

2019-2020 Graduate Calendar

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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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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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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.

Program 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

Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics

UNIV*6050 [1.00] Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Agri-Food 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