



2026-2027

Global ME

(Mobility Engagement)

FACT SHEET



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY



Thunder Bay Campus
955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay
ON P7B 5E1



Orillia Campus
500 University Ave, Orillia
ON L3V 0B9



[Global ME Program Website](#)



[Global ME Instagram](#)



DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Share your culture with Canada and learn from a global student body.



PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN A SMALLER CLASS

Benefit from a learning environment where your professors know you by name.



GREAT CANADIAN SCENERY RIGHT ON CAMPUS

Breathe... Enjoy blue skies, trees, running water, and the tranquility of nature between classes.



ACCESS TO HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITY

Go beyond theory to gain practical experiences for your future career.

**EXCEPTIONAL.
UNCONVENTIONAL.**



IMPORTANT DATES

Term Deadline	Fall 2026 (Sept-Dec)	Winter 2027 (Jan-Apr)
NOMINATION DEADLINE	April 30, 2026	September 30, 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE	May 15, 2026	October 15, 2026
RESIDENCE APPLICATION DEADLINE	June 2026	November 2026
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME DAY	Last week of August	First week of January
CLASSES BEGIN	September 8, 2026	January 4, 2027
READING WEEK *NO CLASSES*	October 12-16, 2026	February 15-19, 2027
CLASSES END	December 8, 2026	April 6, 2027
EXAMS END	December 21, 2026	April 19, 2027

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1

To nominate students, **partner institutions must contact inbound.globalme@lakeheadu.ca** to have access to the nomination form

2

While nominating, partner institutions must submit the following two supporting documents:

- 1. English proficiency attestation letter***
- 2. Academic transcript (in English)**

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Shortly after being nominated, **students will receive an email** from Lakehead containing **instructions on how to complete the web-based application form through our [Ontario Universities' Application Centre](#)**

***A letter of attestation stating English proficiency is all that is required for admission.**

Do **NOT** submit official English test scores (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.).

There is no need to undergo official English Language testing for your exchange at Lakehead University.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course Timetables and Academic Calendar

It is recommended to take note of important academic details when planning your courses

- **Course Timetables***
- **Academic Calendar***

*2026/2027 academic year available July 2026.

Restricted Study Areas

Law, Nursing, and some Social Work and Education courses are restricted from inbound Global ME students. Inbound Global ME students are not permitted to take Masters or PhD level courses, with the exception of selected partners.

Program, Course Load and Grading System

- Program offerings are linked [here](#).
- Students can register for a maximum of 2.5 FCE (Full Course Equivalent) per semester, which is typically 5 courses. One course that runs for one semester is worth 0.5 FCE and consists of 36 lecture hours. Typically, 0.5 FCE = 6 ECTS = 3 AU (Example: 5 courses = 2.5 FCE = 30 ECTS)
- The link to Lakehead's Grading System can be found [here](#).

Official Transcript

- **Fall Semester (September-December):** In mid to late January, Lakehead will email an official transcript to your home institution mobility program coordinator.
- **Winter Semester (January-April):** In mid to late May, Lakehead will email an official transcript to your home institution mobility program coordinator.

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) coordinates services and facilitates the provision of academic accommodations for students with **temporary and/or permanent disabilities/medical conditions**.

- As a student with a disability and/or a medical condition, it is your right to be accommodated.
- Registering with SAS and receiving academic accommodations will not be reflected on your official university records, test results, academic transcripts or graduation documentation.

Go to the [Get Started with SAS](#) page for your next steps!

GLOBAL ME CONTACT

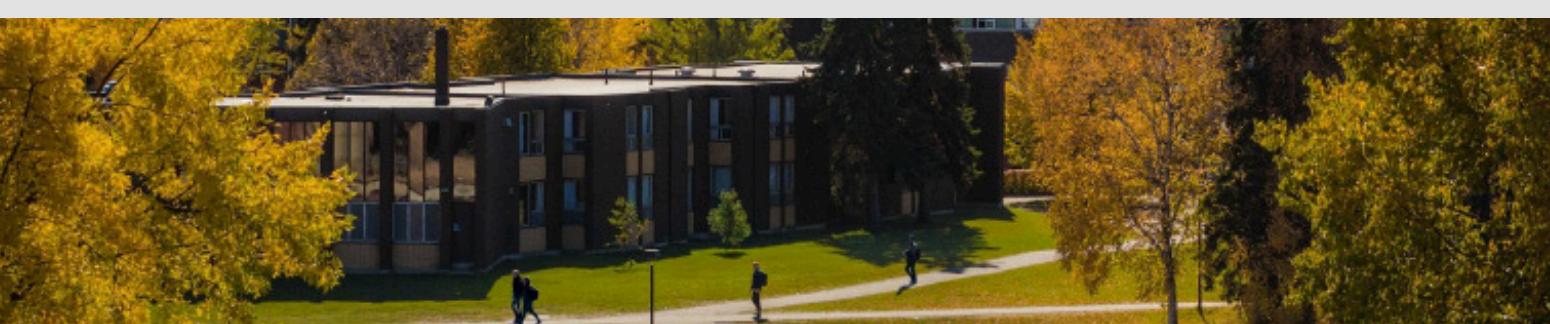
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Click [here](#) to book an appointment with me!



ACCOMMODATIONS

For more information about living on campus, please [see this link](#).



THUNDER BAY

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Accommodations are divided into 3 types of housing choices: residence halls, apartments, and townhouses. Inbound Global ME students attending the Thunder Bay campus for 1 semester are typically placed in our residence halls, which include an unlimited meal plan. For students staying for 2 semesters, they are sometimes granted a room in an apartment/townhouse upon request.

ORILLIA

Inbound Global ME students attending the Orillia campus will stay in single-room accommodations with a shared bathroom. Students must opt-in to a 5-day or 7-day mandatory meal plan and do not have access to their own kitchen.

Click [here](#) to view **housing choices**.

Click [here](#) to view the **current fee structure**.

ORILLIA



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, STUDENT FEES & PRICING

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), or Temporary Residence Visa (TRV), or Study Permit

STUDY DURATION UNDER 6 MONTHS:

Students who are citizens from [visa-exempt countries](#) who will be studying in Canada may be eligible to enter Canada with an eTA. More information can be found [here](#).

Students from [non-visa-exempt countries](#) may require a TRV in order to enter Canada. More information can be found [here](#).

STUDY DURATION OVER 6 MONTHS:

Inbound Global ME students are permitted to study at Lakehead University for over 6 months. If you are studying in Canada for over 6 months, you will require a Study Permit from the Government of Canada (information [here](#)). You will be exempt from obtaining a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL).* Additional information [here](#).

*Please note that visiting (fee-paying) inbound Global ME students **do not** qualify for a PAL-exemption and are only permitted to stay for 1 semester.

HEALTH INSURANCE*

Inbound Global ME students will be automatically enrolled and billed for the mandatory health insurance plan (Guard.Me)¹ at a rate of **\$1.95 CAD per day** (approx. \$234 CAD per semester). This will allow access to medical services on and off-campus. Students will receive a digital copy of their Guard.Me¹ health coverage by email prior to their arrival in Canada. View more information [here](#).

¹Insurance provider subject to change without notice.

ANCILLARY FEES*

Ancillary fees provide access to university services and facilities. These fees include a one-time Orientation & First Year Experience Fee of approx. \$84 CAD, plus per-course fees, which vary depending on a student's selected campus.

- Thunder Bay: Approx. \$52 CAD per 0.5 FCE
- Orillia: Approx. \$46 CAD per 0.5 FCE

Approx. ancillary fees according to registration:

Thunder Bay	Courses Registered	Orillia
\$344 CAD	2.5 FCE (1 semester)	\$314 CAD
\$604 CAD	5.0 FCE (full-year)	\$544 CAD

NOTE: Students coming through the National Student Exchange (NSE) will not be required to pay ancillary fees.

COST OF LIVING*

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEAL PLAN:

- Approx. \$6,300 - \$7,500 CAD per semester

COURSES TEXTBOOKS:

- Approx. \$50 -\$100 CAD per course

LABS, VISUAL ART SUPPLIES:

- Fees vary depending on your courses
- Detailed information can be found [here](#)

GROCERIES:

- If a student does not have a meal plan, you can expect approx. \$300 CAD per month

LAUNDRY:

- \$5.50 CAD per wash and dry cycle

LUSU 12-month bus pass:

- Thunder Bay: Approx. \$282 CAD
- Orillia: Approx. \$160 CAD

***All fees are subject to change without notice.**

Services for Students

Global ME Student Services

1 Airport Pickup Service

We arrange complimentary transportation from the airport directly to your residence if requested. Once you receive your welcome package, you can register for this service. Airport pickup is subject to change without notice. More information [here](#).

2 International Student Welcome Day

Join us at International Student Welcome Day for valuable information to help you transition smoothly to university life and Canadian culture. Learn more about campus and the community, while getting involved and making new friends. More information [here](#).

3 Global ME Crew

Inbound students are connected with like-minded individuals internationalizing their education through our Global ME Crew, which is a community of both inbound and outbound Global ME students. Our Global ME Crew engages with Lakehead campus and residence events throughout the semester to help you feel at home!

4 Global ME Student Support

Lakehead's Global ME team is dedicated to supporting you throughout your stay at Lakehead! Our Coordinator, Inbound Global Mobility Programs, provides you with vital information prior to your arrival, including details about course registration, housing, our campuses, community, and more, as well as ongoing support during and after your time at Lakehead.

5 International Student Events

Lakehead International hosts a variety of engaging student events throughout the year. We also celebrate International Education Week each year, where incoming International and Global ME students can promote their home country and university to prospective Lakehead students. More information [here](#).

General Student Services

1 Student Health and Wellness

On-campus medical services and mental health counselling support to all Lakehead students.

More information [here](#).

2 Student Accessibility Services

SAS - free service that organizes various supports for students with documented disabilities or medical conditions.

More information [here](#).

3 Student Success Centre

Assisting students with academic support. More information [here](#).

4 Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU)

LUSU is for students, run by students. More information [here](#).

5 Athletics & Gymnasium Access

Students have access to the on-campus gymnasium, weight rooms, swimming pool, and other athletic centres. There are various intramural sports clubs, and even a Hot Yoga studio!

More information [here](#).

For further information, please reach out to:

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