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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 against the United States 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!
Applications for Exchange or Study Abroad:

Nominations:
Partners will be required to complete their nominations by:

March 15th for the September start date
July 15th for the January start date

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

Students will submit their application & supplemental documents to our office via email; it is not necessary to receive the original documents by post. Once a student’s application has been processed, official Letters of Acceptance will also be sent to the student via email.

Application Deadline:
- Full year (Sept-Apr): April 15th
- Fall term (Sept-Dec): April 15th
- Winter term (Jan-Apr): August 1st

Required Supplemental Documents:
- Completed Exchange Application
- Official University Transcript
- English Language Proficiency score (if applicable)

Semester Dates (Fall Term—2016/2017):

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<td>September 5</td>
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<td>Orientation Week</td>
<td>September 4-9</td>
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<td>Classes Begin</td>
<td>September 7</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving (Holiday)</td>
<td>October 10</td>
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<td>Reading Week</td>
<td>October 10-14</td>
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<td>December 6</td>
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Semester Dates (Winter Term—2016/2017)

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<td>January 8-14</td>
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<td>Classes Start</td>
<td>January 9</td>
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<td>Reading Week</td>
<td>February 20-24</td>
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<td>Classes End</td>
<td>April 7</td>
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<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>April 11-26</td>
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Money Matters

All fees are due at the beginning of each term. Please submit payments at least a few weeks in advance as they will take time to arrive and be applied to your student account.

More information about making payments can be found on the Finance website.

Standard/Mandatory Fees:

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<td>Exchange Students</td>
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* It may be possible to opt-out with proof of existing coverage
* Exchange student may opt-in if they wish to do so

Other Fees to remember:

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<td>Accommodations (and associated services)</td>
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<td>Meals &amp; other personal expenses</td>
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<td>Textbooks (must be purchased or rented)</td>
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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
Spring Term: May-July (n/a for exchange students)
Summer Term: July (n/a for exchange students)

Course Load:

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<th>Brock's Credit Weight</th>
<th>Value in ECTS</th>
<th>Value in Credit Hours</th>
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<td>One single term course</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>One full year course</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Maximum course load/ term</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Maximum course load/ full year</td>
<td>5.0</td>
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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.

Special Notes about Courses:
Our postgraduate Teacher Education program is not open to visiting students; only Education classes at the Undergrad level are open. Most upper year Accounting courses are also not open to visiting students.

Courses with “0N” in the course code are not for academic credit, and are not available for Exchange 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% or lower) 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**

If a student studies at Brock University for more than six months, s/he must obtain a Study Permit. If you study for less than six months, a Study Permit is not required. Exchange students who study at Brock for less than six months can still apply for a Study Permit; this Permit would allow students to work on-campus as well as study.

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 the [CIC Canada](https://www.cic.gc.ca) website.

If you do not require a Study Permit, you will be expected to show the Canadian immigration officer at the port-of-entry your:

- Passport
- Official Offer Letter from Brock University
- Proof that you have enough money to study in Canada for six months.

**Accommodations**

Students have 3 options to choose from: on-campus residences, off-campus living, or Homestay. Our office will assist students with picking the most ideal option for them, as each style is quite unique.

For on-campus, we have dedicated Residence Life Staff and students get a very typical North American experience. There are traditional style residences with cafeterias or self-catered townhouses to select from.

Click [here](https://www.brocku.ca/residences) to view the website for our on-campus housing. Residence fees can also be viewed [here](https://www.brocku.ca/residences). *Please note: published prices are listed for 8 months, so 1-term students should divide the cost in half.*

Interested students starting in September must have their 2016 applications and deposits received by Brock no later than June 1, 2016.

For off-campus living, we have an office dedicated to help students find rooms off-campus. This is a popular choice for upper-year students and the city is quite student-focused. Rent can cost approximately $400-$550 a month.

Homestay is a great option for students looking for a unique way to learn about Canadian culture. There is a Brock Homestay Coordinator who places students in families throughout the community. Students pay approximately $850 a month, which includes meals.

Students living off-campus will find that there are a great variety of local grocery stores and they are very easy to find. Prices range greatly between stores and we recommend that you speak to other students in your neighbourhood to get advice on where to shop.

**Student Services**

**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 Development Centre (SDC)**

The [SDC](https://www.brocku.ca/studentdevelopmentcentre) offers a variety of support services for students. They facilitate any special needs
accommodations for visiting students, provide aboriginal student support, and offer a host of workshops which allow students to either develop or further enhance leadership skills.

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 SDC so that we can plan for a smooth transition and successful exchange term.

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

Health Matters

Medical Coverage
The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is mandatory for all international students studying at Brock University and it is a requirement of academic registration. UHIP provides basic healthcare only (general physician visits and emergency health services). It is not supplementary health insurance.

If exchange students wish to purchase supplemental health insurance (i.e. coverage for a portion of prescription drugs, dental care, etc.) provided through the Brock University Students’ Union (BUSU), they will also have this option.

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, health counselling and massage therapy.

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. The fee for 2015 was $204 per term.

We look forward to receiving your students!