2020-2021 Graduate Calendar

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

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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/

Statistics Canada - Notification of Disclosure

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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University courses are designed for students from different fields and disciplines to engage in course work that is not discipline based.

UNIV*6000 The Structure and Function of Muscle U [0.50]

An interdisciplinary course covering basic aspects of muscle from a range of viewpoints: structure, metabolism, protein content, energetics, mechanics, biological adaptations, growth and development. The course is designed for graduate students from a wide range of specific disciplines and will provide a broad background to muscle biology as well as more detailed insights into specific aspects of each area covered.

Department(s): Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences

UNIV*6010 Regulation in Muscle Metabolism U [0.50]

An interdisciplinary course emphasizing the regulation of muscle metabolism in vivo. The course focuses on the integration of metabolic fuel utilization to meet cellular energy demands under a variety of conditions in the whole animal. Topics include: sources of energy demand, integration of energy supply to meet energy demands, and regulation of cell growth, maintenance and adaptation.

Department(s): Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences

UNIV*6030 Seminars and Analysis in Animal Behaviour and Welfare F-W [0.50]

This seminar-based course offers an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of broad topics in animal welfare and human-animal relationships. Students analyze topics presented by visiting guest lecturers using perspectives from various disciplines such animal science, philosophy, history, psychology, ethics, and biology.

Department(s): Department of Animal Biosciences

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

This course is designed for students in the OMAFRA/UoG HQP Scholarship program, scholars from the Arrell Food Institute, and scholars from Food from Thought, and, space permitting, is open to any graduate student working on a thesis topic related to agri-food. Students work in groups to collaborate with NGOs, government agencies, or businesses on agri-food projects. Through these projects and a series of modules, students build knowledge and competencies in business development, communication, social innovation, project management, and entrepreneurship. This course is limited to 36 students. Priority to HQP Scholarship Program students, Arrell Scholars, and Food from Thought funded graduate students.

Department(s): School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management

UNIV*6060 Mechanisms of Tissue and Cellular Mechanotransduction in Health and Disease F [0.50]

This course explores fundamental mechanisms and signalling pathways that dynamically regulate cell and tissues responses to physical forces in health and disease. It is relevant to a wide range of areas of study, from biomechanics and tissue engineering to gastro-intestinal health, food and nutrition.

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.
Department(s): Department of Food Science

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): Offered through Distance Education format only.
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

UNIV*6500 International Study Option U [0.00]

A period of study in another country as part of a graduate program at the University of Guelph. Details may be obtained from the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*6600 Animal Care Short Course S,F,W [0.00]

The course includes on-line training modules covering the following topics: Legislation, Regulation & Guidelines, Ethological Considerations in Animal Management, Ethics in Animal Experimentation, Research Issues, The Three Rs of Humane Animal Experimentation, Occupational Health and Safety when Working with Animals, Euthanasia, Recognition and Alleviation of Pain and Distress in Animals. Graduate students using or caring for live animals or assisting in teaching courses involving live vertebrate animals also must attend the Animal Care Services species-specific Workshops as part of the Animal User Training Program.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*6710 Commercialization of Innovation F [0.50]

This course is designed to help participants better understand the process, the analytical tools that can assist the process and how best to prepare technologies to survive commercialization. The course includes elements of entrepreneurship, relationship building, organizational change, as well as project and personnel management.

Department(s): Department of Management

UNIV*6800 University Teaching: Theory and Practice F [0.50]

Participants will critically examine aspects of teaching in higher education and develop teaching skills such as lecturing, demonstrating, leading discussions, and problem solving. Satisfactory (SAT) or unsatisfactory (UNS) will be used to evaluate the student's performance in this course.

Department(s): TSS Instructional Development

UNIV*6900 Special Topics U [0.50]

This special topics course explores selected themes, topics, and/or applied practices that are not covered by existing courses and do not have a natural disciplinary home. Any unit may request an offering through the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*7000 Qualifying Examination U [0.00]

Doctoral students are required to pass an examination to assess their knowledge of the subject area and related fields. Upon completing it satisfactorily, the student is deemed to have met the departmental standards and becomes a candidate for the PhD degree. Students are not responsible for registering in UNIV*7000; the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies records students as having passed or failed UNIV*7000 upon receipt of the qualifying examination report.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*7010 Qualifying Examination (Second Attempt) U [0.00]

Doctoral students who fail the Qualifying Examination may be given a second opportunity to pass the examination. This opportunity to repeat it will be no later than six months after the failed attempt. Upon completing it satisfactorily, the student is deemed to have met the departmental standards and becomes a candidate for the PhD degree. Students are not responsible for registering in UNIV*7010; the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies records students as having passed or failed UNIV*7010 upon receipt of the qualifying examination report.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*7100 Academic Integrity for Graduate Students S,F,W [0.00]

Academic integrity is a code of ethics for teachers, students, researchers, and writers. It is fundamental to the University of Guelph's educational mission and to ensuring the value of the scholarly work conducted here. This course provides definitions, examples, and exercises to help graduate students understand the importance of academic integrity and learn how to avoid academic misconduct in their own work. This course required of all graduate students has to be completed within 20 days of commencing their graduate program.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies

UNIV*7500 Research/Writing U [0.00]

This course code signifies ongoing research and writing activities related to the completion of graduate degree programs. Students register for UNIV*7500 in each semester that they are working towards their master's or doctoral thesis and/or are not taking any other courses for which an active section exists.

Department(s): Office of Graduate Studies