

2018-2019 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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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 Registrarial 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 <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/office-services/university-secretariat/university-policies>.

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Biotechnology

The interdepartmental program focuses on molecular approaches and provides both scientific and business discipline-specific training. The Master of Biotechnology program provides graduates with advanced education, knowledge, technical and business expertise in the broad field of biotechnology. Courses promote effective communication of knowledge of the scientific discipline, as well as place it in a business context. It fosters academic and intellectual growth, as well as interactions between graduate students, faculty, the university, and the wider research community and the private sector. Students will be trained as highly competent, independent, and creative researchers/managers who are familiar with and able to integrate both the science and business environments. Furthermore, the program encourages the development of entrepreneurial activities in this area, which is crucial for the formation of new private sector companies. The ultimate goal of the program is to advance and encourage biotechnology research on campus, both amongst the graduate students enrolled in the program, as well as amongst and between faculty.

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MBIOT Program

Admission Requirements

Students entering the program will normally have completed an Honours Bachelor's degree with a minimum admission average of B (75% and higher) in one of the following fields: biology, molecular biology and genetics, biotechnology, microbiology, biochemistry, biophysics, food science, agriculture, food production systems, commerce with a strong science background. Anyone lacking the required background will be encouraged to complete them prior to commencing their studies in the new program (typically in the immediately preceding summer semester) or, if approved by the program counsellor, during their studies. Students whose first language is not English require a minimum TOEFL score of 93 with a minimum score of 22 in each of the four categories, or a minimum IELTS score of 7.0, with a minimum of at least 6.5 in each component. Applicants who have completed an undergraduate degree from institutions where the language of instruction was English may be exempt from ESL requirements, pending departmental approval.

All components of the application, including transcript(s), graduate certificate(s), grading scale(s), language test results and assessment forms 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.

Admissions 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" webpages on the ADR Future Student's site.

Space in this program will be limited and students are advised to apply as early as possible to be accepted for the following Fall. Application details are posted on the program web-site.

Degree Requirements

A total of 4.0 course credits are required to graduate, which must include BIOT*6500, BIOT*6600, BIOT*6550, BIOT*6610 and BIOT*6700 (each 0.50). In addition, the research project course BIOT*6800 (1.00) must be taken in Semester 3. Additional courses can be selected from electives.

An optional Semester 4 may be added, as a research project extension.

Duration of the Program

Students will normally take three courses per semester for two semesters (3.0 credits) and complete the Biotechnology Masters project (1.0) credit in semester 3. Therefore, the program normally takes 12 months of full-time study. There is, however, the option to continue the Biotechnology Masters project into a second fall semester, in which case the program will take 16 months of full-time study.

Courses

Core Courses

BIOT*6500 Molecular Biotechnology F [0.50]

This course will provide an overview of molecular approaches relevant to a broad range of biotechnology industries including those found in medical, microbial, protein, pharmaceutical, environmental and agricultural fields.

Department(s): Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

BIOT*6550 Biodiversity and Biotechnology W [0.50]

Biological diversity includes the variability among living organisms spanning genetic, species, habitat and geographic scales, thereby encompassing all living things and associated systems. This course will provide an overview of DNA-based approaches used to analyze and characterize the main principles of biodiversity followed by discussions of the impact of biologically diverse communities within the biotechnology sector.

Department(s): Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

BIOT*6600 Innovation Management F [0.50]

This course will focus on the integration of science and business from initial discovery through to commercialization. This integration involves resolving issues related to technical, market and financial feasibility. Topics will include the innovation process, assessment of markets, development of business models and managing projects under high uncertainty.

Department(s): Department of Management

BIOT*6610 Cases in Biotechnology Management W [0.50]

This course will examine contemporary issues in biotechnology / science-based business through a case-based approach. Topics from across the spectrum of business disciplines (marketing, management, strategy, intellectual property, etc.) will be examined. Time permitting, a live case with an industry partner will be used.

Prerequisite(s): BIOT*6600

Department(s): Department of Management

BIOT*6700 Communication in Science and Business W [0.50]

The goal of this course is to develop written, and oral presentation skills to effectively communicate ideas and experiments in both scientific and business contexts. Students will be asked to write and orally communicate a research proposal.

Department(s): Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

BIOT*6800 Research Project S [1.00]

The students will be matched with a research advisor in their first semester and write a research proposal on their project in the second semester communication course. During the time they do their research project, they will be expected to do the research work that they propose and then to prepare a written report of their results and conclusions as well as to give a poster presentation on this. The research project can be undertaken with any appropriate faculty member, or with an approved off-campus institution.

Restriction(s): Students registered in Master of Biotechnology program

Department(s): Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

Electives

College of Biological Sciences

MCB*6310	[0.50]	Advanced Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology
MCB*6370	[0.50]	Protein Structural Biology and Bioinformatics
HHNS*6440	[0.50]	Nutrition, Gene Expression and Cell Signalling

Bioinformatics

BINF*6110	[0.50]	Genomic Methods for Bioinformatics
BINF*6210	[0.50]	Software Tools for Biological Data Analysis and Organization

College of Business and Economics

UNIV*6050	[1.00]	The Integration of Science and Business in Agrifood Systems
MGMT*6200	[0.50]	Leadership Assessment and Development
MGMT*6400	[0.50]	Project Management

Ontario Agricultural College

ANSC*6450	[0.50]	Topics in Animal Biotechnology
ENVS*6040	[0.50]	Molecular Basis of Plant-Microbe Interactions
PLNT*6500	[0.50]	Applied Bioinformatics