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.

For your convenience the Graduate Calendar is available in PDF format.

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Email Address

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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.

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Mathematics and Statistics

The objective of the graduate program is to offer opportunities for advanced studies and research in the fields of applied mathematics and applied statistics, including the interface between the two. Although the two fields within the program have different requirements in terms of specific courses and qualifying examination areas, there is a considerable degree of interaction and commonality between them, from both philosophical and practical viewpoints. Philosophically, this commonality relates to the methodology of constructing and validating models of specific real-world situations. The major areas of specialization in applied mathematics are dynamical systems, mathematical biology, numerical analysis and operations research. Applied statistics encompasses the study and application of statistical procedures to data arising from real-world problems. Much of the emphasis in this field concerns problems originally arising in a biological setting. The major areas of specialization include linear and nonlinear models; bioassay; and survival analysis, life testing and reliability.

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MSc Program

The department offers an MSc degree with several options. Students choose between either mathematics or statistics fields and complete their program either by thesis or project. The two main program types are regular and interdisciplinary.

Interdisciplinary programs involve faculty members of this and other university departments and focus on problems of common interest to both departments. Examples include joint studies in quantitative genetics involving faculty in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science; studies of economic management of renewable resources involving faculty from the economics departments; modeling of physiological processes involving faculty from the Ontario Veterinary College or the College of Biological Science; toxicological modeling or risk assessment in collaboration with faculty involved in the Toxicology Research Centre.

Admission Requirements

For the MSc Degree Program, applicants will normally have either

i) an honours degree with an equivalent to a major in the intended area of emphasis.

or

ii) an honours degree with the equivalent of a minor in the intended area of emphasis, as defined in the University of Guelph Undergraduate Calendar.

Strong applicants with more diverse backgrounds will also be considered but are encouraged to contact the Graduate Coordinator or a potential advisor before applying.

Note that the department's undergraduate diploma in applied statistics fulfils the requirement of a minor equivalent in statistics.

Degree Requirements

For both regular and interdisciplinary programs, the degree requirements may be met by taking either:

- an MSc by thesis which requires at least 2.0 credits (four courses) plus a thesis; or
- an MSc without thesis (by project) which requires at least six courses; i.e., 3.0 credits, 2.0 of which must be for graduate-level courses plus successful completion within two semesters:

  One of:

MATH*6998	[1.00]	MSc Project in Mathematics
STAT*6998	[1.00]	MSc Project in Statistics

All programs of study must include the appropriate core courses (see below). Students who have obtained prior credit for a core course or its equivalent will normally substitute a departmental graduate course at the same or higher level, with the approval of the graduate coordinator. The remaining prescribed courses are to be selected from either graduate courses or 400-level undergraduate courses. Courses taken outside of this department must have the prior approval of the graduate program committee.

Mathematical Area of Emphasis

All candidates for the MSc with a mathematical area of emphasis are required to include in their program of study at least two of the core courses. The core courses are:

MATH*6010	[0.50]	Analysis
MATH*6020	[0.50]	Scientific Computing
MATH*6051	[0.50]	Mathematical Modelling

Statistical Area of Emphasis

All candidates for the MSc with a statistical area of emphasis are required to include in their program of study at least two of the core courses.

The core courses are:

STAT*6801	[0.50]	Statistical Learning
STAT*6802	[0.50]	Generalized Linear Models and Extensions
STAT*6841	[0.50]	Statistical Inference
STAT*6860	[0.50]	Linear Statistical Models

It is required that students take the undergraduate course Statistical Inference, STAT*4340, if this course or its equivalent has not previously been taken.

Interdisciplinary Programs

1. The general course requirements, above, must be met.
2. The project or thesis of an interdisciplinary program must directly integrate the study of mathematics or statistics with another discipline.

PhD Program

Admission Requirements

Normally a candidate for the PhD degree program must possess a recognized master's degree obtained with high academic standing. The Departmental Graduate Studies Committee will consider applications for direct entry to PhD and for transfer from MSc to PhD. In any event, a member of the department's graduate faculty must agree to act as an advisor to the student.

Degree Requirements

The PhD degree is primarily a research degree. For that reason, course work commonly comprises a smaller proportion of the student's effort than in the master's program. Course requirements are as follows:

Applied Mathematics

Students must successfully complete 2.0 graduate course credits; i.e. four graduate courses. At least three of these courses must be graduate level MATH courses. Depending upon the student's academic background, further courses may be prescribed. All courses are chosen in consultation with the advisory committee. Additional courses may be required at the discretion of the advisory committee and/or the departmental graduate program committee. With departmental approval, some courses given by other universities may be taken for credit.

Applied Statistics

Students must successfully complete 2.0 graduate-course credits. Depending upon the student's academic background, further courses may be prescribed. Students must take the following courses as part of the four required courses (providing that these courses were not taken as part of the student's master's-degree program):

STAT*6801	[0.50]	Statistical Learning
STAT*6841	[0.50]	Statistical Inference

All courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisory committee. Additional courses may be required at the discretion of the advisory committee and/or the departmental graduate program committee. With departmental approval, some courses given by other universities may be taken for credit.

Interdepartmental Programs

Biophysics MSc/PhD Program

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics participates in the MSc/PhD programs in biophysics. Please consult the Biophysics listing for a detailed description of the graduate programs offered by the Biophysics Interdepartmental Group.

Bioinformatics MBNF/MSc Programs

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics participates in the MBNF and MSc programs in Bioinformatics. Please consult the Bioinformatics listing for a detailed description of these graduate programs and a list of the graduate faculty involved.

Courses

Mathematics

MATH*6010 Analysis U [0.50]

Half the course covers metric spaces, normed linear spaces, and inner product spaces, including Banach's and Schauder's fixed point theorems, Lp spaces, Hilbert spaces and the projection theorem. The remaining content may include topics like operator theory, inverse problems, measure theory and spectral analysis.

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MATH*6011 Dynamical Systems I U [0.50]

Basic theorems on existence, uniqueness and differentiability; phase space, flows, dynamical systems; review of linear systems, Floquet theory; Hopf bifurcation; perturbation theory and structural stability; differential equations on manifolds. Applications drawn from the biological, physical, and social sciences.

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MATH*6012 Dynamical Systems II U [0.50]

The quantitative theory of dynamical systems defined by differential equations and discrete maps, including: generic properties; bifurcation theory; the center manifold theorem; nonlinear oscillations, phase locking and period doubling; the Birkhoff-Smale homoclinic theorem; strange attractors and deterministic chaos.

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MATH*6020 Scientific Computing U [0.50]

This course covers the fundamentals of algoithms and computer programming. This may include computer arithmetic, complexity, error analysis, linear and nonlinear equations, least squares, interpolation, numerical differentiation and integration, optimization, random number generators, Monte Carlo simulation; case studies will be undertaken using modern software.

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MATH*6021 Optimization I U [0.50]

A study of the basic concepts in: linear programming, convex programming, non-convex programming, geometric programming and related numerical methods.

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MATH*6022 Optimization II U [0.50]

A study of the basic concepts in: calculus of variations, optimal control theory, dynamic programming and related numerical methods.

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MATH*6031 Functional Analysis U [0.50]

Hilbert, Banach and metric spaces are covered including applications. The Baire Category theorem is covered along with its consequences such as the open mapping theorem, the principle of uniform boundedness and the closed graph theorem. The theory of linear functionals is discussed including the Hahn-Banach theorem, dual spaces, and if time permits, weak topologies or generalized functions. Basic operator theory is covered including topics such as adjoints, compact operators, the Frechet derivative and spectral theory. A brief introduction to the concepts of measure and integration required for some of the aforementioned topics is also included. Restriction:

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of MATH*4220 or MATH*6031
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MATH*6041 Partial Differential Equations I U [0.50]

Classification of partial differential equations. The Hyperbolic type, the Cauchy problem, range of influence, well- and ill-posed problems, successive approximation, the Riemann function. The elliptic type: fundamental solutions, Dirichlet and Neumann problems. The parabolic type: boundary conditions, Green's functions and separation of variables. Introduction to certain non-linear equations and transformations methods.

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MATH*6042 Partial Differential Equations II U [0.50]

A continuation of some of the topics of Partial Differential Equations I. Also, systems of partial differential equations, equations of mixed type and non-linear equations.

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MATH*6051 Mathematical Modelling U [0.50]

The process of phenomena and systems model development, techniques of model analysis, model verification, and interpretation of results are presented. The examples of continuous or discrete, deterministic or probabilistic models may include differential equations, difference equations, cellular automata, agent based models, network models, stochastic processes.

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MATH*6071 Biomathematics U [0.50]

The application of mathematics to model and analyze biological systems. Specific models to illustrate the different mathematical approaches employed when considering different levels of biological function.

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MATH*6091 Topics in Analysis U [0.50]

Selected topics from topology, real analysis, complex analysis, and functional analysis.

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MATH*6181 Topics in Applied Mathematics I U [0.50]

This course provides graduate students, either individually or in groups, with the opportunity to pursue topics in applied mathematics under the guidance of graduate faculty. Course topics will normally be advertised by faculty in the semester prior to their offering. Courses may be offered in any of lecture, reading/seminar, or individual project formats.

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MATH*6182 Topics in Applied Mathematics II U [0.50]

This course provides graduate students, either individually or in groups, with the opportunity to pursue topics in applied mathematics under the guidance of graduate faculty. Course topics will normally be advertised by faculty in the semester prior to their offering. Courses may be offered in any of lecture, reading/seminar, or individual project formats.

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MATH*6400 Numerical Analysis I U [0.50]

Topics selected from numerical problems in: matrix operations, interpolation, approximation theory, quadrature, ordinary differential equations, partial differential equations, integral equations, nonlinear algebraic and transcendental equations.

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MATH*6410 Numerical Analysis II U [0.50]

One or more topics selected from those discussed in Numerical Analysis I, but in greater depth.

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MATH*6990 Mathematics Seminar U [0.00]

Students will review mathematical literature and present a published paper.

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MATH*6998 MSc Project in Mathematics U [1.00]

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Statistics

STAT*6550 Computational Statistics U [0.50]

This course covers the implementation of a variety of computational statistics techniques. These include random number generation, Monte Carlo methods, non-parametric techniques, Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, and the EM algorithm. A significant component of this course is the implementation of techniques.

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STAT*6700 Stochastic Processes U [0.50]

The content of this course is to introduce Brownian motion leading to the development of stochastic integrals thus providing a stochastic calculus. The content of this course will be delivered using concepts from measure theory and so familiarity with measures, measurable spaces, etc., will be assumed.

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STAT*6721 Stochastic Modelling U [0.50]

Topics include the Poisson process, renewal theory, Markov chains, Martingales, random walks, Brownian motion and other Markov processes. Methods will be applied to a variety of subject matter areas.

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STAT*6741 Statistical Analysis for Reliability and Life Testing U [0.50]

Statistical failure models, order statistics, point and interval estimation procedures for life time distributions, testing reliability hypotheses, Bayes methods in reliability, system reliability.

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STAT*6761 Survival Analysis U [0.50]

Kaplan-Meier estimation, life-table methods, the analysis of censored data, survival and hazard functions, a comparison of parametric and semi-parametric methods, longitudinal data analysis.

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STAT*6801 Statistical Learning U [0.50]

Topics include: nonparametric and semiparametric regression; kernel methods; regression splines; local polynomial models; generalized additive models; classification and regression trees; neural networks. This course deals with both the methodology and its application with appropriate software. Areas of application include biology, economics, engineering and medicine.

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STAT*6802 Generalized Linear Models and Extensions U [0.50]

Topics include: generalized linear models; generalized linear mixed models; joint modelling of mean and dispersion; generalized estimating equations; modelling longitudinal categorical data; modelling clustered data. This course will focus both on theory and implementation using relevant statistical software.

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STAT*6821 Multivariate Analysis U [0.50]

This is an advanced course in multivariate analysis and one of the primary emphases will be on the derivation of some of the fundamental classical results of multivariate analysis. In addition, topics that are more current to the field will also be discussed such as: multivariate adaptive regression splines; projection pursuit regression; and wavelets.

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STAT*6841 Statistical Inference U [0.50]

Bayesian and likelihood methods, large sample theory, nuisance parameters, profile, conditional and marginal likelihoods, EM algorithms and other optimization methods, estimating functions, MonteCarlo methods for exploring posterior distributions and likelihoods, data augmentation, importance sampling and MCMC methods.

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STAT*6850 Advanced Biometry U [0.50]

Topics on advanced techniques for analyzing data from biological systems. In particular, univariate discrete models, stochastic processes as it relates to population dynamics and growth models with time dependencies, generalized discrete models for spatial patterns in wildlife, the theoretical foundation and recent results in aquatic bioassays, and other topics relating to the student's research interest.

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STAT*6860 Linear Statistical Models U [0.50]

Generalized inverses of matrices; distribution of quadratic and linear forms; regression or full rank model; models not of full rank; hypothesis testing and estimation for full and non-full rank cases; estimability and testability; reduction sums of squares; balanced and unbalanced data; mixed models; components of variance.

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STAT*6870 Experimental Design U [0.50]

This is an advanced course in experimental design which emphasizes proofs of some of the fundamental results in the topic. The topics will include: design principles; design linear models; designs with several factors; confounding in symmetrical factorials; fractional factorials.

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STAT*6880 Sampling Theory U [0.50]

Theory of equal and unequal probability sampling. Topics in: simple random, systematic, and stratified sampling; ratio and regression estimates; cluster sampling and subsampling; double sampling procedure and repetitive surveys; nonsampling errors.

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STAT*6920 Topics in Statistics U [0.50]

Department(s): Department of Mathematics and Statistics

STAT*6950 Statistical Methods for the Life Sciences F [0.50]

Analysis of variance, completely randomized, randomized complete block and latin square designs; planned and unplanned treatment comparisons; random and fixed effects; factorial treatment arrangements; simple and multiple linear regression; analysis of covariance with emphasis on the life sciences. STAT*6950 and STAT*6960 are intended for graduate students of other departments and may not normally be taken for credit by mathematics and statistics graduate students.

Department(s): Department of Mathematics and Statistics

STAT*6970 Statistical Consulting Internship U [0.25]

This course provides experience in statistical consulting in a laboratory and seminar environment. The student will participate in providing statistical advice and/or statistical analyses and participate in seminar discussions of problems arising from research projects in various disciplines.

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STAT*6990 Statistics Seminars by Graduate Students U [0.00]

Department(s): Department of Mathematics and Statistics

STAT*6998 MSc Project in Statistics U [1.00]

Department(s): Department of Mathematics and Statistics