

2019-2020 Graduate Calendar

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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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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>.

Learning Outcomes

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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Leadership

The Master of Arts (MA) in Leadership focuses on the challenges facing leaders in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, with an emphasis on the interaction between, and interdependency of, these spheres. Successful completion of the MA in Leadership degree involves a comprehensive program of theoretical study backed by significant practical experience and analysis. Participants will also undertake a formal self-assessment process to gain insight into their own strengths and weaknesses and their ultimate leadership potential.

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MA Program

The MA in Leadership program is designed to enable mid-career professionals to complete a graduate degree without interrupting their careers. Online courses are combined with on-site residential periods in Guelph and the completion of either a major research project or two additional courses.

Admission Requirements

Minimum admission requirements are:

A four year undergraduate degree or its equivalent (from a recognized university or college) with an average of at least a "B-" (70-72%) in the last two years of study AND having completed at least three years of relevant work experience

OR

Alternate admission may be offered to applicants with a three-year General degree, diploma and/or an acceptable professional designation AND having completed at least five years of relevant work experience.

Meeting the minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Limitations of funds, space, facilities or personnel may make it necessary for the University, at its discretion, to refuse admission to an otherwise qualified applicant.

Program Requirements

On average participants allot 20 to 25 hours per week to study and participate in the program. This is an approximate number of hours and may vary depending on personal learning style. Participants normally complete the MA Leadership program within 18-24 months. Normally, course modules are eight weeks in length and are completed in a pre-determined sequence, but some variations exist. Students may choose one of the following two options:

Course Work and Major Research Project

Students must complete six online courses (3.0 credits), two residency courses (1.0 credit) and the major research project (1.0 credit). The project requires a literature review, data collection, and data analysis, which culminates in a major research project.

Course Work

Students must complete six online courses (3.0 credits), two residency courses (1.0 credit) and two additional online courses (1.0 credit).

Courses

LEAD*6000 Foundations of Leadership U [0.50]

The course will enhance participants' interpersonal competency, as well as their knowledge and understanding of the theory and research underlying the impact of team management and collaboration on the organization.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6100 Theories of Leadership U [0.50]

This course traces the development of the concept of leadership. Through the interplay of theory and practical application, participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the requirements, responsibilities, and consequences of effective leadership.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6200 Leadership of Organizational Change U [0.50]

This course studies the role of leadership in the management of change within an organization and the changes required of management. The course examines the development of trust, the building of organizational loyalty, and motivation and inspiring of high performance teams.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6220 Strategic Leadership and Management U [0.50]

As a research-intensive course in the MA in Leadership program, this course examines the conceptual and practical dimensions of strategic leadership and management in a variety of organizational, external and individual contexts using a selection of readings, discussions, case analyses and a final paper.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6300 Role of the Leader in Decision-Making U [0.50]

The role of the leader in decision-making is explored through the study of the rational model for decision-making, human biases, creativity, and risk and uncertainty in decision-making. The course will also examine ethical issues and group decision-making.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6350 The Role of the Leader as Reflective Practitioner U [0.50]

This course will enhance the leader's ability to navigate the complexity of organizational life and contribute to building a more sustainable society by developing skills in reflective practice. Reflective practice is divided into four areas that stretch over eight modules: Rethinking, Relating, Responding and Reinventing.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6400 Research Methods for Decision-Making U [0.50]

The course will explore both quantitative and qualitative techniques used in the analysis of research results from a variety of sources (surveys, government statistics, in-depth interview, focus groups and program evaluation results). Case studies will be used to demonstrate the application of multiple research methods.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

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LEAD*6500 Ethics in Leadership U [0.50]

Issues in the use and application of ethical standards by leaders are explored through examples from history, current events, novels, films and television. Relevant theory is applied to leadership examples to help students develop an ethical framework for the exercise of leadership skills.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6600 Foundations of Leadership for Retirement and Senior Living U [0.50]

Leadership in the senior living sector requires unique skills, competencies and practice. The purpose of this course is to explore leadership theories and concepts in this context. Understanding the rights and choices of seniors, the future of the aging population, care and support services available and legislative requirements is essential to individuals interested in pursuing career growth in senior living.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6720 Politics of Organizations U [0.50]

This course reviews a variety of theories and models that help to explain the behavioural underpinnings that influence and shape management and leadership processes within organizations. Examples from history and current events are explored to illustrate theory.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6740 Coaching and Developing Others U [0.50]

This course will provide student with an opportunity to design developmental plans for direct reports, assess their coaching skills, and develop their coaching skills to support the development of others.

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Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6800 Personal Skill Self-Assessment U [0.50]

Using the "Basis of Competence" model, this course examines personal skills in four areas: Managing Self, Communicating, Managing People and Tasks, and Mobilizing Innovation and Change. The skills required to make smooth transitions from one job to another in a dynamic workplace will be explored.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

LEAD*6900 Major Research Project U [1.00]

This course involves a directed research project leading to a referenced, professional report on a leadership problem or issue.

Restriction(s): Lang Executive Programs students only

Department(s): Executive Programs

Electives

BUS*6400 [0.50] Canadian Business Law: Addressing Legal Issues in Organizations