

# MASTERS OF PLANNING ORIENTATION GUIDE



Graduate Studies in the School of Planning at the University  
of Waterloo

2010

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo! The information in this orientation guide has been assembled by students who were in your very position less than a year ago. This guide seeks to answer the questions we had as incoming students, in the hope that it will help you as a new graduate student at the University of Waterloo. This orientation guide presents information about living in Waterloo and provides information related to being a graduate student in planning at UW. Additional details about the school of planning can be found in the graduate calendar at <http://www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/ACMS/>. Also, please feel free to get in touch with any of the contacts provided in this guide if you have any questions about starting your graduate studies at the University of



Waterloo. On behalf of the Association of Graduate Planners (AGP) and all graduate students, we look forward to meeting you in September and welcoming you to Waterloo!

Brad Bradford & Kathryn Randle,  
*Co-Presidents, Association of Graduate Planners.*



# BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH CAMPUS

We are eagerly awaiting EV3!



BUILDING INDEX		BUILDING INDEX		BUILDING INDEX		BUILDING INDEX	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Building - Location</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Building - Location</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Building - Location</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Building - Location</b>
AL	Arts Lecture Hall - G4	CF	Columbia Icefield - G2	DWE	Douglas Wright Engineering Building - H4	GH	Graduate House - G4
B1	Biology I - G4	CLN	Columbia Lake Village North - G2, C1	E2	Engineering II - H4	GSC	General Services Complex - G3
B2	Biology II - G4	CLV	Columbia Lake Village - G2, C2	E3	Engineering III - H4, H4	HH	J.D. Hagey Hall of the Humanities - G4, G4
BFC	Biology Centre - H2	COM	Commissary - H3	ECH	East Campus Hall - H3	HMN	Hildegard Mardon Nursery - F1
BMH	B.C. Matthews Hall - G2, G3	CPH	Carl A. Palouk Hall - H4	EIT	Centre for Environmental & Information Technology - G3	HS	Health Services - F3
BRH	Brubacher House - F1	CSB	Central Services Building - G3	ES1	Environmental Studies I - G4	KDC	Klummer Day Care - G1
C3	Chemistry III - G3	DC	William G. Davis Computer Research Centre - G3, H3	ES2	Environmental Studies II - F4, G4	LH	Lyle S. Haliman Institute for Health Promotion - G3
CGP	Conrad Global University College - F4, F5			ESC	Earth Sciences & Chemistry - G3	LB	Diana Porter Library - G4
				FED	Federation Hall - F2	MC	Math & Computer - G3
						MHR	Minota Hagey Residence - B5
						MKV	William Lyon Mackenzie King Village - E2, E3
						ML	Muslim Languages - G4
						NH	Ira G. Needles Hall - G4
						OPT	Optometry - G2
						PAC	Physical Activities Complex - F3, G3
						PAS	Psychology Anthropology, Sociology - G4
						PHY	Physics - G4
						RCH	J.R. Courts Engineering Lecture Hall - G4
						REN	Ramsay College - F4
						REV	Ron Engle Village - G3
						SDI	South Campus Hall - G4
						SLC	Student Life Centre - G3
						STU	St. Jerome's University - F4
						STP	St. Paul's College - F4
						TC	William M. Isthm Centre for Co-operative Education & Career Services - G4
						TH	Tutors' Houses - E3
						UC	University Club - F3
						UWP	University of Waterloo Place - I4
						V1	Student Village I - E3, F3

## GETTING SET UP

### STUDENT CARD

Each student at The University of Waterloo is issued an identification card called your WATCARD. It can be obtained by going to the Watcard office located in the lower level of the Student Life Centre (SLC). The Watcard has many on and off campus uses such as access to library and gym facilities and services. Additionally, money can be added to your account for purchasing use on and off campus at a variety of food, retail and printing services. Funds can be added online with a credit card, at the Watcard office with cash, credit card or debit card. More information about your Watcard can be found at <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/Infocard/>.

### E - MAIL

The Mapping, Analysis and Design (MAD) Help Desk is where to go for computer and technical resource information. It is located in ENV2-1008 (enter through room 1011), or you can contact MAD at [helpdesk@envmail.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:helpdesk@envmail.uwaterloo.ca) MAD's website is <http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/computing/index.html>.

The campus supports wireless internet and wireless printing. MAD maintains a number of facilities in the ENV buildings including multiple Mac and Windows based computer labs, a photography studio with dark room, a tech shop, and an audio visual studio and lab. These are great resources that many of you may want to use.

## BUSINESS CARDS

The University of Waterloo offers an extraordinary deal on business cards- \$5.00 for 50 cards! Business cards can be purchased from the main reception desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the William Tatham Centre (Coop Building). As you will learn, networking is an important part of planning and a good business card is a must.

## PARKING PASS

A parking pass can be obtained from parking services at the general services building located on the north side of campus. More information can be found at <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infopark>.

# FACILITIES

## LAB SPACE

The training and grad computer lab is specifically for graduate students and is located in ENV1-134. This lab is equipped with a black and white laser printer as well as GIS software. If PCs are not your style, then the MAC lab (ENV1-136) might be a better fit for you. All computers in the MAC lab are loaded with Adobe Creative Suite 3, several design packages (such as Visual Nature Studio) as well as GIS software. The MAC lab is not exclusive to graduate students, but is restricted to planning students. Both labs require access codes that can be obtained via the MAD helpdesk. All the information about printing formats and pricing can be found at: <http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/computing/>



## COURT YARD

The recently renovated court yard is an excellent place to have lunch, study or just relax. The court yard contains two 'Living Walls' and the glass ceiling provides a sunny place to sit, even in the middle of winter.

### OFFICE SPACE/WORK SPACE

Graduate students within the Faculty of Environment have access to two large work rooms equipped with desks, chairs, lockers and lamps. ENV1-355 is designated as a quiet work area, while ENV1-357 provides a more relaxed atmosphere, outfitted with couches, for group work and socializing. These rooms require access codes which will be given to you during orientation week.



### MAILBOXES

Graduate students within the Faculty of Environment share mail boxes located in ENV1-309. These boxes allow students to communicate with administration as well their peers.



### GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is responsible for maintaining a graduate voice on campus and creating an inclusive environment for all graduate students. In addition, GSA is responsible for the grad student health plans, International Student Identification Cards and many important organizational activities.

### THE GRAD HOUSE!

The GRAD HOUSE is located on campus and is a pub style restaurant tailored to graduate students. The GRAD HOUSE offers amazing homemade daily lunch and dinner specials and is always hosting fun events. More information about GSA can be found at <http://www.gsa.uwaterloo.ca/>

### HOUSING

If you currently do not have a place to live, or need to change accommodations in the future, here are a few helpful links to guide you in the house hunt:

University of Waterloo Housing Office <http://www.och.uwaterloo.ca/>

Waterloo Cooperative Residence Inc. <http://www.wrci.coop/>

Kitchener Pennysaver <http://www.kitchenerpennysaver.com/>.

## PEOPLE SCHOOL OF PLANNING, FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT



**Clarence Woudsma**  
Associate Professor &  
School Director  
Office: ENV1-318  
Phone: (519) 888-4567  
ext.33662  
Email:  
[cwoudsma@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:cwoudsma@uwaterloo.ca)



**Mark Seasons**  
Associate Professor &  
Interim Dean, Faculty of  
Environment  
Office: ENV1-347  
Phone: (519) 888-4567  
ext.32884  
Email:  
[mseasons@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mseasons@uwaterloo.ca)



**Pierre Filion**  
Professor & Graduate  
Studies Office  
Office: ENV1-323  
Phone: (519) 888-4567  
ext.33963  
Email:  
[pfilion@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:pfilion@uwaterloo.ca)

**Edie Cardwell**  
Graduate Studies  
Administrator  
Office: ENV1-347  
Phone: (519) 888-4567  
ext.33618  
Email:  
[cardwell@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:cardwell@uwaterloo.ca)

**Hassan Nasir**  
Graduate Student  
Association President

## THE AGP

You are part of the Association of Graduate Planners (AGP), as are all of your graduate planning colleagues. As the executive of AGP, we welcome you to take advantage of the wide range of functions offered including; lecture series, charity fundraisers, sports teams and social events. As AGP we are your official representation within the School of Planning, and we are here to answer questions or resolve any concerns you may have.

Within AGP there are numerous roles, including:

**President:** Brad Bradford & Kathryn Randle

**Vice-President** Kent Hakull

**Finance Coordinator** Maria Diaz

**Communications Coordinator** Julia Coburn

**Special Events Coordinator** Shannon Morris-Rice & Amanda Marsh

**Webmaster** Kent Hakull

**WESEF REP:** Dave Onishanko



**Brad Bradford**  
Co-President of AGP  
Email:  
[bbradfor@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:bbradfor@uwaterloo.ca)



**Kathryn Randle**  
Co-President of AGP  
Email:  
[krandle@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:krandle@uwaterloo.ca)



**Kent Hakull**  
Vice President of AGP  
Email:  
[kghakull@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:kghakull@uwaterloo.ca)

More information about AGP and how to get involved will be provided during orientation week. Check out our website at <http://uwagp.wordpress.com>  
AGP executive elections will take place in the fall term and the new executive will take over in January 2011.

## LIVING IN WATERLOO!

### BICYCLE

A bike is not only a good way to protect our environment, it is also one of the most efficient ways to get around in Waterloo. In addition to the University providing a “yellow bike” program that is operated through the Student Life Centre’s (SLC) Turnkey Desk, the City of Waterloo has a network of trails and dedicated bike lanes. See <http://www.bike.uwaterloo.ca/yellowbike.html> for more information about borrowing a bike and <http://www.city.waterloo.on.ca/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=76> to view a map of the City’s trails and bike lanes.

### VEHICLE

If you choose to drive your own vehicle, make sure that you park in the appropriate spaces on campus to avoid being ticketed. Consult the campus maps on the UW website for more parking information.

### TRANSIT

We are thrilled to announce that this past year, University of Waterloo graduate students voted in favour of a mandatory public transit fee to be included in tuition fees (same as the undergraduate students). This allows graduate students unlimited ridership on the Grand River Transit (GRT) for only \$52.92 per semester, which also includes reduced rates for Greyhound. The GRT provides bus service within the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Buss maps and schedules can be

found at [www.grt.ca](http://www.grt.ca). All buses are equipped with bike racks!

### TAXIS

The three main taxi services in Waterloo are: Waterloo Taxi at 519-886-1200, City Cabs at 519-747-7777 and United Taxi at 519-888-9999. In addition to

taking cash, some of the taxis take Watcards, credit cards or debit cards, although payment methods should be verified by phoning.

### GROCERIES

Valu-Mart: 75 King Street South, Waterloo ON

Zehrs: Lincoln Heights- University and Lincoln Beechwood Centre- Erb & Fisher Hallman

Conestoga Mall- King and Northfield

Sobeys: 94 Bridgeport Road East

Food Basics: 851 Fisher Hallman, Waterloo ON  
1405 Ottawa Street, Kitchener ON

St Jacobs Market: 878 Weber Street North, St Jacobs (Thursdays & Saturdays year round)



## GETTING OUT OF TOWN

The need may arise for you to travel out of the City of Waterloo to explore the surrounding landscape of Southern Ontario. Waterloo is strategically located in close proximity to a number of major centres, making them accessible even for a day trip.

### VIA RAIL

An hour and a half on the train will get you to either London or Toronto and cost you (one way, economy) \$15.00-\$20.00. For more information see [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca).

### GREYHOUND

The bus can easily take you to Guelph, London, Toronto and many more destinations. Prices range from \$12.00-\$15.00 with a student discount. For more information see [www.greyhound.ca](http://www.greyhound.ca).

### SHUTTLEBUS

Airways Transit shuttle bus offers a quick and easy way to get to Toronto Pearson International Airport. It leaves from the SLC on campus several times daily. An adult fare is \$46.00. For more information see <http://www.airwaystransit.com/airporter.shtml>

# DOWNTOWN WATERLOO- KING ST.

King Street is lined with fabulous independent restaurants, bars and pubs, along with great places to shop. The AGP loves to get together and go downtown for good food and great fun! Here are some of our favourite spots!

## RESTURANTS

**The Bauer Kitchen** 187 King St. S (\$\$\$\$)

**Tryone T Restaurant** 56 King St. N (\$\$\$)  
becomes bar/lounge at night

**My Thai** 51 King St. N (\$\$)

**Ye's Sushi** 538 King St. N (\$\$) All you can eat option

**Fratello Pizzeria** 84 King St. N (\$) Open late night)

**Ethel's Lounge** 114 King St. N (\$) taco Tuesdays

## BARS / PUBS

**McMullans** 56 King St. N – great beer and food deals!

**Fox and Fiddle** 77 King St. N

**Chainsaw** 28 King St. N- karaoke Tuesdays and Saturdays!

**Bomber ON CAMPUS!!!**

**Starlight** 47 King St. N



We are excited to meet all of you in September and look forward to working with your throughout the year. The 2010 AGP is committed to enhancing your post-graduate experience academically and socially. Your involvement with the AGP will only enhance your time at Waterloo. We greatly encourage you to become part of the AGP, and other student organizations, to become an active participant in shaping the time you will spend here in the School of Planning.

