

## Carleton University 411: Where to find the best cheap lunch and more

A Carleton University insider's perspective on campus life

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### Unofficial school motto:

'Ottawa U sucks' or 'TGFT— Thank God for the tunnels'

### Best place for a nap:

The benches in the Tory Building, the couches in the Charlatan office, or the bed of your friend who still lives in residence (students live there even after first year)



### Best cheap lunch:

Mike's Place

### Best hangover breakfast:

Wilf and Ada's, a scratch diner on Bank Street

### Favourite watering hole:

Oliver's Pub for Thirsty Thursday or Heart and Crown in the Byward Market any other day of the week

### Perks of living in this town:

You can skate to school, you might run into Justin Trudeau downtown and you can

BeaverTails in any season

### Best place to study:

Page Break Starbucks (in the MacOdrum Library) or in the River Building overlooking the Rideau River

**Weirdest tradition:**

Going to drink in Gatineau, where the drinking age is 18, during first year, and then never setting foot there again after birthday

**Best campus event:**

Fall orientation, or Frosh, particularly if you are a part of SPROSH (business students), or EngFrosh (engineering and d students); Locura Latina

**Best giveaway:**

Water bottles (you'll never need to buy one ever again), or frisbees from the Charlatan

**Best live music venue:**

Black Squirrel Books and Café, a used bookstore and café near campus that has local music events and is being develop bookstore-bar

**University Insider: Emily Haws, 23, Journalism and Women's and Gender Studies**

It was Carleton University's journalism program that drew me to the school, but it's the campus and people that have r My education has led me to the *North Bay Nugget*, interning for the *Ottawa Citizen* and CBC Radio's *The House*, and ev article. Carleton taught me the harder you work, the luckier you get.



Carleton has approximately 27,000 students from Canada and 140 other countries. It's big enough grew up in Ottawa you wouldn't know everyone, but small enough that your professors know you take a dance class at the athletics centre, watch free movies or study at the treadmill desks in Mac Library.

**PROFILE: Carleton University | Ottawa, Ont. | Founded 1942**

The residence program eases the transition between home and school, offering a support system like-minded students. I met my best friends there in first year and live with five of them today. The professors care abo students, often staying after class to chat. It's not unusual to be friends with your teaching assistants and profs; some l my most valuable mentors.

In Ottawa, politics and elections are paramount. You might think students are talking about a sports team rather than whether it be for the Carleton University Students' Association or the federal government. If you attend a CUSA debat earplugs!

Although our homecoming is small, Carleton students are spirited. Carleton has won the Panda Game (a football game crosstown rivals, the University of Ottawa) three years in a row and regularly kicks butt at the Capital Hoops Classic.

Carleton has made my university experience magical. I feel at home here, and you will too.

**Extras**

Carleton boasts more than 200 clubs and societies. From the Toastmasters to the Carleton Harry Potter Alliance, new room to further develop old hobbies or dabble in new ones. Carleton's communities are strong, especially that of its en students. It's not unusual to see them dyeing themselves purple or competing with other universities in the Great Nor Concrete Toboggan Race.

Another notable feature of the school is the tunnels, which connect every building on campus. They're perfect for stay dry in winter.

**Local Vibe**

The Rideau Canal runs from Carleton to downtown, so students can walk, skate or cycle if they don't want to bus it. A venues have concerts every weekend, and there is almost always a festival in progress.

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The National Gallery of Canada is a great place for a date, and the Canadian Museum of Nature hosts after-hours Natu parties once a month. High budget or low, there’s always something to do.

**The Skinny**

For Ottawa events, *apt613.ca*, and for Carleton events, *events.carleton.ca*.



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