Collaborative Specializations: MA, MSc, PhD

The University of Guelph offers three collaborative graduate specializations in the areas of: International Development Studies, Neuroscience and Toxicology.

Collaborative specializations provide graduate students with the unique opportunity to enhance their graduate degree and gain an in-depth understanding of how their research interests pertain in the context of their collaborative specialization. This combination of multidisciplinary studies provides students with a broader academic foundation and additional choices for careers in their discipline.

Collaborative specializations are not stand-alone programs, they may only be pursued in conjunction with a program that offers a Master's or Doctoral degree at the University of Guelph. A student can only enter a collaborative specialization through a department that has been approved to collaborate with International Development Studies, Neuroscience, or Toxicology. Students choose their primary department according to their educational background, research interests, availability of an advisor, funding and work experience.

Application & Admission Process

MA/MSc/PhD students interested in pursuing a collaborative specialization must first meet the admission requirements of the primary program of interest and second the admission requirements of the collaborative specialization (see department website for specific admission requirements).

When completing the online application, a student will select a primary department of interest and then identify a collaborative specialization as a secondary focus (i.e. MA.POLS+IDEV, PhD. BMED+TOX, MSC. PSYC+NEUR). A separate application is not submitted to the collaborating specialization.

If admitted into the primary program, the student’s application is forwarded to the collaborative specialization for consideration. If successful, the student will receive an offer of admission to both the primary and collaborative specialization. (Note: collaborative specializations are not stand-alone programs and therefore can not be taken independently. If a student is not admitted into the primary program, they cannot be admitted into the collaborative specialization).

Once admitted, students are required to complete degree requirements for the primary program as well for the collaborative specialization.

Areas of Study

- **International Development Studies MA, MSc, PhD**
  Contact: Catherine Badham, Graduate Program Assistant - ids@uoguelph.ca
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- **Neuroscience MBS, MSc, PhD**
  Contact: Robin Sorbara, Graduate Program Assistant - robinfra@uoguelph.ca
  www.uoguelph.ca/psychology/page/collaborative-neuroscience-program-mscmbsphd

- **Toxicology MSc, PhD**
  Contact: Karen Ferraro, Graduate Program Assistant - chemgrad@uoguelph.ca
  www.uoguelph.ca/toxicology

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