

Faculty of Graduate Studies



Introduction

The [Faculty of Graduate Studies](#) at the University of Windsor supports graduate education across eight academic faculties: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FAHSS); Business; Education; Engineering; Human Kinetics; Nursing; Law; and Science.

In the past decade, the proportion of graduate students at UWindsor has increased from 13% to 29% of total enrolment, and graduate student enrolment has grown by 146% (Figure 1)¹. Much of this growth is attributed to international student enrolment (Figure 2), primarily in course-based programs² at the Master's level. Currently, the largest proportion of graduate students are enrolled in the Faculties of Engineering; Science; and FAHSS (Figure 3)³.

Graduate students benefit from many long-standing industry partnerships. Both Master's and Doctoral students in research-focused programs at UWindsor report more opportunities for [high-impact practices](#) than students at Ontario peer institutions, and many of our students report positive experiences with internships, practicum and experiential learning opportunities in their field of study. A document on Graduate Student Experiences highlights findings from the most recent Canadian Graduate Professional Student Survey.

Graduate students are often supported by competitive scholarships at the institutional, provincial and national level; therefore, unlike undergraduate students, there is often a funding package to support them. They also often work as graduate assistants supporting the delivery of academic courses and programs, and are often employed as research assistants in research laboratories supporting their own research and the research program of their supervisor. For example, in 2021/22 UWindsor graduate students received 1884 graduate assistantships and \$6.1 million was awarded in graduate scholarships.

Programs: Graduate Studies at the University of Windsor extends to more than 70 [Master's and Doctoral programs](#) in various disciplines including the recently launched [Master of Law](#), [Master of Engineering Management](#), [PhD in Nursing](#) and [PhD in Argumentation Studies](#). The Faculty of Graduate Studies coordinates and supports graduate students housed within their home faculties.

¹ Office of Institutional Analysis. UWindsor Headcount. <https://www.uwindsor.ca/institutional-analysis/307/headcount>

² Office of Institutional Analysis. UWindsor historical headcount for Canadian and Visa students. https://www.uwindsor.ca/institutional-analysis/sites/uwindsor.ca.institutional-analysis/files/fall_11-20_ug_hc_visa_prog.pdf

³ Office of Institutional Analysis. Enrolment Summary 2017-2021. https://www.uwindsor.ca/institutional-analysis/sites/uwindsor.ca.institutional-analysis/files/enrolment_overview_2017-2021.pdf

Facts and Figures

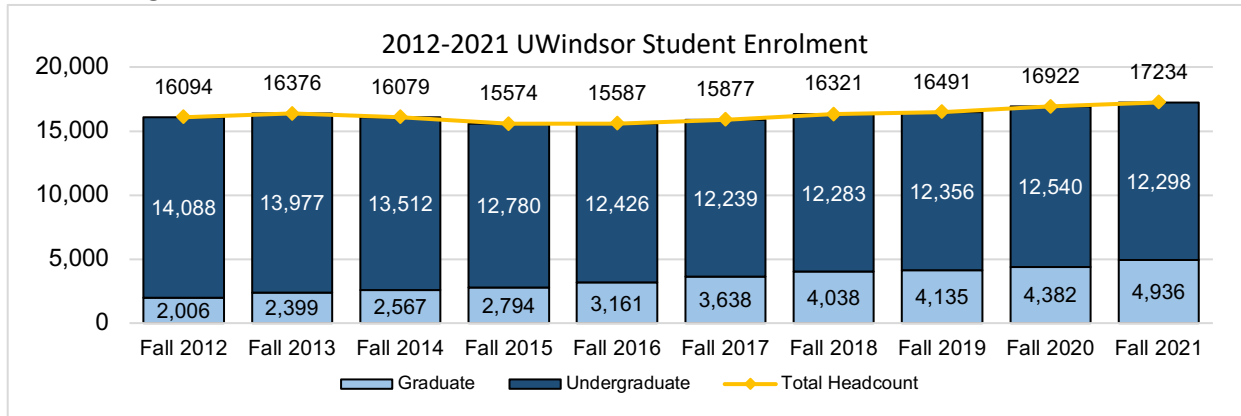


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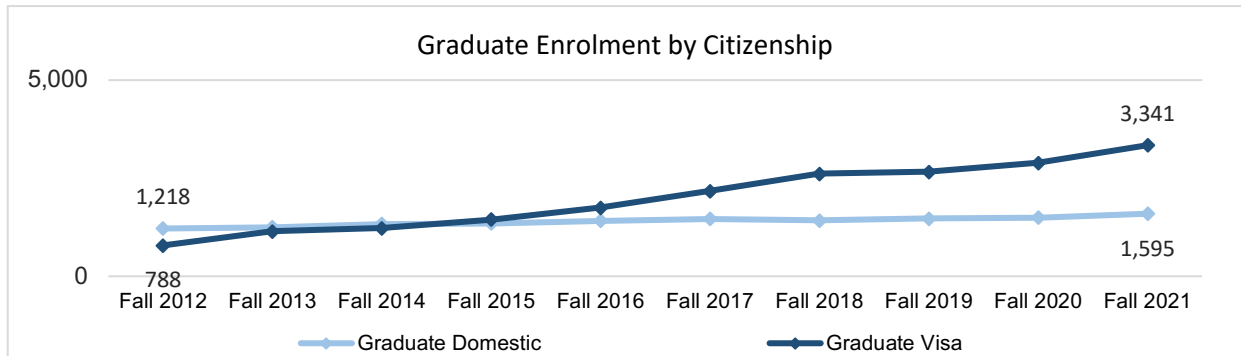


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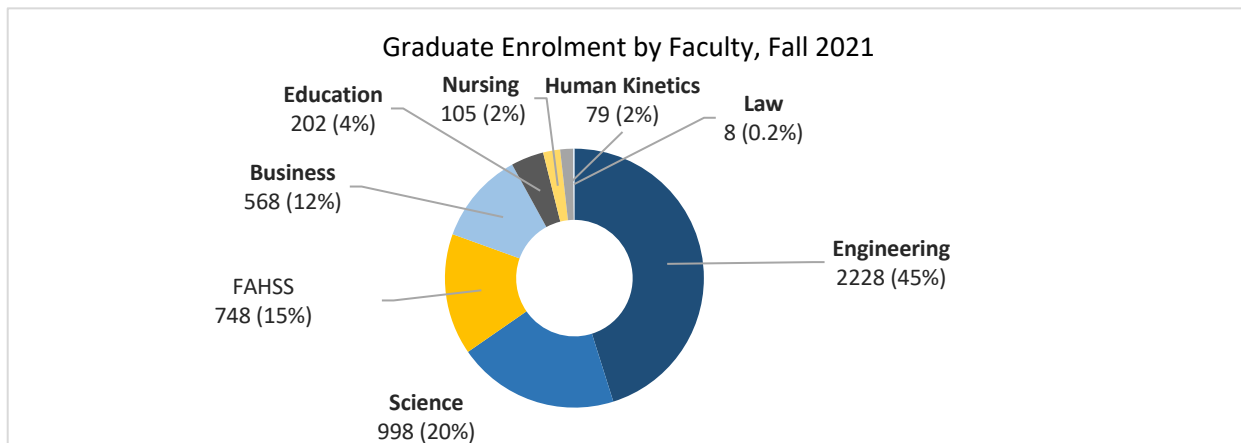


Figure 3

Best Practices

The Faculty of Graduate Studies focuses on student research and education excellence. Researchers at the University of Windsor have earned recognition around the world, and work closely with students on research and scholarship in many disciplines. The University partnered with first-class computer resources including CAD/CA, laboratories, networks, the [Windsor Research Data Centre](#).

To improve the student experience, the Faculty of Graduate Studies supports many programs including:

- GATA Network (with the Centre for Teaching and Learning) creates mentorship opportunities and teaching and learning resources to support graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants with improving their pedagogical knowledge and skills;
- Propel student counselling services for graduate student professional development (with Experiential Learning) to help students find success with their graduate degree and future careers; and
- Support for the national Three-Minute Thesis competition.

Many other offices on campus also provide support. The [Office of Student Experience](#) offers programs and services to help students transition through university life, support mental health, encourage leadership and professional development, and enhance student support and engagement. Student services and initiatives are available through the [Aboriginal Education Centre](#), [International Student Centre](#), [Student Accessibility Services](#), [Student Success and Leadership Centre](#), and the [Student Counselling Centre](#).