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## Wilfrid Laurier University



### **Laurier earns top marks in Globe and Mail's 2007 University Report Card**

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WATERLOO — Laurier students are among the most satisfied in the country and give the university top marks for overall quality of education, university atmosphere and class sizes in The Globe and Mail's 2007 University Report Card.

Students gave Laurier an A in the following categories:

- Overall quality of education
- Overall satisfaction with university experience
- Overall university atmosphere
- Class sizes
- School spirit
- Sense of community on campus
- Faculty members' knowledge of their subjects
- Availability of off-campus housing
- Availability of public transportation

"These results confirm my very positive early impressions of Laurier as a high-quality and student-centred university," said Dr. Max Blouw, who became president of Wilfrid Laurier University on Sept. 1. "In terms of its educational mandate Laurier is clearly in the top tier of Canadian universities."

Laurier received high marks in other key categories, including an A- for: quality of teaching, availability of faculty outside of classroom time, reputation of undergraduate studies, availability of online course registration, access to course materials online, sense of personal safety/security, diversity of extracurricular activities, recreation and athletics, tolerance of diverse opinions and ideas, and opportunities for off-campus fun.

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Laurier was also the highest-ranking university in its category for student residences, and it tied for first place in its category for career counselling services, useful feedback from faculty, and services for international students.

The Globe and Mail's University Report Card is based on the participation of more than 43,000 undergraduate students from 53 universities. The results are tabulated from answers to more than 100 survey questions.