University of Waterloo
Canada

The University
The University of Waterloo was founded in 1957. It has a student population of just over 33,000 students. The university has a 1,000 acre campus located in the city of Waterloo. Waterloo has a total population of 120,000. The locality is known as the “silicon valley of the north” due to the number of technological companies. The university possesses the highest ratings in Macleans for any comprehensive university in Canada.

University Website: [www.uwaterloo.ca/](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/)

Location
Waterloo is in Ontario, 60 miles west of Toronto and 230 miles from the capital city, Ottawa, and 230 miles from Montreal. Waterloo enjoys a long winter season with the first snow usually falling in late November, with major snow storms in January and February, and the winter weather continues until April. However, although there is heavy snow the climate produces blue skies and sunshine, so although the winter temperatures are freezing, sunglasses will be needed!

Travel
The International Student Office has a airport pickup service available for the fall term from Toronto Pearson International Airport (105km from Waterloo)

Toronto Airport information: [www.torontoairport.com/](http://www.torontoairport.com/)
Further information: [www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/onceyourehere.html](http://www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/onceyourehere.html)

Immigration
The University of Exeter produces a visa factsheet for students travelling to Canada, including approximate costs. For further information: [www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/exchange/visa/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/exchange/visa/)

Housing
On campus accommodation includes options for single, ranging between $5,050-$6,512, and double rooms $4,751-$5,140. Note that some accommodation has compulsory meal plans for a separate additional charge.
Website: [www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/housing.html](http://www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/housing.html)
Health Insurance
The University Health Insurance Plan is a compulsory health insurance plan for all international students. As an exchange student you will be automatically enrolled in UHIP for the duration of the period for which you are attending the university. Cover for the academic year costs $475.
Website: iso.uwaterloo.ca/current_students/health.html

Term Dates 2013/2014 terms dates to be confirmed

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Services
International Student Exchange Office:
www.iso.uwaterloo.ca/

Course Requirements
To maintain your student visa status you must take a minimum of 4 classes per semester. Please read the instructions for “Course Enrolment” on the website: www.findoutmore.uwaterloo.ca/programs/programs.php

Application
1 February 2013  Deadline for submitting internal application form accompanied by personal statement, transcript of studies to date and 2 academic references.
8 February 2013  Allocation of host institution made (in liaison with Study Abroad Co-ordinators). Students notified and provided with relevant host institution application form.
1 March 2013     Deadline for submitting host institution application form and any additional supporting documentation required (transcript, photographs, financial statements, housing applications)

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All information is subject to change and is given here to assist students in finding out about the host institution for themselves. Quoted costs should be taken as guidelines until confirmed by the host institution. It is the responsibility of the student to research, confirm and add to the details listed above.

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