



FOOD, CLOTHING AND INCIDENTALS

- Eating on campus is not always an economical choice. Restaurants, even fast food or take out restaurants, can be expensive in Ontario. It is far more economical and healthier to buy and prepare food at home.
- You will need clothing for both warm and cold weather in Ontario. Be sure to budget for a warm coat, hat, gloves, a scarf, as well as warm and waterproof boots. You may also need long underwear and heavy sweaters. Northern Ontario is much colder and for a longer time than Southern Ontario, but even the most southern parts of the province can have extreme temperatures.
- It is important to budget for incidentals like personal items, medicines, haircuts, and gifts. You must also budget the cost of doing laundry in coin-operated machines either in your building or at a laundromat nearby.

ENTERTAINMENT

Every student must take a break, so it is important to budget for social activities and entertainment. Socializing in coffee shops and bars or restaurants is a very common part of student life in Ontario. Attending concerts or music performances, movies, museums, and festivals also require money. Most students in Ontario have limited funds but still make socializing a priority —there are always free and low cost ways to have fun and stay on budget.

Sightseeing is another type of entertainment cost. While you are living in Ontario, you may want to visit popular tourist sites. Weekend trips to cottages and camp grounds or visiting tourist destinations like Niagara Falls or cities like Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal (in Quebec) are popular activities in Ontario. For such trips, consider the costs of transportation, accommodation, and food.