

2009-2010 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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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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Environmental Biology

The School of Environmental Sciences offers programs of study leading to MSc and PhD degrees. Graduate studies are designed to train people to work independently and imaginatively with a high level of technical skill and scientific acumen in various areas of environmental biology.

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MSc Program

The MSc program has five areas of specialization: entomology, environmental microbiology and biotechnology, environmental toxicology, plant and forest systems and plant pathology.

- Entomology emphasizes systematics, ecology, physiology, behaviour and insect pest management strategies as they relate to toxicology, insecticide resistance management, agro-ecosystem impact on non-target beneficial insects, climate change, and biological, genetic and cultural control tactics.

- Environmental microbiology and biotechnology emphasizes the physiology, ecology and biochemistry of microorganisms with potential for environmental or biotechnological applications. It also includes studies on microbial pathogen detection, biofuels and bioproducts, and environmental applications of microbial forensics, recombinant antibodies, and in planta expression of antibodies.
- Environmental toxicology examines how terrestrial and aquatic organisms interact with toxic compounds in the environment, describes the methods and tools needed to assess environmental impacts, and emphasizes practical management solutions to address environmental problems.
- Plant and forest systems examines the ecological interactions in complex ecosystems ranging from forest and aquatic systems to controlled environments such as greenhouses, growth chambers and life support systems for humans in space. Emphasis is placed on carbon dynamics, nutrient cycling, ecological modeling, environmental sensor technology, atmosphere management and environmental remediation.
- Plant pathology emphasizes the ecology and genetics of plant pathogens, plant disease resistance and epidemiology, the genomics and molecular biology of plant-pathogen interactions, and the development of new plant disease management strategies, such as the use of chemical, cultural and biological control agents.

Admission Requirements

The School's admission standard for the MSc program is higher than the minimum standard set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Admission to the MSc program requires a four-year, honours science degree with a minimum 'B' (75%) average during the final two years (4 semesters) of full time undergraduate study. The University minimum is 'B-' (70%). Students who meet the minimum university requirement (70%) but not the departmental requirement (75%) may be considered for admission with provisional status. Students on provisional status must obtain a B average in at least two graduate courses during their first two semesters of study to continue in the program.

Degree Requirements

A candidate for the MSc degree is expected to have a general knowledge of fundamental aspects of biology and detailed knowledge of the specialty area. The specialty area will normally be one of the areas in which the School of Environmental Sciences is prepared to offer a graduate degree. In addition, students are encouraged to obtain a knowledge of both theoretical and applied aspects of their specialty area.

Before the end of the student's first semester, the advisory committee will meet informally with the student to discuss the student's background, interests and knowledge in the proposed research area. The advisory committee will then establish a program of prescribed courses (at least 1.5 credits of graduate level courses) and, if required, additional courses. All MSc candidates must complete a thesis. A statement of the objectives of the thesis research program should be prepared as early as possible.

A normal MSc program requires six semesters. Programs involving field work may require seven or eight semesters. The number of courses per semester should not normally exceed four. Among these would be courses that are core requirements of the undergraduate specialty and represent the candidate's deficiencies.

Graduate students must take the Seminar, ENVB*6710 course, unless exempted from taking this course by the advisory committee. Exemptions are subject to approval by the Graduate Education Committee.

PhD Program

The PhD program emphasizes the same major areas of specialization as the MSc program.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PhD program is generally restricted to students with a recognized MSc degree in a related field obtained with a minimum academic standing of 'B' (75%) in their postgraduate studies.

Degree Requirements

A candidate for the PhD degree is expected to have a general knowledge of fundamental aspects of biology and detailed knowledge of the specialty area. The specialty area will normally be one of the areas in which the School of Environmental Sciences is prepared to offer a graduate degree. In addition, students are encouraged to obtain a knowledge of both the theoretical and applied aspects of their specialty area.

Before the end of the student's first semester the advisory committee will meet informally with the student to discuss the student's background, interests and knowledge in the proposed research area. The advisory committee will then establish a program of prescribed courses and, if necessary, additional courses.

All PhD candidates must complete a thesis. A statement of the objectives of the thesis research program should be prepared as early as possible. A PhD program normally requires 9 to 11 semesters. The number of courses per semester should not normally exceed four. Graduate students must take the Seminar, ENVB*6710 course, unless exempted from taking this course by the advisory committee. Exemptions are subject to approval by the Graduate Education Committee.

Interdepartmental Programs

Toxicology MSc/PhD Collaborative Program

The School of Environmental Sciences participates in the MSc/PhD program in toxicology. The faculty members' research and teaching expertise includes aspects of toxicology; they may serve as advisors for MSc and PhD students.

Please consult the Toxicology listing <http://www.uoguelph.ca/toxicology/> for a detailed description of the MSc/PhD collaborative program and faculty associated with this program.

Collaborative International Development Studies MSc Collaborative Program

The School of Environmental Sciences participates in the MSc program in Collaborative International Development Studies.

Please consult the Collaborative International Development Studies listing <http://www.uoguelph.ca/cids/graduate/index.shtml> for a detailed description of this program and faculty associated with this program.

Courses

ENVB*6040 Molecular Basis of Plant-Microbe Interactions F [0.50]

A lecture and seminar course on recent advances in the study of plant-microbe interactions. Topics included are the biochemical, physiological and genetic aspects of plant defenses and the interaction of plants with pathogenic and mutualistic bacteria, fungi and viruses. Offered in conjunction with PBIO*4000. Extra work is required of graduate students.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of ENVB*6040 or PBIO*4000

ENVB*6060 Topics in Phytopathology W [0.50]

Current topics and emerging issues in phytopathology and plant health will be examined through presentations, discussions and group projects. Emphasis will be placed on ecology, population biology and genetics of plant pathogens and other microorganisms, and their application to current practices in plant health.

ENVB*6180 Physiology and Biochemistry of Herbicides W [0.50]

Chemical and biological fate of herbicides in soil. Physical, morphological and physiological factors influencing herbicidal selectivity and modes of action. (Offered in alternate years.)

ENVB*6190 Environmental Microbial Technology W [0.50]

Current topics in selected areas of environmental microbial technology. An emphasis will be placed on the physiology and genetics of microorganisms useful in environmental biotechnology. The course involves extensive use of current journal articles. (Offered in alternate odd years.)

Restriction(s): Undergraduate degree in microbiology or related discipline.

ENVB*6340 Colloquium in Insect Systematics W [0.25]

Weekly discussions and seminars dealing with current topics in systematic entomology.

ENVB*6370 Physiology of Insects F [0.50]

Students will be assigned a library exercise and will select a laboratory project in their own area of interest. Emphasis will be placed on techniques and familiarity with current literature.

ENVB*6451 Topics in Environmental Biology F,W,S [0.25]

This course provides graduate students, either individually or in groups, with the opportunity to pursue topics in the major areas of departmental specialization such as plant protection, entomology, and environmental management. This course may be offered in any of lecture, reading/seminar, or individual project formats.

ENVB*6452 Topics in Environmental Biology F,W,S [0.50]

See ENVB*6451

ENVB*6520 Pollination Biology F [0.50]

Pollination biology is discussed from both entomological and botanical viewpoints, stressing fundamental and applied aspects. (Offered in the fall semester or by arrangement with the professor.)

ENVB*6530 Toxicological Risk Characterization W [0.50]

A biologically based advanced course that will give students working knowledge of current procedures and techniques for toxicological risk characterization. The course material will cover the topics: problem definition, concentration-response characterization, exposure characterization, and risk assessment and risk-management decision making. Department of Environmental Biology

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of TOX*6530, ENVB*6530, ENVB*4550 and TOX*4550

ENVB*6540 Integrated Pest Management - Insects W [0.50]

Concepts associated with integrated pest management of insect pests of various plant hosts will be introduced to students in an interactive lecture and laboratory format. Experiential learning and skill development, associated with economic entomology, will also be emphasized.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of ENVB*6540 and ENVB*4100

ENVB*6550 Bioactivity and Metabolism of Pesticides W [0.50]

The basis of pesticide bioactivity will be examined, with emphasis on mode of action, structure-activity relationships and analytical methods. Students will participate in seminars and prepare a research paper and/or conduct a laboratory research project in consultation with the instructor(s). Students in this course are expected to attend the lectures for ENVB*4240.

ENVB*6560 Forest Ecosystem Dynamics F [0.50]

An exploration of energy flow and distribution in forest ecosystems. Both components will be examined in the context of biomass and productivity, perturbations and resilience. Some aspects of modelling will be covered.

ENVB*6620 Management and Biology of the Honey Bee F [0.50]

An in-depth treatment of advanced topics related to honey bees, including management techniques such as wintering bees, queen rearing and instrumental insemination, comb-honey production, genetics and breeding of honey bees, caste determination, and social behaviour of honey bees. Discussion sections will focus on recent research.

ENVB*6710 Seminar F-W [0.25]

This course provides information and training in scientific presentations. Students will prepare a written essay based on their research and make an oral presentation of their proposed studies. Students are expected to take this course in the second or third semester of their study.