

2006-2007 Graduate Calendar

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Population Medicine

The Department of Population Medicine is an international leader in promoting the optimal health and productivity of animal populations, ensuring the safety of foods of animal origin and preventing animal-related disease in humans.

Our research mission is to discover and disseminate knowledge regarding the management of health and productivity of animal populations, and the interrelationships of animals with humans and the environment. In support of this mission we rely principally on our expertise in field-based quantitative observational studies and clinical trials.

Our teaching/learning mission is to guide students as they obtain an essential knowledge base and develop the necessary communicative, quantitative and problem-solving skills to integrate and apply this knowledge; and to instill the appropriate attitudes and abilities required for life-long learning.

The department offers programs leading to MSc, PhD and DVSc degrees.

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MSc Program

The department offers research-based MSc programs in epidemiology, theriogenology, health management and a course work-based MSc program in epidemiology.

Admission Requirements

When reviewing transcripts, the department focuses on the applicant's performance in undergraduate and graduate-level courses relevant to the applicant's proposed area of specialization. Students admitted must have an honours or DVM degree (or its equivalent). In addition, the department considers the applicant's special circumstances and the referees' comments. Since the core of the course work MSc program builds on analytic skills, students entering the program should possess knowledge of basic statistical methods and their application.

All applicants should submit a one-page statement of research interests and career goals to assist in the identification of a faculty advisor who has the funding necessary to support the research. Students may be admitted into the fall, winter or summer semesters.

Degree Requirements

MSc by Thesis

The prescribed studies for our research-based MSc are a minimum of four courses (at least 2.0 course credits) appropriate to the discipline. Epidemiology I (POPM*6200) is a required course for students in epidemiology; students in health management and theriogenology must take either Epidemiology I (POPM*6200) or Applied Clinical Research (POPM*6230). A minimum of 'B-' average is required in the prescribed studies. The department seminar course, POPM*6100, is also required but does not count as one of the four courses. A thesis must be completed and successfully defended.

MSc in Epidemiology by Courses

For the MSc in Epidemiology by course work and project, no fewer than eight courses (at least 4.0 course credits) will be taken. These must be approved by the departmental graduate studies committee and the dean of Graduate Studies. Each student in the program will take three prescribed courses (including the Project in Epidemiology course, POPM*6250, which is equivalent to two courses), and at least four additional courses. The department seminar course, POPM*6100, is also required but does not count as one of the eight courses. Normally, the prescribed courses for the MSc in Epidemiology by course work will include:

Prescribed Courses:

POPM*6200	Epidemiology I (F)
POPM*6210	Epidemiology II (W)
POPM*6250	Project in Epidemiology (F, W, S)

Additional Courses

The four courses selected in this category will depend upon the student's background, specialty, interest and area of research.

Examples of courses suitable for inclusion in the student's program include:

POPM*6230	Applied Clinical Research
POPM*6290	Statistics for the Health Sciences (W)
POPM*6300	Epidemiology of Zoonoses (W)
POPM*6350	Safety of Foods of Animal Origin (F)
POPM*6950	Directed Studies in Population Medicine
STAT*6950	Statistical Methods for the Life Sciences (F)
STAT*6920	Topics in Statistics (Topics in Regression Analysis) (F) (or equivalent)
STAT*3510	Environmental Risk Assessment (W)
POPM*6700	Swine Health Management (W - alternate years)
POPM*6400	Dairy Health Management (S - alternate years)
STAT*6960	Design of Experiments and Data Analysis for the Life Sciences (W)

Additional courses other than those listed above may be deemed suitable for the student's program by the Departmental Graduate Coordinator after recommendations are received from the Advisory Committee.

At least three semesters of full-time study will be required for completion of the course work MSc program; two of these semesters must be at the University of Guelph. Normally, however, students take 4-5 semesters to complete the program.

PhD Program

Admission Requirements

A PhD program is available in epidemiology. Admission into this program is usually granted to holders of an MSc degree who have demonstrated superior performance, or to MSc students who have not completed their thesis but have performed exceptionally well in courses, shown exceptional aptitude and skill in research, and whose thesis research is suitable for expansion to the doctoral level. For direct transfer, a thesis proposal and strongly supportive letters of reference are required. Infrequently, well qualified DVM or honours degree holders may be accepted directly into the PhD program.

All applicants should submit a one-page statement of research interests and career goals to assist in the identification of a faculty advisor who has the funding necessary to support the thesis research. Students may be admitted into the fall, winter or summer semesters.

Degree Requirements

The major emphasis in the PhD program is on the preparation of an acceptable thesis. There are no specific course requirements other than the Seminar, POPM*6100, which must be completed twice. However, students are expected to have taken POPM*6200 Epidemiology I (F) and POPM*6210 Epidemiology II, or their equivalent, in their MSc program. It is usual for students, in consultation with their advisory committee, to select a suitable program of prescribed studies and additional courses. Course selection takes into account the student's background, research area, career aspirations, and need to prepare for the qualifying examination.

Courses should normally be completed before the qualifying exam is attempted. The written component of the examination is followed by an oral component (two to four hours), usually one week later. MSc holders must complete the qualifying examination by the end of the fifth semester. Students transferring from the MSc program and those who enter the program directly after their honours or DVM degrees (or their equivalents) must complete the examination by the end of the seventh semester. In addition, the advisory committee is required to confirm that the student has demonstrated ability and promise in research. The PhD program is completed by the successful defence of a thesis.

DVSc Program

The Department of Population Medicine participates in the DVSc program. Recognized areas of specializations include ruminant-health management, swine-health management and theriogenology. Admission and degree requirements are outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual for the DVSc Program. Interested individuals can obtain such information by writing directly to the assistant dean, research and graduate studies, of the Ontario Veterinary College.

Ruminant Health Management

The Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, offers a graduate program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) degree in Ruminant Health Management. Candidates must have a DVM or equivalent degree, appropriate clinical experience, cumulative average of at least second-class honours ("B" standing), and be licensed or eligible for licensing to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. One position is available during most academic years, and it normally starts in May or September. It is a three-year program, which will provide training and experience in applied health management and clinical research. Approximately one-third of the time will involve clinical training, teaching final year veterinary students and service duties (including on-call) with the Ruminant Field Service clinic of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The candidate will be required to complete a substantive thesis research project, related to an applied aspect of production medicine. The DVSc degree requirements include successful completion of 2.5 credits of prescribed graduate level courses, and a successful defence of a thesis. A faculty member(s) in the Department of Population Medicine will supervise each candidate for the Ruminant Health Management DVSc position.

Swine Health Management

The Department of Population Medicine, Ontario Veterinary College, offers a graduate program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) degree in Swine Health Management. Prerequisites include a DVM or equivalent degree, one or two years of practice experience/internship, cumulative average of at least second-class honours ("B" standing), and eligibility for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. One position is available during most academic years, and it normally starts in May or September. It is a three-year program, which will provide training and experience in applied health management and clinical research. Approximately one-third of the time will involve clinical training, and teaching final year veterinary students, one-third course work and one-third research. Clinical experience and advanced academic activities will be appropriate for a candidate preparing for board certification in Swine Health Management by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. The DVSc degree requirements include successful completion of 2.5 credits of prescribed graduate level courses, and a successful defence of a thesis. A faculty member(s) in the Department of Population Medicine will supervise each candidate for the Swine Health Management DVSc position.

Theriogenology

The Department of Population Medicine offers a graduate program leading to the Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) degree in Theriogenology. Prerequisites include a DVM or equivalent degree, one or two years of practice experience/internship, cumulative average of at least second-class honours ("B" standing), and eligibility for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The DVSc program provides rigorous advanced academic preparation in the discipline of Theriogenology with a view to preparation for Board Certification by the American College of Theriogenologists. The Theriogenology program at the Ontario Veterinary College is multi-species, with emphasis placed on a candidate's specific areas of interest. The DVSc differs from PhD training by emphasizing the development of both research and applied clinical skills. It is a three-year program, with approximately one-third of the time involving clinical duties within the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, including assisting in teaching of final year veterinary students. The remainder of effort is directed towards a substantive thesis research project in Theriogenology and coursework. The DVSc degree requirements include successful

completion of 2.5 credits of prescribed graduate level courses, a qualifying examination and successful defense of a thesis. A faculty member(s) in the Department of Population Medicine will supervise each candidate for the Theriogenology DVSc position.

Interdepartmental Programs

Food Safety and Quality Assurance MSc Collaborative Program

The Department of Population Medicine participates in the MSc program in food safety and quality assurance. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of food safety and quality assurance may serve as advisors for MSc students. Please consult the Food Safety and Quality Assurance listing for a detailed description of the MSc collaborative program.

International Studies Collaborative MSc Program

The Department of Population Medicine participates in the International Development Studies MSc program. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of international studies may serve as advisors for MSc in International Development Studies students. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the interdepartmental program.

Courses

*Given in alternate years.

Epidemiology

POPM*6200 Epidemiology I F [0.50]

This course covers concepts, principles and methods of basic and applied epidemiology, including the following topics: sampling, measuring disease frequency, clinical epidemiology, descriptive epidemiology, causal reasoning and design, interpretation and critical appraisal of surveys, observational studies, field trials and critical appraisal.

POPM*6210 Epidemiology II W [0.50]

Advanced study design and analytic methods for the analysis of data from observational studies and surveys.

POPM*6220 Analytical Epidemiology S [0.50]

This course focuses on the advanced analysis of epidemiologic studies. Case control, cohort and survival studies are analysed within the generalized linear-model framework. Links between study objectives, study design and data analysis will be emphasized throughout. Special problems, such as the analysis of correlated data arising from cluster sampling of individuals, are discussed.

Prerequisite(s): POPM*6210 and POPM*6290.

POPM*6230 Applied Clinical Research F [0.50]

This course is designed to help clinical researchers design, fund, and analyze their clinical research. Emphasis is placed upon planning a well-designed clinical trial and writing a well-organized grant proposal.

POPM*6250 Project in Epidemiology S [1.00]

Collection and analysis of field data and the preparation of a written report suitable for publication, and oral presentation of the findings to the graduate faculty. This course is part of the MSc program by course work in epidemiology.

POPM*6290 Statistics for the Health Sciences W [0.50]

This course gives an overview of advanced methods for the analysis of data of clustered/correlated data. Special emphasis is on spatial, longitudinal and survival data.

Prerequisite(s): POPM*6200 or STAT*2040 or equivalent

POPM*6300 Epidemiology of Zoonoses W [0.50]

Characterization and distribution of diseases common to people and animals.

Swine Health Management

POPM*6700 Swine Health Management * U [0.50]

Diseases of swine are studied with particular emphasis on preventive medicine and herd-health management.

Theriogenology

POPM*6610 Theriogenology of Cattle * U [0.50]

A lecture/seminar course emphasizing the relationship of nutritional, genetic, endocrine, anatomic, and environmental factors with the reproductive health of cattle. Application of reproductive technologies will also be covered.

POPM*6630 Theriogenology of Horses * U [0.50]

A lecture/seminar course covering the genetic, endocrine, anatomic and environmental factors that affect reproductive performance and health of horses. Breeding management, including recent technologies, and management of the infertile animal will be included.

POPM*6650 Theriogenology of Dogs and Cats * U [0.50]

A seminar/lecture series that includes the theory and management of clinical reproduction for the dog and cat, including use of developing technologies.

POPM*6670 Theriogenology of Small Ruminants * U [0.50]

A seminar/laboratory course emphasizing advanced reproductive management of sheep, goats and farmed deer/elk, with the emphasis on a sheep production model. New reproductive technologies will be included.

Veterinary Medicine**POPM*6400 Dairy Health Management * S [0.50]**

This course stresses a population-based, herd-level approach to dairy herd health management, in which optimizing the efficiency of the dairy enterprise is the overall goal. The biological and economic impacts of disease and management deficiencies on herd performance will be discussed as they relate to design and implementation of herd health programs. The course will emphasize the critical role of record keeping, data analysis and monitoring on program success.

Veterinary Public Health/Food Safety**POPM*6350 Safety of Foods of Animal Origins F [0.50]**

The detection, epidemiology, human health risk, and control of hazards in food of animal origin.

Other**POPM*6100 Seminar F [0.00]**

A practical course that utilizes tutorials, workshops, self and peer reviewed assessment to help participants develop skills in public speaking and presentation of scientific data. Each student presents at least one seminar on an approved subject during the departmental seminar series.

POPM*6950 Studies in Population Medicine U [0.50]

Assigned reading and/or special projects selected to provide in-depth study of topics appropriate to the specialized interests of individual students. Courses offered under this title have included Special Topics in Public Health; Ecology and Health; Systems Approaches; and Animal Welfare. Different offerings are assigned different section numbers.