



Fall 2020 Huron Student Life Plans

Orientation Week

Orientation Week (OWeek) is an annual welcome event hosted by Huron, in collaboration with Students' Council to make your transition into university life easier, more fun, and less scary. This is an opportunity for you to get to know your classmates, professors, upper-year students and our Student Services teams. We have diverse events planned throughout the week in four areas of your life at Huron: academic, social, transitional, and wellness.

Huron Week

To keep up the Huron spirit throughout the month of September, Huron Week is intended to be a 'part 2' of O-Week. During this week we will be providing specific programming to your O-Week/Virtual Residence groups based on your group's interests/profile, the kick-off to Sunday Study Group Sessions, a headliner of the 'Born this Way' Coffee House and several other events to help you engage with other Huron students.

Residence & Student Life

Heading out of Orientation Week into the Fall 2020 term, your O-Week groups will then transition into your 'Virtual Residence Groups'. Using your profile builder information, we have strategically created these groups based on the information you've provided with hopes of allowing every student to have the chance to get involved and meet other students on a more personal level. In these groups we will have community meetings, social events, guest speakers, interaction with staff and student leaders, and plenty of opportunities for you to get to know other first year Huron students. In the next few weeks, you will receive your official 'acceptance letter' to your virtual residence building, including your building, room number, and a bit of background on the make-up of your virtual residence group.

International Engagement Team

Under the guidance of Valeeta Bennett and Nicole Kristoff (International Student Engagement Coordinators), our team of Student Engagement Officers (SEOs) are upper year student leaders who work directly with incoming and returning international students to help them meet their academic and social needs at Huron. We also provide resources and information on international exchange opportunities.

Virtual Welcome Week - Our International students have already received the upcoming Welcome Week schedule and we look forward to meeting all of you on August 31st! During this week you will meet other students from around the world and have the opportunity to meet with senior management, faculty and staff. We've also planned programming with student leader groups and clubs on campus. Even though things may not be as expected, the International Engagement Team is here to lend a helping hand to make Huron your new home.

Semester Programming – The SEOs will be facilitating a variety of events for you throughout the year. You can look forward to cooking classes, journaling, cultural cafes, study groups, Halloween party, and trivia/game nights, to name a few. We will also be partnering with other services on campus to provide you with events like book club, learning strategies, meditation sessions, and prepping for exams. The International Engagement Team is excited to start this academic year with you and cannot wait to get to know each of you!

Wellness

Welcome to the Huron Class of 2024. Your Wellness Team (Kasey Munn, Wellness Coordinator and Heidi Braaksma, Wellness Manager) are eager to meet you, and we are offering a lot of great activities to support you this fall which will create opportunities to meet other students and have fun. We will be offering: Mindful Mondays, Hygge Hours, The Wellness Lounge, Yoga, Huron Hikes, Koru Mindfulness, Wellness Talks, and a peer listening project called Heart to Hearts. We also have two Peer Wellness Educators, Alexis Magder and Nikoo Aleyasin, who are available to support you as you transition into the Huron community. During OWeek we will have drop-in hours, so please drop by and introduce yourself. We are looking so forward to meeting you!

Academics

Our academic advisors will be available all year to schedule individual one-to-one virtual appointments and will be offering virtual drop-in support. You are encouraged to connect with your advisors early and often, and seek out help from them in any area of your life. You can contact huronsss@uwo.ca to request an appointment or if you have any questions about course registration, your schedule, or academic related concerns.

Community Safety Office

During your Orientation Week activities, we will introduce you to the Community Safety Office at Huron. You will hear what we are all about and how we can help you! We will be introducing virtual safety-related programming and information to ensure your first year at Huron is a fun and safe one.