2019-2020 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2019-2020 academic year, including the Summer Semester 2019, Fall Semester 2019 and the Winter Semester 2020.

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

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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

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 Advanced Education and Skills Development, 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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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 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, their 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 their 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 .

Learning Outcomes

Graduate Degree Learning Outcomes

On May 27, 2013, the University of Guelph Senate approved the following five University-wide Learning Outcomes as the basis from which to guide the development of graduate degree programs, specializations and courses:

1. Critical and Creative Thinking
2. Literacy
3. Global Understanding
4. Communication
5. Professional and Ethical Behaviour

These learning outcomes are also intended to serve as a framework through which our educational expectations are clear to students and the broader public; and to inform the process of outcomes assessment through the quality assurance process (regular reviews) of programs and departments.

An on-line guide to the learning outcomes, links to the associated skills, and detailed rubrics designed to support the development and assessment of additional program and discipline-specific outcomes, are available for reference on the Learning Outcomes website

Critical and Creative Thinking

Critical and creative thinking is a concept in which one applies logical principles, after much inquiry and analysis, to solve problems with a high degree of innovation, divergent thinking and risk taking. Those mastering this outcome show evidence of integrating knowledge and applying this knowledge across disciplinary boundaries. Depth and breadth of understanding of disciplines is essential to this outcome. At the graduate level, originality in the application of knowledge (master's) and undertaking of research (doctoral) is expected.

In addition, Critical and Creative Thinking includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Independent Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving; Creativity; and Depth and Breadth of Understanding.

Literacy

Literacy is the ability to extract information from a variety of resources, assess the quality and validity of the material, and use it to discover new knowledge. The comfort in using quantitative literacy also exists in this definition, as does using technology effectively and developing visual literacy.

In addition, Literacy includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Information Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Technological Literacy, and Visual Literacy.

Global Understanding

Global understanding encompasses the knowledge of cultural similarities and differences, the context (historical, geographical, political and environmental) from which these arise, and how they are manifest in modern society. Global understanding is exercised as civic engagement, intercultural competence and the ability to understand an academic discipline outside of the domestic context.

In addition, Global Understanding includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Global Understanding, Sense of Historical Development, Civic Knowledge and Engagement, and Intercultural Competence.

Communication

Communication is the ability to interact effectively with a variety of individuals and groups, and convey information successfully in a variety of formats including oral and written communication. Communication also comprises attentiveness and listening, as well as reading comprehension. It includes the ability to communicate and synthesize information, arguments, and analyses accurately and reliably.

In addition, Communication includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Reading Comprehension, and Integrative Communication.

Professional and Ethical Behaviour

Professional and ethical behaviour requires the ability to accomplish the tasks at hand with proficient skills in teamwork and leadership, while remembering ethical reasoning behind all decisions. The ability for organizational and time management skills is essential in bringing together all aspects of managing self and others. Academic integrity is central to mastery in this outcome. At the graduate level, intellectual independence is needed for professional and academic development and engagement.

In addition, Professional and Ethical Behaviour includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Teamwork, Ethical Reasoning, Leadership, Personal Organization and Time Management, and Intellectual Independence.

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Artificial Intelligence

The Collaborative Specialization in Artificial Intelligence (AI) provides thesis-based masters students in Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics, and Bioinformatics with a diverse and comprehensive knowledge base in AI. Students wishing to undertake graduate studies at the masters level with emphasis on artificial intelligence will be admitted by a participating department and will register in both the participating department and in the collaborative specialization.

Students will learn from a multidisciplinary team of faculty with expertise in fundamental and applied deep learning and machine learning, while conducting AI-related research guided by a faculty advisor. By the end of this program, graduates will have comprehensive understanding of leading-edge AI techniques and will be able to apply this knowledge to solve real-world problems.

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MSc/MASc Collaborative Specialization

Admission Requirements

Masters students in the Collaborative Specialization in Artificial Intelligence must meet the admission requirements of the participating department in which they are enrolled. The application process has two stages. First, prospective students will apply to their primary program of interest, identifying interest in the collaborative specialization as a focus. If the student is admitted to the primary program as a thesis student, the second stage is then admission to the collaborative specialization. All applications to participate in the Collaborative Specialization in Artificial Intelligence will be vetted by the specialization's Graduate Program Coordinator.

Program Requirements

Masters students in the collaborative specialization in artificial intelligence must complete:

UNIV*6080	[0.25]	Computational Thinking for Artificial Intelligence
UNIV*6090	[0.50]	Artificial Intelligence Applications and Society

One of the following Elective Core courses:

CIS*6020	[0.50]	Artificial Intelligence
ENGG*6500	[0.50]	Introduction to Machine Learning
STAT*6801	[0.50]	Statistical Learning

Two of the following Complementary AI-related courses:

BINF*6970	[0.50]	Statistical Bioinformatics
CIS*6050	[0.50]	Neural Networks
CIS*6060	[0.50]	Bioinformatics
CIS*6070	[0.50]	Discrete Optimization
CIS*6080	[0.50]	Genetic Algorithms
CIS*6100	[0.50]	Parallel Processing Architectures
CIS*6120	[0.50]	Uncertainty Reasoning in Knowledge Representation

CIS*6140	[0.50]	Software Engineering
CIS*6160	[0.50]	Multiagent Systems
CIS*6320	[0.50]	Image Processing Algorithms and Applications
CIS*6420	[0.50]	Soft Computing
ENGG*6100	[0.50]	Machine Vision
ENGG*6140	[0.50]	Optimization Techniques for Engineering
ENGG*6570	[0.50]	Advanced Soft Computing
MATH*6020	[0.50]	Scientific Computing
MATH*6021	[0.50]	Optimization I
MATH*6051	[0.50]	Mathematical Modelling
PHIL*6760	[0.50]	Science and Ethics
STAT*6821	[0.50]	Multivariate Analysis
STAT*6841	[0.50]	Computational Statistical Inference
ENGG*4460	[0.50]	Robotic Systems
STAT*4000	[0.50]	Statistical Computing

And an acceptable AI-related thesis. Requirements of this collaborative specialization may also serve as core and/or elective requirements in the student's home program.

Courses

Required Courses

UNIV*6080 Computational Thinking for Artificial Intelligence U [0.25]

This course will provide students with an overview of the mathematical and computational foundation that is required to undertake artificial intelligence and machine learning research. Students will also gain an understanding of the historical context, breadth, and current state of the field. Students are expected to have already taken undergraduate courses in probability & statistics, calculus, linear algebra, and data structures & algorithms (STAT*2120, MATH*1210, ENGG*1500, and CIS*2520, or equivalents).

Offering(s):   Also offered through Distance Education format.
Department(s):   Dean's Office, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

UNIV*6090 Artificial Intelligence Applications and Society U [0.50]

This multidisciplinary, team-taught course provides an in-depth study of how artificial intelligence methodologies can be applied to solve real-world problems in different fields. Students will work in groups to propose solutions whilst considering social and ethical implications of artificial intelligence technologies.

Prerequisite(s):   UNIV*6080
Restriction(s):   Restricted to students in the collaborative specialization in Artificial Intelligence
Department(s):   Dean's Office, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Elective Core

CIS*6020 Artificial Intelligence U [0.50]

An examination of Artificial Intelligence principles and techniques such as: logic and rule based systems; forward and backward chaining; frames, scripts, semantic nets and the object-oriented approach; the evaluation of intelligent systems and knowledge acquisition. A sizeable project is required and applications in other areas are encouraged.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

ENGG*6500 Introduction to Machine Learning U [0.50]

The aim of this course is to provide students with an introduction to algorithms and techniques of machine learning particularly in engineering applications. The emphasis will be on the fundamentals and not specific approach or software tool. Class discussions will cover and compare all current major approaches and their applicability to various engineering problems, while assignments and project will provide hands-on experience with some of the tools.

Department(s):   School of Engineering

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.

Department(s):   Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Complementary AI-related

BINF*6970 Statistical Bioinformatics W [0.50]

This course presents a selection of advanced approaches for the statistical analysis of data that arise in bioinformatics, especially genomic data. A central theme to this course is the modelling of complex, often high-dimensional, data structures.

Prerequisite(s):   Introductory courses in statistics, mathematics and programming
Restriction(s):   Restricted to students in Bioinformatics programs. Students in other programs may consult with course instructor.
Department(s):   Dean's Office, College of Biological Science

CIS*6050 Neural Networks U [0.50]

Artificial neural networks, dynamical recurrent networks, dynamic input/output sequences, communications signal identification, syntactic pattern recognition.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6060 Bioinformatics U [0.50]

Data mining and bioinformatics, molecular biology databases, taxonomic groupings, sequences, feature extraction, Bayesian inference, cluster analysis, information theory, machine learning, feature selection.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6070 Discrete Optimization U [0.50]

This course will discuss problems where optimization is required and describes the most common techniques for discrete optimization such as the use of linear programming, constraint satisfaction methods, and genetic algorithms.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6080 Genetic Algorithms U [0.50]

This course introduces the student to basic genetic algorithms, which are based on the process of natural evolution. It is explored in terms of its mathematical foundation and applications to optimization in various domains.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6100 Parallel Processing Architectures U [0.50]

Parallelism in uniprocessor systems, parallel architectures, memory structures, pipelined architectures, performance issues, multiprocessor architectures.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6120 Uncertainty Reasoning in Knowledge Representation U [0.50]

Representation of uncertainty, Dempster-Schafer theory, fuzzy logic, Bayesian belief networks, decision networks, dynamic networks, probabilistic models, utility theory.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6140 Software Engineering U [0.50]

This course will discuss problems where optimization is required and describes the most common techniques for discrete optimization such as the use of linear programming, constraint satisfaction methods, and meta-heuristics.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6160 Multiagent Systems U [0.50]

Intelligent systems consisting of multiple autonomous and interacting subsystems with emphasis on distributed reasoning and decision making. Deductive reasoning agents, practical reasoning agents, probabilistic reasoning agents, reactive and hybrid agents, negotiation and agreement, cooperation and coordination, multiagent search, distributed MDP, game theory, and modal logics.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6320 Image Processing Algorithms and Applications U [0.50]

Brightness transformation, image smoothing, image enhancement, thresholding, segmentation, morphology, texture analysis, shape analysis, applications in medicine and biology.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

CIS*6420 Soft Computing U [0.50]

Neural networks, artificial intelligence, connectionist model, back propagation, resonance theory, sequence processing, software engineering concepts.

Department(s):   School of Computer Science

ENGG*6100 Machine Vision U [0.50]

Computer vision studies how computers can analyze and perceive the world using input from imaging devices. Topics covered include image pre-processing, segmentation, shape analysis, object recognition, image understanding, 3D vision, motion and stereo analysis, as well as case studies.

Department(s):   School of Engineering

ENGG*6140 Optimization Techniques for Engineering U [0.50]

This course serves as a graduate introduction into combinatorics and optimization. Optimization is the main pillar of Engineering and the performance of most systems can be improved through intelligent use of optimization algorithms. Topics to be covered: Complexity theory, Linear/Integer Programming techniques, Constrained/Unconstrained optimization and Nonlinear programming, Heuristic Search Techniques such as Tabu Search, Genetic Algorithms, Simulated Annealing and GRASP.

Department(s):   School of Engineering

ENGG*6570 Advanced Soft Computing U [0.50]

Neural dynamics and computation from a single neuron to a neural network architecture. Advanced neural networks and applications. Soft computing approaches to uncertainty representation, multi-agents and optimization.

Prerequisite(s):   ENGG*4430 or equivalent
Department(s):   School of Engineering

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.

Department(s):   Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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.

Department(s):   Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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.

Department(s):   Department of Mathematics and Statistics

PHIL*6760 Science and Ethics U [0.50]

A consideration of the problems which arise in the conjunction of science and ethics.

Department(s):   Department of Philosophy

STAT*6841 Computational Statistical Inference U [0.50]

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

Department(s):   Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Undergraduate Complementary AI-related Courses

ENGG*4460   [0.50]   Robotic Systems
STAT*4000   [0.50]   Statistical Computing