open and diversity is celebrated here. Just give it a little time, stay strong and it’s gonna be your new home! :)”



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Galleries and Exhibitions

The nine galleries at OCAD University exhibit art, design and digital media work by students and internationally renowned professional artists, designers and researchers. Our exhibitions provoke critical cultural conversations and champion cross-disciplinary practice, collaboration and integration of emerging technologies.

- Onsite Gallery
- Ignite Gallery
- Graduate Gallery
- The Ada Slaight Gallery
- Continuing Studies Gallery
- The Anniversary Gallery
- The Great Hall
- Open Space Gallery
- Learning Zone

Overview of current exhibitions and gallery spaces

How to submit to the galleries at OCAD U

You're eligible for free general admission with your student ID at the **Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)**, which is home to over 90,000 works of art and located just minutes away from OCAD U. With both, permanent and changing exhibitions, it's a great resource for students.

Stein Wang (STUDIO HI THANKS BYE)—UO

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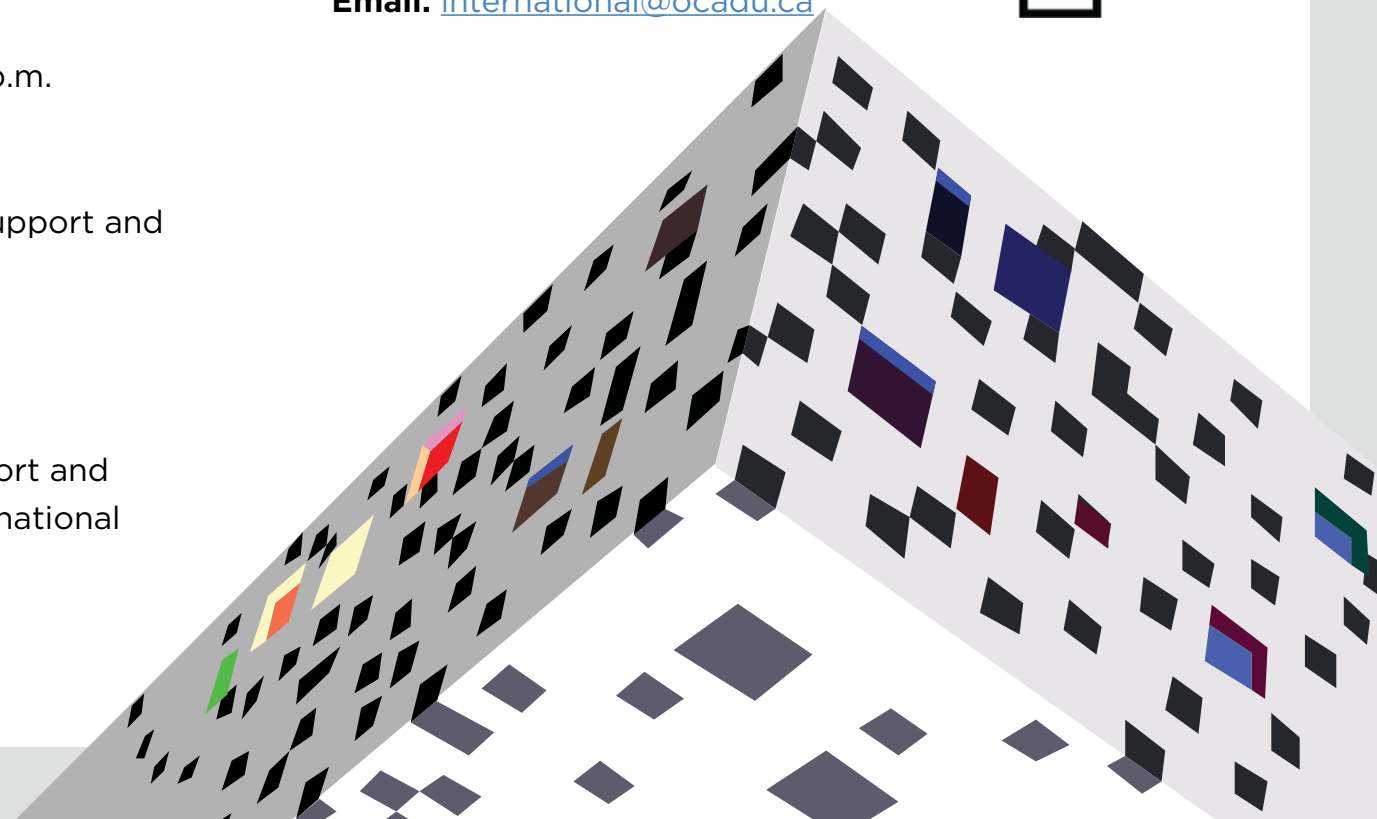
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