

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

ACADEMIC INFORMATION SESSION

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

Being Informed by People



Afshin
Ashari

Faculty
Advisor for
your degree
program



Diana
Foolen

Will get you
the
information
you need or
point you in
the right
direction



NOT your
friends

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

Being Informed



Undergraduate Calendar

Policies, degree requirements, dates, course information etc.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate>



Listservs

Emails from me, SFOAC, Diana and Registrar's Office.



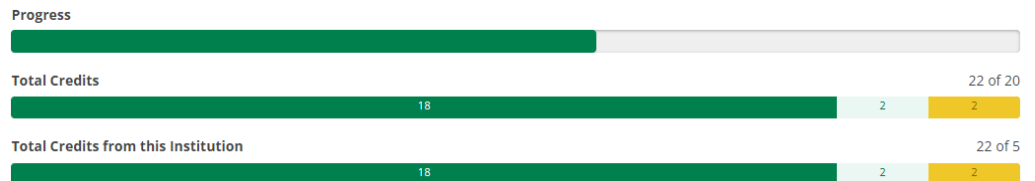
Websites

Search bar on uoguelph.ca

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

My Progress and Planning Tool on WebAdvisor

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



Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor



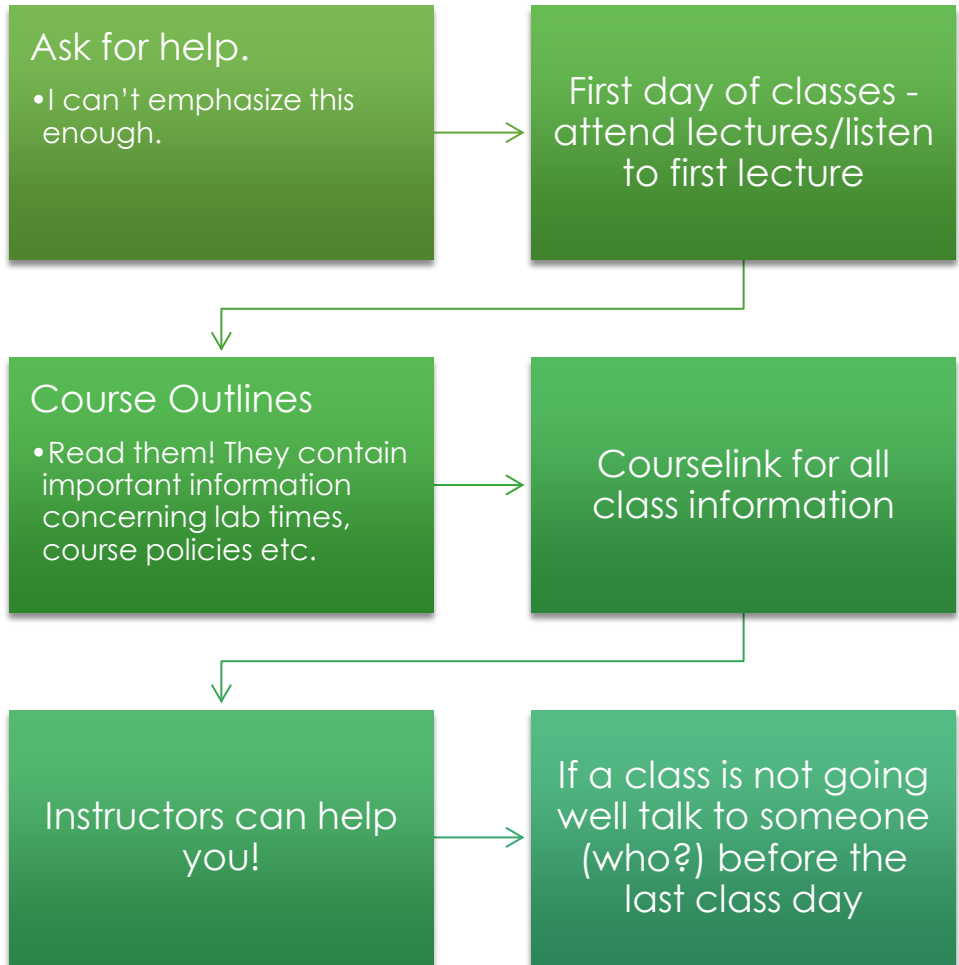
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10am				LARC*1100*010 LEC		
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12pm		LARC*1100*010 LAB		LARC*1100*010 LAB		
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3pm			BIOL*1500*01 EXAM BIOL*1500*01 LEC		BIOL*1500*01 LEC	
4pm						
5pm						
6pm						
7pm						

Schedule Print Feature



Fall 2023				Planned: 0 Credits	Enrolled: 2.75 Credits
Schedule Details					
Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor	
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1500*01: Humans in the Natural World	LEC TTh 2:30 PM - 3:50 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM T 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 12/12/2023 - 12/12/2023	LEC ALEX, 200 EXAM TBD, TBD	TBD	
Registered, but not started	ENVS*1060*DE01: Discovering Planet Earth	Distance Education TBD 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM Th 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/7/2023 - 12/7/2023	Distance Education TBD, TBD EXAM TBD, TBD	Brown, A	
Registered, but not started	LARC*1100*0101: Design & Communications Studio	LEC MW 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB MW 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC LA, 125 LAB LA, 209	TBD	
Registered, but not started	LARC*1950*01: History of Cultural Form	LEC TTh 8:30 AM - 9:50 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM F 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/15/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC MCKN, 029 EXAM TBD, TBD	O'Hara, B	
Registered, but not started	PSYC*1000*DE01: Introduction to Psychology	Distance Education TBD 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM M 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/11/2023 - 12/11/2023	Distance Education TBD, TBD EXAM TBD, TBD	Marmurek, H	

Course Survival Tips



Course Notes



Confirm you have
no conflicts NOW!

Note how long
some labs/lectures
are
Exam conflicts



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

Distance Education
(DE) vs. Virtual



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

Alternates to exams



Textbooks

Required ones in
course outline

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!

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

What's with all the Acronyms?

- ▶ OAC is Ontario Agricultural College
 - ▶ The college you are associated with
- ▶ BLA is your degree program
 - ▶ This is what will be after your name when you graduate
- ▶ SEDRD is the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development
 - ▶ The department you are associated with
- ▶ 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

Really? There are more?

- ▶ TA is Teaching Assistant
 - ▶ Work with instructors to help students with specific courses
- ▶ FA is Faculty Advisor
 - ▶ Faculty member who is an expert in your major; you have no major, but Afshin is your expert for BLA.
- ▶ CIP is Centre for International Programs
 - ▶ Department responsible for exchange
- ▶ EL Hub is Experiential Learning Hub
 - ▶ Runs job fairs, mock interviews, resume writing help
- ▶ LASS is Landscape Architecture Student Society
 - ▶ Your degree program student government
- ▶ SFOAC is Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College
 - ▶ Your college student government
- ▶ CSA is Central Student Association
 - ▶ Your university student government

Important Dates



Last day to add classes: September 13th



Last day to drop classes
(Last Class Day):

November 29th



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/>
- SEDRD: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/sedrd/>
- 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.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
- 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
 - Liz is available at the front desk for quick questions
- Booking appointments:
 - Book by contacting Liz: 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
- ▶ 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](#)