



# Fall 2024 Graduate Student Society New Student Orientation



# ADVOCATING FOR YOU



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OUR MEMBERS GET ALL THIS & MORE

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS PLAN  
SOCIAL & NETWORKING · CLUBS & SOCIETIES  
TRANSIT WINDSOR U-PASS

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“*Enhancing the Graduate Student experience!*”

**AMANGEL BHULLAR**

President of the Graduate Student Society

# What is the GSS

- The Graduate Student Society is YOUR representative student body on campus
- Board of Governors, Senate, Grad Council, Student Senate Caucus
- Faculty and Departmental Reps
- Bus Pass UPass, Food Pantry, GSS Awards
- Supplemental Benefits Plan
- Student Advocacy + Clubs and Social Events Coordinator

All information about how the GSS serves it's nearly 6000 members can be found on our website.



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# WELCOME TO GSS!

I am looking for...



## PROGRAMS

Learn more about programs offered by GSS to its members and the community, inclusive of the services and events within each



## SERVICES

Detailed information on services offered by GSS, related member entitlements, and how members may access or request services



## EVENTS

Comprehensive information on GSS events, including the time, place, invitees, media gallery, surveys and more



## ADVOCACY

Learn about advocacy services for students challenged by the University for social, legal or academic issues

### Latest News and Events

VIEW ALL -



07 January 2022 by Nupur, in News, Services

#### U-Pass Opt-in Program Update for Summer 2022

The Summer 2022 Universal Bus Pass (UPass) Opt-in program will not be offered. A...

READ MORE +

# GSS Student Advocate

Come see me before you hit the iceberg!  
advocate@uwindsorgss.ca

The University's **Student Code of Conduct** provides that:

- All students are expected to commit to a code of behaviour based on dignity and individuality and respect for the rights and property of others.
- That a high standard of conduct is expected of students at the University of Windsor, as exemplified by responsible behaviour with respect to personal and academic commitments and respect for differences.

**NOTE: Students are presumed to know these policies and are responsible for familiarizing themselves with them.**

Student Code of Conduct

Bylaw 31: Academic Integrity (includes Non-Academic conduct)

Bylaw 32: Procedural Irregularities and Discrimination Regarding Academic Instruction, Academic Evaluation and Academic Grade Appeals

# Student Advocate

The Office of the Student Advocate was created to represent students and provided assistance for academic and non-academic issues.

- Academic integrity
  - Cheating on an exam or plagiarism are two of the major issues student encounter
- Non-academic conduct
  - Harassment, breach of the Student Code of Conduct
- Bylaw 32
  - If you feel like a professor has not graded your work fairly, you want to appeal a grade or some kind of procedural irregularity

# GSS VS ISC

## Insurance Coverage

Both plans are provided by Green Shield Canada (GSC) but as international students you have TWO plans while a student at UWindsor.



# GSS Supplemental Benefits Plan



- Prescription Drugs
- Hearing Care
- Orthotics
- Chiropractor
- Registered Massage Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Vision

[www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/benefits](http://www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/benefits)

## Subscriber Number

Your Subscriber number for the GSS Green Shield Benefits Plan is: WGS followed by your student number for single coverage.

(Example: WGS123456789-00).

## Subscriber Card

There is no physical plastic card remitted to plan subscribers from Green Shield Canada for this program.



# GSS Supplemental Benefits Plan



## Plan Cost – 16 month

- Single - \$735.90 – Mandatory charge
  - AUTO Charged to your UWin Student Account
  - There is blackout period for 6 weeks. This means you pay out of pocket **BUT** keep your receipts and submit online after blackout period to be reimbursed by Green Shield
- Couple - \$1,387.87
  - OPT-IN Required Online
- Family - \$1,796.42
  - OPT-IN Required Online

Please visit the GSS website if you want to OPT-IN your spouse or family members.

# Transit Windsor Universal Bus Pass



## How does it work?

All students are automatically enrolled for the Fall and Winter semesters unless they opt-out (subject to opt-out conditions).

Students who have not opted out must pick up their U-Pass card before they can benefit from the U-Pass.

Using the card is simple: students will need to tap their U-Pass cards on the readers upon boarding the buses.

**Students are NO longer required to have their student ID on them when using the bus pass.**

# Transit Windsor Universal Bus Pass

## Lost and Broken Cards

Lost cards can be replaced at the cost of \$25 at the same place you picked up your card. You have to pay for the last card before a new one will be issued.

If you find your old card, we can not re-activate the card.

What to bring:

- Student ID, or
- Government-issued photo ID.

Don't have a student card yet?

- You can ride the bus with just your UPass card!
- IF you qualify to OPT-OUT of the program, please visit the GSS website and review the criteria.

[www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/upass](http://www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/upass)

# Transit Windsor Universal Bus Pass



## Pass Cost

- Students charged in the FALL Semester are charged for 8 Months
  - This means you only pay ONCE for the Fall + Winter semester
  - UPass fee is AUTO charged to your UWin Student Account
  - UPass Cost = **\$296.00**
    - 1 Transit Windsor Bus ticket = \$3.75
      - IF you have to ride the bus 4x a week = \$15
      - \$15 x 34 weeks (8 months) = **\$510**
    - IF you were to buy a Transit Windsor 30 Day Smart Pass
      - \$115 per month x 4 months = **\$460**
- Summer is an OPTIONAL 4-month opt-in pass - \$148
- If you are graduating at the end of Fall 2025...
  - You will be charged for 8 months. You are eligible to opt-out for the Winter semester **OR**
  - You remain in the program and have full use of the UPass for the Winter semester post-graduation

# International Student Identity Card (ISIC)



## How to get your card

How Members can obtain their virtual card

1. Go to <http://www.isiccanada.ca/cfsfcee>
2. Click on Virtual ISIC Card
3. Please fill in all information
4. Set academic institution as University of Windsor
5. Please use your UWindsor issued email address
6. Confirmation of Student Status
7. Please submit a copy of your Student Statement (fees charged to your account) so CFS can verify that you were charged the CFS fee
8. **Applicant's ID is your UWindsor Student ID number**
9. Once submitted, CFS will send you a verification number to your UWindsor email to activate your virtual card
10. The ISIC card app is free for all users <https://www.isic.org/the-isic-global-app/>

[www.uwindsorgss.ca/services/isic/](http://www.uwindsorgss.ca/services/isic/)

# Clubs Program

- The GSS has launched graduate student-specific clubs open for all UWindsor graduate students. This initiative encourages graduate students from various faculties to come together out of academic or educational curiosity, shared interests, or just a willingness to get involved on the UWin campus

## Benefits of being a GSS Club?

- Access to booking space on campus
- Opportunities for club funding
- Access to GSS branding
- Getting involved with our campus community
- Meet other graduate students
- Add to your Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

[www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/gscp/](http://www.uwindsorgss.ca/programs/gscp/)

# Looking to volunteer?

[www.uwindsorgss.ca/events/volunteerform/](http://www.uwindsorgss.ca/events/volunteerform/)

We have opportunities to volunteer with the GSS throughout the year!

- Website and social media are the best ways to know when events are coming up
- You can also fill out a form online to be added to our volunteer list for when future events come up

# Important Contact Information

- Student Advocate – Austin Roth
  - [advocate@uwindsorgss.ca](mailto:advocate@uwindsorgss.ca)
- Events and Social Clubs Coordinator – Ashley Quinton
  - [social@uwindsorgss.ca](mailto:social@uwindsorgss.ca)
- GSS Executive Director – Austin Roth
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