

Select restaurants in waterloo

All options are based on personal experiences, and hence represent a selective opinion.

LUNCH/DINNER OPTIONS, NEAR UNIVERSITY

The sequence of retail strips across the railway tracks on the east side of campus, are known as “University Plaza”. Unless stated otherwise, eateries are there. There many great places in the Plaza that are not mentioned here.

Cafe/Pub/Diner

Graduate House: decent pub food with small menu, large beer selection, good coffee, on campus next to RCH.

Williams Fresh Cafe: sandwiches, soups, decent coffee, some breakfast selection, ~500m from RCH

Molly Blooms: decent Canadian pub food with large menu, ~600m

Mel's diner: American diner style food, ~700m across Philip St.

Chinese (Not hard to guess student composition at UW, there are many unlisted Chinese places, I trust some of them good)

Yummy Chongqing: name speaks for geographic origin, ~600m

Yunshang Rice Noodle: southern Chinese style, some nicely spicy soups, ~600m

Gol's Lanzhou Noodles: hand-pulled noodles in simple beef broth, or other dryer noodle options, likely to have a line-up, NOT open Monday, ~600m accross Philip street

Bao Sandwich Bar: Taiwanese bao and Vietnamese bahn-mi, ~1.4km on Balsam St., 1 block north of University Ave., north of Wilfrid Laurier University

Bogda: Uygur food, opens for supper, near Bao Sandwhich Bar.

Indian/Bangladeshi

Hakka Nation: Hakka appears to be Indian idea of Chinese food, ~400m

Rani Chettinad: broad menu with very good food, ~500m

Kismet: Bangladeshi food, seating may be limited, ~600m

Non-Chinese east-Asian

Sowon: broad menu of Korean, and excellent fried chicken, ~500m

Seoul Soul: nearby competitor to Sowon, ~500m

Ken Sushi: one of the better sushi places in Waterloo, ~700m across Philip St.

Asakusa: decent ramen selection, ~700m across Philip St.

iPho Vietnamese Cuisine: name speaks for itself.

Middle Eastern (a significant Lebanese population established schawerma as a popular take-out food in Ontario)

iPotato: despite odd name, it is not clear if the potatoes even get sold anymore, good bread made in-house for “sandwiches”, limited seating, ~500m

Kabob Hut: Persian food, more than just kebobs, ~500m

Schawerma Plus: Syrian style with nice fillings, ~600m

DINNER OPTIONS, UPTOWN WATERLOO

Uptown is ~2km from UW, walk south along railway track through Waterloo park, then east on Erb St. Restaurants/bars are in a 1km long strip of King St. both north and south of Erb St., unless otherwise advertised.

Ethel's Lounge: all food is made in house with surprisingly good Tex-Mex, decent patio.

Huether Hotel: Barley Works in upstairs and has a patio, Lion's Head Pub is in basement, fairly broad menu of Canadian pub style food

Loloan: very expensive fine dining, cool cocktail bar, Princess Avenue. Warning: this place doesn't take credit cards, just cash/debit!

Jane Bond: good vegetarian menu and beer selection, if a bit too hipsterish.

Daldongnae Korean BBQ: Excellent Korean bbq, enjoy in a group.

Champa Kitchen: southeast Asian. Everybody loves the crispy duck.

Watami Sushi: decent sushi, Uptown.

Famoso Pizza: wood-oven style individual pizzas.

Beertown: extensive menu, mildly pricey, huge beer selection.

Empress of India: nice Indian food, some good Hakka and vegetarian selection.

Masala Bay: nice Indian food, still reasonably priced, facing Regina St.

Duke of Wellington: decent pub food, may be loud if live music is set-up.

Bauer Kitchen: extensive menu fine dining, in a building near King St. and Allen St., about 1km southeast of main part of Uptown.