

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

ACADEMIC INFORMATION SESSION

Who Am I?

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

Being Informed by People



Brendan
Stewart

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

Polices, 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/>

Viewing a Schedule on WebAdvisor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am							
10am		LARC*1100*0101 LEC		LARC*1100*0101 LEC			
11am		LARC*1100*0101 LAB	ANTH*1150*02 LEC	LARC*1100*0101 LAB	ANTH*1150*02 LEC		
12pm							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm		LARC*1950*01 LEC	BIOL*1500*01 LEC	LARC*1950*01 LEC	ANTH*11 EXAM	BIOL*150 LEC	
4pm							
5pm							

Schedule Print Feature



Planned: 0 Credits Enrolled: 2.75 Credits

Schedule Details

Status	Course Title	Credits	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	ANTH*1150*02: Introduction to Anthropology	0.50 Credits	LEC TTh 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 EXAM Th 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM 12/11/2025 - 12/11/2025	LEC WMEM, 103 EXAM TBD, TBD	TBD
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1500*01: Humans in the Natural World	0.50 Credits	LEC TTh 2:30 PM - 3:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC AD-S, VIRTUAL	Jacobs, S
Registered, but not started	FRHD*1100*DE01: Life: Health and Well-Being	0.50 Credits	LEC TBD 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 Distance Education TBD 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC TBD, TBD Distance Education TBD, TBD	Milhausen, R
Registered, but not started	LARC*1100*0101: Design & Communication Studio	0.75 Credits	LEC MW 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025 LAB MW 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC LA, 125 LAB LA, 209	Smith, B Hernandez, A
Registered, but not started	LARC*1950*01: History of Cultural Form	0.50 Credits	LEC MW 2:30 PM - 3:50 PM 9/4/2025 - 12/12/2025	LEC ANNU, 156	O'Hara, B

My Progress and Planning Tool on WebAdvisor

- ▶ Very helpful for degree requirements!
- ▶ Allows you to plan your courses for all four years



Check list!

- ✓ Did you register for Fall and Winter courses?
 - ✓ Are they registered or planned?
- ✓ Are you in 2.75 credits in each semester?
 - ✓ Fall semester will have FIVE courses for a total of 2.75 credits
 - ✓ Winter semester will have FIVE courses for a total of 2.75 credits
- ✓ Do you have any conflicts?
 - ✓ Exam or course

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 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

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> (under Exam Location)



Know the academic policies!

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

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>

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 Brendan 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

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
 - 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](#)