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## **Annual open house to reflect requirements of the double cohort** *Laurier offers more flexibility to students of two graduating classes and their parents*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University has changed its annual spring open house to reflect a greater interest among double-cohort students for easier access to more information. The university has extended tour hours for the March 14 open house and will repeat key information sessions.

Laurier officials are expecting to welcome a larger number of parents and students than ever before, reflecting an 82.9 percent increase in the number of Ontario high-school students who have applied for admission. To accommodate the number, the university has established a schedule of activities that allows families to visit campus at various points in the day and still access all the desired information.

“Given the incredible number of students who’ve applied to Laurier and other Ontario universities this year, we felt we really needed to change how we present our university to students and parents who’ve expressed an interest,” says Glennice Snyder, manager of liaison services. “We’ve made it far more flexible, allowing visitors to start when it’s convenient for them and to access specific information at various points in the day.”

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Laurier has replaced the tour that once left the athletics building at the start of the day with a series of one-hour tours leaving from the concourse at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Student guides will provide an overview of the campus, point out the various academic buildings and present some of the more popular spaces. Visitors are encouraged to ask guides about their experience at Laurier.

The university has also increased the availability of academic information. The faculties of arts and science as well as the school of business and economics will staff information booths from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each will offer one-hour information sessions at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., with half-hour sessions on co-operative education in between. The faculty of music hosts a separate open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visitors can learn about Laurier's admission process, residences and financial aid during hour-long information sessions that begin at noon and 1 p.m. They can also tour residences between noon and 3:30 p.m. and attend an information fair on student life from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Students and parents wanting more information on the open house or Laurier should visit [www.chooselaurier.ca](http://www.chooselaurier.ca), click on Tour and then Upcoming Events. They can also contact the liaison office at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3385 or [liaison@wlu.ca](mailto:liaison@wlu.ca).