



# 2024 Statistical & Actuarial Sciences (DSAS) Graduate Fall Orientation

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Western Science Centre 240 (WSC 240)**

*This event is mandatory for new students to attend.*

- 9:00am** Sign-in and Welcome Package & Light Snacks and Coffee  
Graduate Student Headshots – **Western Science Centre 250 (WSC 250)**

## **MATHEMATICS + DSAS – WSC 240**

- 10:00am** Society of Graduate Students (SOGS)  
**10:15am** GTA (PSAC610)  
**10:30am** Navigating Your Career Journey: An Introduction to the Own Your Future Program  
**10:40am** International & Exchange Student Centre (IESC)  
**10:50am** Western Libraries

**11:00am** **BREAK**

## **DSAS SESSIONS – WSC 240**

- 11:10am** Welcome speech – **Prof. Kristina Sendova** (Department Chair) & Meet the Faculty  
**11:25am** New Graduate Students and Teaching Assistants Orientation – **Prof. Jiandong Ren** (Graduate Chair)  
**11:50am** Q&A  
**12:00pm** **WELCOME LUNCH**

## Welcome to the Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences at Western University.

The following information will help you navigate your time in the Program. If you have questions not answered at today's session or on the school's website, please feel free to contact your supervisor, or Thao Dang, the Program Assistant ([pdang9@uwo.ca](mailto:pdang9@uwo.ca)).

► **Course Enrollment and OWL:** Most of you will have registered for your courses by now. Coursework will be shared with you through Western's online instruction portal "OWL". From Western's main page, click "Popular Links" in the top right corner, choose "OWL"; once you're enrolled in your classes, they will appear in your OWL account.

► **Punctuality and Attendance:** As a graduate student you belong to a vibrant community of scholars which works and learns together; unless your instructor states otherwise, you are expected to attend each class and arrive on time.

► **Progression Requirements Reminder:** Progress through graduate programs at Western require the maintenance of a minimum cumulative average of 70%, with no course mark below 60%. Additional program requirements can be found at: <https://www.uwo.ca/stats/graduate/phd-program.html> and <https://www.uwo.ca/stats/graduate/masters-program/index.html>. Failure to meet program requirements can result in withdrawal. This hasn't been included to generate anxiety, simply as a reminder to work hard and seek help early if you run into a hurdle.

► **Printer and Computer Lab:** The student printer and computer lab are in WSC 256. You'll be provided with print credit of \$30 per term (equivalent to 600 black-and-white pages or 300 colour pages).

► **Your Office and Student Kitchen/Lounge:**

- You have been assigned a desk in a shared office, please be considerate of your office mates and remember that this is a place for quiet work. Maintain security by keeping your office door locked at all times.
- Students in Statistical and Actuarial Sciences have a lounge and kitchen in WSC 277 equipped with a coffee machine, refrigerator and microwave plus your student mail-slot. Please keep the kitchen clean after use and frequently remove old food from the refrigerator.
- Teaching Assistants can use WSC 250 for holding office hours by booking with Thao Dang, then requesting a key at: [https://uwo.ca/fm/client\\_services/keys.html](https://uwo.ca/fm/client_services/keys.html)



► Western Science commit to green initiatives. You'll find garbage and recycling pails in your office and kitchens, as well as labelled bins in the halls for paper, containers and waste. There is a map on the first floor of WSC showing batteries and other special waste disposal locations.

- **Program Administrative Office:**

Thao Dang ([pdang9@uwo.ca](mailto:pdang9@uwo.ca))

Middlesex College 255A (located inside the MC 255 suite of offices): Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays

Western Science Centre 262: Fridays

Working remotely on Thursday



## Graduate 2024-25 Calendar

The following list provides important program dates. A complete Graduate Calendar of Events can be found at:

[https://grad.uwo.ca/academics/calendar\\_of\\_events.html](https://grad.uwo.ca/academics/calendar_of_events.html)

You are expected to be available from September 1 until the end of the exam period in the Fall and Winter semesters and as determined by your supervisor in the Summer semester.

### Fall 2024

September 1

First day of fall semester

September 2

Official holiday (Labour Day)

September 3

Orientation (attendance required)

September 5

First day of classes

September 9

Due date for Fall term tuition

September 13

Undergraduate course add/drop deadline

September 30

Graduate course add/drop deadline

October 15

Due date for 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Fall term tuition  
(for those paying in two installments)

October 12 – October 20

Fall Reading Week (no classes)

December 6

Last day of classes

December 9-22\*

Fall exam period

### Winter 2025

January 1

First day of winter semester

January 6

First day of classes

January 10

Due date for Winter term tuition

January 14

Undergraduate course add/drop deadline

January 31

Graduate course add/drop deadline

February 14

Due date for 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Winter term tuition  
(for those paying in two installments)

February 15-23

Spring Reading Week (no classes)

April 4

Last day of classes

April 7-30\*

Winter exam period

\*Exams cancelled due to bad weather or other phenomena can be rescheduled up until the last day of the official exam period.

**The Department of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences**  
**Course Selection Guideline - 2024-2025 Academic Year**  
(Submit all completed forms to Thao - [pdang9@uwo.ca](mailto:pdang9@uwo.ca))

**Action Items:**

- Please check your **program requirements** on our website under the specific program title at <https://www.uwo.ca/stats/graduate/index.html>.
- Complete the **Course Enrollment Form** that you receive via **email** for **both** Fall and Winter Term.
- **You must consult with your supervisor when choosing your courses.** The Grad Chair (Dr. Jiandong Ren) will review all course enrollment forms for approval. You do NOT need to get the Grad Chair's signature prior to submission. You only need to obtain **your signature** and **your supervisor's signature**. Please ensure to return the form(s) to [pdang9@uwo.ca](mailto:pdang9@uwo.ca) by **Thursday, September 5th**.
- Once you have submitted the form(s), you must proceed to **self-enroll** in your courses through your Student Centre (<http://student.uwo.ca>). You do NOT need to wait for the Grad Chair's approval to enroll in courses. If there are any concerns, we will contact you.
- You should be able to **self-enroll** in **Fall term courses** from **August 6, 2024** if you have met all term activation requirements. International students will need to arrive in Canada and submit your **study permits** to SGPS (Thomas Bilotta - [tbilott@uwo.ca](mailto:tbilott@uwo.ca)) to be term activated.
  - **Note:** you will not be able to enroll in Winter courses until December.
- **You must enroll yourself** or you won't appear in the OWL site: <https://wts.uwo.ca/owl/>. The OWL site is where your courses will post grades, material, notifications, etc.
- **Re-submit a NEW Course Enrollment Form** for any changes.

**Courses Outside the Department: (please submit forms to [pdang9@uwo.ca](mailto:pdang9@uwo.ca))**

- If you are required to, or would like to take a course outside your program (Graduate or Undergraduate), please complete the appropriate form (link below)
  - <https://grad.uwo.ca/academics/courses/index.html>
  - **Note:** You will be charged a course fee if the course is not directly required for your Program.
- The Ontario Visiting Graduate Student (OVGS) Program:  
[https://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic\\_services/visiting\\_exchange/Ovgs%20Form%202016.pdf](https://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic_services/visiting_exchange/Ovgs%20Form%202016.pdf)

**Audit a course:**

- If you are taking a course as "Audit", please fill out the **Course Audit Form** and **include it** in the **Course Enrollment Form** [http://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic\\_services/course/course\\_audit\\_form.pdf](http://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic_services/course/course_audit_form.pdf)

**Key Dates:**

**Fall term**

- **September 13** – Last day to add an Undergraduate course.
- **September 13** – Last day to drop an Undergraduate course without having it appear on your transcript.
  - Undergraduate courses withdrawals [**September 14, December 2**] will have WDN on their transcript.
  - Undergraduate courses withdrawals from **December 3** will receive an F on their transcript.
- **September 30** – Last day to Add/Audit a Graduate course.
- **September 30** – Last day to drop a Graduate course without having it appear on your transcript.
  - Graduate courses withdrawals [**October 1, October 31**] will have WDN on their transcript.
  - Graduate courses withdrawals from **November 1** will receive an F on their transcript.

**Winter term**

- **January 14** – Last day to add an Undergraduate course.
- **January 14** – Last day to drop an Undergraduate course without having it appear on your transcript.
  - Undergraduate courses withdrawals [**January 15, March 31**] will have WDN on their transcript.
  - Undergraduate courses withdrawals from **April 1** will receive an F on their transcript.
- **January 31** – Last day to Add/Audit a Graduate course.
- **January 31** – Last day to drop a Graduate course without having it appear on your transcript.
  - Graduate courses withdrawals [**February 1, February 28**] will have WDN on their transcript.
  - Graduate courses withdrawals from **March 1** will receive an F on their transcript.

## DSAS Graduate Course List 2024-25

### FALL TERM 2024

Course #	Course name	Instructor	Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Credit	Audit
AS 3429A/AS 9429A	Life Contingencies II	Shu Li	WSC-240	10:30-11:30		10:30-11:30		10:30-11:30		
AS 4426F/AS 9426A	Actuarial Practice	Basil Al Hatoum*	WSC 240		8:30-10:30		8:30-10:30			
AS 4823A/AS 9004A	Survival Analysis	Wenqing He	MC-17	3:30-4:30		3:30-4:30		3:30-4:30		
AS 4824A/AS 9824A	Loss Models II	Jiandong Ren	WSC-240		10:30-11:30		10:30-12:30			
FM 9522A	Financial Markets and Quantitative Finance with Excel	Marcos Escobar-Anel	WSC-248					8:30-11:30		
FM 9578A	Mathematics of Financial Options	TBA*	AHB 2B04			9:30-12:30				
FM 9587A/Econ 9587A/ 9687	Financial Risk Management	Lars Stentoft	WSC-248	9:00-12:00						
FM 9590A	Stochastic Processes with Applications in Finance and Actuarial Science	Marcos Escobar-Anel	WSC-248				8:30-11:30			
SS 3859A/SS 9859A	Regression	Doug Woolford	NCB 117	1:30-2:30 2:30-3:30 (tut)		1:30-2:30		1:30-2:30		
SS 4846A/SS 9846A	Designs and Analysis of Experiments	Serge Provost	NCB-293	9:30-10:30		9:30-10:30		9:30-10:30		
SS 4864A/SS 9864A	Advanced Statistical Computing	Hao Yu	UCC-54B	10:30-11:30		10:30-11:30		10:30-11:30		
SS 4960F/SS 9860A/ AS9860A	Special Topics in Actuarial Science — Business Skills	Ashley McAlpine	PAB-36				12:30-3:30			
SS 9657A	Advanced Probability	Hristo Sendov	WSC 248	12:30-1:30		12:30-1:30		12:30-1:30		

### WINTER TERM 2025

Course #	Course name	Instructor	Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Credit	Audit
AS 3424B/AS 9424B	Short term Actuarial Math I/ Loss Models I	Jiandong Ren	WSC-240	9:30-10:30		9:30-10:30		9:30-10:30		
AS 3431B/AS 9007B	Advanced Multistate Models/ Life Contingencies III	Shu Li	WSC-240	8:30-9:30		8:30-9:30		8:30-9:30		
AS 9005B	Risk Theory	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		
DS 3000B/ DS 9000B	Introduction to Machine Learning	Cristian Bravo	NS-7, Lab: UCC-56		4:30-6:30		4:30-6:30 (lab)			
FM 4521B/FM 9521B	Advanced Financial Modelling	Ankush Agarwal	AHB-1B02		11:30-12:30		11:30-1:30			
FM 9528B	Banking Analytics	Cristian Bravo	WSC 248	11:30-1:30		11:30-12:30				
FM 9593B	Monte Carlo Methods and Financial Applications	Ankush Agarwal	WSC 248	1:30-2:30		1:30-3:30*				
SS 4844B/SS 9544B	Data Analytics Consulting	Doug Woolford	TC-309	3:30-5:30		3:30-5:30				
SS 4850G/SS 9850G	Advanced Data Analysis	Guowen Huang	PAB-150	12:30-1:30		12:30-1:30		12:30-1:30		
SS 4861B/SS 9861B	Time Series	Ricardas Zitikis	WSC-240		12:30-2:30		1:30-2:30			
SS 9030B	Statistical Inference	Wenqing He	WSC 248		10:00-11:30		10:00-11:30			
SS 9055B	Generalized Linear Models (for MSc students)	Jay Gweon	WSC 256	10:00-11:30		10:00-11:30				
PHILOSOP 9234	AI Ethics	Andrew Buzzell	TBA				11:30-2:30			

TBA: to be announced

\* Newly updated

## Campus Resources for Graduate Students

### CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING



#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Book an appointment for student health care

Book an appointment for mental health support



#### CAREERS & EXPERIENCE

Career Education

Experiential Learning



#### OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

Indigenous students can contact the Indigenous Student Centre:

☎ 1-888-661-4095

✉ [is.staff@uwo.ca](mailto:is.staff@uwo.ca)



#### OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON

✉ [ombuds@uwo.ca](mailto:ombuds@uwo.ca)

or set up an appointment on their 'Contact Us' page



#### SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

*International and Graduate Affairs Building – Room 1N07*

[www.grad.uwo.ca](http://www.grad.uwo.ca)

☎ (519) 661-2102



#### PSAC Local 610: GRADUATE TA and POSTDOC UNION

*Somerville House – Room 1313*

☎ (519) 661-4137

✉ [staffpsac610@gmail.com](mailto:staffpsac610@gmail.com)



#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

##### Writing Support Centre

Online writing support

Zoom Appointments for Grads and Postdocs

Writing at University Modules

Graduate Writing Resources

##### Learning Development & Success

☎ (519) 661-2183 · ✉ [learning@uwo.ca](mailto:learning@uwo.ca) to book an appointment

##### Accessible Education

☎ (519) 661-2147 · ✉ [aew@uwo.ca](mailto:aew@uwo.ca) to book an appointment



#### INTERNATIONAL & EXCHANGE STUDENT CENTRE

☎ (519) 661-2111 x89309

✉ [iesc@uwo.ca](mailto:iesc@uwo.ca)



#### EQUITY & HUMAN RIGHTS SERVICES

☎ (519) 661-3334

✉ [equity@uwo.ca](mailto:equity@uwo.ca)



#### WESTERN CHAPLAINS

✉ [chaplain@uwo.ca](mailto:chaplain@uwo.ca)



#### SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS (SOGS)

☎ (519) 661-3394

✉ [sogs@uwo.ca](mailto:sogs@uwo.ca)



#### CAMPUS COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICE

*Lawson Hall – Room 1257*

☎ 911 for emergencies

☎ (519) 661-3300 for non-emergencies or inquiries

## Western University: Building Names & Acronyms

Building Name	Code
3M Centre	3M
Academic Pavilion	AP
Advanced Facility for Avian Research	AFAR
Alexander Charles Spencer Engineering Building	SEB
Allyn & Betty Taylor Library	TL
Alumni Hall	AH
Alumni House Residence	AHR
Amit Chakma Engineering Building	ACEB
Arthur & Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building	HSB
Arts & Humanities Building	AHB
Ausable Hall Residence	AUHR
Bayfield Hall Residence	BAHR
Beaver Hall Residence	BHR
Beryl Ivey Library	BIL
Biological & Geological Greenhouses	BGG
Biological & Geological Sciences Building	B&GS
Bio-Medical Research Facility	BRF
Biotron	BIO
Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel	BLWT
Centre to Child & Youth Development Clinic (BMO)	CYDC
Chemistry Building	CHB
Clare Hall Residence & Mercato	CHR
Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Pavilion	CMLP
Collip Medical Research Building	CB
D.B. Weldon Library	WL
Delaware Hall Residence	DHR
Dental Sciences Building	DSB
Dr. Don Rix Clinical Skills Learning Building	CSB
Elborn College	EC
Elgin Hall Residence	ELHR
Elginfield Observatory	EO
Environmental Science Western Field Station	ESW
Essex Hall Residence	EHR
FIMS & Nursing Building	FNB
Fraunhofer Project Centre for Composites Research	FPC
Gibbons Lodge	GL
Graphic Services Building	GSB
Health Sciences Addition	HSA
Institute For Chemicals & Fuels from Alternative Resources	ICFAR
Insurance Research Lab For Better Homes	IRL
International & Graduate Affairs Building	IGAB
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre	ISLC
John George Althouse Faculty of Education Building	FEB
John Labatt Visual Arts Centre	VAC
Josephine Spencer Niblett Faculty of Law Building	LB
Kresge Building	KB
Lambton Hall Residence	LAHR
Laurene O. Paterson (Western Science Centre)	WSC
Lawson Hall	LWH
Light Detection & Ranging Research Facility	LIDAR
London Hall Residence	LOHR
Material Sciences Addition	MSA
McIntosh Gallery	MG
Medical Sciences Building	MSB
Medway Hall Residence	MHR
Middlesex College	MC
Molecular Biology Laboratory	MBL
Mother St James Memorial Building	MSJ
Museum of Ontario Archaeology	MOA
Music Building	MB

Natural Sciences Centre	NSC
North Campus Building	NCB
Ontario Hall Residence	OHR
Perth Hall Residence	PHR
Photoperiod Laboratory	PPL
Physics & Astronomy Building	PAB
Platts Lane Estates	PLE
Power Plant	PP
Richard Ivey Building	IVEY
Robarts Research Institute	RRI
Ronald D. Schmeichel Entrepreneurship and Innovation Building	SEI
Saugeen-Maitland Hall Residence	SMHR
Social Science Centre	SSC
Somerville House	SH
Staging Building	STAB
Stevenson Hall	STVH
Support Services Building	SSB
Sydenham Hall Residence	SYHR
Talbot College	TC
Thames Hall	TH
The Collider ( Formerly Accelerator )	COL
The Cronyn Observatory	CO
The Harold W. Siebens Centre	SDRI
Siebens-Drake Medical Research Institute	
Thompson Engineering Building	TEB
Thompson Recreation & Athletic Centre	TRAC
University College	UC
University Community Centre	UCC
University YMCA Child Care	UYCC
Ursuline Hall	UH
Wampum Learning Lodge	WLL
West Valley Building	WVB
Western Alumni Stadium	WAS
Western Centre for Public Health & Family Medicine	PHFM
Western Continuing Studies	WCS
Western Interdisciplinary Research Building	WIRB
Western Student Recreation Centre	WSRC
Western Student Services Building	WSSB
Western Tennis Club	WTC
Westminster Hall	WH
Wind Engineering, Energy & Environment	WINDEEE

<b>Additional Related Structures</b>	<b>Code</b>
Books Plus	BP
Convergence Centre	CC
East Electrical Sub-Station	EESS
Mogensen Building	MOG
National Research Council Integrated Materials Technology Institute	IMTI
North Electrical Sub-Station	NESS
South Electrical Sub-Station	SESS
Stiller Centre	SC
West Electrical Sub-Station	WESS
Windermere Manor Conference Centre	WMCC
Windermere Manor Hotel	WMH

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[Quick Link : Western University Interactive Map](#)



# PARKING INFO

## Western Parking Permits



Western

Western University sits on the traditional territory of the Attawandaran, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Leni-Lunaape Peoples.

### FACULTY/STAFF ORANGE PERMIT LOTS

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|---|---|
| <b>E</b> Upper Heating<br><i>(Reserved permits only)</i>  | <b>K</b> Support Services<br><i>(Reserved permits only)</i> |
| <b>F</b> Talbot   | <b>L</b> Lambton  |
| <b>G</b> Middlesex  | <b>W</b> Siebens<br><i>(Reserved permits only)</i>          |
| <b>J</b> Social Science<br><i>(Reserved permits only)</i> | <b>Y</b> Visual Arts  |

### FACULTY/STAFF GREY PERMIT LOTS

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>B</b> Westminster  | <b>Q</b> Chemistry          |
| <b>H</b> Althouse     | <b>T</b> Tower Lane         |
| <b>I</b> Springett    | <b>X</b> Elborn College     |
| <b>P</b> South Valley | <b>Z</b> SSB Overflow Staff |

### STUDENT PARKING

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>H</b> Althouse  | <b>R</b> Medway      |
| <b>I</b> Springett | <b>S</b> Huron Flats |
| <b>N</b> Ontario   |                      |

### VISITOR PARKING

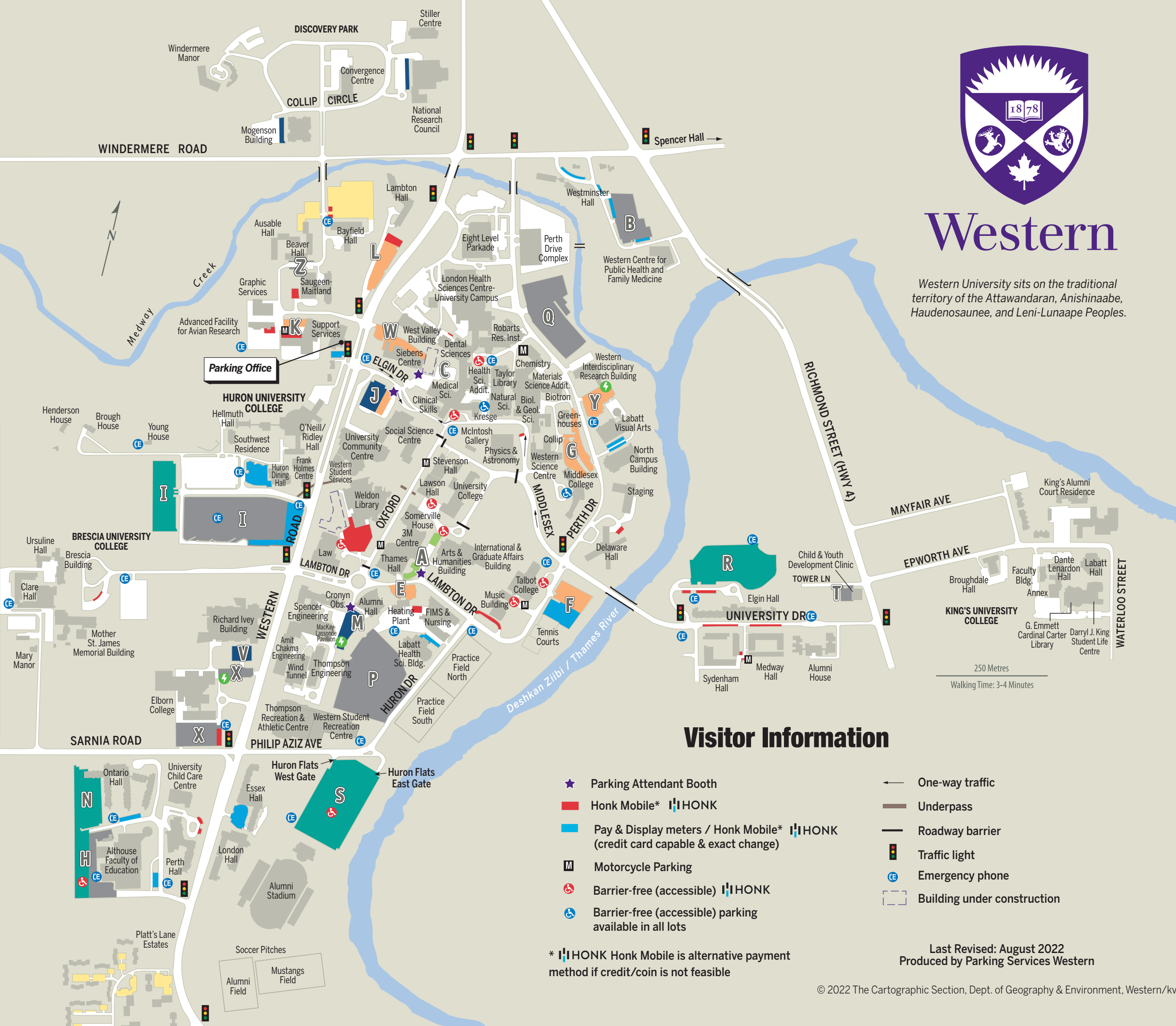
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| <b>J</b> Social Science    | <b>V</b> Ivey ( <i>RESTRICTED PARKING</i> ) |
| <b>M</b> Alumni / Thompson |   |

### PATIENT LOTS

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>C</b> Medical Science | <b>A</b> Fowler Clinic |
|--------------------------|------------------------|

### UNIVERSITY APARTMENT PARKING

An apartment permit is required



## Visitor Information

- ★ Parking Attendant Booth
- 📱 Honk Mobile\* **I|HONK**
- 💳 Pay & Display meters / Honk Mobile\* **I|HONK**  
(credit card capable & exact change)
- 🏍️ Motorcycle Parking
- ♿ Barrier-free (accessible) **I|HONK**
- ♿ Barrier-free (accessible) parking available in all lots

- ← One-way traffic
- 🚗 Underpass
- 🚧 Roadway barrier
- 🚦 Traffic light
- ☎️ Emergency phone
- 🏗️ Building under construction

\* **I|HONK** Honk Mobile is alternative payment method if credit/coin is not feasible

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