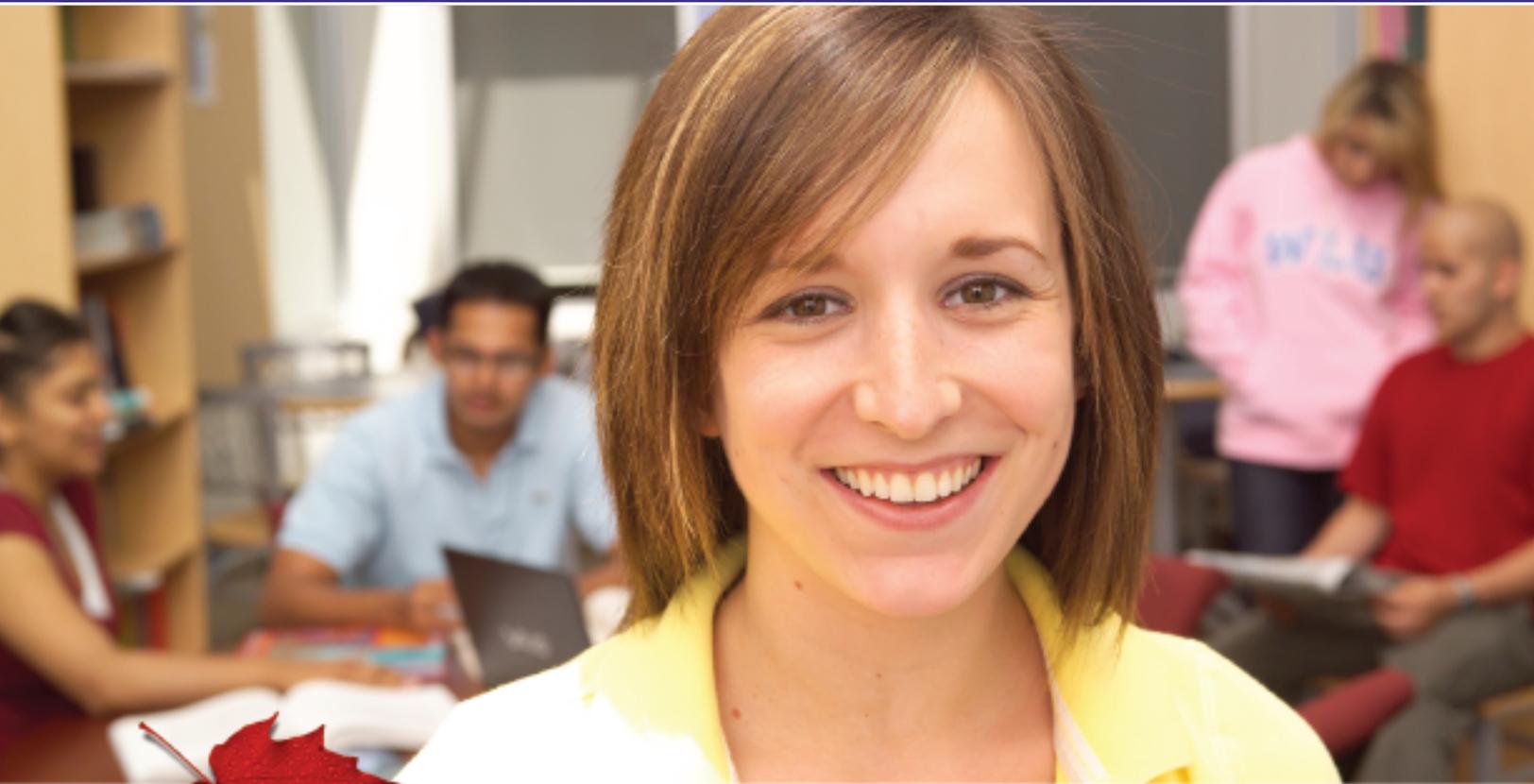


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2008 / 2009 Admission Updates

OFFERS OF ADMISSION

Laurier is only able to issue one offer of admission to each applicant; therefore, if a student receives an offer of admission it will void his/her other choices. If he/she applied to multiple programs at Laurier and qualify for the first program listed, we will not proceed with further assessments. If a student would like to change their program choice once they have received an offer, they should contact **Tracy Swierenga** in the Admissions Office at tsweirenga@wlu.ca

NEW ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA) PROGRAM

For fall 2009 admission into the BBA program, students will need ENG4U at 70%, MHF4U at 70%, and MCV4U or MDM4U at 60%. The Business admission average *will* include prerequisite courses and the next top three courses. NOTE: all other programs at Laurier will continue to calculate admission averages based on the best six courses.

BA/BEEd REQUIREMENT UPDATE

The Supplementary Assessment form is no longer required for admission into this program. Requirements for the program are ENG4U at 70% and any 4U math at 60%. The BA/BEEd program will include prerequisite courses in the admission average.

OUT OF PROVINCE ADMISSIONS

Specific out of province admission information is available at www.wlu.ca/outofprovince. Additional province-specific fact sheets can also be requested from lscott@wlu.ca.

ADMISSION AVERAGES

Laurier calculates admission averages by taking the average of the top six 4U and/or 4M courses (or equivalent) with the exception of BBA programs and BA/BEEd. All Science programs also require a special minimum average for science courses; this average is calculated based on the prerequisite math and science courses for each program.

IB (INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE)

Applicants who have successfully completed the IB diploma will be considered for admission upon presenting passes with an acceptable standing in a minimum of six subjects, of which three must be at the higher level. The minimum overall total score requirement is 28. Some programs are more competitive and may require a higher minimum overall score. Laurier will accept IB predicted grades for early admission. For programs requiring MHF4U and/or MCV4U, Higher Level Mathematics or Standard Level Mathematics will be considered equivalent. Advanced standing is considered for up to a maximum of 3.0 credits for applicants who have completed the IB diploma and who present a minimum of three subjects at the higher level, with a minimum score of 5 in each course.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Transfer credit will be considered for the following AP courses, where a minimum final grade of 4 has been achieved:

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| Calculus AB | French Language | Physics B |
| Calculus BC | French Literature | Physics C: Mechanics |
| Chemistry | Government & Politics - Comparative | Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism |
| Eng Lit/Comp | Human Geography | Psychology |
| Eng Lang/Comp | Microeconomics | Spanish Literature |
| Env. Science | Macroeconomics | |
| European History | | |





New Program - Waterloo Campus

HEALTH SCIENCE

The new Health Science program (pending Senate approval) is designed for students interested in pursuing postgraduate opportunities in health-related fields. Students will approach the study of health through a combination of fundamental courses in biology, chemistry, psychology and math as well as applied health courses. Exposure to health care practitioners and applied researchers will lend relevance and scope to the academic curriculum. Students begin, from day one, incorporating a health and wellness perspective into their studies. As the program progresses, students are able to develop their scientific investigative techniques, communication skills, critical thinking, core competencies in the foundational and applied health sciences, and the application of skills and knowledge in research and practice while gaining hands-on laboratory and practical experiences through the Community Service Learning components. Students may choose a "generalist" stream,

or may elect to focus in one of the applied areas of specialization (Bio-Med, Med-Chem or Med-Psych).

Graduates of this new program can prepare themselves to undertake further studies in graduate health sciences programs or in professional programs, including medicine, dentistry, education, health administration, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine. The program is specifically designed to prepare students for post-graduate programs, such as chiropractic, occupational therapy, speech pathology, optometry and respiration therapy. It also helps to build most of the core competencies covered in professional school admission tests such as the MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test), DAT (Dentistry Aptitude Test) and OAT (Optometry Admissions Test).



Award-Winning Faculty

Dr. Quincy Almeida, assistant professor of kinesiology and physical education and the director of Laurier's Movement Disorders Research and Rehabilitation Centre (MDRC) was recently awarded a prestigious Polanyi Prize by the Ontario government for his groundbreaking research in physiology and medicine. The award, which recognizes researchers in the early stages of their careers, is offered in five different categories similar to the Nobel Prize: physics, chemistry, physiology and medicine, literature and economic science.

Catherine Black, associate professor of French and Medieval Studies, **Thomas Fleming**, associate professor of Criminology and Contemporary Studies at Laurier's Brantford campus, and **Shirley Lichti**, a marketing instructor in Laurier's School of Business and Economics, were recognized by the Ontario government with 2007 Leadership in Faculty Teaching (LIFT) awards. They were among 100 Ontario university and college faculty members selected by the province for their ability to inspire students and for their leadership in teaching methods.

Carol Duncan, associate professor and chair of Laurier's Religion and Culture Department, was recently awarded the 2006 Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) teaching award for the profound impact Duncan's passion for teaching has had on others. This award carries with it the distinction of coming from an umbrella association and advocate group representing 16,000 university faculty from across Ontario.



Dr. Joanne Lee, professor of psychology, was recently awarded the Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award to study language development at the initial stage of word learning, before children start to produce intelligible speech. The Petro-Canada Young Innovator Awards recognize the work of outstanding young faculty researchers at Canadian universities, colleges and major research institutes.

Dr. Mercedes Rowinsky-Geurts, a professor and chair of Wilfrid Laurier University's Department of Languages and Literatures, was recently the recipient of a prestigious 3M National Teaching Fellowship. The award, widely regarded as the top teaching honour in the country, recognizes excellence in the classroom and educational leadership.

Dr. Faydra Shapiro, an associate professor in Laurier's religion and culture department, won a 2006 National Jewish Book Award for her book, *Building Jewish Roots: The Israel Experience*. The National Jewish Book Awards is the longest-running North American awards program of its kind. Shapiro's book won in the NJBA's education and Jewish identity category.

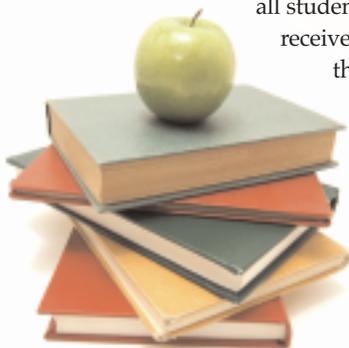


Our Financial Aid Commitment

OUR FINANCIAL AID COMMITMENT

At Wilfrid Laurier University, we believe that no student should be denied the opportunity to pursue a university education because of financial need. We are committed to ensuring that all students offered admission to Laurier receive financial aid as needed to assist them in completing their degree.

The university will accomplish this through a variety of student assistance programs, such as scholarships and needs-based bursaries.



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP GRID

Applicants for full-time first-year undergraduate studies at Laurier are automatically considered for an entrance scholarship. These awards are based on the best six mid-term and final 4U, and/or 4M (or equivalent) grades as submitted by secondary schools in May. The better the grades are, the higher the scholarship will be. We notify recipients of their entrance scholarship eligibility with their offer of admission.

OTHER FIRST-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We have many other scholarships and bursaries for first-year students. They range in value from \$300 to \$3,000, and do not have to be repaid. You can find a complete list of these scholarships, selection criteria and application forms at www.wlu.ca/studentawards.

2008/2009 Entrance Scholarships

(Subject to change)

PROGRAM

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| Arts (Waterloo) | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$750 | |
| Arts (Brantford) | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 80.0–89.9% \$750 | |
| BA/BEd (Brantford) | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$1,500 | 85.0–89.9% \$500 | |
| Business | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | | |
| Economics (Honours) | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$750 | |
| Kinesiology | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$1,000 (BSc only) | |
| Music | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$1,000 | |
| Psychology or Biology BA | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$750 | |
| All other Science programs | 95.0–100% \$5,000* | 90.0–94.9% \$2,000 | 85.0–89.9% \$1,250 | 80.0–84.9% \$750 |

*Includes President's Centennial Scholarship, \$3,000

2008/2009 Cut-off Ranges

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| Business Administration | Mid- to high 80s |
| Business & Math double degree | High 80s to low 90s |
| Business BBA & Computing double-degree programs | Mid- to high 80s |
| Economics | High 70s to low 80s |
| Kinesiology, BA & BSc | Low to mid-80s |
| Arts | Mid- to high 70s |
| Honours Computing | Mid-70s |
| Financial Mathematics | Low 80s |
| Science | Mid-70s |
| Music | Mid-70s, plus audition |
| Contemporary Studies | Mid-70s |
| BA/BEd | Low 80s |
| Journalism | Mid-70s |
| Criminology | Mid- 70s |



International News and Notes

New Joint Initiative

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Laurier welcomes international students! We offer a variety of programs and services to ensure a smooth transition to university including an international student orientation, mentorship program, and an international student advisor. Our international students association is a dedicated group of international and Canadian students who aim to strengthen both the academic and social experience at Laurier.

Students whose first language is not English and who have not studied in an English-language school system for more than three full years will be required to provide proof of English language proficiency by achieving appropriate standing on one of the following tests:

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| TOEFL | IBT - 83 with a minimum of 20 in each component Paper test – 560 / Computer test – 220 |
| IELTS | 6.5 |
| MELAB | 85 |
| CAEL | 70, with no part below 60 |

ESL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Laurier’s Faculty of Science offers English Language Support Programs to students who meet the academic requirements of their program, but have not yet attained the required English language proficiency test score. Students with conditional offers in the following programs are eligible to participate:

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| Biochemistry/Biotechnology | Financial Math |
| Chemistry | Math |
| Computer Electronics | Photonics |
| Computer Science | Physics |

An intensive summer program as well as a fall program, in which students can take up to two half-credit science courses towards their undergraduate degree, are offered. Students will be offered unconditional admission to an undergraduate program upon successful completion of their language studies. For more information please visit www.chooselaurier.ca/international



BALSILLIE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Balsillie School of International Affairs is a collaborative initiative between Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, with the support and involvement of the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). The School will approach the study of international governance from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing from political science, economics, history, geography, global studies, environmental studies and business disciplines. It will prepare students for careers in national governments, international organizations, the private sector and as teachers or researchers in international affairs.

Opening in September 2008, the School is the vision of **Jim Balsillie**, co-CEO of Research in Motion Ltd., who made an extraordinary \$50-million gift to develop this initiative, the largest in the social sciences and humanities in Canada.

The Balsillie School has more than 60 affiliated faculty teaching in the three programs currently associated with the School; the PhD in Global Governance (joint UW/Laurier), the Masters in International Public Policy (MIPP- Laurier), and the MA in Global Governance (UW).

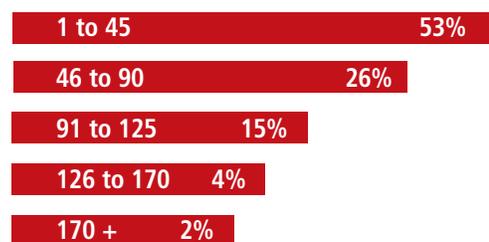




Brantford Campus Update

Laurier Brantford continues to provide a quality education on a close-knit, community campus. The smaller class sizes give students direct access to their professors both during and after class, and encourages a relationship that will continue long after they have graduated.

Small class sizes



Our students leave Laurier Brantford ready to take on the world. Tara Hagan, one of our first graduating journalism students, has been named the Ontario Student Journalist of the year. In addition to her involvement in the program, Tara was the editor-in-chief of our campus newspaper, *The Sputnik*, and has been working as a reporter during the summer months at the *Sarnia Observer*, where she will join the staff full-time this May.

As we continue to grow, we continue to add new services to improve the student experience. Our new \$15-million University Centre, scheduled to open in Fall 2009, is the largest project undertaken at Laurier Brantford to date. The new building will include residence spaces, a food service operated by the Students' Union, the Stedman Community Bookstore and academic space and offices. The building will complete our Heritage Block, and is being designed to meet LEED certification at the silver level.

Laurier Campus Info



RESIDENCE INFO

Laurier guarantees a space in residence to all first-year students. Students who have an average of 90 percent or over have their choice of residence building style and room style, provided their application and \$400 deposit are received by the Residential Services Office by 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 2008 or online at www.mylaurier.ca/residence by midnight on May 28, 2008.

CAMPUS TOURS

We encourage each student to take a campus tour. Tours are typically 90 minutes in length and are available Monday through Saturday. Please call the Recruitment Office at (519) 884-1970 ext. 3385 or online at www.chooselaurier.ca to book a tour. Tours of Laurier Brantford can be arranged online at www.wlu.ca/brantford or by contacting the Brantford Liaison Office at (519) 756-8228 ext. 5777 or liaison_brantford@wlu.ca.

RECRUITMENT OFFICER FALL VISITS

During the months of May and June, the Recruitment Office will be contacting Guidance Departments to arrange visit dates for Fall 2008. A visit can also be requested by contacting liaison@wlu.ca or by phone at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3385.



New Programs - Brantford Campus

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION HONOURS PROGRAM

The new Health Administration program offers students a unique blend of health studies, leadership, business, and contemporary studies courses. The program is designed to give students a broad understanding of the diverse factors affecting the development and delivery of health care, both domestically and internationally. Graduates of the program will be equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to assume integral roles in the growing and increasingly complex health care sector in Canada.

LAW AND SOCIETY HONOURS PROGRAM

The Law and Society program is an interdisciplinary program, which will provide a better understanding of what the law says, what the law does, and the difference between the two. Students will see the connections between the law and other aspects of society, which in turn will help to illustrate why courts make the decisions they do, and why governments pass the laws they pass. The campus is conveniently located near Brantford's court and legal centres to provide many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. This program will provide excellent preparation for a career in law, but can also be applicable to areas that may intersect with law, such as social work or politics.

ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY OPTION

The Environment and Society Option provides students with a background of the environmental problems facing our world and invites them to investigate the links between our values and behaviour, and the environmental challenges ahead. The program focuses on the humanities and social sciences side of the environmental crisis.

MEDIA STUDIES OPTION

Studying media literacy in the context of contemporary studies provides a framework to assess, analyze, evaluate and create messages in a variety of forms — from print to video to the Internet. Media literacy is an integral part of our lives, and the ability to understand our contemporary world is informed by the ways it is mediated.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OPTION

The Public Relations option provides students enrolled in any program on the Brantford campus with an opportunity to take courses in journalism, leadership and business in order to learn the technical, supervisory/management skills and foundational principles needed by those working in the field of Public Relations.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION

The International Development option at Laurier Brantford will provide students with an informed understanding of debates on development and global governance, enhancing their capacity to develop and implement programs and policies in non-governmental, public, and international organizations.



Point of Interest

DIVERSITY CENTRE

Laurier's new Office for Student Diversity aims to enhance diversity on campus through the development, co-ordination and delivery of programs and projects that will contribute to an open and accepting quality of life for all students. The Office for Student Diversity is composed of the Rainbow Centre, Women's Centre and Student Diversity Committee.





GET A HEADSTART ON UNIVERSITY

HEADSTART is a one-day program designed to ease the transition to university life. Incoming students can learn more about their program, get help from faculty and staff in choosing their courses and building their timetable, pick up their student ID card and tour the campus. It's also an opportunity for parents to learn more about student life at Laurier and how to help their children through this important first year. Laurier's five undergraduate faculties have specially designed Headstart programs that reflect their unique academic requirements, and each faculty has set aside days for Headstart sessions in May, June and July. To learn more or to register, visit www.wlu.ca/headstart.



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Automated Attendant: 519-884-0710

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