



ONTARIO TECH STUDENT UNION

Downtown Resource Guide



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF DOWNTOWN



Mati Chidovi

VP DOWNTOWN



Welcome to the Downtown Campus. The Downtown Campus has so much to offer in terms of university support and services, and we're excited to have you with us! When you're part of the Downtown Campus, you're part of the downtown community. At the OTSU, we know that the community and the support it offers make our university what it is, and we're here to provide that. Don't hesitate to reach out if you're looking to get involved in the community, need support, or have questions. The OTSU is here to ensure your university experience is the best it can be.



ABOUT THE OTSU

Who we are

The OTSU is a student-led organization dedicated to enhancing the student experience at Ontario Tech University. We provide students with services and amenities that support physical and mental well-being, provide collaborative spaces to pursue passions and foster development, and improve student life through advocacy and leadership.

Our downtown office is on the first floor of Charles Hall (CHA 106), through the doors next to the security office and to the left.

What we do



**STUDENT RIGHTS
& ADVOCACY**



**CLUBS &
SOCIETIES**



**ACADEMIC
APPEALS**



EVENTS



**OTSU
ESPORTS**



**TAX
FILING**



**FIRST
IMPRESSIONS**



**HEALTH &
DENTAL PLAN**



**LEGAL
SUPPORT**



**GRAD
PHOTOS**



**WELLNESS
CENTRE**



**PERIOD
PROJECT**

DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS

Ontario Tech’s downtown campus spans four buildings amid Oshawa’s vibrant city centre—an eclectic array of cool shops, quaint cafes, theaters, parks, and museums. Downtown students are primarily in the faculties of education and social science and humanities, so if you’re looking to meet like minded people, **get involved with your society!**



Charles Hall

61 Charles Street • CHA (previously DTA)

Includes classrooms, lecture halls, office space, study areas, Student Life, the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities and the Faculty of Education library, the Tuck Shop, and the Social Research Centre.



Regent Theatre

50 King Street East • DTR 100

A large lecture theatre for students, and hosts community and cultural events during evenings and weekends throughout the year.



Bordessa Hall

55 Bond Street • DTB

Houses the Center for Evaluation and Survey Research, the Centre on Hate, Bias, and Extremism, and the Digital Culture and Media Lab (Decimal Lab) in addition to academic spaces.



Baagwating Indigenous Student Center

151 Athol Street East • UBISC

The Indigenous Education and Cultural Services, and is a space for students to connect with Indigenous culture and resources.



2 Simcoe Street South

151 Athol Street East • UBISC

The dedicated floor for Ontario Tech students is predominantly used for offices and psychology research lab space for the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.

GETTING AROUND

Transit

While you are a full-time student, you have access to the UPASS program, which grants unlimited travel on Durham Region Transit routes.

DRT routes that stop near the downtown campus buildings include 900 PULSE-Highway 2, 901 PULSE-Simcoe, and 902. Students can access their digital UPASS through the Presto E-tickets app, and can see real-time schedules and arrival times through **Moovit**.*



Download the Moovit app* to see real-time schedules and arrival times for the routes below! *Not affiliated with the OTSU.

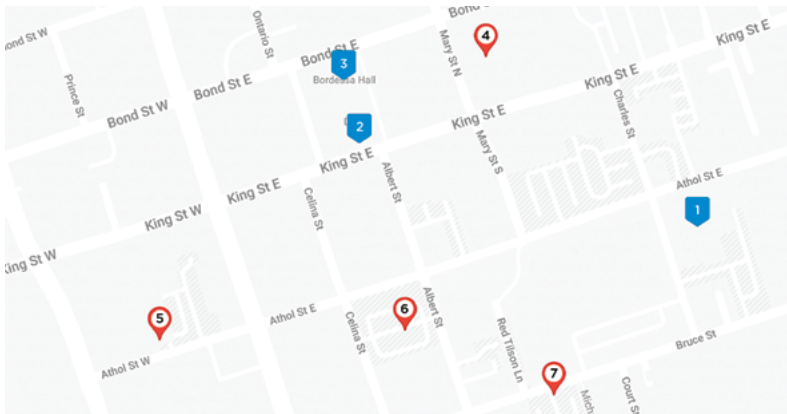
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Post-secondary students get a 40% discount on GO Transit networks. See the **GoTransitTV video** on how to save.

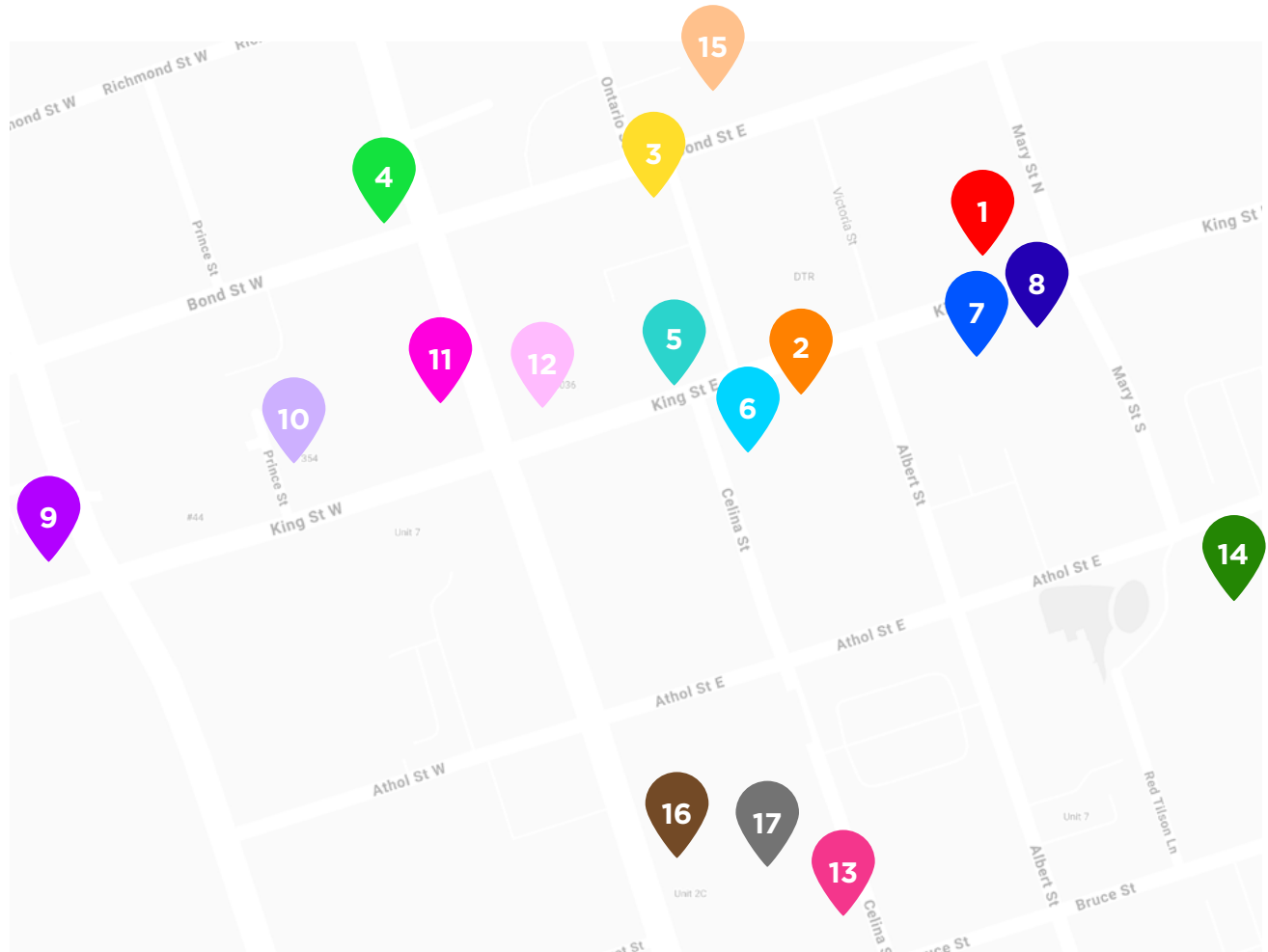
Parking

Students requiring parking are encouraged to independently arrange for monthly parking permits through either the City of Oshawa, or for the Bruce Street Parking lot situated at 71 Bruce Street, email 71bruceparking@gmail.com to arrange for the student rate of \$60/month including HST (*subject to change*).



1. **Charles Hall**
2. **Regent Theatre**
3. **Bordessa Hall**
4. **Municipal Parkade 3**
5. **Municipal Lot 4**
6. **Municipal Lot 16**
7. **71 Bruce Street Lot**

NEARBY HOTSPOTS



Food

- 1 Market at 70
- 2 TRUEDAN
- 3 Poke & Pocket
- 4 Bollywood Tacos
- 5 Kenzo Ramen
- 6 Pizzamunno
- 7 Smoke's Poutinerie
- 8 My Roti Place

Cafés

- 9 Oshawa House Cafe
- 10 Coffee With a Twist
- 11 Cork & Bean
- 12 Isabella's
- 13 Brew Wizards Board Game Café

Event Venues

- 14 Tribute Communities Centre
- 15 Bond Street Events

Things to Do

- 16 Xtreme R/C & Raceways
- 17 Archery 2 You

WELLNESS CENTRE



What we do

Located in CHA 108 (directly across the hall from the VP Downtown's office) is a dedicated space for student to practice individual self-care activities, including:



MEDITATION



AROMATHERAPY



YOGA



HYDRATION
STATION



LACTATION
SPACE



QUIET STUDY
SPACE



NAP
THERAPY



ART & CREATIVE
THERAPY



MASSAGES

To learn more about the space or to book your slot, visit otsu.ca/wellness-centre.

GET INVOLVED

Getting Involved Downtown

Our downtown campus is home to the student societies for the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities and the Mitch and Leslie Frazer Faculty of Education. Societies, and program-specific sub-societies, are student-run groups at Ontario Tech that connect like-minded students with personal and professional opportunities. Your ancillary fees cover the cost of being a part of your society, and all students are encouraged to take part in the events and organization of their society.

Learn more at otsu.ca/societies.

Downtown Campus Advisory Committee

Another great way to get involved and make an impact in your community is to take part in the **Downtown Campus Advisory Committee** –a working group of the OTSU’s Board of Directors to address downtown-specific concerns and opportunities.

To get involved, please reach out to your VP Downtown at VPdowntown.otsu@ontariotechu.ca.



STUDENT LIFE SERVICES

Resources

Career Centre:

careercenter@ontariotechu.ca

Get help with resume writing and interview practice, and learn about co-ops, internships and networking events.

Student Engagement & Equity:

equity@ontariotechu.ca

Provides advocacy, support, education, and resources, for inclusive, student-centred spaces.

Indigenous Education and Cultural Services:

indigenous@ontariotechu.ca

Resources, events, and workshops, and a home away from home for Indigenous students.

Student Accessibility Services:

studentaccessibility@ontariotechu.ca

Ensures students with disabilities get necessary accommodations to access education.

Student Learning Centre:

studentlearning@ontariotechu.ca

Academic support in the form of peer tutors and academic specialists, workshops, study halls and one-on-one support.

Student Mental Health Services:

studentlifeline@ontariotechu.ca

Counselling, therapy, or support groups and resources to help students overcome any challenges they face.

Campus Safety

Campus Walk Program

*Sept. to April, Monday to Thursday
from 6:30-10:30pm*

The campus walk program allows students to request to be personally escorted to their car, residence, or other campus locations by trained support staff. To request a campus walk at 61 Charles Street, call 905-721-8668 ext. 5616.





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