2017-2018 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2017-2018 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2017, Fall Semester 2017 and the Winter Semester 2018.

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The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

Introduction

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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. 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 https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/

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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 the Office of Graduate Studies.

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

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Biophysics

The organization and administration of the graduate program in biophysics are the responsibility of the Biophysics Interdepartmental Group (BIG). The group consists of those members of the graduate faculty whose research interests lie wholly or partly in biophysics. Biophysics spans all areas of the life sciences from molecular structure to human biology and uses the ideas and techniques of the physical sciences to solve biological problems. The specific sub-disciplines of BIG are molecular, cellular, structural, and computational biophysics.

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MSc Program

Admission Requirements

Students may be admitted to the MSc program in biophysics from a range of undergraduate programs, including physics, biology, biochemistry, microbiology, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, or computing science. To be considered for admission, applicants should meet the minimum requirements of a four-year honours degree with a 73% (B) average during the final two years of study. Applicants should briefly indicate their research interests and, if possible, their preferred advisors.

Degree Requirements

Students in the MSc program will be under the guidance of an interdepartmental advisory committee. A total of 1.5 credits are required, one of which is usually BIOP*6000. In addition, all students are required to complete the seminar course BIOP*6010. The advisory committee may require additional courses. An average of 70% (B-) or better must be obtained in the prescribed courses. Further information may be obtained from the chair of the group. When the course work is satisfactorily completed, the submission and successful defence of an appropriate thesis on an approved topic completes the requirements for the MSc in Biophysics.

PhD Program

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the PhD program should have a recognized master's degree in an appropriate field, with a 77% (B+) average in their postgraduate studies. Applicants should briefly indicate their area of research interest and preferred advisor(s). It is often beneficial for applicants to talk with potential advisors before submitting an application.

Direct admission to the PhD program may be permitted for applicants holding a bachelor's degree with high academic standing. Students enrolled in the master's degree program who achieve a superior academic record and show a particular aptitude for research may be permitted to transfer to the PhD program. The application to transfer should be made to the chair of the biophysics program between the end of the second semester and the end of the fourth semester of work towards the master's degree.

Degree Requirements

Students in the PhD program will be under the guidance of an interdepartmental advisory committee. For students who completed the MSc degree in a program other than Biophysics at the University of Guelph, a total of 1.0 graduate course credits are required, one of which is usually BIOP*6000. For students who transfer directly into the PhD program from the MSc program in Biophysics, or who complete the MSc program in Biophysics at the University of Guelph, no additional course credits are required. In the case of students who enter the PhD program from the BSc degree, 1.5 graduate course credits are required, one of which is BIOP*6000. In addition, all students are required to complete the non-credit seminar course, BIOP*6010. The advisory committee may require additional courses for any student. An average of 70% (B-) or better must be obtained in the prescribed courses. As early as feasible, but no later than the final semester of the minimum duration, a PhD student is required to complete a qualifying examination to assess her or his knowledge of the subject. This examination should normally be taken within the first five semesters of registration as a PhD student. When the qualifying examination and the course work are satisfactorily completed, the submission and successful defense of an acceptable thesis on an approved topic completes the requirements for the PhD in Biophysics.

Courses

BIOP*6000 Concepts in Biophysics W [0.50]

This course will emphasize basic concepts in molecular, cellular and structural biophysics arising from key journal publications and their impact on present day research trends.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Physical and Engineering Science

BIOP*6010 Biophysics Seminar U [0.00]

Public research seminar presented by all PhD students in the Biophysics program in yearly intervals after passing the qualifying exam. Students are required to attend all seminars presented during the semester in which they are registered for the course.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Physical and Engineering Science

BIOP*6100 Scientific Communication and Research Methods in Biophysics U [0.50]

The development and refinement of the skills of scientific communication, emphasizing oral presentation and writing skills, in the context of developing a literature review or thesis proposal. All Biophysics students will normally take this within 4 semesters of entering the program.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Physical and Engineering Science

BIOP*6950 Advanced Topics in Biophysics U [0.50]

This course provides opportunities for graduate students to study special topics in contemporary biophysical research under the guidance of graduate faculty members with pertinent expertise. Proposed course descriptions are considered by the Director of the Biophysics program on an ad hoc basis, and the course will be offered according to demand.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Physical and Engineering Science

PHYS*7510 Clinical Applications of Physics in Medicine U [0.50]

This course provides an overview of the application of physics to medicine. The physical concepts underlying the diagnosis and treatment of disease will be explored. Topics will include general imaging principles such as resolution, intensity, and contrast; x-ray imaging and computed tomography; radioisotopes and nuclear medicine, SPECT and PET; magnetic resonance imaging; ultrasound imaging and radiation therapy. Credit may be obtained for only one of PHYS*4070 or PHYS*7510.

Department(s): Department of Physics

PHYS*7520 Molecular Biophysics U [0.50]

Physical methods of determining macromolecular structure: energetics, intramolecular and intermolecular forces, with application to lamellar structures, information storage, DNA and RNA, recognition and rejection of foreign molecules. Offered in conjunction with PHYS*4540. Extra work is required of graduate students.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of PHYS*4540 or PHYS*7520
Department(s): Department of Physics

PHYS*7540 Special Topics in Biophysics U [0.50]

Offered on demand

Department(s): Department of Physics

PHYS*7570 Special Topics in Biophysics U [0.25]

Offered on demand

Department(s): Department of Physics

With approval of the Advisory Committee a student can take courses offered by other departments in Life, Physical and Engineering Sciences. Example courses could be, but not limited to:

Courses in Related Subjects:

Biomedical Sciences

BIOM*6110	[0.50]	Research Methods in Biomedical Sciences
BIOM*6160	[0.50]	Cellular Biology

Chemistry

CHEM*7360	[0.50]	Regulation in Biological Systems
CHEM*7370	[0.50]	Enzymes
CHEM*7380	[0.50]	Cell Membranes and Cell Surfaces
CHEM*7310	[0.50]	Selected Topics in Biochemistry

Computing and Information Science

CIS*6050	[0.50]	Neural Networks
CIS*6060	[0.50]	Bioinformatics
CIS*6080	[0.50]	Genetic Algorithms
CIS*6420	[0.50]	Soft Computing

Engineering

ENGG*6070	[0.50]	Medical Imaging
ENGG*6130	[0.50]	Physical Properties of Biomaterials
ENGG*6150	[0.50]	Bio-Instrumentation
ENGG*6560	[0.50]	Advanced Digital Signal Processing

Human Health and Nutritional Sciences

HHNS*6440	[0.50]	Nutrition, Gene Expression and Cell Signalling

Mathematics and Statistics

MATH*6051	[0.50]	Mathematical Modelling
MATH*6071	[0.50]	Biomathematics
STAT*6761	[0.50]	Survival Analysis
STAT*6850	[0.50]	Advanced Biometry
STAT*6950	[0.50]	Statistical Methods for the Life Sciences

Molecular and Cellular Biology

MCB*6310	[0.50]	Advanced Topics in Molecular and Cellular Biology
MCB*6370	[0.50]	Protein Structural Biology and Bioinformatics

Physics

PHYS*7010	[0.50]	Quantum Mechanics I *
PHYS*7020	[0.50]	Quantum Mechanics II
PHYS*7040	[0.50]	Statistical Physics I*
PHYS*7050	[0.50]	Statistical Physics II