

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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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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I. Schedule of Dates

Summer Semester 2019 (12 Week Format)

Thursday, May 9

- Classes commence

Thursday, May 16

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Summer 2019 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Summer 2019 Convocation

Friday, May 17

- Last day to add Summer 2019 courses - All graduate students
- Last day to drop two-semester courses (W19/S19)
- Last day for clearance to graduate at Summer 2019 Convocation

Monday, May 20

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Thursday, August 1

Wednesday, May 29

- 14th class day; no new student registrations permitted after this date

Thursday, June 6

- 20th class day; last day to complete UNIV*7100 Academic Integrity course

Monday, June 10

- Summer 2019 Convocation ceremonies begin
- Course selection period for Fall Semester 2019 begins—All graduate students

Friday, June 14

- Summer 2019 Convocation ceremonies end

Thursday, June 20

- Last day to apply to graduate at Fall 2019 Convocation without late application fee

Sunday, June 30

- Government Reporting Date

Monday, July 1

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Friday, August 2

Friday, July 5

- 40th class day - Last day to drop one semester courses
- Last day to apply online to graduate at Fall 2019 Convocation (late application fee still in effect)

Wednesday, July 31

- Last day for regularly scheduled classes

Thursday, August 1

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 20 Monday schedule in effect

Friday, August 2

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, July 1, Monday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude

Monday, August 5

- Holiday

Thursday, August 8

- Examinations Commence

Saturday, August 10

- Examinations Scheduled

Friday, August 16

- Examinations Conclude

Thursday, September 12

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Fall 2019 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Fall 2019 Convocation

Summer Semester 2019 (6 Week Format)

Thursday, May 9

- Classes commence

Monday, May 13

- Last day to add Summer Session courses - All graduate students

Monday, May 20

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Thursday, June 20

Thursday, June 6

- Last day to drop Summer Session courses

Wednesday, June 19

- Last day for regularly scheduled classes

Thursday, June 20

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 20, Monday schedule in effect

January 28, 2020

- Classes conclude

Monday, June 24

- Summer Session I examinations commence

Friday, June 28

- Summer Session I examinations conclude

Thursday, September 12

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Fall 2019 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Fall 2019 Convocation

Fall Semester 2019

Monday, September 2

- Holiday

Thursday, September 5

- Classes commence

Thursday, September 12

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Fall 2019 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Fall 2019 Convocation

Friday, September 13

- Last day to add Fall 2019 courses - All graduate students

Friday, September 20

- Last day for clearance to graduate at Fall 2019 Convocation

Tuesday, September 24

- 14th class day; no new student registrations permitted after this date.

Wednesday, October 2

- 20th class day; last day to complete UNIV*7100 Academic Integrity course

Monday, October 14

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED -- classes rescheduled to Friday, November 29

Tuesday, October 15

- Fall Study Break Day - NO CLASSES SCHEDULED -- classes rescheduled to Thursday, November 28
- Fall 2019 Convocation Ceremonies

Friday, October 18

- Last day to apply to graduate at Winter 2020 Convocation without late application fee

Monday, October 28

- Course selection period for Winter Semester 2020 begins—All graduate students

Friday, November 1

- Government reporting date
- Last day to apply online to graduate at Winter 2020 Convocation (late application fee still in effect)

Wednesday, November 27

- Last day for regularly scheduled classes

Thursday, November 28

- Classes rescheduled from Tuesday, October 15, Tuesday schedule in effect

Friday, November 29

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, October 14, Monday schedule in effect
- Last day to drop two-semester courses (S19/F19)
- Last day to drop one-semester courses
- Classes conclude

Monday, December 2

- Examinations commence

Saturday, December 7

- Examinations scheduled

Friday, December 13

- Examinations conclude

Thursday, January 9

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Winter 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Winter 2020 Convocation

Winter Semester 2020

Note

The dates below may be inaccurate as a result of COVID-19 impacts on the semester. Please refer to the [COVID-19 website](#) for up-to-date information and FAQs.

Monday, January 6

- Classes commence

Thursday, January 9

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Winter 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Winter 2020 Convocation

Friday, January 10

- Last day to add Winter 2020 - All graduate students

Friday, January 17

- Last day for clearance to graduate at Winter 2020 Convocation

Thursday, January 23

- 14th class day; no new student registrations permitted after this date

Friday, January 31

- 20th class day; last day to complete UNIV*7100 Academic Integrity course

Friday, February 1

- Government Reporting Date

Friday, February 14

- Last day to apply to graduate at Summer 2020 Convocation without late application fee

Monday, February 17

- Winter Break begins--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK
- Holiday

Friday, February 21

- Winter Break ends

Monday, February 24

- Classes resume

Monday, March 2

- Course selection period for Summer 2020 begins - All graduate students

Friday, March 6

- Last day to apply online to graduate at Summer 2020 Convocation (late application fee still in effect)

Friday, April 3

- Last day to drop two-semester courses (F19/W20)
- Last day to drop one semester courses
- Classes conclude

Monday, April 6

- Examinations commence

Friday, April 10

- Holiday - NO EXAMS SCHEDULED

Saturday, April 11

- NO EXAMS SCHEDULED

Monday, April 20

- Examinations Conclude

Thursday, May 14

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Summer 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Summer 2020 Convocation

Summer Semester 2020 (12 Week Format)**Thursday, May 7**

- Classes commence

Thursday, May 14

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Summer 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Summer 2020 Convocation

Friday, May 15

- Last day to add Summer 2020 courses - All graduate students
- Last day for clearance to graduate at Summer 2020 Convocation

Monday, May 18

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Thursday, July 30

Wednesday, May 27

- 14th class day; no new student registrations permitted after this date

Thursday, June 4

- 20th class day; last day to complete UNIV*7100 Academic Integrity course

Monday, June 8

- Summer 2020 Convocation ceremonies begin

- Course selection period for Fall Semester 2020 begins--All graduate students

Friday, June 12

- Summer 2020 Convocation ceremonies end

Thursday, June 18

- Last day to apply to graduate at Fall 2020 Convocation without late application fee

Tuesday, June 30

- Government Reporting Date

Wednesday, July 1

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Friday, July 31

Friday, July 3

- Last day to apply online to graduate at Fall 2020 Convocation (late application fee still in effect)

Wednesday, July 29

- Last day for regularly scheduled classes

Thursday, July 30

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 18 Monday schedule in effect

Friday, July 31

- Classes rescheduled from Wednesday, July 1, Wednesday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude
- Last day to drop Summer 2020 one-semester courses and W20/S20 two-semester courses

Monday, August 3

- Holiday

Thursday, August 6

- Examinations Commence

Saturday, August 8

- Examinations Scheduled

Friday, August 14

- Examinations Conclude

Thursday, September 17

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Fall 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Fall 2020 Convocation

Summer Semester 2020 (6 Week Format)**Thursday, May 7**

- Classes commence

Monday, May 11

- Last day to add Summer Session courses - All graduate students

Monday, May 18

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--classes rescheduled to Thursday, June 18

Wednesday, June 17

- Last day for regularly scheduled classes

Thursday, June 18

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 18, Monday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude
- Last day to drop S20 Summer Session (6-week) courses

Monday, June 22

- Summer Session I examinations commence

Friday, June 26

- Summer Session I examinations conclude

Thursday, September 17

- Last day for thesis to be approved in the Atrium by OGPS for Fall 2020 Convocation
- Last day to submit hard copy application (with late fee) for Fall 2020 Convocation