

ACADEMIC  
INFORMATION  
SESSION

# Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management

# Who Am I?

- ▶ Melinda Vanryn - Program Counsellor
  - First point of contact
  - General policy help
  - Course schedule difficulties
  - Missed time (long term sickness)
  - Missed final exams

# Goals of this Presentation

## Meet

Meet Melinda.

## Get

Get Melinda's contact information.

## Find out

Find out more about the program and resources available.

## Jot down

Jot down things to keep in mind; note that Melinda sure does have some good information.

## Absorb

Absorb at least 50% of what is talked about. 40% if the weather is nice.

# What Did I Sign Up For?

- ▶ Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management degree program
  - ▶ Four year, honours degree, five years with co-op
  - ▶ Two majors:
    - ▶ Environmental Management (EM)
    - ▶ Equine Management (EQM)
- ▶ Minor? Yes. But it's tight!



# How is University Different than High School?

## Responsibilities

- You are responsible for knowing policies/procedures.

## No one will chase down your assignments

- If you hand it in late, you will lose marks. Not at all? You'll get 0.

## Deadlines are deadlines

- Things are due when they are due.

## You can skip class and no one will notice

- Sure, but then how will you do well?

# How are they the same?

Involvement is good

- Get involved, but learn time management.

Instructors are there to help

- Be comfortable asking for assistance if needed.

Lots of great resources

- Use the resources available!

# Being Informed by People

## Faculty Advisors

Today at noon

- Environmental Management with Dr. John Lauzon in MacKinnon room 233
- Equine Management with Dr. Katrina Merkies in MacKinnon room 234

## NOT your friends

They are great people, but sometimes are not correctly informed.

# BBRM Student Council



TIKTOK + INSTAGRAM :  
@UOFG\_BBRM



PLAN EVENTS FOR ALL BBRM  
STUDENTS  
BBRM LOUNGE: GRAHAM HALL  
3311/3312



EMAIL THEM WITH QUESTIONS AND  
TO BE ADDED TO THE LISTSERV:  
BBRMSC@UOGUELPH.CA



# SFOAC (Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College)



WILL SEND LISTSERV  
EMAILS WITH  
INFORMATION



PLAN EVENTS FOR ALL  
OAC STUDENTS



WEBSITE: [AGGIES.CA](http://AGGIES.CA)

# Environment Mentorship Program



# Being Informed

## Undergraduate Calendar

- Polices, degree requirements, dates, course information etc.  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate>

## Listservs

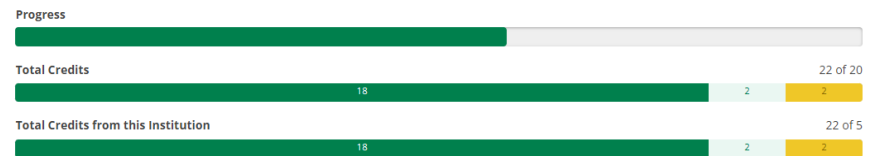
- Emails from me, SFOAC, BBRM Student Council and Registrar's Office.

## Websites

- Search bar on uoguelph.ca
- <https://oac-program-counselling.uoguelph.ca/>

# My Progress on WebAdvisor

- ▶ Very helpful!
- ▶ A bit quirky (don't use the "Progress bar" as a gauge of your progress 😊).





# Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor

ACCT*1220*DE0	CHEM*1040*02
EXAM	EXAM

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6am							
7am							
8am		ENVS*1030*0103 LEC	ENVS*1030*0103 LAB	ENVS*1030*0103 LEC	CHEM*1040*0242 LAB	ENVS*1030*0103 LEC	
9am		BIOL*1070*0113 LEC	MGMT*2150*DE0 EXAM	BIOL*1070*0113 LEC		BIOL*1070*0113 LEC	
10am							
11am							
12pm						CHEM*1040*0242 EXAM	
1pm			CHEM*1040*0242 LEC	BIOL*1070*0113 SEM	CHEM*1040*0242 LEC		
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							

# Schedule Print Feature



Fall 2023					Planned: 0 Credits	Enrolled: 2.50 Credits
Schedule Details						
Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor		
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1070*0113: Discovering Biodiversity	LEC MWF 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 SEM W 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 SEM SSC, 3305	Bartley, T Grunspan, D		
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*0242: General Chemistry I	LEC TTh 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB Th 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM F 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/15/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC WMEM, 103 LAB SSC, 2102 EXAM TBD, TBD	Houmam, A		
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1030*0103: Intro Environmental Sciences	LEC MWF 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB T 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ALEX, 200 LAB ALEX, 309	Rooney, N		
Registered, but not started	MGMT*2150*DE01: Intro to Canadian Business	Distance Education TBD 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM T 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/5/2023 - 12/5/2023	Distance Education TBD, TBD EXAM TBD, TBD	Foti, L		

# Timeline in WebAdvisor

## Timeline

### Fall 2023

ANSC\*3080: Agriculture Animal Physiology  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

CHEM\*1060\*DE01: Introductory Chemistry  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

ECON\*1050\*DE01: Introductory Microeconomics  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

ENVS\*2060\*0102: Soil Science  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

EQN\*2080\*0101: Equine Event Management  
Credits: 1 Credits

EQN\*2200\*01: Equine Ind Trends & Issues

2.50 Enrolled Credits, 1.50 Planned Credits

### Winter 2024

BIOL\*1090: Intro to Molecular & Cell Biol  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

BIOL\*3130: Conservation Biology  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

BIOL\*2060 - Must be completed prior to taking this course.

EQN\*3070: Equine Health Management  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

EQN\*4020: Advanced Equine Nutrition  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

2 Planned Credits

### Summer 2024

ACCT\*1220: Intro Financial Accounting  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

ECON\*1050: Introductory Microeconomics  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

MCS\*2020: Information Management  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

1.50 Planned Credits

### Fall 2024

ACCT\*2230: Management Accounting  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

AGR\*2350: Animal Prod Sys & Industry  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

ANSC\*3080: Agriculture Animal Physiology  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

EQN\*3250: Equine Exercise Physiology  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

FARE\*2700: Survey of Natural Resource Eco  
Credits: 0.50 Credits

2.50 Planned Credits

# Why is the University Structure so Confusing?

- ▶ University is founded on colleges including OAC.
- ▶ Programs/Majors are associated with colleges.
- ▶ Some scholarships/bursaries are too.



# What's with all the Acronyms?

- ▶ OAC is Ontario Agricultural College
  - ▶ The college you are associated with
- ▶ B.B.R.M. is your degree program
  - ▶ This is what will be after your name when you graduate
- ▶ LC is the Learning Commons
  - ▶ In the library; offers writing, research, exam help
- ▶ SAS is Student Accessibilities Services
  - ▶ Offers services for students with disabilities
- ▶ SLG is Supported Learning Groups
  - ▶ Small group learning environments for select courses
- ▶ TA is Teaching Assistant
  - ▶ Work with instructors to help students with specific courses

# Really? There are more?

- ▶ FA is Faculty Advisor
  - ▶ Faculty member who is an expert in your major
- ▶ CIP is Centre for International Programs
  - ▶ Department responsible for exchange
- ▶ EL Hub is Experiential Learning Hub
  - ▶ Runs job fairs, mock interviews, resume writing help
- ▶ CSA is Central Student Association
  - ▶ Your university student government

# Course Survival Tips

- ▶ Ask for help.
  - ▶ I can't emphasize this enough.
- ▶ First day of classes – attend lectures/listen to first lecture
- ▶ Course Outlines
  - ▶ Read them! They contain important information concerning lab times, course policies, deadlines, etc.
- ▶ Courselink for all class information
- ▶ Instructors can help you!
- ▶ If a class is not going well talk to someone (who?) before the last class day
- ▶ Know the academic policies!
  - ▶ For example, the continuation of studies and students rights and responsibilities; summer courses count!

# Course Notes

Confirm you have no conflicts NOW!

- Note how long some labs/lectures are

Why do some of my classes still say times are TBD?

- Distance Education (DE) vs. Virtual

Do I need to "attend" synchronous courses?

- Read outlines carefully to see what the requirements and resources are for each course

I don't have a scheduled exam. Is that normal?

- Alternates to exams



# More Course Notes



## Labs/Seminars

Might not be running this week; check course outline/Courselink



## Finding classrooms:

<https://classfind.com/guelph>

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/scheduling/buildingcodes-col>



## Know the academic policies!

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# Important Dates



Last day to add classes: September 13<sup>th</sup>



Last day to drop classes  
(Last Class Day): November 29<sup>th</sup>



All dates:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c03/index.shtml>

Course selection for Winter is in October

# Take Away Tips



## Network

Make connections with not only students, but faculty, staff and alumni.



## Ask for Help

Course selection, job searching, if you are struggling etc.



## Take Advantage of Resources

Chances are, we have a resource for you!



## Explore Opportunities

Build your marketable skills through various opportunities to get involved.



## Reflect

Take the time to think about what you are learning; what skills are you taking away for future employment?

# Helpful Websites

- Program Counsellor Website: <https://oac-program-counselling.uoguelph.ca/>
- SFOAC Website: <http://aggies.ca/>
- Counselling Services: <https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/counselling/>
- Student Accessibility Services: <https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/>
- CSA [www.csaonline.ca](http://www.csaonline.ca)
- Learning Commons: <https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/using-library/spaces/learning-commons>
- EL Hub: <https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
- The Cannon: [www.thecannon.ca](http://www.thecannon.ca)
- Athletics: <http://gryphons.ca/>

# That Melinda Sure is Helpful...

- Office Location: Johnston Hall room133A
  - Melinda's email: [mavanryn@uoguelph.ca](mailto:mavanryn@uoguelph.ca)
- Program Counselling Office Doors Open:
  - 10am – 3pm Monday to Thursday and 10am – 12pm Friday
  - Liz is available at the front desk for quick questions
- Booking appointments:
  - Book by contacting Liz: [oac.pco@uoguelph.ca](mailto:oac.pco@uoguelph.ca)
  - Virtual and In-Person appointments available
  - Liz is available at the front desk for quick questions
- My availability:
  - Only during work hours (no weekends or nights)



# Drop In Hours

For quick questions answered (in the order students arrive):

- ▶ Thursday, September 5th – 2pm to 3pm
- ▶ Friday, September 6th – 10am to 12pm
- ▶ Monday, September 9th – 1pm to 3pm
- ▶ Thursday, September 12th – 11am to 12pm
- ▶ Friday, September 13th – 10am to 12pm
  
- ▶ In Johnston Hall, room 133A (talk to Liz when you arrive)

# What if I'm in crisis?

- ▶ Crisis Text Line - [Text UofG to 686868](#)
- ▶ Good2talk Helpline [1-866-925-5454](tel:1-866-925-5454) [www.good2talk.ca](http://www.good2talk.ca)
- ▶ 24-hour Indian Residential School Crisis Line - [1-866-925-4419](tel:1-866-925-4419)
- ▶ Victim Services Wellington – [519-824-1212](tel:519-824-1212) ext. [7304](tel:7304) or [victim@vsw.on.ca](mailto:victim@vsw.on.ca)
- ▶ Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (24/7 crisis line) – [519-836-5710](tel:519-836-5710) or [adminrec@gwwomenincrisis.org](mailto:adminrec@gwwomenincrisis.org)
- ▶ HERE 24/7 – [1-844-437-3247](tel:1-844-437-3247)
- ▶ Suicide Crisis Helpline – [Text or call 988](#)