



EGYPTIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA (ESANA)

إتحاد الدارسين المصريين بأمريكا الشمالية

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Unit Location: London, Ontario, Canada

University:

1. University of Western Ontario

Current Active Fields:

1. Chemistry
2. Computer Science
3. Engineering Sciences
 - a. Chemical
 - b. Civil and Environmental
 - c. Electrical and Computer
 - d. Mechanical
4. Medicine
5. Nursing
6. Physics

Availability of Financial Aid and Grants

The University of Western Ontario has multiple internal and external sources of funding for graduate and undergraduate students:

http://grad.uwo.ca/financial_support.htm

<http://www.sds.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?finaid>

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) (<http://osap.gov.on.ca/>)

Society of Graduate Students (<http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/About/>)

City Information:

London is a city in Southern (southwestern) Ontario, Canada with a population of approximately 352,395. London is the seat of Middlesex County, approximately halfway between Toronto, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan. London is called the Forest City because it has miles of beautiful pathways and acres of rolling parkland. London was first permanently settled by Europeans between 1801 and 1804 and became a village in 1826. The event which crowned London's prosperity was the incorporation of the town as a city, effective January 1, 1855. After the end of

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the World War II, London has grown into the largest Southwestern Ontario municipality and the city has developed a strong focus towards education, health care, tourism, and manufacturing.

Based on the 2006 city of London's statistics, the population of the Arab origin people is 9,925 with about 690 Egyptians. These numbers are to be added to the Canadian-born Arabs and Egyptians. The ethnical diversity in London is quite large as it is accommodating about 139 ethnic communities from Africa, Asia, Europ, Middle and South America, and Australia. The official language in London is English. The city of London encompasses a rich array of heritage sites, beautiful parks, and natural areas.

Weather conditions:

London has a humid climate. Because of its location in the continent and proximity to the Great Lakes, London experiences very contrasting seasons. The summers are usually warm to hot and humid (although slightly cooler than Toronto or Windsor). The temperature rises up to 26°C with the highest of 35°C. The effect of humidity (up to 80% relative humidity) is to increase the feeling of the high temperature. Winters are normally quite cold but with frequent thaws. The temperature drops down to -13°C during winter with occasional lows of -32°C. London has the most Thunderstorms of any city in Canada. For its southerly location within Canada, it does receive quite a lot of snow, averaging slightly over 200 cm (80 inches) per year.

To cop with the winter coldness, heavy coats and special boots are to be worn. These cloths are available in vast number of stores in London. Light, waterproof sweaters are essential for the fall season. Valuable information about London weather can be obtained from this website: www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/caon0383

City Attractions:

[Museum of Ontario Archaeology](#)

The Museum of Ontario Archaeology is a unique Canadian museum devoted to the study, display, and interpretation of the human occupation of Southwestern Ontario over the past 11,000 years. The Museum is located beside the Lawson Prehistoric Iroquoian Village, a site occupied by the Neutral Iroquoians in the 16th century A.D.

[John Labatt Centre](#)

The John Labatt Centre is a multi-purpose facility whose focus is on both entertainment and sports - the largest such centre in southwestern Ontario. The facility is an arena which plays host to many different sporting events such as hockey, basketball, ice skating and wrestling, as well as entertainment, including concerts, theatre and monster truck shows. The John Labatt Centre opened in downtown London, Ontario.

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Grand Bend Resort

The town of Grand Bend is about 60 km northwest of London on the Lake Huron. It is a perfect place to enjoy the sun and the white sand beaches.

Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is located on the Niagara River. The Canadian Falls is approximately 52 m high and 675 m wide. The flow of water over the crestline of the falls is estimated at more than 168,000 m³ every minute. Niagara Falls is located about 200 km to the east of the city of London, exactly on the border line between Canada and the United States of America.

City Drawbacks:

The taxes are around 14%.

Most of the available vacant jobs are located outside London.

The majority of expenses are devoted to housing.

Size of the Egyptian Community:

Graduate students: about 36

Undergraduate students: more than 15

Immigrants: many

Canadian born-Egyptian Students: few

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