2018-2019 Graduate Calendar

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Introduction

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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, his/her 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 his or her 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.
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The graduate programs in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics offers opportunities for master of science (MSc), master in food, agricultural and resource economics (MFARE) and doctor of philosophy (PhD). The thesis-based MSc and PhD are research-oriented degrees which require both course work and a thesis. The course-based MFARE degree requires either course work with a major research paper or course work alone. The MSc, MFARE and PhD program in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics focuses on two major fields of emphasis:

• Food and agricultural economics

• Natural resource and environmental economics

Admission Requirements

All students entering the MFARE program must have achieved the University required minimum 70% (B-) average or equivalent. In addition, they are expected to have already taken, the following basic courses:

• Intermediate level micro- and macro-economic theory (ECON*2310 and ECON*2410 or equivalent)

• Calculus and matrix algebra with applications to economics (ECON*2770 or equivalent)

• Intermediate level statistics (ECON*3740 or equivalent).

The Graduate Program Committee examines each application before the student is proposed to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies for admission into the program. Potential students are strongly encouraged to take an undergraduate course in advanced microeconomic theory as preparation for the course work in the MFARE.

Degree Requirements

By the end of their first semester, students must choose one of the following two options.

Course Work and Major Research Paper

In order to satisfy the degree requirements of the course work and major research paper option, students will complete successfully five required courses, a seminar course (FARE*6800) and a research project course (FARE*6140) and two graduate courses approved by the student’s advisory committee. The five required courses (assuming all undergraduate background requirements have been met) are:

FARE*6100 [0.50] The Methodologies of Economics

FARE*6380 [0.50] Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists

FARE*6400 [0.50] Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics

FARE*6910 [0.50] Applied Policy Analysis I

FARE*6970 [0.50] Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists

Two graduate courses as approved by the student’s advisory committee

FARE*6800 [0.00] Seminar in Agricultural Economics

FARE*6140 [1.00] Major Paper in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Course Work

In order to satisfy the degree requirements of the course work option, students will complete successfully five required courses listed below plus four additional graduate courses approved by the student's advisory committee. Students in this option are restricted from taking FARE*6140.

FARE*6100 [0.50] The Methodologies of Economics

FARE*6380 [0.50] Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists

FARE*6400 [0.50] Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics

FARE*6910 [0.50] Applied Policy Analysis I

FARE*6970 [0.50] Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists

Four additional graduate courses approved by the student’s advisory committee

MSc Program

The MSc program in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics focuses on two major fields of emphasis: 1) food and agricultural economics; and 2) natural resource and environmental economics.

The aim of the MSc program is to develop in students a fundamental understanding of economic principles and their application in identifying and solving relevant problems related to food, agriculture, and natural resources. The program also strives to develop appropriate analytical, methodological, and communication skills to enable students to analyze agriculture and resource problems effectively and explain their findings.

Admission Requirements

All students entering the Master of Science program must have achieved the University required minimum 70% (B-) average or equivalent. In addition, they are expected to have already taken, the following basic courses:

• Intermediate level micro- and macro-economic theory (ECON*2310 and ECON*2410 or equivalent)

• Calculus and matrix algebra with applications to economics (ECON*2770 or equivalent)

• Intermediate level statistics (ECON*3740 or equivalent).

The Graduate Program Committee examines each application before the student is proposed to the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies for admission into the program. Potential students are strongly encouraged to take an undergraduate course in advanced microeconomic theory as preparation for the course work in the MSc.
Degree Requirements
In order to satisfy the degree requirements of the MSc, students will complete successfully six courses, a seminar course, and write and defend an original MSc thesis. The minimum course work requirements (assuming all undergraduate background requirements have been met) are:

- FARE*6100 [0.50] The Methodologies of Economics
- FARE*6380 [0.50] Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists
- FARE*6910 [0.50] Applied Policy Analysis I
- FARE*6970 [0.50] Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists
- Two graduate courses as approved by the student's advisory committee
- FARE*6800 [0.00] Seminar in Agricultural Economics

PhD Program
The PhD program in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics focuses on two major fields of emphasis: 1) food and agricultural economics; and 2) natural resource and environmental economics. Across these areas there is a focus on both developed and developing countries. Students in the PhD program focus on an area of specialization relevant to their thesis research, plus complete courses in microeconomic theory and economic research methods. All students must complete and defend a thesis in their chosen area of specialization.

Admission Requirements
Minimum University of Guelph admission requirements for a Doctoral program include:
1) a satisfactory baccalaureate; and 2) at the very minimum a 'B' average in a recognized Master's degree. Students entering the PhD program are expected to have satisfied the requirements, or their equivalents, of the department's MSc degree in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics. All applicants are required to upload valid GRE (General exam only) scores with their electronic application prior to the departmental application deadline. In cases where a student's master's degree is not equivalent to that offered by the department, the student may initially be accepted into the MSc program and may then apply for transfer to the PhD program at some time during the first three semesters. Applications for transfer must be supported by the Graduate Program Committee and approved by the Board of Graduate Studies. The student does not have to complete all the requirements of the MSc before transferring to the PhD program, but must achieve high academic standing.

Degree Requirements
Students enrolled in the PhD program must successfully complete a program of at least ten taught courses that prepare them for the various elements of the qualification examination and thesis research, as outlined below. However, students that are able to demonstrate a satisfactory level of competence in any of these requirements may have these course requirements adjusted accordingly, subsequent to evaluation and the decision of the Graduate Program Committee.

Microeconomic Theory:
- ECON*6000 [0.50] Microeconomic Theory I
- ECON*6010 [0.50] Microeconomic Theory II

Economic Research Methods:
- ECON*6140 [0.50] Econometrics I
- ECON*6160 [0.50] Econometrics II
- FARE*6100 [0.50] The Methodologies of Economics
- FARE*6970 [0.50] Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists

Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics
- FARE*6920 [0.50] Applied Policy Analysis II
- FARE*6400 [0.50] Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics

Plus ONE from the following:
- FARE*6940 [0.50] Food Firms, Consumers and Markets II
- FARE*6960 [0.50] Natural Resource Economics II

Students may also be permitted to take other courses as substitutes for the above, subject to approval by the Departmental Graduate Program Committee.

Qualifying Examination
It should be noted that successful completion of the above courses is not necessarily sufficient for qualification to PhD candidacy. Students are expected to complete successfully the qualifying examination in microeconomic theory that aims to assess a student's understanding of key theoretical concepts. Students are allowed two attempts at this qualifying examination. Students are expected to write the first attempt at this exam in the Summer semester of their first year and (i.e. their third semester in the program). If necessary, the second attempt in the Fall semester of their second year (i.e. their fourth semester in the program). Students that fail the examination at the second attempt will not be permitted to continue.
### FARE*6940 Food Firms, Consumers and Markets II U [0.50]
This course builds on Food Firms, Consumers and Markets I by extending the breadth and depth of student's understanding and scope of economic analysis. Advanced techniques in producer and consumer theory, as well as advanced market analysis techniques are presented and utilized. Understanding of the research process and advanced methods is emphasized throughout.

**Prerequisite(s):** AGEC*6930 or FARE*6930  
**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

### Natural Resource Economics

#### FARE*6950 Natural Resource Economics I W [0.50]
Natural Resources I introduces conventional theoretical modeling approaches to renewable resources, e.g. fisheries & forestry. Seminal theoretical literature is discussed. Emphasis is placed on setting up economic models, deriving and interpreting general results. Applied methods include dynamic optimization and regression analysis. Additional topics include Land Economics and the property rights approach.

**Prerequisite(s):** FARE*6380  
**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

#### FARE*6960 Natural Resource Economics II U [0.50]
Natural Resources II reviews & extends conventional theoretical modeling approaches to renewable resources, e.g. fisheries & forestry. Seminal literature is reviewed and contemp. theoretical work and empirical papers discussed. Emphasis on extending economic models addressing natural resource issues - uncertainty, externalities & policy instruments, and derive reduced-form versions of forestry & fishery for empirical estim. & analysis. Primary method of math analysis involves dyn. opt. techniques. Detailed math derivations & proofs expected. Also- extinction, climate change, carb sequest.

**Prerequisite(s):** AGEC*6950 or FARE*6950  
**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

### Other Courses

#### FARE*6100 The Methodologies of Economics W [0.50]
Alternative views on the methodology of economics are reviewed and assessed. The process of problem identification in the development of a research project proposal is investigated.

**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

#### FARE*6140 Major Paper in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics U [1.00]
The major paper is an option only available to MFARE students registered in the course work master program. An original research project related to the specialization of choice in food, agricultural and resource economics will be undertaken. The project will include preparation of a written paper and an oral presentation of the findings to the faculty.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to students in the course-based MFARE program in FARE  
**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

#### FARE*6400 Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics U [0.50]
The application of economic theory and various contemporary tools of economic analysis in solving production problems in the agricultural sector of the economy.

**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

#### FARE*6720 Readings in Agricultural Economics F,S,W [0.50]
A reading course on selected topics of special interest. May be offered to individual students or to groups of students in any semester.

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#### FARE*6800 Seminar in Agricultural Economics U [0.00]
Students in the MSc and MFARE major research paper option program must give two presentations at the annual research symposium; one in their first year outlining their research plan, and one in their second year on their thesis research results or major research paper.

**Department(s):** Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics