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Laurier ranked No. 1 in student satisfaction for second year in a row in *Maclean's* university rankings

WATERLOO – For the second year in a row, [Wilfrid Laurier University](http://www.wlu.ca) has been ranked No. 1 in the country in its category for student satisfaction in the annual *Maclean's Rankings of Canadian Universities*.

Laurier is ranked No. 1 in eight out of 10 student-satisfaction categories and No. 2 in the other two. Laurier is ranked No. 1 for course instructors, academic advising staff, extracurricular activities, residence living, student-life staff, mental-health services, and administrative staff and bureaucracy (least red tape). Laurier ranked No. 2 for experiential learning and for steps to prevent sexual assault.

In the overall rankings, Laurier moved up three spots to No. 6 nationally among the 15 Canadian universities in the “comprehensive university” category. Laurier ranked in the top five in its category nationally for student awards, scholarships and bursaries, and faculty awards. Among Ontario universities in the comprehensive category, Laurier moved up one spot to No. 4.

“Laurier continues to perform extremely well in some of the most significant categories, including student satisfaction,” said President and Vice-Chancellor Deborah MacLatchy. “The *Maclean's* rankings once again show that Laurier is committed to providing students with an outstanding university experience, one that is built on excellent academic programming and a wide range of experiential learning opportunities that help students succeed in their lives and careers.”

Maclean's comprehensive category includes 15 universities across the country with a “significant degree of research activity and a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including professional degrees.”

Wilfrid Laurier University is a leading Canadian university with a strong commitment to teaching, research and scholarship combined with a strong student focus, high levels of student satisfaction and a deep sense of community. It has combined undergraduate and graduate campuses in Waterloo and Brantford, as well as graduate social work programs in Kitchener, an office in Toronto, a part-time MBA program based in Toronto, and an office in Chongqing, China.

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