



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



- ▶ Brendan Stewart/Martin Holland
 - ▶ Faculty Advisor for your degree program
- ▶ Diana Foolen
 - ▶ Jack of all trades; 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.
- ▶ 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 😊).

Progress



Total Credits

22 of 20



Total Credits from this Institution

22 of 5



Viewing Schedule on WebAdvisor



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7am						
8am						
9am		PSYC*1000*DE0 EXAM	LARC*1950*01 LEC		ENVS*1060*DE0 EXAM	LARC*1950*01 LEC
10am		LARC*1100*010 LEC		LARC*1100*0101 LEC		LARC*1950*01 EXAM
11am						
12pm		LARC*1100*0101 LAB		LARC*1100*0101 LAB		
1pm						
2pm						
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 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

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 Martin is your expert for BLA.
- ▶ 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
- ▶ 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 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/>
- 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://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 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
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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)