

# 2008-2009 Undergraduate Calendar

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## **Introduction**

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### **Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information**

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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](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 Training, Colleges and Universities, 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 <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/registrar/index.cfm?index>.

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

### **Address for University Communication**

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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**

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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. See Section I--Statement of Students' Academic Responsibilities for more information.

#### **Home Address**

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Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through Undergraduate Program Services.

#### **Name Changes**

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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**

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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 <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.



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# Glossary

## Academic Evaluation

The Academic Evaluation Report is a report of a student's academic progress towards the completion of a specified program and specialization.

## Academic Sanction

Academic sanction is the penalty applied to students who fail to make payment, or suitable arrangements for payment, of their University account. Students on academic sanction may not receive semester examination results or official transcripts; may not receive clearance to graduate; and/or may not be allowed to register for a subsequent semester.

## Academic Session

See Academic Term.

## Academic Term

An academic term is an independent academic period of 15 weeks, half of an academic year. Also referred to as a semester (see definition below).

## Academic Year

An academic year is two semesters; undergraduate traditionally classified as first year (freshman), second year (sophomore), third year (junior), or fourth year (senior). Under the semester system this classification has less meaning than under a whole year system but is occasionally used to indicate the level at which a student has arrived.

## Add Period

The add period takes place at the beginning of the semester where students are permitted to add courses for the current semester.

## Assigned Grade

An assigned grade is a numerical grade based on the instructor's recommendation and granted at the discretion of the Program Committee to students who have not completed course requirements.

## Audit

An audit is registration in a course for which degree or diploma credit is not sought. Audited courses are not reported on the official transcript or academic record.

## Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate refers to an undergraduate degree awarded by the University upon successful completion of the requirements of a program.

## Class Days

Class days are used to express deadlines. Class days are calculated from the start of the regular class schedule. (See Schedule of Dates).

## Class Level

Class level is a determination of a student's progression in an academic program by credit weights with increments of 2.50.

## Clearance to Graduate

Clearance to graduate denotes that an applicant for graduation has satisfied all program requirements and is recommended for graduation.

## Cohort Year

Cohort year refers to the academic calendar year for your first admission to the university OR the calendar year for subsequent readmission to the same program or a new program. Tuition fees are assessed based on this assigned year.

## Compassionate Grounds

Compassionate grounds are reasons of a serious personal nature which, subject to the approval of a committee or authorized person, justifies a variation of the rules in the case of a particular student.

## Concurrent Course

A concurrent course must be taken concurrently with (if not taken prior to) another specified course.

## Core course

A core course is one which is listed in a schedule of studies in the Undergraduate Calendar and identified as being a required course for a program.

## Corequisite

A corequisite is a course where the content is integrated with that of another course such that the courses must be taken simultaneously.

## Course

A course is an organized unit of study extending over a semester, (e.g. Economics ECON\*1100).

## Course Attempt

A course attempt reflects the situation where a student has completed courses either satisfactorily or unsatisfactorily.

## Course Equate

Equate indicates a course identical to the one under which it is listed. The course may have been re-numbered or may be cross-listed under two subject areas. **Students will not be permitted to register in equated courses.**

## Course Level

Course level denotes the seniority of a course. 1000-level and 2000-level courses are considered first and second year courses. 3000-level and 4000-level courses are considered senior level courses.

## Course Load

Course load denotes the total weight of the credits in which a student is enrolled determining part-time or full-time status.

## Course Restriction

A restriction is a "rule" that is placed on the computer system (Colleague) at the direction of an academic department so that particular students may not register in particular courses. The course may be restricted because there is sufficient over-lap in content with another course so that it is inappropriate for the student to take a similar course for credit. In a different instance, the course may be restricted by "Instructor Consent" so that the student must discuss the special requirements of the course with the instructor before enrolling. Or, alternatively, the restriction may reflect a "Priority Access" designation for enrolment management purposes. (See Priority Access).

## Course Section

A course section is a subgroup of a course that denotes time and location.

## Course Selection

Course selection is the process by which students select course sections for the succeeding semesters.

## Credit

A credit is a unit of academic measurement equivalent to a single-weighted one-semester course.

## Credit Standing

Credit standing (CRD) denotes that the student has successfully completed a course, but was not assigned a numerical grade.

## Cumulative Average

Cumulative Average is calculated by dividing the weighted course total by the total credit attempts over all semesters.

## Deferred Privilege

A deferred privilege (DEF) is a temporary extension of time granted at the discretion of a Program Committee to a student for completion of the requirements of a course, normally for illness or compassionate reasons.

## Diploma Program Calendar

The Diploma Program Calendar is an annual publication containing official information about Associate Diploma Programs and regulations of the University of Guelph and its colleges at Alfred, Kemptville, and Ridgetown. Sometimes called the Diploma Catalogue or Bulletin.

## Double-weighted Course

A double-weighted course is a course that is taken in 1 semester, but counts as 2 course attempts for classification, continuation of study and calculation of fees. A double weighted course cannot be split. **Note valid for Academic Terms after Winter 1999.**

## Drop Period

The drop period for single semester courses starts at the beginning of the add period and extends to the 40th class day where students are permitted to drop a course for the current semester.

The drop period for two semester courses starts at the beginning of the add period in the first semester and extends to the last day of the add period in the second semester. See Two-Semester Courses.

## Elective

An elective is a course, acceptable within the program but chosen at the discretion of the student.

**Equate - see Course Equate****Faculty Advisor**

See Chapter VII - Academic Advising.

**Grade Report**

A grade report is released by the Registrar to each student at the conclusion of a semester via WebAdvisor. It notes the courses attempted and the grades assigned (if applicable).

**Hiatus**

See Withdrawal.

**In-course Student**

In-course refers to a student enrolled in a program of study at the University.

**Instructor Notification**

Courses that are declared instructor notification on the course outline require departmental approval to be dropped.

**Mailing Address**

The mailing address is a temporary address used for mailing if one is recorded; otherwise the home address is used.

**New Student**

New student refers to a student who has never before been registered at the University of Guelph.

**Prerequisite**

A prerequisite is a prior requirement for entry into a course. Where a course is specified as a prerequisite, pass standing in the course is required.

**Priority Access**

Priority Access is the process by which a department implements course restriction rules in order to limit registration in a course where enrolment demand habitually exceeds course capacity and where there is demonstrated need to restrict access to a particular cohort of students on a priority basis. In general, course restrictions are clearly defined in the calendar course listings so that students are advised in advance of the intended audience for the course.

**Program**

A program is a structure of courses leading to a University degree (e.g. B.A.Sc. program).

**Program Counsellor**

See Chapter VII - Academic Advising.

The program counsellor is someone who assists students in the development of educational plans which are realistic and compatible with their life goals by helping to identify and assess alternatives and consequences of decisions, and providing interpretation of regulations applying to the specific degree program.

**Registration**

Registration is the official enrolment of students in the University for a particular semester, and includes the selection of course sections and the payment of tuition fees and, where appropriate, other University fees.

**Required to Withdraw (see Rustication)****Restricted Elective**

A restricted elective is a course which must be chosen from a stated group of courses to satisfy the program requirements.

**Restriction - see Course Restriction****Rustication**

A defined period of time during which the student is not eligible to register in their current academic program as a result of an academic review decision. After the period of rustication the student must apply for re-admission to the University of Guelph.

**Schedule of Dates**

The schedule of dates is a list of significant dates at the University, approved by Senate.

**Schedule of Studies**

A schedule of studies is the requirements for specializations, majors, minors, and various levels of concentration of study within a degree program, including programs without specialization. Schedules of studies are completed within a specific degree program and must normally be declared by the start of semester 3. Students need to be aware that progress within a program and graduation with a degree from that

program depends upon a) the degree program requirements, and b) the requirements for the declared schedule of studies.

**Semester**

A semester is an independent academic period of 15 weeks, half of an academic year; similar to a term at other universities. Summer semester is from May to August. Fall semester is from September to December. Winter semester is from January to April.

**Semester Average**

Semester Average is calculated by dividing the weighted course total by the total credit attempts in the semester.

**Semester Level**

See Class Level.

**Session**

A session is an academic period of 7 weeks within the Summer semester, including 6 weeks of classes and 1 week of examinations. Courses presented during a session will be equivalent to a regular semester offering.

**Specialization**

For specialization see schedule of studies.

**Subject**

A subject is a defined sector of study composed of 1 or more courses within a discipline.

**Summer Session**

Summer Session is scheduled during May, June.

**Supplemental Privilege**

Supplemental privileges are granted at the discretion of the Program Committee, affording a student who has received a failing grade on the original course attempt, the opportunity to obtain credit for the course while retaining the original failing grade.

**Transcript**

A transcript is an official document prepared by the Registrar recording a student's courses and grades.

**Two-Semester Course**

A two-semester course is a course that is taken over 2 continuous semesters and counts as 2 course attempts for classification, continuation of study and calculation of fees. Two semester courses cannot be split.

**Undergraduate Calendar**

The undergraduate calendar is an annual publication containing official information about the undergraduate academic programs and regulations of the University.

**Weighted Course Total**

Weighted Course Total is the sum of the credit weights multiplied by the grade received in each course.

**Withdrawal**

Withdrawal of registration for an academic term after the start of classes.

**Withdrawal with Failure**

Withdrawal with failure may be applied to a course or an academic term. The notation "WF" will appear against the course(s) in the grade field on the official transcript.