



EMAIL SENT AUGUST 4, 2017

Dear Incoming Brescia Students,

We are excited that you have joined our Brescia community! [If it is not already on your calendar, please save the date for Brescia's Orientation Week from Sunday, September 3rd – Saturday, September 9th 2017.](#) We have planned a full week of activities to welcome you to campus and to help you prepare for your time at Brescia.

What is Orientation Week?

Brescia students experience the best of both worlds during Orientation Week. You will have the opportunity to meet and get to know your Brescia faculty and staff through social events, academic success workshops and faculty lunches while also experiencing the highlights of Western's Orientation Program including Opening and Closing Ceremonies, concerts and outreach initiatives! We encourage you to check out all of the events that have been designed to welcome you to campus at both Brescia and Western!

Who Will I Meet At Orientation Week?

Our team of enthusiastic, friendly, and helpful student peer mentors called 'Sophs' are ready to welcome you to campus. Your Soph Peer Mentors are here not only to guide you through Orientation Week, but throughout your first year at Brescia. They are carefully selected and trained to ensure the positive orientation and transition of each incoming student. Each new-to-Brescia student is assigned to a small group of peers supported by a Soph whom you will meet at Orientation Week. Your Soph will be reaching out to you via email later this month to introduce themselves, so keep a look out!

What Do I Need To Do To Participate in O-Week?

Your "**O-Pass Fee**" is your ticket to all of the O-Week activities at Brescia & Western and is required to participate in any Brescia & Western Orientation Week event.

All full-time year 1 students (admitted prior to Aug 10) are **automatically enrolled** in O-Week and the fees are already included in your tuition bill.

If you are not automatically enrolled but would still like to participate in Brescia's O-Week, you can opt-in in-person to participate. Simply show up during Orientation Week to sign up! You can Opt-In to O-Week during the following times:



- Monday September 4 – 9AM-5PM @ Mercato Kiosk
- Tuesday September 5 – 9AM-5PM @ Mercato Kiosk
- Wednesday September 6 – 9AM-5PM @ Mercato Kiosk
- Thursday September 7 – 8:30AM-4:30PM @ The Hive
- Friday September 8 – 8:30AM-4:30PM @ The Hive

We encourage you to sign up on day one (Sept 4) to make the most of your experience but we will be available throughout the week to help you register. A \$90 will be added to your student fees at that time.

If for some reason you are unable to participate in Orientation Week, you can **opt-out of your O-Pass** at: <http://westernusc.ca/o-pass-opt-out> (Deadline to Opt-Out: Tuesday August 15th, 2017).

All ongoing information about Orientation Week will be posted on <http://bucsc.ca/brescia-orientation-week>. We will also be active on Social Media throughout the summer to provide you with clues to our O-Week theme, sneak previews of events and introduce our Soph Team and Council Members! Contact the Brescia Student Life Centre on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or via email at bucstudent.life@uwo.ca if you have any questions related to Orientation. You can also follow your Brescia Soph Peer Mentors on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as well as the Brescia University College Student Council on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Wishing you a safe and happy summer. See you soon!