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Laurier ranked No. 1 in student satisfaction in Maclean's university rankings

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is ranked No. 1 in the country in its category for student satisfaction in the annual *Maclean's Rankings of Canadian Universities*.

Laurier also improved in five other key national rankings: overall reputation, best overall, highest quality, most innovative and leaders of tomorrow.

Within student satisfaction, Laurier ranked No. 1 in its category for extracurricular activities, residence living, student-life staff, course instructors, academic advising, mental-health services, and bureaucracy (least red tape). As well, Laurier ranked third in its category nationally for steps taken to prevent sexual assault.

Overall, the university placed in the top 10 in its category nationally and in the top five in the province. Laurier also ranked in the top 10 in its category nationally for faculty awards, social sciences and humanities grants, operating budget, library expenses, library acquisitions, scholarships and bursaries and reputational survey.

Maclean's lists Laurier in the comprehensive category, which includes 15 universities across the country with a "significant amount of research activity and a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate level, including professional degrees."

"Laurier continues to excel in the most relevant categories, including student satisfaction," said Deborah MacLatchy, provost and vice-president: academic. "As one of the best comprehensive universities in Canada, we are committed to providing a range of excellent undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, as well as an extraordinary student experience."

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.