

LOCATION

St. Catharines, Niagara Region, Ontario, Canada

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ABOUT BROCK UNIVERSITY

Brock University is a public research university located in St. Catharines, ON. It is the only university in Canada that is located in a UNESCO Biosphere reserve located at the center of Canada's Niagara peninsula on the Niagara escarpment. The University bears the name of Major General Sir Isaac Brock, who was responsible for defending Upper Canada during the War of 1812.

ABOUT ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines is located in southern Ontario, approximately 1 hour from Toronto, and 19km inland from the international boundary with New York State, USA. St. Catharines is the largest city



in Canada's Niagara region and the sixth largest urban area in Ontario.

St. Catharines has a humid continental climate with four distinct seasons. The average summer temperature is 25°C with winter temperatures dropping as low as -20 °C. The temperature begins to drop in October/November and rise again in April/May. The Niagara Peninsula is the largest wine-producing area in Canada - this draws a great deal of tourism to the region for wine tours and tastings.

St. Catharines carries the official nickname of the "Garden City" due to its 1,000 acres of parks, gardens, and trails. It is 15 minutes to Niagara Falls, a world wonder that sits on the international border of Canada and the United States.

[Click here](#) to take an interactive virtual tour of Brock University!

NOMINATIONS

Partners will be required to complete their nominations by:

April 15th for a September start date

October 15th for a January start date

[Nomination Form](#)

Important note: It is highly advised that January start students are nominated as soon as possible (same time as the September start deadline). There is only one course registration period at Brock in June, courses can fill up quickly and limit any students who are nominated late. Getting students nominated and admitted early will allow for more options and flexibility for courses.

After we receive your nomination, our office will send the student our Student Exchange/Study Abroad Program Application.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If a student's first language is not English, they must meet the minimum language requirements set out by the university:

<https://brocku.ca/admissions/english-proficiency/>

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Full year (Sept-Apr): May 15th
- Fall term (Sept-Dec): May 15th
- Winter term (Jan-Apr): November 15th

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

- Completed Exchange/Study Abroad Application
- Official University Transcript
- English Language Proficiency score (if applicable)

SEMESTER DATES

Fall Term	
Move into Residence	Early September
Orientation Week	Early September
Classes Begin	Early September
Reading Week	Mid-October
Classes End	Early December
Exam Period	Mid-late December

Winter Term	
Move into Residence	Early January
Orientation Week	Early January
Classes Start	Early January
Reading Week	Mid-February
Classes End	Early April
Exam Period	Mid-late April

MONEY MATTERS

All fees are due at the beginning of each term in the first week of class. Please submit payments at least a few weeks in advance as they will take time to arrive and be applied to your student account, especially if coming from international banking accounts.

More information about making payments can be found on the [Finance Website](#).

MANDATORY FEES

Exchange/Study Abroad Students
UHIP Health Insurance: \$252 per semester
Bus Pass: \$325
Study Abroad students will also have other various tuition related ancillary fees; contact exchanges@brocku.ca for more details

OPTIONAL FEES

All Students
Accommodations & Meals on campus*: approximately \$6000 to 7000 per semester <i>*Note: Meal plans are mandatory with on campus housing</i>
BUSU Drug & Dental Plan: \$180
Textbooks (must be purchased or rented)

Note: All fees are based on 2022-23 academic year and are subject to change.

ACADEMICS AND ENROLLMENT

All courses at Brock University are taught in English, with the exception of various language courses that are taught predominantly in the given language.

LENGTH OF TERMS

Fall Term: September-December

Winter Term: January-April

COURSE LOAD & EQUIVILANCIES

Course Weight	Brock's Credit Weight	Value in ECTS	Value in Credit Hours
One single term course	0.5	6	3
One full year course	1.0	12	6
Max. course load/ term	2.5	30	15
Max. course load / full year	5.0	60	30

COURSE SELECTION

You can view all courses that are offered at Brock via the online [Course Calendar](#).

The official [Timetable](#) for the upcoming academic year will be published each Spring and students can see which courses will be offered during the term that they will be here. *Not all courses in the Calendar are offered each term.

WHICH COURSES MAY STUDENTS REQUEST?

In general, as long as a student has the necessary academic background, they are able to request permission to join courses from any faculty at Brock. Students are also able to take elective credits from a variety of departments and are not restricted to choosing courses from only one department.

NOTES ABOUT COURSES

Our postgraduate Teacher Education courses (EDUC 8P**), GAME and internship/placement courses are not open to visiting students; only Education classes at the Undergrad level are open. Most Child and Youth Studies and Accounting courses are also not open to visiting students. Some computer sciences courses are restricted.

Courses with "ON" in the course code are not for academic credit, and are not available for Exchange/Study Abroad students.



Some courses require portfolio application, such as musical audition, creative writing & art portfolios. These courses are generally available for visiting students to request, as long as they provide the required supporting materials on time.

SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed throughout the semester and will be expected to complete written assignments, midterm tests, and final examinations. Students will be informed of the assessment schedule at the beginning of each term. "Re-sits" do not exist in Canada.

EXAMS / GRADING

The grading system is as follows:

- A (80-100%)** Indicates excellent to outstanding work
- B (70-79%)** Indicates competent work
- C (60-69%)** Indicates adequate work
- D (50-59%)** Indicates that the minimum requirements are barely satisfied
- F (<49%)** Requirements not met; no credit will be given

Students should plan to remain at Brock University until the final day of the exam period.

VISA INFORMATION

Students studying at Brock University for more than six months must obtain a Study Permit. Study periods of less than six months do not require a Study Permit (please note that COVID-19 has changed this requirement and it could change again).

Currently exchange students who study at Brock for less than six months do not need a study permit but can still apply for a Study Permit. We will work with nominated students to provide accurate travel and study permit information once nominated. In addition to a Study Permit, citizens of certain countries also require a Temporary Resident Visa in order to enter Canada. To find out whether you require such a Visa, please refer to:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Students have 2 options to choose from: on-campus residences or off-campus living. Our office will assist students with picking the most ideal option for them, as each style is quite unique.



On-campus accommodation offers a very typical North American experience. Students can choose a private or shared room within our traditional, semi-suite and self-catered options. All students must purchase a meal plan and have tenant insurance for their time abroad.

Please note: published prices are listed for 8 months. One-semester students should divide the cost in half.

The on-campus application deadline for September, including deposits, is **June 1**. Winter semester students are accepted on a **first come first served basis**. Students apply for residence on their my.brocku.ca portal

Off-campus housing provides opportunities to live in the local community alongside upper year students. St. Catharines and the surrounding cities are quite student-focused with bus service to the University. Rent can cost approximately \$450-\$750 a month, depending on amenities that are included.

For support in securing off-campus housing, contact our Off Campus Living Office: www.brockocl.ca

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

All students are required to purchase a bus pass as part of their fees at Brock University. This pass will allow students to have unlimited travel throughout the Niagara region, and to and from the university each day.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE (SSC)

The SSC offers a variety of free support services for students to access during their time at Brock. Services include academic skills workshops, study rooms, drop-in tutoring and leadership development.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES (SAS)

The [SAS](#) offers a variety of support services for students.

Any student who has a disability should indicate this on their application to study at Brock. We will connect the student with a support worker in the SAS so that we can plan for a smooth transition and successful exchange term.

The SAS also offers free and confidential counselling services to students. Mental health support services are very important at Brock.

MEDICAL COVERAGE

Supplemental health insurance (i.e. coverage for prescription drugs, dental care, etc.) is provided through the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU). Students paying tuition to Brock will automatically be enrolled in this plan and can opt-out if they wish. Exchange students who pay their fees to their home school will have the option to opt-in within the first month of courses.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

There is a medical clinic on-campus at Brock that is staffed by doctors and nurses. All students have access to this clinic as well as to the on-campus pharmacy. The clinic offers a variety of services such as medical care and treatment, health examinations, allergy injections, sexual health advising, mental health counselling and massage therapy. Mental health support services are very important at Brock.

For more information about Student Health Services, please visit [their website](#).

Questions about UHIP can be directed to uhip@brocku.ca. You can also find more information about coverage and rates on the [UHIP website](#).

OTHER SERVICES

Visit our [inbound student welcome guide](#) to see additional services at Brock

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT BROCK!

