



SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLESEX COLLEGE, ROOM 8
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OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays–Thursdays
10am–4pm

MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICES:

- **BY TELEPHONE**
 - 519-661-3394
- **EMAIL**
 - SOGS@UWO.CA
- **DROP-IN, or**
- **BY APPOINTMENT**



Our office is located in the lower level of Middlesex College...



down the hall from the Grad Club eatery and pub!



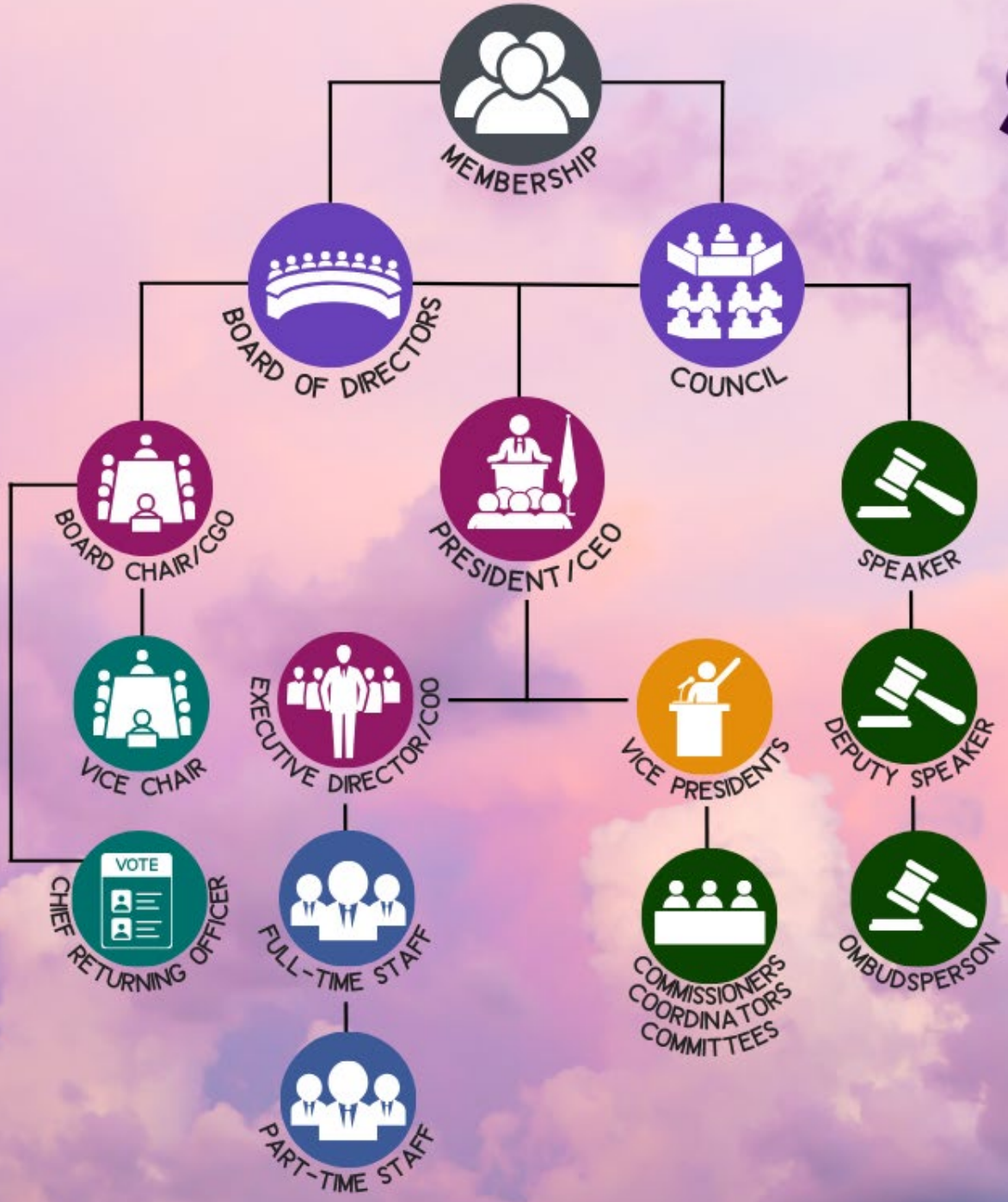


The Society of Graduate Students is a:

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT.
ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.
STUDENT UNION.**

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GRADUATE STUDENTS*

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY



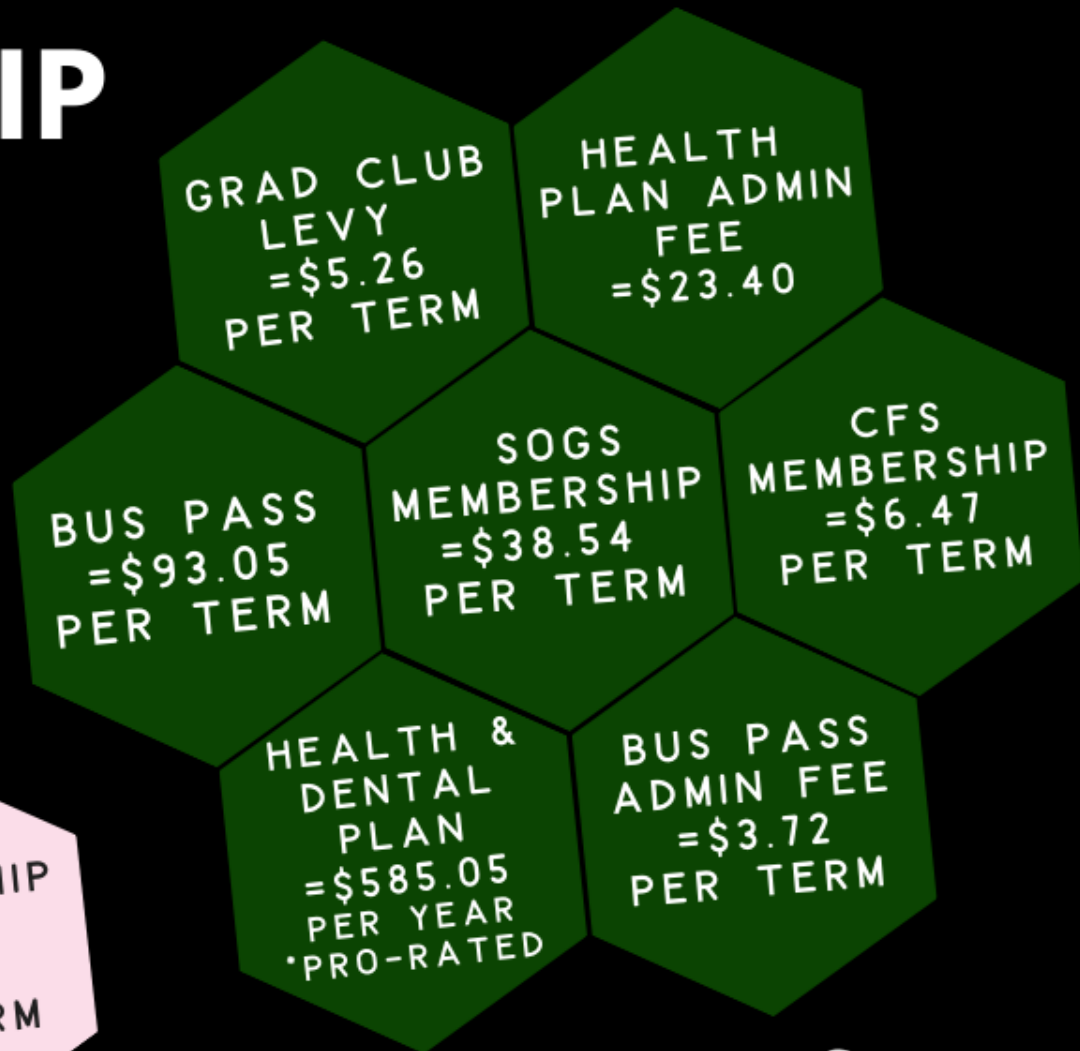
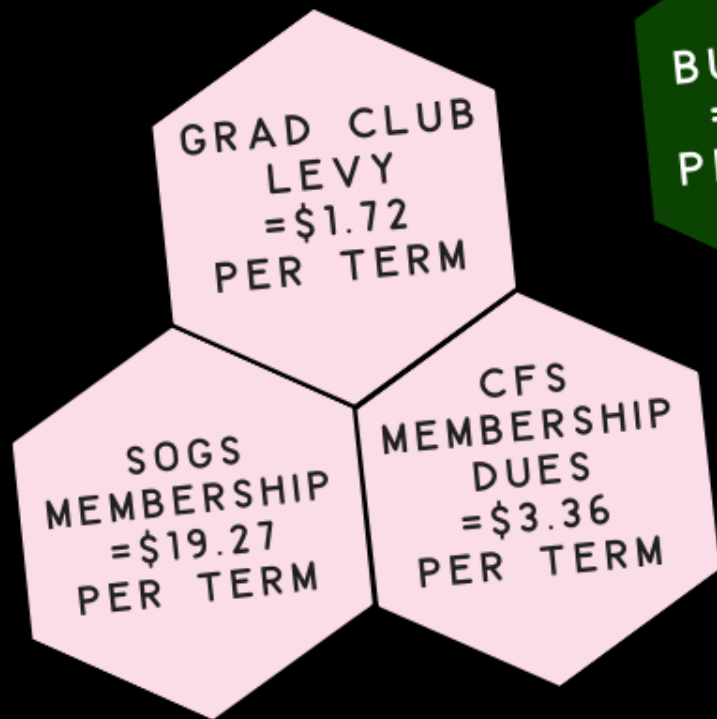
SOGS operates as a democratic student union with an elected Board of Directors and elected Council representatives from 60+ professional and thesis-based programs at WesternU.

In 2023-24, SOGS represented the interests of 6,500+ graduate students at WesternU!

	GOVERNING BODIES		CORPORATE OFFICERS
	SIGNING OFFICERS		NON-EXEC OFFICERS
	EXECUTIVE OFFICERS		STAFF

SOGS MEMBERSHIP FEES

PART-TIME FEES



FULL-TIME FEES



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Interested in representing the voices and concerns of your departmental or faculty peers? Consider nominating yourself to be a SOGS councillor!

Elections take place in September! We will email all SOGS members in September with nomination information.

The new council year starts in October, ending in September.

DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNANCE

150+ SEATS

100+ COUNCILLORS

\$27,000+ IN COUNCIL GRANTS
AWARDED IN 2022-23!

11 MEETINGS PER YEAR + AGM



[SOGS.CA/COUNCIL/](https://sogs.ca/council/)

STUDENT SERVICES

**\$93.05 PER TERM
= \$279.15
PER YEAR!**

**SAVINGS OF
\$1064.85 PER YEAR,
BASED ON THE LTC
MONTHLY PASS
(\$112 PER MONTH).**

TAP PASS

NEW UWO CARDS
ELECTRONICALLY
"TAP" ON THE BUS



PAPER PASS

UWO CARDS MADE
PRIOR TO FALL 2016
TERM



SOGS.CA/BUS-PASS/

STUDENT SERVICES

\$585.05 / YEAR

COVERAGE INCLUDES:

DENTAL

UP TO 70% COVERAGE,
\$500 PER YEAR

PRESCRIPTIONS

UP TO 80% COVERED,
\$3500 PER YEAR

VISION

\$200 OVER 24 MONTHS

HEALTH

PRACTITIONERS

\$500 PER CATEGORY,
\$4500 PER YEAR

TRAVEL

120 DAYS PER TRIP,
\$5,000,000 IN LIFETIME
COVERAGE

**health plan
opt-in/opt-out**



**Fall 2024 Term Deadline:
October 1st**

Visit

studentvip.ca/SOGS

to downgrade or opt-out

THIS YEAR, SOGS IS WITH A NEW
INSURANCE BROKER, **STUDENT VIP!**



SIMPLY BENEFITS IS OUR NEW INSURANCE
COMPANY! POLICY NUMBER: **62250**

DOWNLOAD THE APP TO MAKE CLAIMS.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

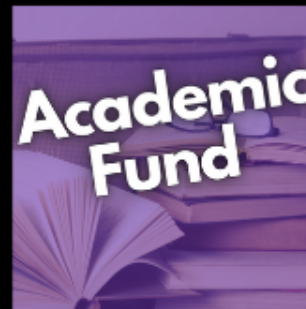
FOR STUDENTS
IN A PART-
TIME PROGRAM!

FOR STUDENTS
WHO PAY MORE IN
TUITION THAN
THEY ARE FUNDED.

RECEIVE
\$150 GIFT
CARD TO
COMBAT
FOOD
INSECURITY.



INTEREST-
FREE LOANS
UP TO
\$1,000!



\$1,500
PER
BURSARY!



HELPS COVER COSTS RELATED TO
ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, WELLNESS
INITIATIVES, AND SOCIAL EVENTS IN
YOUR DEPARTMENT!



[SOGS.CA/FINANCIAL-SUPPORT/](https://sogs.ca/financial-support/)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



NEW

Financial Support Subsidy Program



[SOGS.CA/SUBSIDIES](https://sogs.ca/subsidies)

SUBSIDY PROGRAM



Offsets the financial burden of academic & personal needs.



Online application!



Receive up to a maximum of \$500 per subsidy.



Fall 2024 deadline: December 31st

TYPES OF EXPENSES CONSIDERED:



academic travel



research equipment



professional placement



bereavement travel



childcare expenses



emergency circumstances



healthcare expenses



year X tuition fees



dental expenses



UHIP fees

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Don't let a prickly situation get you down.



Peer Advisor *for* Academic Matters Program

- FREE & CONFIDENTIAL ONE-ON-ONE PEER SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
- RESOURCES TO NAVIGATE ACADEMIC ISSUES



[SOGS.CA/
PEER-ADVISOR/](https://sogs.ca/peer-advisor/)

STUDENT ADVOCACY



SOGS IS LOCAL
#47 OF THE
CANADIAN
FEDERATION
OF STUDENTS



GET YOUR FREE
DIGITAL ISIC
DISCOUNT CARD!



[SOGS.CA/ISIC-CARD](https://sogs.ca/isic-card)

STUDENT ADVOCACY



ACCESSIBILITY
COMMISSIONER



GENDER
CONCERNS
COMMISSIONER



INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSIONER



PRIDE
COMMISSIONER



RACIAL EQUITY &
INCLUSIVITY
COMMISSIONER

**ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE EACH APRIL AT SOGS COUNCIL.
COMMISSIONERS EARN A \$1,500 PER YEAR.**



[SOGS.CA/COMMISSIONERS/](https://sogs.ca/commissioners/)



JOIN A COMMITTEE!



GET INVOLVED

SOGS HAS 12 COMMITTEES!

JOINING A COMMITTEE MEANS **YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!**

CONTACT THE COMMITTEE CHAIR TO NOMINATE YOURSELF.

* EARN A \$5 GRAD CLUB GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR ATTENDANCE AT EACH MONTHLY MEETING!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS EARN AN \$500 HONORARIA



[SOGS.CA/COMMITTEES](https://sogs.ca/committees)

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RADIO SHOW
OF SOGS - A
SHOW FOR
GRADS. BY
GRADS.
CELEBRATING
GRADS AT
WESTERNU!



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SOGS.CA/EVENTS/



[HTTPS://IR.LIB.UWO.CA/WRF/](https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/wrf/)

The HEART of *GradLifeWestern*



**BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | DAILY
FOOD SPECIALS | VEGAN OPTIONS |
WEEKLY TRIVIA | EVENTS | CATERING |
DRAG NIGHTS | OUTDOOR PATIO |
CRAFT BEER | 10% MEMBER DISCOUNT |
WESTERN MEAL PLAN | and more!**

Hours of Operation:

MONDAYS: 9AM - 9PM
TUESDAYS: 9AM - 10PM
WEDNESDAYS: 9AM - 9PM
THURSDAYS: 9AM - 9PM
FRIDAYS: 9AM - 10PM

TAKE-OUT, DINE-IN,
PATIO

contact:

GRADCLUB@UWO.CA
(519) 661-3082



UWOGRADCLUB.CA

Middlesex College, room 19

Congratulations

TO OUR MEMBERS THAT PASS
THEIR THESIS DEFENSE!

HEAD OVER TO THE GRAD
CLUB TO CLAIM YOUR FREE
DRINK FROM THE GOBLET OF
KNOWLEDGE!



SOGS.CA/GOBLET

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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