

2006-2007 Graduate Calendar

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Limitations

The University of Guelph reserves the right to change without notice any information contained in this calendar, including any rule or regulation pertaining to the standards for admission to, the requirements for the continuation of study in, and the requirements for the granting of degrees or diplomas in any or all of its programs.

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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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Zoology

The Zoology Graduate Program offers MSc and PhD degrees. Three major areas of emphasis and the faculty associated with those areas are:

- **Ecology and Behaviour** -- Ackerman, Brooks, Cottenie, Fryxell, McCann, McLaughlin, Nudds, Robinson, Thomas
- **Evolutionary Biology** -- Boulding, Crease, Danzmann, Ferguson, Fu, Hebert, Lynn
- **Physiology** -- Ballantyne, Bernier, Fudge, Gillis, McDonald, Van Der Kraak, Wright

Interdepartmental programs are available for students wishing to specialize in toxicology, biophysics and aquaculture.

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MSc Program

The Zoology Graduate Program offers MSc degrees in each of the three major areas of emphasis: ecology and behaviour, evolutionary biology and physiology. The three areas of interest focus on (but are not restricted to), experimental approaches in field and laboratory settings and a strong linkage between theoretical and applied investigations. The department encourages students to pursue interdisciplinary research and, where appropriate, utilize faculty expertise from across campus on their advisory committees.

Admission Requirements

To be considered, applicants must meet the requirements of a four-year honours science degree with a minimum 'B' (73%) average during the final two years (4 semesters) of undergraduate study. Applicants must obtain the support of a faculty member willing to serve as their thesis advisor.

Under exceptional circumstances, an applicant with a 'B-' (70-72%) average during the last 2 years (four semesters) of study may be considered for admission. Such applicants must have outstanding letters of recommendation that provide strong evidence of potential research capability and a strong endorsement from a potential thesis advisor.

Admission may be granted in September, January or May. Completed applications should arrive in the department at least one full semester (four months) before the expected date of admission. Applications from international students, especially those applying for financial support, should arrive at least eight months prior to the expected date of admission.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete and defend an acceptable thesis. In addition, they must successfully complete courses totalling not fewer than 1.5 credits. These credits must include the two mandatory courses IBIO*6630 Scientific Communication I (0.75 credit), and IBIO*6640 Scientific Communication II (0.25 credit).

An acceptable MSc thesis comprises a scientifically defensible account of the student's research on a particular, well-defined research problem or hypothesis. (Such research should begin with the practical expectation that it could be completed and the thesis defended in not more than six semesters.) Paramount to the notion of acceptability of the thesis is its quality with respect to the underlying rationale (problem identification), the approach used to address the problem, and the evaluation of the results. Final acceptance of the MSc thesis need not imply that the work is sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in scholarly media, though the majority of MSc research in the department is published.

The department endorses the idea that graduate students in the Zoology program should benefit from exposure to recent developments both within and between the major areas of emphasis. To that end, students may enrol in any of the regularly offered courses entitled "Advances in ...", which are team-taught by several faculty members. A selection of subjects is given in each of the course descriptions below. Details of course content, format and evaluation will be available in the office of the chair of the department one semester prior to the semester in which the course is offered.

In addition, the department offers two "Topics in..." courses to provide students with the opportunity to study with individual faculty on specific topics in the faculty member's area of expertise. These courses may be taken by groups as either reading/seminar courses, or on an individual research-project basis. Students should approach individual faculty members to request supervision on individual research project courses; faculty members may be petitioned by students to offer, or may advertise, "Topics in..." courses at least one semester prior to the semester in which the course is to be offered.

PhD Program

The Zoology Graduate Program offers PhD degrees for studies in each of the three major areas of emphasis: ecology and behaviour, evolutionary biology, and physiology. The 3 areas of interest focus on (but are not restricted to), experimental approaches in field and laboratory settings and a strong linkage between theoretical and applied investigations. The department encourages students to pursue interdisciplinary research and, where appropriate, utilize faculty expertise from across campus on their advisory committees.

Admission Requirements

The admission and degree requirements of the PhD program are essentially those of the university. Most applicants will have a recognized master's degree in a related field obtained with minimum academic standing of 'A-' (80%) in their postgraduate studies, and the endorsement of a potential thesis advisor. Under exceptional circumstances admission directly to a PhD program with an appropriate honours degree alone, or transfer from MSc to PhD program without completing the MSc thesis requirements, is also possible. Applications should be received at least one full semester (four months) prior to the expected date of admission. Applications from international students, especially those applying for financial support, should arrive at least eight months prior to the expected date of admission.

Degree Requirements

The Zoology program expects that the major part of the student's time will be devoted to research in fulfilment of the thesis requirement. For that reason, the department does not require that PhD students take any courses. Even so, students entering directly into the PhD program are strongly encouraged to take IBIO*6630 Scientific Communication I

(0.75 credit) in their first Fall semester. Furthermore, advisory committees may, from time to time, require that a student take some prescribed or additional courses. Regardless, PhD students are expected to contribute and participate actively in the full academic life of the department, including regular attendance at departmental and inter-departmental seminars, and to provide leadership and counselling to undergraduate and MSc students.

PhD students will become candidates for the PhD degree upon successful completion of an oral or written qualifying examination, which must be conducted not later than the fifth semester of the PhD program. However students are strongly encouraged to take the exam by the end of their third semester. The exam evaluates students' knowledge in the general area of the intended research. Candidates will spend not fewer than five semesters (seven without an MSc) in the program, and are expected to complete their studies within 11 semesters.

Submission and defence of an acceptable thesis complete the requirements for a PhD. An acceptable thesis comprises a report of the candidate's research on a particular and well-defined research problem or hypothesis. It should represent a significant contribution to knowledge in that field. Emphasis is placed on the quality of the work as judged by the expression of mature scholarship, critical judgment, and satisfactory literary style in the thesis. Thesis approval implies that it is judged sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in reputable, refereed journals in its field.

Interdepartmental Programs

MSc (Aquaculture) Interdepartmental Program

The Department of Integrative Biology participates in the MSc program in aquaculture. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of aquaculture may serve as advisors for MSc (Aquaculture) students. Please consult the Aquaculture listing for a detailed description of the MSc (Aquaculture) interdepartmental program.

Biophysics MSc/PhD Program

The Department of Integrative Biology participates in the MSc/PhD program in biophysics. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of biophysics may serve as advisors for MSc and PhD students in biophysics. Please consult the Biophysics listing for a detailed description of the graduate programs offered by the Biophysics Interdepartmental Group (BIG).

Toxicology MSc/PhD Collaborative Program

The Department of Integrative Biology participates in the MSc/PhD program in toxicology. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of toxicology may serve as advisors for MSc and PhD students. Please consult the Toxicology listing for a detailed description of the MSc/PhD collaborative program.

Courses

Evolutionary Biology

IBIO*6020 Advances in Evolutionary Biology U [0.50]

This modular course reviews books and/or other publications in the field of evolutionary biology, providing knowledge of progress in this area of biology. Topics may include epigenetics, phylogenetics, developmental basis of evolutionary change, and molecular evolution. The course includes lectures and seminars in which the students participate. Offered annually.

IBIO*6060 Special Topics in Evolution U [0.50]

Students will explore aspects of evolution not otherwise covered in existing graduate courses. A program of study will be developed with a faculty advisor according to the student's requirements. Research papers, laboratory work and/or written and oral presentations may be required.

Physiology

IBIO*6010 Advances in Physiology U [0.50]

A modular course format in which several faculty members lecture and/or lead discussion groups in tutorials on advances in their areas, or related areas, of physiology. Topics may include metabolic adaptation to extreme environments, behavioural and molecular endocrinology, and exercise and muscle physiology. The course includes lectures and seminars in which the students participate. Offered annually.

IBIO*6090 Special Topics in Physiology U [0.50]

Students will explore aspects of physiology not otherwise covered in existing graduate courses. A program of study will be developed with a faculty advisor according to the student's requirements. Research papers, laboratory work and/or written and oral presentations may be required.

Ecology and Behaviour

IBIO*6000 Advances in Ecology and Behaviour U [0.50]

This is a modular course in which several faculty lecture and/or lead discussion groups in tutorials about advances in their broad areas, or related areas, of ecology and behaviour. Topics may include animal communication, optimal foraging, life-history evolution, mating systems, population dynamics, niche theory and food-web dynamics. The course includes lectures and seminars in which the students participate. Offered annually.

IBIO*6040 Special Topics in Ecology U [0.50]

Students will explore aspects of ecology not otherwise covered in existing graduate courses. A program of study will be developed with a faculty advisor according to the student's requirements. Research papers, laboratory work and/or written and oral presentations may be required.

Cellular and Molecular Biology

IBIO*6100 Molecular Evolution U [0.50]

This course is designed to provide students with an appreciation for the uses of molecular data in the study of evolutionary processes. An overview of the principles of molecular data analysis using a phylogenetic approach will be given. In addition, the importance of incorporating evolutionary history into biodiversity research and other applied topics will be emphasized. Laboratory sessions will be devoted to practical training in analytical tools using specialized computer software, and for student presentation of independent research projects. The course will involve practical training in molecular data analysis using a phylogenetic approach and discussion of current topics from the primary literature.

General

IBIO*6070 Topics in Advanced Integrative Biology I U [0.50]

This course provides graduate students, either individually or in groups, with the opportunity to pursue topics in specialized fields of botany and zoology under the guidance of graduate faculty. Course topics will normally be advertised by faculty one semester prior to their offering. Courses may be offered in any of lecture, reading/seminar, or individual project formats. A minimum enrolment may be required for some course offerings.

IBIO*6080 Topics in Advanced Integrative Biology II U [0.50]

This course provides graduate students, either individually or in groups, with the opportunity to pursue topics in specialized fields of botany and zoology under the guidance of graduate faculty. Course topics will normally be advertised by faculty one semester prior to their offering. Courses may be offered in any of lecture, reading/seminar, or individual project formats. A minimum enrolment may be required for some course offerings.

ZOO*6550 Aquaculture U [0.50]

Examination of the history, practice and future of aquaculture with special reference to the application of biological principles and knowledge to the production of aquatic organisms for food and other uses.

IBIO*6630 Scientific Communication I U [0.75]

The development and refinement of the skills of scientific communication, emphasizing writing skills, in the context of developing a thesis proposal. This course is mandatory for MSc students in the Department of Integrative Biology.

IBIO*6640 Scientific Communication II U [0.25]

The development and refinement of the skills of scientific communication, emphasizing oral skills, and culminating in the defence of the thesis proposal. This course is mandatory for MSc students in the Department of Integrative Biology.