

2006-2007 Graduate Calendar

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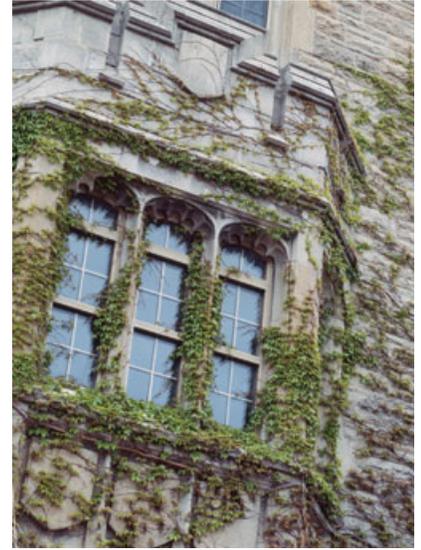


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The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

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Land Resource Science

The objective of the MSc and PhD programs in land and atmospheric science is to provide opportunities for advanced studies and research on the lower atmosphere, soil, water, surficial geological deposits, the relationships among these resources, and their management within the context of sustainable development. Cross-disciplinary research with a focus on biophysical sciences is emphasized.

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MSc Program

Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum requirements stated elsewhere in the Graduate Calendar, admission to the graduate program is dependent on the availability of an advisor, space and funding.

Students entering the MSc program will be expected to have taken, or be familiar with the content of, introductory courses in atmospheric science, soil science, earth science and land resource management, either through appropriate courses or a program of self study.

Degree Requirements

All students in the MSc program are required to enroll in the two-course sequence Research Issues I and II. The objectives of these courses are to enhance the skills needed for a research career (including cross-disciplinary research); foster the development of superior communication skills; increase the student's awareness of major issues related to land resources, and current research; and provide an environmental, social and economic context for this research. It is recommended that students enrol in the courses during their first year.

PhD Program

Admission Requirements

Students who are applying for admission to the PhD program, and who have completed an MSc in another program (at Guelph or at a different University), will follow the application procedures prescribed by Graduate Program Services. Students lacking the same level of understanding across fields and within fields as graduates from the MSc program will be expected to correct this deficiency early in their PhD program.

Students intending to continue directly into a PhD program after the completion of an MSc within the program must complete a full application for the PhD degree. This application should be submitted at least two months before meeting the requirements of the MSc degree. Superior MSc students may be permitted to transfer to the PhD program without completing the master's degree.

Degree Requirements

Students must pass a qualifying examination and successfully prepare and defend a thesis, as specified under the general regulations for the PhD degree. Students must complete Research Issues I, LRS*6900, and Research Issues II, LRS*6910, as the minimum course requirements. Additional courses will be determined by the advisory committee.

Students are encouraged to develop an advanced level of understanding of two or more additional areas of specialization which are related to the area of their research and to participate in cross-disciplinary or collaborative research programs where opportunities permit.

Interdepartmental Programs

Toxicology Program

Land Resource Science participates in the interdepartmental program in Toxicology. Students register in both the department and the collaborative program.

Courses

Atmospheric Science

LRS*6000 Physical Environment of Crops and Forests F [0.50]

Recent literature on temperature, humidity, radiation, wind, gases and particles in crop and forest environments; evapotranspiration and photosynthesis of plant communities; modification of microclimates; applied micrometeorology. Offered in even-numbered years.

LRS*6040 Micrometeorology W [0.50]

Exchanges of mass, momentum and energy between the surface and the atmosphere will be studied in the context of larger-scale meteorology. Diffusion and turbulence in and above plant canopies will be examined from theoretical and practical perspectives. Topics include time-series analysis, micrometeorological measurement theory, and basic principles of atmospheric science. Offered in even-numbered years.

LRS*6060 Agrometeorological Instrumentation W [0.50]

Theoretical and practical aspects of electronic circuits, sensors, and equipment used in agrometeorological research.

LRS*6241 Special Topics in Atmospheric Science F,U [0.25]

The content is determined by the interests of the students and the availability of instructors. Topics may include aspects of statistics for climatology, animal biometeorology, air pollution meteorology, and hydrometeorology.

LRS*6242 Special Topics in Atmospheric Science F,U [0.50]

See LRS*6241 above.

Soil Science

LRS*6250 Soil Genesis and Classification F [0.50]

A discussion of world soil regions for students not specializing in soil genesis.

LRS*6280 Soil Physics F [0.50]

The soil as a physical system with special regard to soil water movement and the diffusion and dispersion of chemical substances. Numerical techniques and computer solutions will be developed.

LRS*6300 Applied Soil Physics F [0.50]

The application of soil physical principles to practical problems concerning soil physical quality, erosion, land reclamation and industrial-waste disposal on land

Prerequisite(s): SOIL*3070.

LRS*6320 Non-equilibrium Thermodynamics of Porous Media W [0.50]

Transport processes in porous media such as soils, clays, and membranes are dealt with in the framework of non-equilibrium thermodynamics with emphasis on the coupling between water, solutes, heat and electric charge transport. Offered in alternate years.

LRS*6340 Soil Organic Matter and Biochemistry F [0.50]

(1) Soil organic matter characterization, (2) dynamics of soil organic matter, (0.5) nutrient cycling. Offered in odd-numbered years.

LRS*6360 Soil and Water Chemistry F [0.50]

Thermodynamics of soil solutions; solution-solid phase equilibria; reaction kinetics; computer modelling of solute-mineral interactions.

LRS*6380 Advanced Soil Chemistry W [0.50]

The mathematical development of solute speciation models for aqueous solutions, surface complexation models for inorganic soil constituents and discrete and continuous functional group models for humic materials.

LRS*6400 Soil Nitrogen Fertility and Crop Production W [0.50]

Emphasis will be placed on soil N transformations and processes, and N sources for crops; field experimentation methods; environmental issues.

LRS*6420 Soil Productivity F [0.50]

Soil physical, chemical and biological characteristics as they influence crop growth with emphasis on processes and mechanisms.

LRS*6440 Field Sampling Strategies and Geostatistics W [0.50]

Concepts and practical aspects of collecting, synthesizing and interpreting data from spatially and temporally variable and/or correlated fields. Hands-on experience in describing spatial structure of large data sets (supplied by student or instructor) using available software. (alternate years)

LRS*6581 Special Topics in Soil Science U [0.25]

Issues that are relevant to the current research of faculty or visiting faculty. Generally presented as a combination of lectures, student seminars and written projects.

LRS*6582 Special Topics in Soil Science U [0.50]

See LRS*6581 above.

Environmental Earth Science**LRS*6280 Soil Physics F [0.50]**

The soil as a physical system with special regard to soil water movement and the diffusion and dispersion of chemical substances. Numerical techniques and computer solutions will be developed.

LRS*6360 Soil and Water Chemistry F [0.50]

Thermodynamics of soil solutions; solution-solid phase equilibria; reaction kinetics; computer modelling of solute-mineral interactions.

LRS*6730 Special Topics in Environmental Earth Science U [0.50]

A study of principles and analyses of local environmental problems involving the application of geological and soil information of land use applications and possible hazardous conditions.

Land Resources Management**LRS*6760 Advanced Remote Sensing W [0.50]**

Critical review of the latest research papers on the use of remotely sensed data for temporal monitoring of the biosphere.

LRS*6881 Special Topics in Land Resources Management U [0.25]

Issues that are relevant to the current research of faculty or visiting faculty. Generally presented as a combination of lectures, student seminars and written projects.

LRS*6882 Special Topics in Land Resources Management U [0.50]

See LRS*6881 above.

Other**LRS*6900 Research Issues I F [0.25]**

Principles and philosophy of scientific research including the development of superior communication skills.

LRS*6910 Research Issues II W [0.25]

A continuation of Research Issues I.

LRS*6941 Analytical Instrumentation and Techniques U [0.25]

Equipment and techniques of soil and plant analyses. Variable credit will be assigned based on the number of laboratory units covered.

LRS*6942 Analytical Instrumentation and Techniques U [0.50]

See LRS*6941 above.