



Waterloo's Residence Guarantee

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Hey future Warriors!

Your first year at Waterloo deserves to be unforgettable – so why not start it off right by living in residence? It's more than just a place to crash – it's where friendships spark, late-night study sessions happen, and you find your campus family. Plus, you're steps from class, food, and fun. Ready to live your best first-year life? Come join us – residence life is where the vibes are real and memories are made.

The University of Waterloo guarantees residence for all incoming first-year students who accept their academic offer, submit their residence application and pay the residence deposit by the deadline.

No matter what community you live in, you will have access to academic and social supports with the assistance of a Don on each floor.



“Waterloo’s First-Year Residence Guarantee helped give me the foundation to feel like a true Warrior. It made me feel like I belong and had made the right choice.”

Christopher, Faculty of Health

Communities in the guarantee

- › Campus Housing
- › Renison University College
- › St. Jerome’s University
- › United College

Note: Conrad Grebel University College also offers first-year residence but they are not part of the residence guarantee. Visit their website to access their housing application.



Waterloo offers many amenities across its residences:

- › Fully furnished rooms
- › High-speed internet and utilities
- › Study rooms
- › Fitness and music rooms
- › Outdoor recreation space
- › TV lounges and gaming areas
- › Multi-faith spaces
- › Laundry facilities
- › On-site dining
- › Residence Dons and 24/7 front desk support
- › Accessible Housing accommodations
- › Residence Life Staff
- › Maintenance support



Learn more about
residence at Waterloo

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**First-year
residence buildings**

4,400

First-year beds

200+

**Student staff positions
available in residence**

80%+

**Of incoming first-year students
begin their University experience
by living on campus**

Living Learning Communities (LLCs)

Designated areas in residence where students are grouped by academic program or faculty to enhance learning through shared residence experiences. Peer Leaders are dedicated upper-year mentors that are in the same program/faculty as students living in LLCs.

Campus Housing

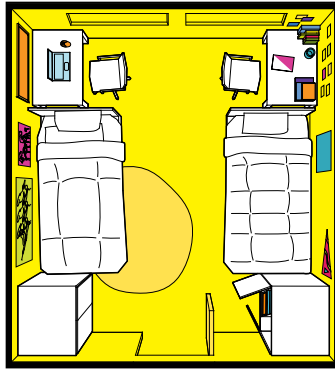
Whether you're looking for quiet study spaces and a room to call your own, or to maximize shared space and social opportunities, you'll have the chance to live independently while building meaningful connections that could last a lifetime. Campus Housing isn't just about finding a place to live – it's about finding a place where you belong.



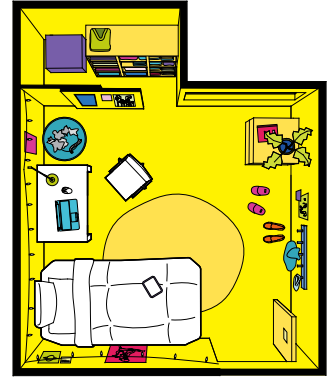
Traditional or suite-style?*



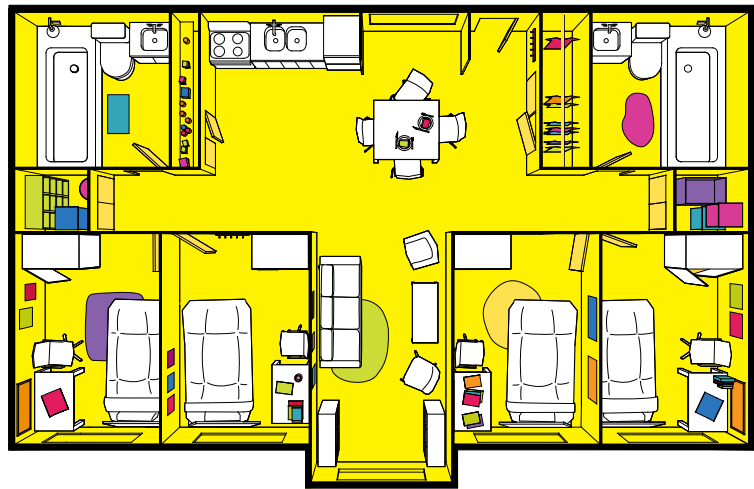
DOUBLE ROOM



SINGLE ROOM



SUITE-STYLE ROOMS



*The sample room floor plans are intended to give you an idea of what your residence room could look like. For specific room layouts, dimensions, and inclusions, visit our website.



Campus Housing first-year buildings and beds

- › Claudette Millar Hall (CMH) – traditional-style – 455 beds
- › Mackenzie King Village (MKV) – suite-style – 320 beds
- › Ron Eydt Village (REV) – traditional-style – 960 beds
- › UW Place (UWP) – suite-style – 1,325 beds
- › Village 1 (V1) – traditional-style – 1,340 beds



St. Jerome's

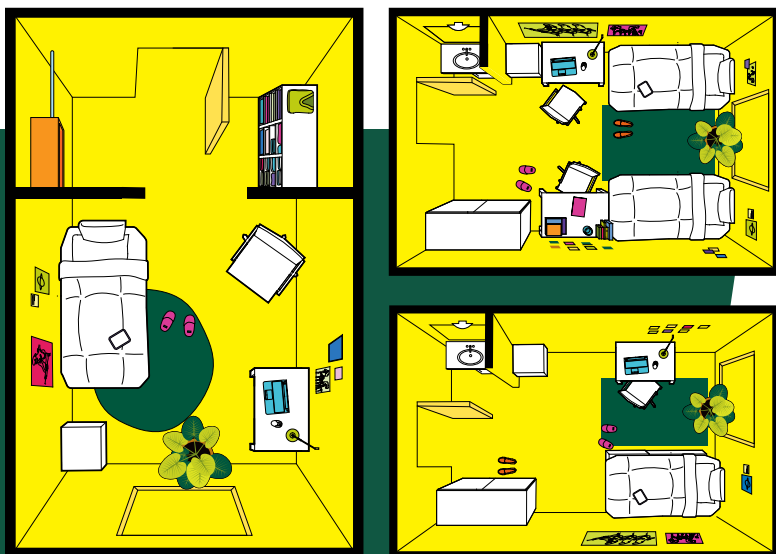
In residence, you will meet students in all six University of Waterloo faculties. We are steps away from resources like the Student Life Centre, and you will benefit from programming that is designed to build and celebrate community, connect, and learn.

Our Don to student ratio is one Don to every 27 students, which means more support for students living on our campus and a smaller community feel. Our residence team is available 24/7.



300

First-year beds



J.R. Finn Residence

38 ROOMS

Single occupancy rooms, equipped with modular furniture and air conditioning, with shared washroom facilities.

Siegfried and Ryan Hall Residence

360 ROOMS

Opened in 2016, this residence offers both single and double rooms and is equipped with modular furniture and air conditioning, with shared washroom facilities.

Residence amenities

- › All-inclusive meal plan
- › On-site laundry (included in fees)
- › Gymnasium and fitness space
- › Two movie rooms
- › Games rooms
- › Indoor bike storage
- › Dedicated spaces for music, creativity, studying and socializing

Benefit from our dedicated supports

Student Advisors

Available to provide guidance on the following:

- › Course selection
- › Program planning
- › Degree requirements

Wellness Co-ordinator

Provides access and guidance on the following:

- › Confidential wellness coaching
- › Connecting you to wellness supports across campus
- › Peer support and drop-in programming

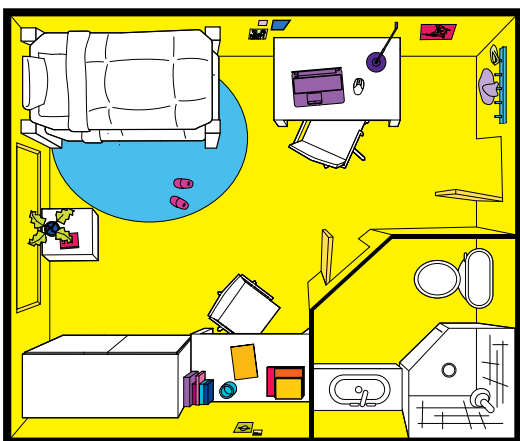


United College

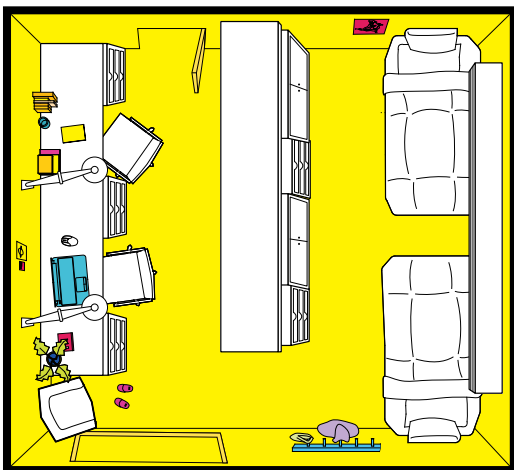
Where community comes first

United College offers more than just a place to live, it's a place to grow, connect, and feel supported. From inclusive spaces to meaningful programming, students are welcomed into a vibrant, tight-knit community from day one.

DOUBLE WITH ENSUITE WASHROOM



TRADITIONAL DOUBLE WITH PRIVACY BARRIER



260

First-year beds

**Above all else,
United College
is a community.**



Living Learning Communities

- › Women in Engineering
- › Faculty of Environment
- › Human Rights and Law
- › La Bastille – French speaking community

Community focus

United College offers inviting spaces and engaging events that help you feel at home while connecting with others.

- › 1:25 Don-to-student ratio
- › Ensuite washrooms or full privacy stalls
- › Monthly themed community dinners
- › Individual temperature controls in rooms
- › Outdoor court for pickleball and basketball in the summer and skating in the winter
- › All-inclusive, homestyle meal plan

Renison

Supporting over 200 residents from all six faculties, Renison is one of the closest residences to your classes at Waterloo.

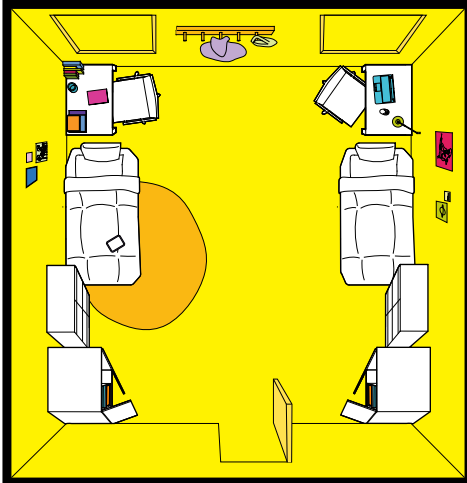
Renison's close-knit residence community is known for prioritizing inclusivity, belonging, and a vibrant student experience. As a Renison resident, you'll benefit from:

- › Lowest Don-to-student ratio on campus (1:22)
- › All-inclusive meal plan plus \$100 flex dollars per term
- › Fully renovated rooms with extra storage
- › Dynamic living learning communities
- › In-house student support team
- › Access to on-campus events and off-campus excursions
- › 150+ leadership opportunities
- › Exclusive financial awards and bursaries
- › On-site library and study space
- › Link Inclusion Lounge that supports equity-deserving students

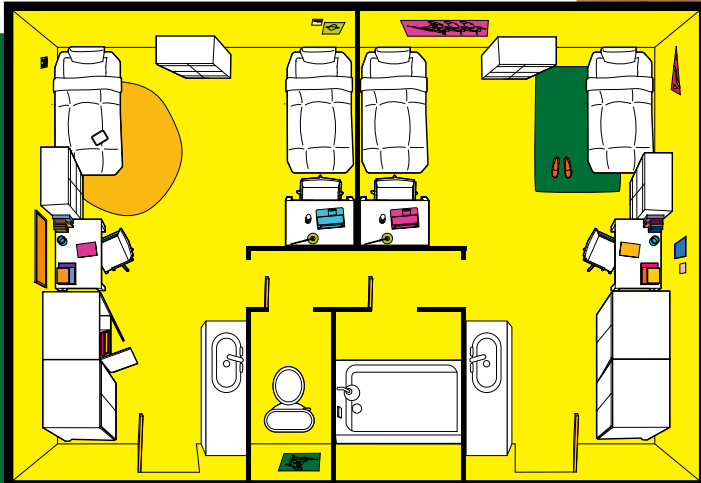
**Renison is
your place
to build
connections
and form
lifelong
friendships!**



TRADITIONAL DOUBLE ROOM



LINK DOUBLE ROOM



“Renison has the lowest Don to student ratio so it was great to be able to make a connection with both my roommate and my Don. I always felt supported, especially if I was struggling with something. It was really important to have that connection.”

Daneka, Past Renison Resident and Peer Leader

165

First-year beds



Residence fee comparison



Traditional-style

Classic dorm room with required meal plan

Fees include total housing fees for eight months, mandatory meal plan included. Students can choose one of three tiers for Campus Housing meal plans. Renison, St. Jerome's, and United meal plans are all-inclusive.

Campus Housing

Residence	Fees
Claudette Millar Hall single*	\$16,000-18,250
Claudette Millar Hall double	\$15,500-17,800
Ron Eydt Village double	\$14,300-16,500
Village 1 single	\$15,200-17,400
Village 1 interconnecting	\$14,800-17,000
Village 1 double	\$14,300-16,500

Suite-style

Apartment with access to a kitchen to cook your meals

Fees include total housing fees for eight months, with or without optional meal plan. Lowest end of the range does not include a meal plan. Students without a meal plan should add \$3,000-\$5,000 (\$375-\$625/month) for groceries and dining out.

Campus Housing

Residence	Fees
Mackenzie King Village single	\$10,100-15,500
UW Place single	\$8,620-14,500
UW Place double	\$8,000-13,500

Rates reflect 2025/2026 residence/meal plan fees.

Residence fees are due when tuition fees are arranged in August 2026.

Renison University College

Residence	Fees
Double	\$14,600
Single*	\$16,100
Link double	\$15,000
Link single	\$16,300

St. Jerome's University

Residence	Fees
Single	\$17,565
Double	\$15,965

United College

Residence	Fees
Double	\$14,800
Single with ensuite bathroom *	\$18,000

*Most beds limited to accessible housing accommodations.



First-year guarantee steps

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Rank the residence communities

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Learn about the accessible housing process

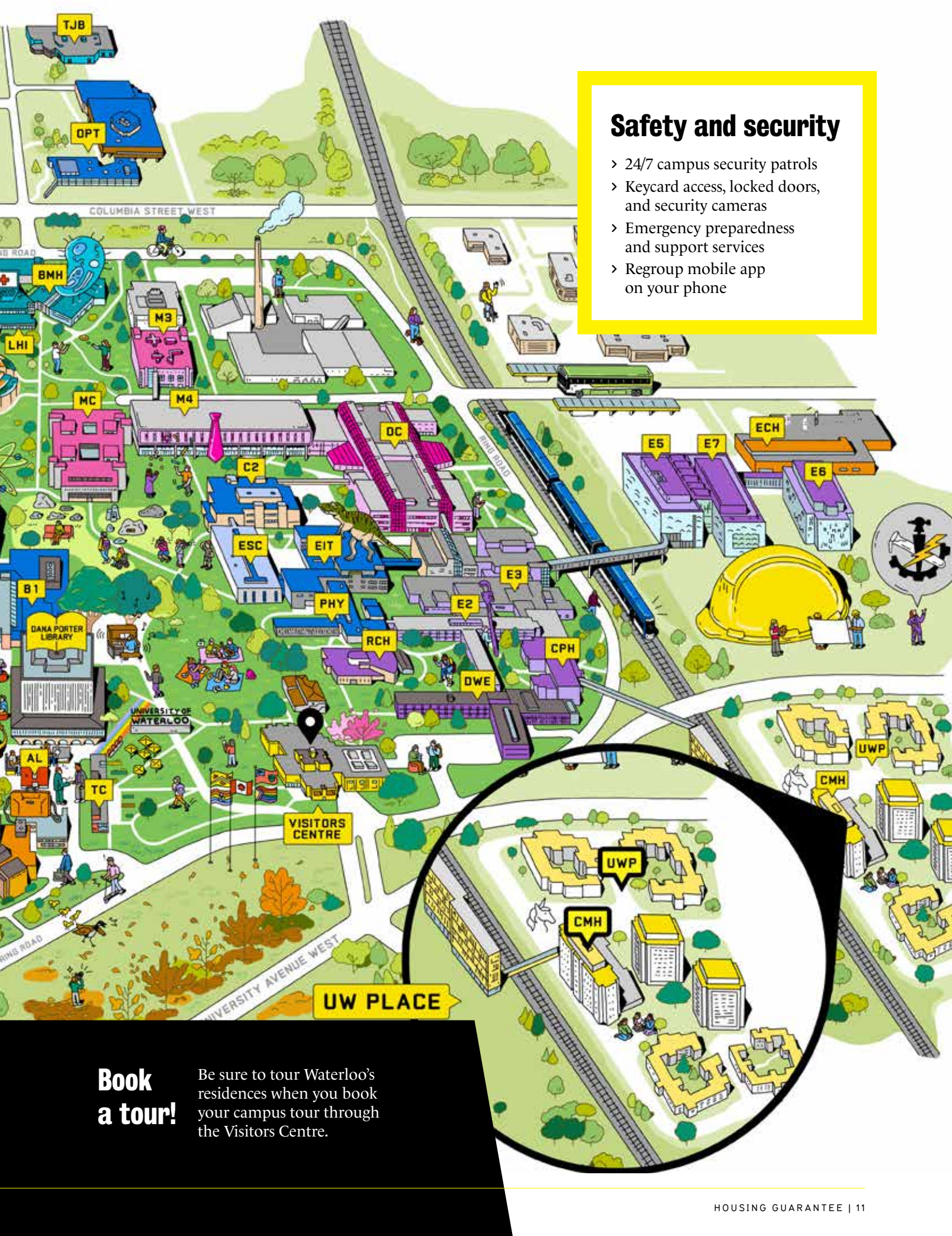
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Submit your \$500 non-refundable housing deposit

Accessible housing requests

Available to students who complete the accessible housing application.





Safety and security

- › 24/7 campus security patrols
- › Keycard access, locked doors, and security cameras
- › Emergency preparedness and support services
- › Regroup mobile app on your phone

Book a tour!

Be sure to tour Waterloo's residences when you book your campus tour through the Visitors Centre.

Acknowledgement of traditional territory

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is co-ordinated within the Office of Indigenous Relations.

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