The University of Ottawa is now working with Western Union Business Solutions to provide international students with an alternative method for paying university fees. This option allows you to pay your student account balance in the currency of your choice and provides a simple and reliable way of making payments online.

You have a lot to think about when attending university abroad, including entering international markets to pay tuition and other fees. Some of the difficulties you can encounter using payment processes such as international wire transfers or bank drafts include:

- Payments are in a currency different from your local currency
- Costly international wires due to high banking fees
- High retail exchange rates
- Incomplete payment details provided by your bank to the university, which can cause delays in applying the payment to your student account

Advantages of using the student payment portal include:

- You can easily obtain a foreign currency quote by accessing Finances and jobs in uoZone and selecting Bank to Bank Transfer for International Students.
- You can pay your tuition and other fees in the currency of your choice which will then be converted to Canadian Dollars.
- There are NO additional transaction charges from Western Union Business Solutions or the University of Ottawa, though you may be charged a transaction fee by your bank.
- The exchange rate provided is valid for 72 hours after the transaction is initiated, taking the uncertainty out of the total payment amount.
- The exchange rate is competitive when compared to most banks’ retail rates.
- Payments received will include your reference information, which ensures that your payment reaches your student account quickly.
- Payments are electronically transmitted to University of Ottawa ensuring timely posting, typically 2 to 5 business days from the time you initiate the payment.
Making payments via bank-to-bank transfer:

PAYMENT BY A THIRD PARTY

**Step 1:** Go to the [Methods of Payment](#): university fees page.
- Select [Bank-to-bank Transfer for International Students](#).

**Step 2:** Make Your Payment
- Enter student information (name, student number). Be sure to double-check the student information to ensure the payment is credited to the right student account.
- Enter the amount to be paid in Canadian dollars.
- Select the currency for the payment.*
- Finalize the transaction.

**Step 3:** Request a Bank Transfer
- Take the confirmation page to your local bank.
- Your bank transfers the funds to Western Union Business Solutions.

**Step 4:** Wait for Payment Confirmation
- The University of Ottawa posts the Canadian Dollar equivalent to your student account and sends a confirmation to your @uOttawa email account.

Find more information on our web site: [www.uOttawa.ca](http://www.uOttawa.ca).

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* If your local currency is not available, please select an alternative currency or CAD option. You will receive all of the benefits listed above including no banking charges from the University of Ottawa or Western Union Business Solutions, quicker posting of payment to student account, and fully referenced payments.