

2014-2015 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2013-2014 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2014, Fall Semester 2014 and the Winter Semester 2015.

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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

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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 <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/>

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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 the Office of Graduate Studies.

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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Integrative Biology

The Department of Integrative Biology is comprised of faculty members in three overlapping areas of emphasis: Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Comparative Physiology. Research is focused on a wide variety of organisms (from microbes to plants to animals) at multiple levels of organization (from molecules and cells through to entire ecosystems). Basic research is being used as a foundation to address some of the most important regional and global issues.

The Integrative Biology Graduate Program offers MSc and PhD degrees. The three areas of emphasis are listed below. See the [department website](#) for additional information.

- **Ecology (ECO)**
- **Evolutionary Biology (EVO)**
- **Comparative Physiology (PHY)**

Faculty in Integrative Biology also participate in the interdepartmental programs in Bioinformatics, Biophysics and in the collaborative programs Neuroscience and Toxicology.

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MSc Program

The Integrative Biology Graduate Program offers MSc degrees in each of three major areas of emphasis (fields): ecology, evolutionary biology and comparative 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.

Admissions Requirements

To be considered, applicants must meet the requirements of a four-year honours science degree with a minimum 'B' (75%) average during the final two years (4 semesters) of undergraduate study. Each applicant must obtain the support of a faculty member willing to serve as his/her thesis advisor.

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

All components of the application, including transcript(s), graduate certificate(s), grading scale(s), language test results, assessment forms, a statement of interest and the name of the faculty advisor must be uploaded no later than two months after an application is submitted through the OUAC portal. Applications that are incomplete after this time period will be closed.

Admission Process

Graduate student applications to programs in the College of Biological Science are handled by the Office of the Associate Dean, Research (ADR). Before submitting an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to view the "[Before you Apply](#)" and "[Admission Process](#)" webpage on the ADR Future Student's site.

Complete application submission instructions may also be found on the [Office of Graduate Studies](#) webpage or in the Graduate Calendar.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete and defend an acceptable thesis. In addition, they must successfully complete courses totaling not fewer than 1.5 credits. These credits must include the mandatory course IBIO*6630, Scientific Communication (0.50 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 Integrative Biology 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 ...". 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 Advanced Integrative Biology" 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. In addition, faculty members may be petitioned by students to offer, or may advertise, "Topics in Advanced Integrative Biology" courses at least one semester prior to the semester in which the course is to be offered.

The Department also offers Special Topics courses that combine a senior-level undergraduate course in ecology, evolutionary biology, or comparative physiology with an additional component – typically a major paper or research project. These courses are coordinated by a single faculty member who should be consulted for more information.

PhD Program

The Integrative Biology Graduate Program offers PhD degrees for studies in each of the three major areas of emphasis (fields): ecology, evolutionary biology, and comparative physiology. The 3 areas of emphasis 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.

Admissions 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 uploaded at least one full semester (four months) prior to the expected date of admission. Applications from international students should be uploaded at least eight months prior to the expected date of admission.

Each applicant must obtain the support of a faculty member willing to serve as his/her thesis advisor.

All components of the application, including transcript(s), graduate certificate(s), grading scale(s), language test results, assessment forms, a statement of interest and the name of the faculty advisor must be uploaded no later than two months after an application is submitted through the OUAC portal. Applications that are incomplete after this time period will be closed.

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Degree Requirements

The Integrative Biology program expects that the major part of the student's time will be devoted to research in fulfillment of the thesis requirement. For that reason, the Department does not require that PhD students with an MSc degree take any courses. Students entering directly into the PhD program are required to take 1.0 course credits, which must include IBIO*6630, Scientific Communication (0.50 credit) in their first or second 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 counseling to undergraduate and MSc students.

PhD students will become candidates for the PhD degree upon successful completion of a qualifying examination with oral and written components, which should be conducted not later than the third semester of the PhD program. The exam evaluates students' knowledge in the general area of the intended research.

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 the research is judged sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in reputable, refereed journals in its field.

Courses

Ecology

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.

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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.

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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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

Comparative 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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

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 integrative biology 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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

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 integrative biology 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.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology

IBIO*6630 Scientific Communication U [0.50]

This course involves development and refinement of the skills of scientific communication, with emphasis on writing skills, in the context of developing a thesis proposal. This course is mandatory for MSc AND DIRECT ENTRY PhD students in the Department of Integrative Biology.

Department(s): Department of Integrative Biology