Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management

ACADEMIC INFORMATION SESSION

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- 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 listsery 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 uogueph.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
18	2	2
Total Credits from this Institution		22 of 5
18	2	2

Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor

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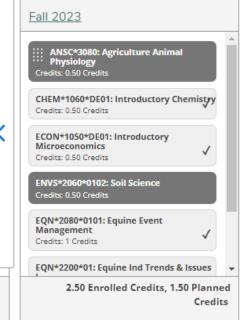
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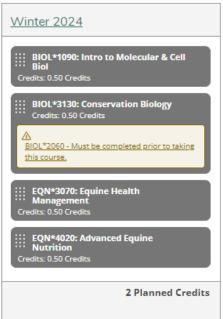


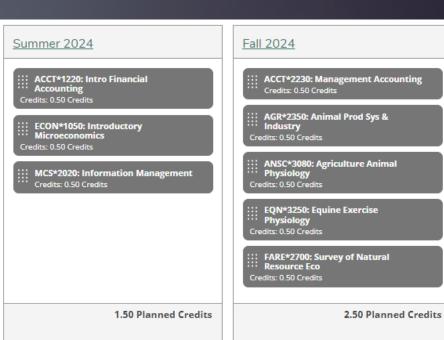
Fall 2023 Schedule Details			Planned	: 0 Credits Enrolled: 2.50 Credits
Status	Course Title	Time	Location	Instructor
Registered, but not started	BIOL*1070*0113: Discovering Biodiversity	LEC MWF 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023 SEM W 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM 9/7/2023 - 12/15/2023	LEC ROZH, 104 SEM SSC, 3305	Bartley, T Grunspan, D
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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
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Timeline in WebAdvisor

Timeline







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/u ndergraduate/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: <u>https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/counselling/</u>
- 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: <u>www.thecannon.ca</u>
- Athletics: http://gryphons.ca/
- Experiential Learning Opportunities: https://experiencequelph.ca/home.htm

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

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

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 www.good2talk.ca
- ▶ 24-hour Indian Residential School Crisis Line <u>1-866-925-</u> <u>4419</u>
- Victim Services Wellington − <u>519-824-1212</u> ext. <u>7304</u> or <u>victim@vsw.on.ca</u>
- ► Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (24/7 crisis line) –

519-836-5710 or adminrec@gwwomenincrisis.org

- ► Torchlight (24/7 toll-free) 1-888-821-3760 or 519-821-3760
- ► HERE 24/7 <u>1-844-437-3247</u>