2020-2021 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year, including the Summer Semester 2020, Fall Semester 2020 and the Winter Semester 2021.

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The University reserves the right to change without notice any information contained in this calendar, including but not limited to that related to tuition and other fees, standards of admission, course delivery or format, continuation of study, and the offering or requirements for the granting of, degrees or diplomas in any or all of its programs. The publication of this calendar does not bind the University to the provision of courses, programs, schedules of study, or facilities as listed herein.
The University will not be liable for any failure or delay in performance arising out of any cause or causes beyond its reasonable control. Such causes may include but are not limited to fire, strike, lock-out, inability to procure materials or trades, war, mass-casualty event, flood, local, regional or global outbreak of disease or other public health emergency, social distancing or quarantine restriction, legislative or regulatory requirements, unusually severe weather, failure of public utility or common carrier, or attacks or other malicious act, including but not limited to attacks on or through the internet, or any internet service, telecommunications provider or hosting facility.
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/DBLS/statutes/English/09f31_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].
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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Population Medicine

The Department of Population Medicine is an international leader in promoting the optimal health and productivity of animal populations, ensuring the safety of foods of animal origin, and preventing animal-related disease in humans. MSc and PhD degrees are offered in the following fields:

- Epidemiology (MSc thesis option, MSc course-work option, PhD)
- Theriogenology (MSc thesis option)
- Health Management (MSc thesis option)
- Public Health (MSc, PhD)

Our research mission is to discover and disseminate knowledge regarding the management of health and productivity of animal populations, and the interrelationships of animals with humans and the environment. In support of this mission we rely principally on our expertise in field-based quantitative observational studies and clinical trials.

Our teaching/learning mission is to guide students as they obtain an essential knowledge base and develop the necessary communicative, quantitative and problem-solving skills to integrate and apply this knowledge; and to instill the appropriate attitudes and abilities required for life-long learning.

The department offers programs leading to MSc, Master of Public Health (MPH), PhD and DVCs degrees.

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MSc Program

The department offers a MSc by thesis in the fields of: 1) epidemiology; 2) theriogenology; 3) health management; and 4) public health, and a MSc by course work and major research paper in the fields of: 1) epidemiology; and 2) public health.

Admission Requirements

Students admitted must have an honours or DVM degree (or its equivalent). In addition, the department considers the applicant's special circumstances and the referees' comments. Since the core of the MSc in Population Medicine in the fields of epidemiology or public health builds on knowledge of various analytic techniques, students entering the program should possess knowledge of basic statistical methods and their application.

All applicants should submit a one-page statement of research interests and career goals to assist in the identification of a faculty advisor who has the funding necessary to support the research. Students may be admitted into the Fall, Winter or Summer semesters.

Program Requirements

Students enroll in one of two study options: 1) thesis, or 2) course work and major research paper.
**Course Work and Major Research Project**

**Epidemiology**
For the MSc by course work and major research paper in the field of Epidemiology, no fewer than eight courses (at least 4.0 course credits) will be taken. These must be approved by the departmental Graduate Program Committee. Each student in the program will take three core courses (including the Project in Population Medicine course, POPM*6250, which is equivalent to two courses), and at least four additional courses. The department seminar course, POPM*6100, is also required but does not count as one of the eight courses. Normally, the prescribed courses for the MSc in Population Medicine (Epidemiology) by course work and major research project will include:

### Core Courses
- POPM*6200 [0.50] Epidemiology I
- POPM*6210 [0.50] Epidemiology II
- POPM*6250 [1.00] Project in Population Medicine

### Additional Courses
- The four courses selected in this category will depend upon the student's background, specialty, interest and area of research.
- Examples of courses suitable for inclusion in the student's program include:
  - PABI*6550 [0.50] Epidemiology of Zoonoses
  - POPM*6230 [0.50] Applied Clinical Research
  - POPM*6290 [0.50] Epidemiology III
  - POPM*6350 [0.50] Safety of Foods of Animal Origins
  - POPM*6950 [0.50] Directed Studies in Population Medicine
  - STAT*6920 [0.50] Topics in Statistics
  - POPM*6520 [0.50] Introduction to Epidemiological and Statistical Methods
  - POPM*6700 [0.50] Swine Health Management
  - POPM*6400 [0.50] Dairy Health Management

Additional courses other than those listed above may be deemed suitable for the student's program by the Departmental Graduate Program Coordinator after recommendations are received from the Advisory Committee.

At least three semesters of full-time study will be required for completion of the MSc program by course work and major research paper option; two of these semesters must be at the University of Guelph. Normally, however, students take 4-5 semesters to complete the program.

**Public Health**
For the MSc by course work and major research paper in the field of Public Health, no fewer than eight courses (at least 4.0 course credits) will be taken. These must be approved by the departmental Graduate Program Committee. Each student in the program will take three core courses (including the Project in Population Medicine course, POPM*6250, which is equivalent to two courses), and at least four additional courses. The department seminar course, POPM*6100, is also required but does not count as one of the eight courses. Normally, the prescribed courses for the MSc in Population Medicine (Public Health) by course work and major research project will include:

### Core Courses
- POPM*6200 [0.50] Epidemiology I
- POPM*6210 [0.50] Epidemiology II
- POPM*6250 [1.00] Project in Population Medicine

### Additional Courses
- The four courses selected in this category will depend upon the student's background, specialty, interest and area of research.
- Examples of courses suitable for inclusion in the student's program include:
  - PABI*6500 [0.50] Infectious Diseases and Public Health
  - POPM*6210 [0.50] Epidemiology II
  - POPM*6290 [0.50] Epidemiology III
  - POPM*6510 [0.50] Community Health Promotion
  - POPM*6540 [0.50] Concepts in Environmental Public Health
  - POPM*6580 [0.50] Public Health Leadership and Administration
  - POPM*6950 [0.50] Directed Studies in Population Medicine
  - EDRD*6100 [0.50] Disaster Planning and Management
  - POPM*6520 [0.50] Introduction to Epidemiological and Statistical Methods
  - EDRD*6690 [0.50] Program Evaluation
  - POPM*6600 [0.50] Applied Public Health Research

Additional courses other than those listed above may be deemed suitable for the student's program by the Departmental Graduate Program Coordinator after recommendations are received from the Advisory Committee.

At least three semesters of full-time study will be required for completion of the MSc program by course work and major research paper option; two of these semesters must be at the University of Guelph. Normally, however, students take 4-5 semesters to complete the program.

**PhD Program**

**Admission Requirements**
A PhD program is offered in the fields of epidemiology and Public Health. Admission into this program is usually granted to holders of an MSc or MPH degree who have demonstrated superior performance, or to master's students who have not completed their program but wish to transfer to the PhD program and have performed exceptionally well in courses, shown exceptional aptitude and skill in research, and whose research is suitable for expansion to the doctoral level. For transfer, a thesis proposal and strongly supportive letters of reference are required. Infrequently, well qualified DVM or honours degree holders may be accepted directly into the PhD program.

All applicants should submit a one-page statement of research interests and career goals to assist in the identification of a faculty advisor who has the funding necessary to support the thesis research. Students may be admitted into the Fall, Winter or Summer semesters.

**Program Requirements**
The major emphasis in the PhD program is on the preparation of an acceptable thesis. There are no specific course requirements other than the Seminar, POPM*6100, which must be completed twice. However, PhD students who have taken the course or its equivalent previously as an MSc student will only be required to take the seminar course once. Students are also expected to have taken POPM*6200 Epidemiology I (F) and POPM*6210 Epidemiology II, or their equivalent, in their master's program. In addition, students in the Public Health field are expected to have taken POPM*6550 Public Health Policy and Systems or its equivalent. It is usual for students, in consultation with their advisory committee, to select a suitable program of prescribed studies and additional courses. Course selection takes into account the student's background, research area, career aspirations, and need to prepare for the qualifying examination.

Courses should normally be completed before the qualifying exam is attempted. The written component of the examination is followed by an oral component (two to four hours), usually one week later. Master's holders must complete the qualifying examination by the end of the fifth semester. Students transferring from their master's program and those who enter the program directly after their honours or DVM degrees (or their equivalents) must complete the examination by the end of the seventh semester. In addition, the advisory committee is required to confirm that the student has demonstrated ability and promise in research. The PhD program is completed by the successful defence of a thesis.

**DVSc Program**
The Department of Population Medicine participates in the DVSc program with recognized fields in health management and theriogenology. The normal basis for admission to DVSc studies as a regular or a provisional student is a DVM or equivalent degree that would allow the applicant to be eligible for licence to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The applicant must have achieved high academic standing as set out in the Admission Requirements in the DVSc program.

**Health Management**
Candidates must have a DVM or equivalent degree, appropriate clinical experience, cumulative average of at least a “B”, and be licensed or eligible for licensing to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. One position in ruminant health management and one position in swine health management are available during most academic years, and they normally start in May or September. It is a three-year program, which will provide training and experience in applied health management and clinical research. Approximately one-third of the time will involve clinical training, teaching final year veterinary students and service duties (including on-call), one-third course work and one-third research. Service duties in ruminant health management are with the Ruminant Field Service clinic of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. In swine health management, clinical experience and advanced academic activities will be appropriate for a candidate preparing for board certification in Swine Health Management by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. The candidate will be required to complete a substantive thesis research project, related to an applied aspect of production medicine. The DVSc degree requirements include successful completion of 2.5 credits of prescribed graduate level courses, a qualifying examination in the student's discipline area, and a successful defence of a thesis. A faculty member(s) in the Department of Population Medicine will supervise each candidate for the Health Management DVSc position.
Theriogenology
The Department of Population Medicine offers the Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) degree in the field of Theriogenology. Prerequisites include a DVM or equivalent degree, one or two years of practice experience/internship, cumulative average of at least a “B”, and eligibility for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario. The DVSc program provides rigorous advanced academic preparation in the discipline of Theriogenology with a view to preparation for Board Certification by the American College of Theriogenologists. The Theriogenology field at the Ontario Veterinary College is multi-species, with emphasis placed on a candidate’s specific areas of interest. The DVSc differs from PhD training by emphasizing the development of both research and applied clinical skills. It is a three-year program, with approximately one-third of the time involving clinical duties within the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, including assisting in teaching of final year veterinary students. The remainder of effort is directed towards a substantive thesis research project in Theriogenology and coursework. The DVSc degree requirements include successful completion of 2.5 credits of prescribed graduate level courses, a qualifying examination and successful defense of a thesis. A faculty member(s) in the Department of Population Medicine will supervise each candidate for the Theriogenology DVSc position.

Interdepartmental Programs

Food Safety and Quality Assurance
The Department of Population Medicine participates in the MSc program in food safety and quality assurance. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of food safety and quality assurance may serve as advisors for MSc students. Please consult the Food Safety and Quality Assurance listing for a detailed description of the MSc program.

Collaborative Specializations

International Development Studies
The Department of Population Medicine participates in the International Development Studies MSc course work/PhD collaborative specialization. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of international studies may serve as advisors for MSc course work/PhD in International Development Studies students. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the collaborative specialization.

One Health
The Department of Population Medicine participates in the collaborative specialization in One Health. Master’s and Doctoral students wishing to undertake thesis research or their major research paper/project with an emphasis on one health are eligible to apply to register concurrently in Population Medicine and the collaborative specialization. Students should consult the One Health listing for more information.

Neuroscience
The Department of Population Medicine participates in the Neuroscience MSc/PhD collaborative specialization. Those faculty members whose research and teaching expertise includes aspects of neuroscience may serve as advisors for MSc/PhD in Neuroscience students. Please consult the Neuroscience listing for a detailed description of the collaborative specialization.

Courses

Epidemiology

POPM*6200 Epidemiology I F [0.50]
This course covers concepts, principles and methods of basic and applied epidemiology, including the following topics: sampling, measuring disease frequency, clinical epidemiology, descriptive epidemiology, causal reasoning and design, interpretation and critical appraisal of surveys, observational studies, field trials and critical appraisal.
Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.
Restriction(s): Restricted to Public Health and Population Medicine students.
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6210 Epidemiology II W [0.50]
Advanced study design and analytic methods for the analysis of data from observational studies and surveys.
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6220 Analytical Epidemiology S [0.50]
This course focuses on the advanced analysis of epidemiologic studies. Case control, cohort and survival studies are analysed within the generalized linear-model framework. Links between study objectives, study design and data analysis will be emphasized throughout. Special problems, such as the analysis of correlated data arising from cluster sampling of individuals, are discussed.
Prerequisite(s): POPM*6210 and POPM*6290
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

Theriogenology

POPM*6610 Theriogenology of Cattle U [0.50]
A lecture/seminar course emphasizing the relationship of nutritional, genetic, endocrine, anatomic, and environmental factors with the reproductive health of cattle. Application of reproductive technologies will also be covered.
Offering(s): Alternate years
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine
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POPM*6630 Theriogenology of Horses U [0.50]
A lecture/seminar course covering the genetic, endocrine, anatomic and environmental factors that affect reproductive performance and health of horses. Breeding management, including recent technologies, and management of the infertile animal will be included.

Offering(s): Alternate years  
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6650 Theriogenology of Dogs and Cats U [0.50]
A seminar/lecture series that includes the theory and management of clinical reproduction for the dog and cat, including use of developing technologies.

Offering(s): Alternate years  
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6670 Theriogenology of Small Ruminants U [0.50]
A seminar/laboratory course emphasizing advanced reproductive management of sheep, goats and farmed deer/elk, with the emphasis on a sheep production model. New reproductive technologies will be included.

Offering(s): Alternate years  
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6510 Community Health Promotion F [0.50]
The objective of this course is to provide students with an understanding of public health, population health, and health promotion. Topics will include perspectives on health and illness, injury prevention, determinants of health, population diversity and the role of evidence in public health decision-making.

Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6530 Health Communication W [0.50]
This course introduces communication theory, best practices, and skills related to public health. Students will learn about the written, oral, and visual communication of health information for professional, peer, and lay audiences. Students will apply their knowledge by creating a portfolio of health communication materials.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Public Health students.  
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6540 Concepts in Environmental Public Health W [0.50]
This course covers the main concepts of environmental public health including basic elements of environmental toxicology, risk analysis, air and water quality, food safety, waste, occupational health and eco health.

Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6550 Public Health Policy and Systems W [0.50]
This course covers concepts and principles of public health policy and systems including: public health systems, their structure, funding and governance and their integration into the healthcare system; evolution of public health policy; models of policy development and analysis; stakeholder analysis; and, public health ethics.

Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6560 Public Health Practicum U [1.00]
In this 1.0 credit course, students will synthesize theoretical concepts, learned via prior coursework, with public health practice. Students will work in a host public health agency for a 12-to 16-week period, focusing on a major project of significance to the host organization.

Prerequisite(s): POPM*6200, POPM*6510, POPM*6520, POPM*6530, POPM*6540, and POPM*6550  
Restriction(s): Restricted to Public Health students.  
Department(s): Department of Population Medicine

POPM*6570 Public Health Leadership and Administration F [0.50]
This course will teach students to develop, implement and improve public health programs. Understanding an organization's mission and priorities, and developing business plans is critical for an effective administrator. Furthermore, it introduces theories and effective components of leadership and describes the practical role of the leader.

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POPM*6580 Public Health Leadership and Administration F [0.50]
This course will teach students to develop, implement and improve public health programs. Understanding an organization's mission and priorities, and developing business plans is critical for an effective administrator. Furthermore, it introduces theories and effective components of leadership and describes the practical role of the leader.

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POPM*6950 Directed Studies in Population Medicine U [0.50]
Assigned reading and/or special projects selected to provide in-depth study of topics appropriate to the specialized interests of individual students. Courses offered under this title have included Special Topics in Public Health; Ecology and Health; Systems Approaches; and Animal Welfare. Different offerings are assigned different section numbers.

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