

# IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

## School of Graduate Studies - GH 212

- Courses & Enrolment
- Skills Training & Opportunities
- Direct Deposit for payment

## Student Accounts & Cashiers - GH 209

- Paying your account
- Financial Resources
- Scholarships

## International Student Services - GH 110

- University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)
- Immigration Services and Consultant
- Exchange Program
- Events for international and exchange students

## ECCS (Careers and Co-op Services) - JHE H301

Career and recruitment needs

(engcar@mcmaster.ca)

## ServiceOntario - 50 Dundurn St S

- Driver's Licenses
- Health Cards
- Personal ID

## Service Canada - 1550 Upper James St.

issues **Social Insurance Numbers (SIN)**.

Outreach sites:

- Hamilton City Hall - Fridays 9:30AM-3:30PM
- Dundas Old Town - Tuesdays 9:30AM- 3:30PM

# FINANCES



## Opening a Bank Account!

Many banks in Canada provide **student accounts** with many benefits. A bank account is required to get direct deposit (a.k.a **get payed!**).

McMaster has **RBC** and **CIBC** ATMs. Credit unions are a great option too!

More info found at: [iss.mcmaster.ca](http://iss.mcmaster.ca)

# HEALTH

## Where to go?

**Health & Wellness Centre** - Basement of Student Centre (Health Card and Student Card required).

Tel: (905) 525-9140 ext 27700.

All **non-emergency medical concerns** including sexual health and counsellors. The Student Centre also offers a **campus dentist, optometrist, and pharmacist**.

## In Case of Emergencies, dial one of the following:

- **88** from a **campus phone**, **905-522-4135** from **non-campus phones**
- **911** from **off-campus**.



## Other Services:

- **St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency Department** - 50 Charlton Ave E, **Tel: (905) 522-1155**. (open 24/7 for severe emergencies)
- **Hamilton Health Sciences Urgent Care Centre** - 690 Main Street West, **Tel: (905) 521-2100**. (For urgent care, but not life-threatening emergencies)
- **COAST (Crisis Support)** - **Tel: (905) 972-8338**, call **24/7**. (Will send mobile team 8am-1am)
- **SACHA (Sexual Assault Center)** - **Tel: (905) 525-4162**, call **24/7**. (will provide accompaniment to hospital or police station)

# STUDENT CONCERNS

- Contact **EGS** for **any** student issues.
- Visit the **resources** tab at [egs.mcmaster.ca](http://egs.mcmaster.ca) to fill out the **supervisory relationship agreement** to manage expectations.



# EGS

## ENGINEERING GRADUATE SOCIETY

# NEW GRAD STUDENT GUIDE

Follow us on social media for updates on EGS and graduate engineering life at Mac!

## CONTACT:

Office: JHE 113

 [egs@mcmaster.ca](mailto:egs@mcmaster.ca)

 [egs.mcmaster.ca](http://egs.mcmaster.ca)

  [McMasterEGS](https://twitter.com/McMasterEGS)

 [facebook.com/mcmaster.egs](https://facebook.com/mcmaster.egs)

# GETTING STARTED

## ? What's Mosaic and Avenue to Learn?

Mosaic is the university's administration system where you can:

- Add/drop courses
- Pay your tuition
- View your income
- Apply for bursaries & awards and more!

[www.mosaic.mcmaster.ca](http://www.mosaic.mcmaster.ca)

Avenue to learn is a course hosting website where you'll be able to find course materials, assignment dropbox, and online class discussions. Instructors may or may not use it.

[www.avenue.mcmaster.ca](http://www.avenue.mcmaster.ca)

## ? Compass (Student centre)

Use it to find schedules and buy tickets for all major transit operators. Buy discounted tickets to McMaster sporting events, local comedy clubs, Canada's Wonderland.

## ? CUPE (KTH B111)

CUPE is the TA/RA, Postdoc, and Sessional Union. CUPE premiums cover you for a variety of benefits including dental coverage, Vision & Other Health Spending, and Child Care. [www.cupe3906.org](http://www.cupe3906.org)

## ? GSA (Refectory bld. east tower)

GSA provides Health & Dental insurance ([studentcare.ca](http://studentcare.ca)) and other support/services to graduate students. It also funds all graduate student clubs. <https://gsamcmaster.org/>

# TRANSPORT

## Presto Card

With a Presto card, you can access the HSR (local Hamilton transit), GO (Regional transit in GTHA), TTC (Toronto local transit), Burlington Transit and more.

Pick up at Campus Store or Buy at the McMaster Campus Bookstore, Compass, or any Shoppers Drug Mart location.

## Hamilton Railway Transit (HSR)

Access your voucher for unlimited travel on the HSR from Mosaic. Routes 1A/5/10/51 connect to campus.

## Useful GO Bus Routes

- 16 to Toronto Union Station from downtown (connect to TTC)
- 40 to Richmond Hill via Pearson Airport from downtown.

## SoBi Bikes

No bicycle? No problem! Use SoBi, Hamilton's bike share program! McMaster students get a rate of \$12/month. <https://hamilton.socialbicycles.com>

# HOUSING

The Housing Help Centre is a non profit social service agency providing help with: Finding housing, understanding tenant rights, applying for welfare and financial assistance (e.g. utility support programs if you are paying your own hydro).

<http://www.housinghelpcentre.ca>

# DISCOUNTS & FUN



## Food and Groceries

- Food Basics & Fortinos - 10% every Tuesday
- Bulk Barn - 10% every Wednesday
- Shoppers - 20% every Thursday (only at Emerson location and req. free PC optimum card)
- The Phoenix - 20% off everyday



## Entertainment and Technology

- Discounted tickets at Cineplex and Jackson Square cinemas on Tuesdays!
- Art Gallery of Hamilton is free on the first Friday of every month.
- McMaster Art Gallery free for students.
- Free Classes at McMaster Athletics & Recreation (DBAC). Info at: <https://rec.mcmaster.ca/>
- Hamilton Parks and Recreation - recreation centers, pools, programs, and more: <https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/>



## Hamilton Artcrawl and Supercrawl

- Every second Friday of the month, James Street North is filled with artists, performers, and vendors.
- Supercrawl takes place during the second weekend of September. James St. N. is closed to traffic and is filled with food trucks, performing stages, rides & games, and of course, art. Join the fun!