

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION PROGRAM

The University Information Program: What Is It?

The UIP is a forum comprised of representatives from Ontario's 21 universities that travel the province offering fair- or presentation-style information sessions to secondary school students and their parents in most Ontario regions. There are two types of UIP events:

- 1) Fair-style event:** A representative from each of the 21 universities hosts a booth, distributes documentation and answers individual questions in a common area such as a gymnasium, atrium, or cafeteria for a period lasting between 45 and 120 minutes. The fair is often preceded by a "Your Ontario Universities" ("YOU") presentation: a 10-minute presentation addressing questions that fair participants should ask university representatives (i.e.: questions relating to program structure and admissions, scholarships and financial aid, campus layout and location, residence and meal plans, student life, etc.).

- 2) Presentation-style event:** Each university representative, stationed in separate classrooms throughout the school, delivers two or three 30- to 40-minute presentations. Each presentation is followed by a 5-minute break allowing guests to travel between classrooms. The event can be preceded by a YOU (definition above). The evening is often wrapped-up with a 20-minute roaming period during which students and parents can walk between rooms to have their questions answered.

A popular presentation-style UIP schedule is as follows:

6:15 p.m. - 6:25 p.m. – YOU Presentation
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Session 1
7:05 p.m. - 7:35 p.m. – Session 2
7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m. – Session 3
8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – Roaming Q & A

*Please note that institutions outside of the collective of the 21 Ontario universities and their affiliates cannot be in attendance (ex.: community colleges, trade schools, out-of-province postsecondary institutions, businesses, etc.). Ontario university affiliates must share a table or classroom with their partner institution during UIP events.