



University Name:
University of Guelph

Guidance notes for Exchange Students

General Information on the University:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The University of Guelph was officially founded in 1964. However, a select few colleges, like the Ontario Agricultural College were founded substantially earlier. ○ The University of Guelph is nationally and internationally recognized as a research-intensive and learner-centred institution and for its agricultural research as well as its veterinary research ○ Located in beautiful Guelph, in South-Western Ontario, Canada ○ The population of Guelph is 125,872 people. ○ Guelph is approximately 100 km west of downtown Toronto ○ Student- friendly city, easy transportation, friendly community and wide array of activities available
For further information on area:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you are curious to find out more about the city of Guelph please visit the city's website at http://guelph.ca.
University homepage:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To find more general information about the University of Guelph please visit the University's official website at http://www.uoguelph.ca
Application Deadlines:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deadline for fall semester = April 15 ○ Deadline for winter semester = October 15 ○ Deadline for summer semester = February 15
Application Documents Required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A current grade report or transcript ○ One passport size photo ○ Incoming Exchange Student Application (undergraduate) form ○ Undergraduate Course Request form
Language Requirements (if applicable):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ English
Semester Information:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Semester: September to December ○ Winter Semester: January to April ○ Summer Semester: May to August
Calendar Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c03/index.shtml
Course (Subject/Unit/Module) Information:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2.0 or 2.5 credits (Four or Five, .50 courses/units) is considered to be fulltime studies at Guelph ○ Please find the course calendar by going to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) www.uoguelph.ca 2) select "academics" 3) select "undergraduate calendar" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To find the most RECENT courses available, including scheduling (to avoid conflicts), please go to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) webadvisor.uoguelph.ca 2) select "students" 3) select "search for sections"

- 4) select the term you're interested in, for example W07 Winter 07.
- 5) Select the subject area you are interested in (it's best to do a narrow search versus a specific one)
- 6) Submit

Course Codes:

Here is a sample Course Description:

BOT*2100 (Course Code) Life Strategies of Plants (Course Title) F,W (3-2). [0.50].

This course introduces the structures and processes used by plants in the greening of our planet, and how and why plants are basic to the functioning of the biosphere. This course includes hands-on experience in examining the cells, tissues and architectures of plants as well as selected processes of plant function.

Prerequisites: BIOL*1040

Restrictions: BOT*1150, BOT*2300, BOT*2400

Course Labelling and Levels

Each course is identified by a two-part course code. The first part of the code refers to the subject area, the second to the level of the course. Thus, the course BOT*2100 is a course in the subject area of Botany (BOT*XXXX), and is of a level that places it among courses in the 2000 series. The series 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 numbers are intended to indicate progressively more demanding content. Typically students in their first year at take 1000 level courses, second year take 2000 level courses and on from there.

It is important that students planning their courses have clearly in mind the significance of these numbers so that they may guard against undertaking course work at levels for which they are insufficiently prepared. A two-semester course (e.g AGR*2351/2) is taken over 2 continuous semesters and counts as 1 course attempt per semester for classification, continuation of study and calculation of fees. Two-semester courses cannot be split.

Course Pre-requisites and Restrictions:

Exchange students are not required to prove that they meet each of the course pre-requisites for their desired courses with some exceptions (see below). However, it is expected that students will have completed similar course(s) at their home institution. The Centre for International Programs and the University of Guelph do not assume responsibility for problems with courses that students may encounter because they were not sufficiently prepared.

Course requiring pre-requisites and restrictions:

You should be aware that the following departments may require you to prove you have the appropriate course pre-requisites: AGECE (Agricultural Economics), COST (Consumer Studies) and HTM/HAFA (Hotel and Tourism Management) courses. Students coming on exchange will require instructor's approval for enrolment in most of these courses. Often, this means that the student cannot enroll in these courses until after their arrival. In some cases, if it is requested, approval may be able to obtain before the student's arrival, but patience is required as often instructors can be difficult to reach prior to the start of the semester. This is sometimes the case as well with higher level (3000 or 4000) courses in some disciplines.

This is the case if the:

- the courses are marked with an (H) after the course description, which indicates restricted to honours students
- the restrictions section of the course description indicates:
 - instructor consent required
 - registration in a particular major or minor.

How do I know in which semester a course is offered?

- For example, in the course description above, the letters following the name of the course (F and/or W and/or S) indicate in which semester(s) the course is normally offered. F stands for Fall Semester (September to December), W for Winter Semester (January to April) and S for Summer Semester (May to August). The University does guarantee that all courses will be

offered in the semester indicated. (U) means that a specific semester has not been set for that course. Check Webadvisor to see if the course is available.
Faculties/Departments Open to Exchange Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College of Arts ○ Department of Fine Arts and Music ○ College of Biological Science (including Food Science) ○ College of Management & Economics (Hospitality and Tourism Management) ○ College of Physical & Engineering Science ○ College of Social & Applied Human Sciences ○ Ontario Agricultural College ○ Landscape Architecture
Faculties/Departments with Restrictions / Unavailable to Exchange Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ontario Veterinary College
Housing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Off-campus housing, refer to http://www.housing.uoguelph.ca/home.cfm ○ Residence opportunities available, www.housing.uoguelph.ca ○ Guelph guarantees residence for incoming exchange students
Visa:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canadian Embassy website for student visas and residence permits are located at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.html
Insurance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ University of Guelph, Health Insurance Plan ○ For more information on the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) website is, http://www.isc.utoronto.ca/uhip/enrollment.html
Orientation Session for Exchange Students:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation sessions are held during the first week of classes, each semester.
Other Student Facilities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athletic Centre (Swimming Pools, Indoor Soccer Dome, Football Fields, Ice Rinks...) 30 varsity sports offered, and 7,000 students involved in intramurals ○ Bus pass incorporated into your Student Card (unlimited bus use for duration of school) ○ Rated as having the best on-campus dining in Canada
Contacts
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