

2008-2009 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2008-2009 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2008, the Fall Semester 2008 and the Winter Semester 2009.

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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.

The university will not be liable for any interruption in, or cancellation of, any academic activities as set forth in this calendar and related information where such interruption is caused by fire, strike, lock-out, inability to procure materials or trades, restrictive laws or governmental regulations, actions taken by the faculty, staff or students of the university or by others, civil unrest or disobedience, or any other cause of any kind beyond the reasonable control of the university.

The University of Guelph reaffirms section 1 of the Ontario Human Rights Code, 1981, which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, age, marital status or family status.

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

Introduction

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

Personal information is collected under the authority of the University of Guelph Act (1964), and in accordance with Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/90f31_e.htm. This information is used by University officials in order to carry out their authorized academic and administrative responsibilities and also to establish a relationship for alumni and development purposes. Certain personal information is disclosed to external agencies, including the Ontario Universities Application Centre, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Statistics Canada, for statistical and planning purposes, and is disclosed to other individuals or organizations in accordance with the Office of Registrarial Services Departmental Policy on the Release of Student Information. For details on the use and disclosure of this information call the Office of Registrarial Services at the University at (519) 824-4120 or see <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/registrar/index.cfm?index>.

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Address for University Communication

Depending on the nature and timing of the communication, the University may use one of these addresses to communicate with students. Students are, therefore, responsible for checking all of the following on a regular basis:

Email Address

The University issued email address is considered an official means of communication with the student and will be used for correspondence from the University. Students are responsible for monitoring their University-issued email account regularly.

Home Address

Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through Graduate Program Services.

Name Changes

The University of Guelph is committed to the integrity of its student records, therefore, each student is required to provide either on application for admission or on personal data forms required for registration, his/her complete, legal name. Any requests to change a name, by means of alteration, deletion, substitution or addition, must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

Student Confidentiality and Release of Student Information Policy Excerpt

The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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Veterinary Science

The Interdepartmental Group in Veterinary Science consists of members of the graduate faculty in the Ontario Veterinary College who are involved in the doctor of veterinary science (DVSc) program. Specific functions of the group are discharged by the Interdepartmental DVSc Program Committee, which is involved with the admission, progress, and certification for graduation of students enrolled in the DVSc program.

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DVSc Program

The DVSc is a unique post-professional degree. The DVSc program provides advanced discipline training and research at the doctoral level. It involves course and investigational work on an applied problem, together with advanced discipline training. Students enrolled in the program select one of the sixteen specializations (listed below) and register in the appropriate department. The departments and specializations are:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical pharmacology
- Clinical Studies
- Comparative medicine
(small animal medicine, small animal surgery, large animal medicine, large animal surgery, emergency medicine and critical care, anesthesiology, ophthalmology, cardiology and neurology)
- Pathobiology
Clinical pathology, anatomic pathology, laboratory-animal science, and comparative pathology
- Population Medicine
Clinical epidemiology, ruminant health management, swine health management and theriogenology

Admission Requirements

The normal basis for admission to DVSc studies is a DVM or equivalent degree that would allow the applicant to be eligible for licence to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The applicant must have achieved high academic standing according to the standards of the University of Guelph.

Students who meet the aforementioned requirements and possess either an acceptable graduate diploma, MSc degree, or PhD degree with 'B+' average standing may be admitted and granted credit for two semesters in the DVSc program.

A student enrolled in the graduate diploma program who achieves a superior record and shows a particular aptitude for applied studies may be authorized by the Board of Graduate Studies, on recommendation of the Interdepartmental DVSc Program Committee, to transfer to the DVSc program without completing the graduate diploma program. This authorization must be granted no later than the end of the second semester of study. The transfer will be effective the following semester.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 2.5 course credits is required. A qualifying examination must be taken prior to the end of the sixth semester to assess the student's knowledge of the selected area of specialization and the basic sciences supporting this area. Candidates are required to develop investigational skills in their distinctive area of specialization by carrying out an original study, generally related to animal health. The research must make a significant contribution to the area of specialization, be written up as a thesis, and defended.

At least nine semesters of full-time study must be devoted to the DVSc program. Additional information on the DVSc program may be found in the calendar description of each participating department.