



Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management

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 Presentation



- ▶ 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 Bio-Resource Management degree program
 - ▶ Four year, honours degree
 - ▶ Two majors:
 - ▶ Environmental Management (EM)
 - ▶ Equine Management (EQM)

OR

- ▶ Five year, honours degree with Co-op
 - ▶ Two majors:
 - ▶ Environmental Management Co-op (EM:C)
 - ▶ Equine Management Co-op (EQM:C)

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.
- ▶ Learning expectations
 - ▶ Less memory work, more connections/problem solving.
- ▶ 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 11:15am
 - ▶ Environmental Management with Dr. John Lauzon
 - ▶ MacKinnon room 233
 - ▶ Equine Management with Dr. Katrina Merkies
 - ▶ MacKinnon room 234
- ▶ NOT your friends
 - ▶ They are great people, but sometimes are not correctly informed.

BBRM Student Council



- ▶ Will send listserv emails with information
- ▶ Plan events for all BBRM students
- ▶ Email them with questions and to be added to the listserv: BBRM.studentcouncil@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

Being Informed



- ▶ Undergraduate Calendar
 - ▶ Polices, degree requirements, dates, course information etc.
- ▶ 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 😊).

Progress



Total Credits

22 of 20



Total Credits from this Institution

22 of 5



Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor

ACCT*1220*DE0	CHEM*1040*02
<u>EXAM</u>	<u>EXAM</u>

	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

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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 Coop and Career Services
 - ▶ Runs job fairs, mock interviews, resume writing help
- ▶ BBRM SC is BBRM Student Council
 - ▶ Your 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

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
- ▶ 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

Important Dates

- ▶ Last day to add classes:
 - ▶ September 15th
- ▶ Last day to drop classes (Last Class Day):
 - ▶ December 1st
- ▶ All dates:
 - ▶ <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c03/index.shtml>
 - ▶ Course selection for Winter is in November

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://learningcommons.lib.uoguelph.ca/>
- Career Services: <https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/>
- The Cannon: www.thecannon.ca
- Athletics: <http://gryphons.ca/>
- Experiential Learning Opportunities: <https://experienceguelph.ca/home.htm>

That Melinda Sure is Helpful...



- Office Location: Johnston Hall room 133A
 - 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

Drop In Hours



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

- ▶ Thursday, September 7th from 2pm-3pm
 - ▶ Friday, September 8th from 10am-12pm
 - ▶ Monday September 11th from 1pm-3pm
 - ▶ Thursday, September 14th from 2pm-3pm
 - ▶ Friday, September 15th from 10am-12pm
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- ▶ 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
- ▶ Torchlight (24/7 toll-free) – [1-888-821-3760](tel:1-888-821-3760) or [519-821-3760](tel:519-821-3760)
- ▶ HERE 24/7 – [1-844-437-3247](tel:1-844-437-3247)