

# ACADEMIC FAQs FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE

## HOW LONG IS HURON'S ACADEMIC YEAR?

Huron's academic year runs from September to April. We have two terms. Fall term is September to December and Winter term is January to April. Incoming exchange students can visit Huron for the full academic year or just for one term.

## WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED AT HURON?

Huron primarily offers arts, humanities, business and social science courses. Course subjects include English, History, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Management and Organizational Studies. Students can explore course offerings for each year on the Western timetable (be sure to narrow your search by "Campus-Huron"): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/timetables/mastertt/ttindex.cfm>

## HOW DO I KNOW IF A COURSE IS OFFERED AT HURON?

Courses offered at Huron have section numbers that begin with "55" such as "550", "551", "552".

## HOW MANY COURSES CAN I TAKE WHILE ON EXCHANGE?

Students can take up to 2.5 credits each term for a total of 5.0 credits for the academic year (5.0 is considered to be a full course load). Incoming exchange students are encouraged to take at least 2.0 courses each term.

## HOW ARE COURSES COUNTED? WHAT DO THE LETTERS IN HURON'S COURSE CODES MEAN?

Huron offers courses worth 0.5 credit, which last the length of one term (September to December or January to April), and courses that are worth 1.0 credit which last the full academic year (September to April). Here is a helpful chart to understand:

	FULL YEAR COURSES WORTH 1.0 CREDITS (SEPTEMBER TO APRIL)	FALL TERM COURSES WORTH 0.5 CREDITS (SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER)	WINTER TERM COURSES WORTH 0.5 CREDITS (JANUARY TO APRIL)
<b>ESSAY COURSES</b>	Courses ending in "E" (eg. History 1801E)	Courses ending in "F" (eg. Philosophy 2700F)	Courses ending in "G" (eg. Writing 1021G)
<b>NON-ESSAY COURSES</b>	Courses with no suffix (eg. Speech 2001)	Courses ending in "A" (eg. Economics 2121A)	Courses ending in "B" (eg. Religious Studies 2295B)

For example, if you come to Huron in Fall term (September to December), you would take courses that end in 'A' or 'F' (e.g. Philosophy 2700F). The 'A' or 'F' just means that the course is offered in Fall term. Each 'A' or 'F' course is considered to be worth 0.5 credit so you would take five 'A' and 'F' courses in Winter term for a full course load. If you come to Huron in Winter term (January to April) you would take courses that end in 'B' or 'G'.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR A COURSE TO BE AN “ESSAY COURSE”?**

A course is considered to be an “essay course” if it requires students to write a certain number of words throughout the course as indicated below:

- 1.0 credit course at 1000 to 1999 level: at least 3000 words
- 0.5 credit course at 1000 to 1999 level: at least 1500 words
- 1.0 credit course at 2000 level and above: at least 5000 words
- 0.5 credit course at 2000 level and above: at least 2500 words

### **WHERE CAN I FIND COURSE OUTLINES/SYLLABI FOR THE COURSES I WANT TO TAKE?**

You can search for course outlines on Huron’s website: [huronatwestern.ca/programs](http://huronatwestern.ca/programs). Each department will have its own course listings and course outlines.

### **CAN I TAKE ANY COURSES AT WESTERN?**

No, students who are coming to Huron on exchange must take all their courses at Huron.

### **WILL ALL MY COURSES BE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH?**

All of Huron’s courses are taught in English unless otherwise stated for a specified course.

### **ARE THERE ANY COURSES I HAVE TO TAKE?**

Huron does not require incoming exchange students to take any specific courses. The following courses are strongly recommended for exchange students who speak a language other than English at their home university: Writing 0011F/G and Writing 1021F/G.

### **HOW DO I ENROL IN COURSES?**

Students should upload a completed copy of the “Incoming Exchange Student Course Request Form” (available through Huron’s website) to the **Huron Connect Portal** along with a copy of a transcript from your home institution. Your Academic Advisor at Huron requires these documents in order to enrol you to your courses.

### **WHEN CAN I START ENROLLING IN COURSES?**

Your Academic Advisor can start enrolling you in courses for the upcoming academic year on August 1st.

### **WHAT TEXTBOOKS WILL I NEED FOR MY COURSES?**

This information can be found on your course syllabus which will be available on OWL, once the course starts, and may be available in advance on Huron’s website: [huronatwestern.ca](http://huronatwestern.ca)

### **HOW DO I GET MY COURSE TIMETABLE APPROVED?**

An Academic Advisor will review your “Incoming Exchange Student Course Request Form” (available through Huron’s website) and make changes as necessary. Students will receive their final timetable from their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to share their final timetable with their home institution.

### **HOW DO I KNOW WHAT COURSES I CAN TAKE? HOW DO I KNOW IF I MEET THE PREREQUISITES FOR A COURSE SINCE THE COURSES AT MY HOME INSTITUTION ARE DIFFERENT?**

Students should seek guidance from their home institution for insight on the appropriateness and suitability of a course for a particular student when necessary. Generally, if a course is approved by the home institution, it is fine on Huron’s end as well.