


Western University Campus Walking Tour

(approx. 45 min.)

Western Facts & Figures 2022-23

- Founded: 1878
- Current President: Dr. Alan Shepard
- Land area: 481.2 hectares
- Total Full-Time Student Enrolment: 34,917
- Full-time Undergraduate Students – 28,271
- Full-time Masters Students – 4,231
- Full-time PhD Students – 2,415
- Full-Time Faculty: 1,435
- Full-Time Staff: 2,697
- Alumni: 362,000
- International Undergraduate Students: 2,782
- International Graduate Students: 1,916
- International University Partnerships: 300
- Two affiliate University Colleges offering Western degrees, with approx. 10,000 students, 1,000 international undergraduates

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| <p>1</p> | <p>International and Graduate Affairs Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Western International Offices, 2nd floor ● Home to Western International since August 2015 |  |
| <p>2</p> | <p>Walk to University College</p> <p>Western was established in 1878 but at that time its buildings were scattered around the city. In 1918 Western purchased this property from the Kingsmill family – a mercantile family who operated a department store in London for 148 years between 1865 and 2013. This property was their country estate and many of the bricks from the original building can be found in the wooded area behind Middlesex College, the clock tower building to the right.</p> | |



3 University College

University College (1923) was one of the first buildings constructed on the Western campus. The 126-foot high Middlesex County Memorial Tower is a London landmark. It is our signature building and it was constructed at the same time as the Physics and Astronomy Building. The builders of each structure knew that these would be important buildings on campus, so the crew working on the Physics and Astronomy Building, which used to be the Natural Sciences Building, decided to have some fun with its exterior. We'll see how in a few minutes.

The stained glass windows in University College belong to Conron Hall, formerly known as Convocation Hall, where graduation ceremonies were held until 1932. The stained glass windows are the coats of arms and shields of universities from around the world.



4 Middlesex College (*point to from UC*)

Built in 1959, Middlesex College houses the departments of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Grad Club. The majestic bells of the clock located in the tower of Middlesex College used to be heard throughout the campus, on the hour, half-hour and quarter-hour, but they are no longer functional.





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Arboretum Planting (*point to from UC*)

Established in 1981, the Sherwood Fox Arboretum encompasses the entire campus. Working with the Sherwood Fox Arboretum, ReForest London 150 and EnviroWestern – a student-led environmental club – are focusing on restoring a portion of this area to its native Carolinian life zone through a Naturalization Project.

Just ahead and on the left is a Chinese ginkgo tree. It is the first dedicated tree to be planted at Western by the senior class of 1923. It used to be a tradition at Western that each graduating class planted a tree and this was planted by our first graduating class on this site.



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Physics and Astronomy Building

(Outside) Known as the Natural Sciences Building when it was built in 1924, the Physics & Astronomy Building is one of the oldest buildings on campus. When it was under construction, the stone masons on the project added a unique touch by carving gargoyles on the building exterior. You may see Old Bill with his large mustache – a character from WWI; Tecumseh, the boy with a toothache and a two-headed gargoyle. The doorways also have carvings surrounding the framework.

(Inside, from atrium) The recent building renovation has blended old architecture with a new, modern look inside.





7 McIntosh Gallery

Built in 1942, the McIntosh is the oldest university art gallery in Canada. Mrs. McIntosh decided that she wanted to leave her art collection to a university and she wanted a new building to house it. But, she knew how slowly things moved along at universities so she made it a condition that the building needed to be constructed in 2 years. If not, the collection would go to the University of Toronto. Well, Western did not let that happen!

Looking south from the bright red doors of the gallery, try to line up the row of walnut trees at both the front of the gallery and across the road at the Stevenson Hall-Lawson Hall Building. This stand of walnut trees, along with a similar row at the front of Middlesex College, marks the old laneway for Bellevue, the farm owned by the Kingsmill family.



8 Medical Science Building (*point from McIntosh*)

The Medical Sciences Building (1964) is home to the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. It is one of several buildings at the north end of campus that houses the medical and dental programs, undergraduate and graduate studies in medical science and health research labs. The Clinical Skills Facility (2005) adjacent to Medical Sciences, provides clinical practice space to assist future physicians in developing patient care skills. The plant border between the Clinical Skills Building and Medical Sciences Building was planted by medical students in 2007 as a tribute to a classmate.

Notice that we tried to maintain the architectural style for quite some time. That is until the early '70s when the brutalist architectural style seemed to invade university campuses.



9 Social Science Centre (*point from McIntosh*)

The Social Science Centre is a great example of brutalist architecture. Dedicated in 1972, this is the largest building on campus and is home to the Faculty of Social Science (Western's largest faculty).



10 Beryl Ivey Garden (*walk down laneway between Garden and Stevenson-Lawson*)

On the right you will see the Stevenson Hall-Lawson Hall buildings. This is where our President and other Senior Administrators have their offices.

The Beryl Ivey Garden on the left (2004) is a classic design based on a circular theme, and the four cardinal directions divide the garden into quadrants. The garden honours the late alumna Beryl Ivey (BA '47, LLD '97) and her outstanding role in the life of the University and community. Many plants in the garden have been transplanted from Mrs. Ivey's own garden. The garden – which includes the 18 foot sculpture, *Flight*, by Gerald Gladstone – is open during daylight hours from April until the end of November.



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