DISCOVER YOUR STORY AT GREBEL
YOU + WATERLOO

Live the adventure together at Grebel.
Welcome to the Grebel community.

You know that a strong community is the key to thriving at university. Make the exhilarating leap into life at the University of Waterloo and live or study at Conrad Grebel University College (Grebel). You will connect with people from many programs and walks of life and be energized by others inside and outside the classroom. Engage and grow your passions and prepare for a future filled with purpose.

LIVE AT GREBEL

Grebel has the secret to a vibrant community figured out! Home to 140 Waterloo students in all faculties from first to fourth year, Grebel provides a supportive atmosphere for you, surrounded by a network of friends and classmates. With Grebel as the home base for your university experience, you’ll feel the impact far into your future.

LEARN AT GREBEL

As a place to explore new ideas and make imaginative connections, Grebel hosts the Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Music, and Mennonite Studies departments at Waterloo. It also teaches courses in History, Religious Studies, and Sociology.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Connect with us online for a glimpse of #grebelite before you arrive.

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COME FOR A VISIT

Tours are normally available Monday through Saturday and can be booked online.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DEFINED:

A neighbourhood within a city. A community within the University of Waterloo. Build friendships in a smaller setting with students from around the world.
EXPERIENCE RESIDENCE

It’s the people who make Grebel feel like home!

APPLY TO LIVE AT GREBEL

1. Complete a Grebel residence application.
   uwaterloo.ca/grebel/apply

2. Participate in a group interview. Eligible students who apply by May 21, 2023 are guaranteed an interview.

The basic cost for residence in 2022–2023, including an all-you-can-eat meal plan, is $6,145 per term.

NOTE: applications will be received until Grebel residence is full. Be sure to apply for residence entrance awards!

PLANNING TO LIVE OFF CAMPUS?

You can still join the Grebel family as part of the residence community and use Grebel as your home base. Become an Off-Campus Associate to access support, join clubs and teams, and come out to Grebel events.

uwaterloo.ca/grebel/future-students/associates

ROOM PERKS

› Lots of natural light with big windows
› Extra space for your comfy furniture, plants, and games
› Modular desk, dresser, bookshelf, single bed, and wardrobe
› A roommate to share your university experience with

RESIDENCE + MEALS = $6,145 per term

MAKE THE ROOM YOUR OWN with modular furniture
"I take Music and Peace and Conflict Studies courses so my classes are just down the hall. Grebel’s also right on campus, close to most other buildings."

"I didn’t hesitate to sign up for a Grebel talent show. The warmth and support in that audience was beyond words."

"Getting involved in clubs was easy and good for me. There are clubs for everything: peace, tech, musicals, yearbook, gender and sexuality, the environment, and so much more."

"I love that just outside of my res room, I can skate in the winter and play volleyball in the warmer months. At Grebel we also form intramural teams to compete with others on campus. Our team spirit is unmatched!"

"My roommate and I work out together in the fitness centre. Open 24/7, it’s a great way to de-stress after a long day of classes."
“The Grebel Library is my favourite study spot: quiet, friendly, bright, and right down the hall.”

“The Cookiery is the perfect space to make popcorn and hot chocolate late at night.”

“Grebel is inspired by the Mennonite Christian faith tradition, but I’ve made friends with people from many faith and non-faith backgrounds. Chapel and late-night conversations are where I’ve explored my spirituality and tackled big questions.”

“Grebel’s fill-the-table tradition took the stress out of choosing where to sit at mealtimes. Community Supper is easily my favourite meal of the week – when students, staff, and faculty eat together.”

“I love the variety and quality of Grebel’s home-cooked, all-you-can-eat food, made in a brand new kitchen that looks like it’s right out of a movie!”

“With so many spontaneous and organized activities, I’ve met tons of people from all of Waterloo’s faculties. I like that upper-year students stay at Grebel and organize things like foosball ladders, or study sessions.”
GREBEL RESIDENCE AT A GLANCE

Small Community. Big Heart.

OVER 50% OF STUDENTS RETURN TO RES
after first year, providing numerous leadership and mentoring opportunities

100+ WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
in clubs, sports, Student Council, talent shows, and more

$170,000+ available in residence awards
uwaterloo.ca/grebel/financial-aid-awards

21 HOME-COOKED MEALS A WEEK
All-you-can-eat, snack times, healthy options, dietary accommodations, all in a bright new kitchen and dining room

MAKE FRIENDS
Thanks to Grebel’s careful roommate matching process, welcoming orientation week activities, open doors, and culture of inclusion, you will find tons of ways to meet people!

LIVE WELL
As you transition to university, be sure to take care of yourself! Grebel’s meal plan has lots of healthy choices and the new kitchen makes it easier to accommodate unique dietary needs. When you need a study break, work out with friends in the fitness centre. Nurture your spiritual side at a weekly chapel service. Be part of Grebel’s fun and respectful atmosphere.

BE SUPPORTED
With dedicated support staff and residence dons on duty, Grebel is a place where you will have someone to talk to.

STUDY HARD
Balance is key to thriving. At Grebel, you’ll benefit from sharing your residence experience with upper-year students who can offer tips and tricks for making your first year a success. Grebel has many study areas, a beautiful library, and an encouraging atmosphere. As a bonus, the profs and staff are approachable and friendly. You might even find yourself sitting with them at lunch!

DO CO–OP (OPTIONAL)
Move in and out of your co-op work terms with ease. Upper-year students can help you learn the WaterlooWorks system, critique your résumé, and network with possible employers. With flexible housing contracts, you can leave for your co-op work terms with the confidence that you’ll always be welcomed back by familiar faces at Grebel.
No matter your program, Grebel courses can add balance to your studies. Join a music ensemble to nurture your creative side. Take courses that will prepare you to change the world.

Learn about Grebel’s traditions by studying Mennonite history and thought. Take courses such as: Who are the Mennonites?, The Radical Reformation, and Christian Approaches to Peacemaking.

You can study the Bible, explore theology, and learn about the role of faith traditions in the world by taking courses like: Violence of the Bible; Body, Dress, and Religion; and War and Peace in Christian Theology.

Or you could dive into the past with Grebel profs who teach courses such as: History of the Western World, Canadian Immigration History, and History of Peace Movements.

And if you’re interested in human behaviour, enrol in Introduction to Sociology at Grebel, a requirement for many Waterloo programs.

PEACE AND MUSIC IN HARMONY

STUDYING BOTH MUSIC AND PACS TOGETHER HELPS ME BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH THE WORLD.

“Music can be a wonderful way of connecting with others and building community. Peace and Conflict Studies has helped me understand the importance of taking action in the communities I am a part of and seeing things from another’s point of view.

I love making music with others and learning ways music can be a tool in peacebuilding.”

Pursue peace, justice, and social change through a vibrant interdisciplinary program. You’ll explore theory, research, and practice in classes taught by leading scholars and practitioners.

Tailor your degree with courses on mediation, non-violent social change, religion and culture, environment, ethics, peacebuilding, human rights, refugees, and restorative justice. Experience transformational learning through a flexible internship option, which can be completed anywhere in the world!

Prepare to become a leader or entrepreneur in conflict management, community and international development, education, law, social services, and more after graduation.
LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Enrich your residence and academic experience by connecting with a small group of Grebel students who share your passion. Apply to join one of Grebel’s Living-Learning Communities when you complete your residence or associate application.

PEACETECH
Explore the intersection of peace and technology. All academic programs and levels of experience are welcome.

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES
Feed your passion for social justice and peace through mentorship and connection. Open to students interested in studying PACS.

MUSIC
Connect with other musicians and keep music a priority. All academic programs welcome. Taking a class or joining an ensemble is encouraged.

Explore how music is meaningful in today’s world through a flexible program that combines music theory, performance, history, and global music. Investigate how music relates to culture, technology, film, gender, psychology, and more.

Study music with supportive faculty, whether you major or minor in music, take a course or two, or participate in an ensemble. You can experience music in four choral groups, three instrumental groups, or a world music ensemble. You can even take for-credit, one-on-one lessons from your choice of 20 instruments or voice.

As a music student, you’ll prepare for a variety of careers including public, private, and post-secondary school teaching, performance and theatre, music ministry, or business – with many students choosing to pursue a graduate degree in music.

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