

2020-2021 Graduate Calendar

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In March 2020 the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of the virus leading to COVID-19. The Governments of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and local Governments responded to the pandemic with legislative amendments, controls, orders, by-laws, requests and requirements (collectively, the “Governmental Response”). It is uncertain how long the pandemic, and the related Governmental Response, will continue, and it is unknown whether there may be a resurgence of the virus leading to COVID-19 or any mutation thereof (collectively, the “Virus”) and resulting or supplementary renewed Government Response. Without limiting the foregoing paragraph, the University shall not be liable for costs associated with any failure or delay in performance arising out of:

- a. the continued spread of the Virus;
- b. the continuation of or renewed Governmental Response to control the spread of the Virus; and
- c. a University decision, made on an organization-wide basis and in good faith, to control the spread of the Virus, even if exceeding the then current specific Government Response.

In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings such that courses are offered in whole or in part on an alternate delivery model to in-person classes. Tuition and mandatory fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the academic year.

Dates or times of performance including the Schedule of Dates may be extended as appropriate and the University will notify students promptly of the existence and nature of such delay and shall, so far as practicable, use reasonable efforts to minimize and mitigate any such delay or non-performance.

In the event of a discrepancy between a print version (downloaded) and the Web version, the Web version will apply,

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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For further information, please see Statistics Canada's web site at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca> and Section XIV Statistics Canada.

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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VI. Procedures

Includes university-wide procedures on the scheduling of graduate courses.

Scheduling

Graduate Course Timetable

The scheduling of all graduate courses is the responsibility of the ORS Scheduling Services. Scheduling Services will provide timelines based on academic cycle. The scheduling cycle for each academic year commences approximately one year in advance. The official timetable for each semester is published on WebAdvisor prior to the commencement of the initial Course Selection period for that semester.

All courses are scheduled according to the Senate approved slot system which allows for 3 x 1 hour slots meeting at the same time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 x 1.5 hour slots meeting at the same time on Tuesday and Thursday and 3-hour evening slots M-F. This basic grid is overlaid with 1x 3 hour slots and slots for other approved class formats (e.g. 1 x 4 hr) in such a way as to minimize course conflicts and maximize efficient use of teaching space. Courses may also be published with time "TBA". In these cases it is the responsibility of the department/school to communicate first meeting information to registered students prior to the commencement of classes. Prior to the commencement of classes, regular class meeting times may not be assigned to classes published as "TBA". If a department/school wishes to assign times for regular class meetings after the commencement of classes, registered and (within the Add period) interested students must be consulted. The times selected for regular class meetings must be unanimously supported by students in a secret ballot, and comply with all scheduling regulations.

The University scheduling day runs from 0830-1730 and 1900-2200; Senate has approved the 1730-1900 "University Time" as a period which shall be free of all regular class meetings, labs, and seminars.

Chair/Director's Responsibilities

The Chair/Director or the designated Department/School Timetable Coordinator is responsible for the following:

1. Submitting to Scheduling Services, no later than the established deadline, and as per Scheduling instructions, complete requests for courses to be offered in the subsequent academic year.
2. Acting as liaison between instructors and Scheduling on all aspects of scheduling, including collecting information relevant to course scheduling from instructors, submitting it appropriately.
3. Ensuring all courses are offered in the semester and format indicated in the Graduate Calendar, Section VIII.
4. Approving the department's course schedule before publication. This involves checking that no conflicts exist in instructor or program schedules.
5. Calculating projected enrollments for the subsequent academic year and monitoring enrollments through course selection periods, making adjustments to course capacities and the availability of sections as necessary.
6. Advising Scheduling immediately of changes to instructor assignments. Where late instructor assignments are necessary, assigning instructors in such a way as to avoid conflicts.

Instructor's Responsibilities

1. Instructors are responsible for communicating to the Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator, prior to the deadlines established within their department/school, any information relevant to the scheduling of courses in the subsequent academic year.
2. Instructors are expected to familiarize themselves with rooms assigned to their courses in advance of the commencement of classes.

Registrar's Responsibilities

Scheduling Services, taking into account requests from academic units for preferred class times, creates the university timetable according to the following priorities:

- i. No instructor conflicts exist.
- ii. Classroom space is allocated to courses on the basis of projected enrollments provided by the offering departments, and in such a way as to maximize the effective and efficient use of teaching space.
- iii. Departmental requirements, requested by the Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator, are met where possible.

Changes to the Published Graduate Course Timetable

Additional Hours/Sections

If it becomes necessary to schedule additional sections by adding lectures/labs/seminars based on course selection numbers, the request for scheduling is to be initiated by the Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator and made to Scheduling Services.

Cancellations and Time Changes

Once the course timetable has been published on WebAdvisor, requests for changes to class meeting times cannot be processed except in emergency circumstances and as approved by the Assistant Vice-President (Graduate Studies)/Designate. To obtain the approval of the Assistant Vice-President (Graduate Studies)/Designate in such circumstances, to change a class meeting time or to cancel a course, the Chair/Director should write via electronic mail, providing reasons for the request, to the Assistant Vice-President (Graduate Studies)/Designate, the College Dean, and the Assistant Registrar, Scheduling. After the commencement of Course Selection, the Chair/Director is responsible for ensuring that students are not disadvantaged by any changes. This involves choosing alternate times that are conflict-free for all registered students, and communicating via electronic mail to all students the details of any change affecting their schedules.

- Time changes after the publication of the timetable, prior to the commencement of classes. Changes in scheduled meeting times are approved only in emergency circumstances (see above).
- Time changes after the commencement of classes. After the commencement of classes, changes to scheduled meeting times are permitted. Changes may be initiated by the instructor with their class, but are normally not made until after the end of the Course Selection/Add period unless the change is to accommodate students who would otherwise be unable to register in the course. Time changes made after the commencement of classes must not create conflicts for any registered students and must have the unanimous written approval of all registered students as determined by a secret ballot. New times must comply with University scheduling regulations and the academic unit offering the course should keep a record of student approval on file. Once approval is obtained, a request for the time change and new room assignment should be submitted by the Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator to Scheduling Services, O.R.S. so that the time and room can be updated on WebAdvisor. The instructor is responsible for ensuring that all registered students can attend during the new meeting times and for informing students of new times and room assignments.

Classroom Assignments

Scheduling Services is responsible for the assignment of all central inventory classrooms and reassigns rooms as necessary. The assignment of classroom space to regularly scheduled Undergraduate, Graduate and Diploma courses takes priority over all other classroom uses. Until the main Course Selection periods have concluded and space has been allocated to regularly scheduled classes, classroom space is not assigned within the semester for any other purpose.

Classroom Assignments for Regularly Scheduled Courses

Scheduling Services assigns classrooms for regularly scheduled classes in such a way as to maximize the accommodation of enrollment numbers, access to presentation technology and other classroom attributes as requested by the offering department, accommodation of instructor or student disability, and the effective and efficient use of the central classroom inventory.

The Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator should send requests for the assignment of alternate teaching space to Scheduling as required by changing enrollment numbers. Scheduling reassigns classroom space as necessary and as availability permits. Course enrollment must not exceed the capacity of rooms assigned to courses. Until additional classroom space can be assigned, additional students are not registered. (In special circumstances, approval may be granted by the Assistant Registrar, Scheduling for small classroom overloads as part of an overall enrollment management strategy.)

Instructors requesting classroom changes for other reasons should forward their request through their Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator to Scheduling Services via electronic mail. Note that to ensure that highest priority needs are met first, and to reduce confusion on campus at the beginning of the semester, Scheduling cannot accommodate requests for classroom changes in the week preceding the commencement of classes or the first two weeks of classes. Exceptions are made for 1) enrollment changes 2) student/instructor disability 3) exceptional circumstances as approved by the Assistant Registrar, Scheduling. Requests made for other reasons will be neither accepted nor accommodated during this three-week period.

If classroom space assigned to a course is not required, instructors should inform their Chair/Director or Department Timetable Coordinator, as soon as possible so that Scheduling can be advised to free the space for other uses.

If rooms are required only occasionally for classes, they should not be held for full semesters, rather one-time or temporary bookings should be made through the Scheduling Reservations Clerk, as below.

Other Classroom Bookings

For non-regularly scheduled classes, meetings, academic conferences, tests, etc. classroom bookings may be made through the Scheduling Reservations Clerk by University of Guelph faculty, staff and students. Please send requests by electronic mail to classroomreservations@registrar.uoguelph.ca.