2017-2018 Undergraduate Calendar

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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/index.html. 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 http://www.uoguelph.ca/Registrar/index.cfm?index.

Disclosure of Personal Information to the Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

The University of Guelph is required to disclose personal information such as characteristics and educational outcomes to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities under s. 15 of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.19, as amended. The Ministry collects this data for purposes including but not limited to planning, allocating and administering public funding to colleges, universities and other post-secondary educational and training institutions.

Amendments made to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development Act, authorizing the collection and use of personal information from colleges and universities by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, which were set out in Schedule 5 of the Childcare Modernization Act, 2014, came into force on March 31, 2015.

The amendments strengthen the ability of the Minister to directly or indirectly collect and use personal information about students as required to conduct research and analysis, including longitudinal studies, and statistical activities conducted by or on behalf of the Ministry for purposes that relate to post-secondary education and training, including,

i. understanding the transition of students from secondary school to post-secondary education and training,

ii. understanding student participation and progress, mobility and learning and employment outcomes,

iii. understanding linkages among universities, colleges, secondary schools and other educational and training institutions prescribed by regulation,

iv. understanding trends in post-secondary education or training program choices made by students,

v. understanding sources and patterns of student financial resources, including financial assistance and supports provided by government and post-secondary educational and training institutions,

vi. planning to enhance the affordability and accessibility of post-secondary education and training and the quality and effectiveness of the post-secondary sector,

vii. identifying conditions or barriers that inhibit student participation, progress, completion and transition to employment or future post-secondary educational or training opportunities, and

viii. developing key performance indicators.

Information that the University is required to provide includes but is not limited to: first, middle and last name, Ontario Educational Number, citizenship, date of birth, gender, first three digits of a student’s postal code, mother tongue, degree program and major(s) in which the student is enrolled, year of study and whether the student has transferred from another institution.

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

Home Address

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

Learning Outcomes

On December 5, 2012, the University of Guelph Senate approved five University-wide Learning Outcomes as the basis from which to guide the development of undergraduate degree programs, specializations and courses:

1. Critical and Creative Thinking
2. Literacy
3. Global Understanding
4. Communicating
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.

1. 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 in 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.

In addition, Critical and Creative Thinking includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving; Creativity; and Depth and Breadth of Understanding.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Communicating

Communicating 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. Communicating 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, Communicating includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Reading Comprehension, and Integrative Communication.

5. 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.

In addition, Professional and Ethical Behaviour includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Teamwork, Ethical Reasoning, Leadership, and Personal Organization and Time Management.
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V. International Study

Study Abroad Programs

University of Guelph study abroad programs consist of two types: semesters abroad and exchange programs.

Semesters abroad offer a structured group experience where a Guelph faculty member accompanies students abroad. Students take Guelph courses and pay tuition to the University of Guelph.

Exchange programs offer students an opportunity to take courses at a university abroad for up to a year and get credit toward their degree at Guelph. In return, students from the host university may study at Guelph. Tuition is paid to the student's home university.

Participants in a University of Guelph study abroad program may qualify for a travel stipend. Participants who take courses at the host university may study at Guelph. Tuition is paid to the student's home university.

For information on these or other work or study abroad options, please see the Centre for International Programs or visit the Information Centre, Level 3, University Centre. The University of Guelph has official student exchange agreements with the following institutions:

Argentina
- Universidad de San Andres

Australia
- Curtin University
- Deakin University
- Edith Cowan University
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- La Trobe University
- University of Adelaide
- University of Canberra
- University of Sydney

Brazil
- Federal de Vicos

Austria
- Universit"at f"ur Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU)
- Management Centre Innsbruck

China
- Jiangnan University
- Jiangsu University
- Changzhou University
- Nanjing Arts Institute
- Nanjing Normal University
- Nanjing University
- Nanjing University of Astronautics and Aeronautics
- Nantong University
- Soochow University
- Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University
- Yangzhou University
- Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

Denmark
- University of Copenhagen

England
- Keele University
- Oxford-Brookes University
- Royal Agricultural University
- University of Essex
- University of Birmingham
- University of Exeter
- Hertfordshire University
- Loughborough University
- Nottingham Trent University

Finland
- Latt Polysyste

France
- France Business School
- Universit"e Claude Bernard (Lyon 1)
- Universit"e Lumiere (Lyon 2)
- Universit"e Jean Moulin (Lyon 3)
- Ecole Centrale de Lyon
- Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon
- INSA de Lyon
- Universit"e Joseph Fourier (Grenoble 1)
- Universit"e Pierre Mendes France (Grenoble 2)
- Universit"e Strasbourg (Grenoble 3)
- Grenoble Institute of Technology
- Universit"e de Savoie (Chambery)
- Universit"e Jean Monnet (St. Ei

Germany
- University of Freiburg
- University of T"ubingen
- University of Ulm
- University of Karlsruhe
- University of Heidelberg
- University of Konstanz
- University of Mannheim
- University of Stuttgart
- University of Bremen
- University of Hohenheim

Ghana
- University of Ghana

Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Polytechnic
- Lingnan University

Iceland
- University of Iceland
- University of Akureyri
- Holar University College
- Agricultural University of Iceland

Ireland
- Dublin Institute of Technology

Italy
- University of Udine

Japan
- Kwansei Gakuin University

Malaysia
- Universiti Sains Malaysia

Malta
- University of Malta

Mexico
- Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM)
- University of Guadalajara
- Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM)

Netherlands
- Wageningen University

New Zealand
- Lincoln University
- Massey University
- UNITECH

Norway
- UMB: Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Scotland
- University of Dundee
University of Aberdeen
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde

Singapore
National University of Singapore

South Africa
University of KwaZulu-Natal

Spain
University of Alcala
University of Malaga

Sweden
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Linköping University
Lund University
Malmö University

Turkey
Koc University

Wales
Aberystwyth University

International Letter of Permission--L.O.P.
The University of Guelph has established several programs under the Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium (CUSAC) whereby the University of Guelph students may study overseas on a Letter of Permission. Students participating in these programs pay tuition to the host institution and not to the University of Guelph. The Centre for International Programs administers all CUSAC, LOP programs.

For more information, visit the InfoCentre, Centre for International Programs, Level 3, University Centre.

Semesters Abroad

Students registered in a Semester Abroad are recognized as University of Guelph students and thus fall under the rules and regulations of the University of Guelph. It should be noted however, that many study abroad semesters involve the employment of sessional faculty from abroad. While every attempt is made to fully inform these faculty of the Senate regulations concerning academic procedures and evaluation of student work, there may be times when appeals by students are not handled in a fashion that would be appropriate under the University of Guelph guidelines. It is therefore recommended that any student who wishes to submit an appeal to Academic Review or request a grade reassessment should first contact the semester abroad coordinator for advice.

It will be the responsibility of the coordinator to refer the matter through the appropriate channels. In some cases this might be to a department chair, in others, through a dean. At all times the University of Guelph's rules and procedures will be adhered to. Given the distance between the University of Guelph and the host institution, the time deadlines in place for processing requests for academic review or grade reassessments will not be enforced. Students studying on an exchange should normally expect to abide by the rules and regulations of the host institution.

The University offers the following semester abroad programs, however, not all semester abroad programs are offered every year. Contact the Centre for International Programs, University Centre, Level 3, for information on current offerings.

India Semester

The India semester offers a unique opportunity for up to 25 students to take University of Guelph courses on site at the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur. The India semester allows students to combine academic pursuits with the exploration of the rich historical and cultural resources of one of the world's oldest civilizations.

Krakow Semester

The Guelph/Krakow semester provides the opportunity for up to 25 University of Guelph students to study on the grounds of Jagiellonian University (the alma mater of Copernicus) for the fall semester. Students, who will have completed 4 semesters with a 70% average, in all undergraduate university programs are encouraged to apply (an association with the Agricultural University in Krakow provides OAC students with a unique opportunity to learn about Polish agriculture). Courses are taught by Polish faculty in English and are accredited at either the 3000 or 4000 level. Survival Polish lessons will be provided. In addition to the experience of living in a Krakow university residence and learning formally and informally about Polish art, culture, history, political systems, etc., there are a number of trips to areas and place of interest in Poland. The semester is co-ordinated by a Guelph faculty member who may also teach a course in Krakow. More detailed information about academic requirements, bursaries, courses, etc. can be obtained from the Centre for International Programs, University Centre, Level 3.