

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

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

Goals of this Meeting



Meet Melinda.



Get Melinda's contact information.



Find out more about the program and resources available.



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



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

What Did I Sign Up For?

- ▶ Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree program
 - ▶ Four year, honours degree, five with co-op
 - ▶ Undeclared (for now!)
 - ▶ FOUR majors to choose from:
 - ▶ Honours Agriculture
 - ▶ Horticulture
 - ▶ Crop Science
 - ▶ Animal Science
 - ▶ Minor? Yes.



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.

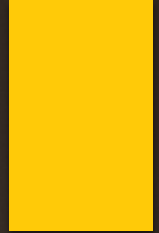
Instructors are there to help

- Be comfortable asking for assistance if needed.

Lots of great resources

- Use the resources available!

Being Informed



Undergraduate Calendar

Polices, degree requirements, dates, course information etc.

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



Listservs

Emails from me, SFOAC and Registrar's Office.



Websites

Search bar on uoguelph.ca

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

Being Informed by People

- ▶ Faculty Advisors:
 - Animal Science – Dr. Andy Robinson
 - Horticulture – Dr. Barry Micallef
 - Crop Science – Dr. François Tardif
 - Honours Agriculture – Dr. Andy Robinson
- ▶ No Meeting for Majors!
 - ▶ We will set up a meeting in Winter semester to dig into majors a bit more
- ▶ NOT your friends
 - ▶ They are great people, but sometimes are not correctly informed.

SFOAC
(Student
Federation
of the
Ontario
Agricultural
College)



Will send listserv
emails with
information



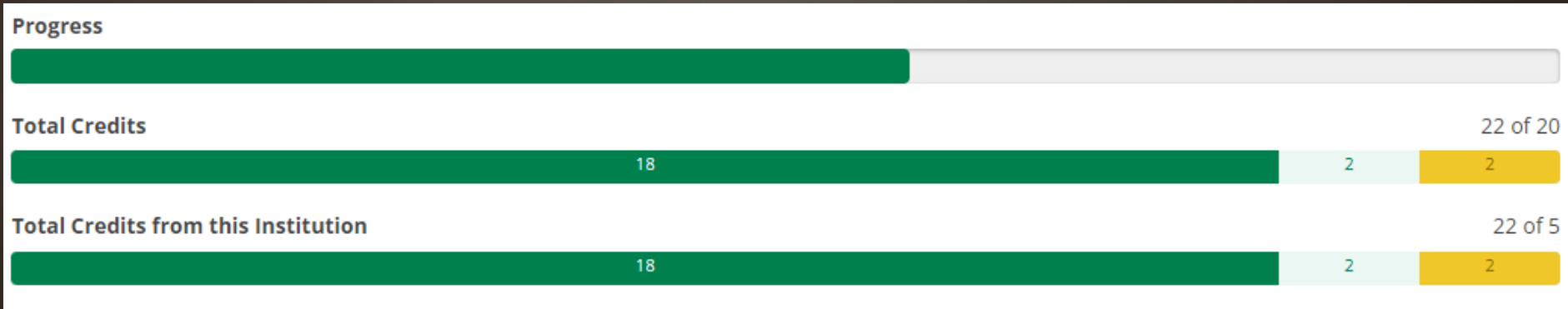
Plan events for all
OAC students



Website: aggies.ca

My Progress and Planning Tools on WebAdvisor

- ▶ Very helpful!
- ▶ A few quirks (e.g. don't use the Progress bar!)



My Progress and Viewing your Schedule



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am		AGR*1110*0105 SEM		CHEM*1040*04 LAB		AGR*1110*0105 EXAM	
10am							
11am							
12pm		BIOL*1050*0109 EXAM				CHEM*1040*04 EXAM	MATH*1080*03 LAB
1pm		AGR*1110*0105 LEC	CHEM*1040*0483 LEC	AGR*1110*0105 LEC	CHEM*1040*0483 LEC	AGR*1110*0105 LEC	
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm		BIOL*1050*0109 LEC		BIOL*1050*0109 LEC		BIOL*1050*0109 LEC	
6pm		MATH*1080*0304 LEC		MATH*1080*0304 LEC			
7pm				BIOL*1050*0109 LAB			
8pm							
9pm							

Schedule Print Feature



Schedule Details				
Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	AGR*1110*0105: Intro to Agri-Food Systems	LEC MWF 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 SEM M 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM F 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/8/2023 - 12/8/2023	LEC RICH, 2520 SEM CRSC, 121A EXAM TBD, TBD	Lee, E Robinson, A Raizada, M
	BIOL*1050: Biology of Managed Ecosystems	No Section Selected	No Section Selected	No Section Selected
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1050*0109: Biology of Managed Ecosystems	LEC MWF 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB W 7:00 PM - 8:50 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM M 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 12/11/2023 - 12/11/2023	LEC WMEM, 103 LAB CRSC, 116 EXAM TBD, TBD	Grodzinski, B Robinson, A Kalischuk, M Baes, C
	CHEM*1040: General Chemistry I	No Section Selected	No Section Selected	No Section Selected
Registered, but not started	CHEM*1040*0483: General Chemistry I	LEC TTh 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB W 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 ROZH, 104 LAB SSC, 2104 EXAM TBD, TBD	Schwan, A
	MATH*1080: Elements of Calculus I	No Section Selected	No Section Selected	No Section Selected
Registered, but not started	MATH*1080*0304: Elements of Calculus I	LEC MW 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 LAB F 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 EXAM W 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM 12/6/2023 - 12/6/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 LAB ROZH, 101 EXAM TBD, TBD	TBD

Timeline in WebAdvisor

Timeline

Fall 2023

AGR*3450*0101: Research Methods ✓

Credits: 0.50 Credits

ANSC*4560*01: Pet Nutrition ✓

Credits: 0.50 Credits

MBG*4020*01: Genetics of Companion Animals ✓

Credits: 0.50 Credits

POPM*4230*DE01: Animal Health ✓

Credits: 0.50 Credits

2 Enrolled Credits

Winter 2024

⋮ **AGR*4600: Agriculture and Food Issues**

Credits: 1 Credits

⋮ **ANSC*4100: Appl Env Physio/Animal Housing**

Credits: 0.50 Credits

⋮ **ANSC*4490: Applied Endocrinology**

Credits: 0.50 Credits

2 Planned Credits

Fall 2024



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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.Sc.(Agr.) is your degree program (or BSAG)
 - ▶ 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

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
- ▶ CIP is Centre for International Programs
 - ▶ Department responsible for exchange
- ▶ EL Hub is Experiential Learning Hub
 - ▶ Runs job fairs, mock interviews, resume writing help
- ▶ SFOAC is Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College
 - ▶ Your college student government
- ▶ CSA is Central Student Association
 - ▶ Your university student government

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!

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/>
- 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](#)