

ACADEMIC
INFORMATION
SESSION

Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management

Who Am I?

- ▶ Melinda Vanryn – Academic Advisor (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!

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



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)

Being Informed

Undergraduate Calendar

- Policies, 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.

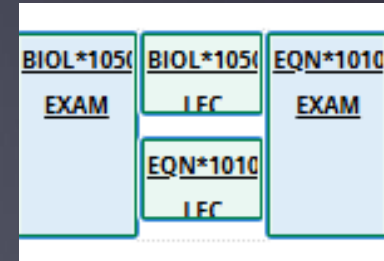
Websites

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

All Set with your Schedule?

- ▶ Make sure you have a working schedule
- ▶ Do not talk to students in other programs about number of classes! You take four in the Fall semester; five in Winter for Equine Management and four in Winter for Environmental Management
- ▶ Get to know WebAdvisor.

Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am		ENV*1030*0101 LEC		ENV*1030*0101 LEC	CHEM*1040*0125 EXAM	ENV*1030*0101 LEC	
10am		BIOL*1070*0114 LEC		BIOL*1070*0114 LEC			
11am					BIOL*1070*0114 SEM		
12pm			MGMT*2150*DE EXAM				
1pm			CHEM*1040*0125 LEC		CHEM*1040*0125 LEC		
2pm							
3pm		CHEM*1040*0125 LAB		ENV*1030*0101 LAB		BIOL*1070*0114 EXAM	
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm		ENV*1030*0101 EXAM					
8pm							

Schedule Print Feature



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Fall 2025

Planned: 0 Credits Enrolled: 2.50 Credits Waitlisted: 0 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Credits	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1050*0101: Biology of Managed Ecosystems	0.50 Credits	LEC MWF 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB Th 12:30 PM - 2:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 EXAM F 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/5/2025 - 12/5/2025	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB CRSC, 121B EXAM TBD, TBD	Robinson, A Kiarie, E Kalischuk, M Gebre, M
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1090*0111: Intro to Molecular & Cell Biol	0.50 Credits	LEC M 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 SEM F 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 EXAM W 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 12/3/2025 - 12/3/2025	LEC ROZH, 104 SEM MCKN, 306 EXAM TBD, TBD	Lu, R
Registered, but not started	ECON*1050*03: Introductory Microeconomics	0.50 Credits	LEC MW 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 EXAM W 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/10/2025 - 12/10/2025	LEC ROZH, 104 EXAM TBD, TBD	Adomait, E
Registered, but not started	EQN*1010*0102: Intro to Equine Management	1 Credits	LEC MWF 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB T 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 EXAM F 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/12/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC ANNU, 204 LAB ANNU, 101 EXAM TBD, TBD	Merkies, K

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
Credits: 0.50 Credits

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

My Progress on WebAdvisor

- ▶ Very helpful!
- ▶ Offers a break down of your degree requirements and your progress towards completion



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

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 on Courselink



Finding classrooms:

<https://classfind.com/guelph>

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/scheduling/buildingcodes-col> (under Exam Locations)



Know the academic policies!

For example, the continuation of studies and student's rights and responsibilities; summer courses count!

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!

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

Important Dates



Last day to add classes: September 12th



Last day to drop classes
(Last Class Day):

November 28th



All dates:

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

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

- OAC Academic Advising 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
- Learning Commons: <https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/using-library/spaces/learning-commons>
- EL Hub: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/experiential-learning/>
- The Cannon: www.thecannon.ca
- Athletics: <http://gryphons.ca/>

That Melinda Sure is Helpful...

- Office Location: Johnston Hall room133A
 - Melinda's email: mavanryn@uoguelph.ca
- Program Counselling Office Doors Open:
 - 10am – 3pm Monday to Thursday and 10am – 12pm Friday
 - August is available at the front desk for quick questions
- Booking appointments:
 - Book by contacting August: oac.pco@uoguelph.ca
 - Virtual and In-Person appointments available
 - August 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):

- ▶ Tuesday, September 2nd – 2pm to 3pm
- ▶ Thursday, September 4th – 1pm to 3pm
- ▶ Monday, September 8th – 1pm to 3pm
- ▶ Tuesday, September 9th – 1pm to 2pm
- ▶ Wednesday, September 10th – 2pm to 3pm
- ▶ Thursday, September 11th – 11:30am to 12:30pm
- ▶ Friday, September 12th – 10am to 12pm
- ▶ In Johnston Hall, room 133A (talk to August 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
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (24/7 crisis line) – [519-836-5710](tel:519-836-5710) or adminrec@gwwomenincrisis.org
- ▶ HERE 24/7 – [1-844-437-3247](tel:1-844-437-3247)
- ▶ Suicide Crisis Helpline – [Text or call 988](#)