



## Exchange Partner Information Sheet

### Unique aspects of the university:

In 1964, three founding colleges – the Ontario Agricultural College, Ontario Veterinary College and Macdonald Institute – were combined to create the University of Guelph. Situated in southwestern Ontario, our beautiful 330-hectare campus supports a community of over 20,500 undergraduate and 2500 graduate students, including over 1200 international students from around the world. Our students benefit from an innovative curriculum that spans the arts, humanities, commerce, physical and natural sciences, and social sciences. The University has over 800 full-time faculty and students are also supported by more than 2,100 full-time staff. University of Guelph is consistently ranked as one of Canada's top comprehensive universities due to our commitment to student success and innovative research. In recent International Student Barometer surveys, UofG ranked No. 1 for overall learning, living and student support, and had the highest overall average among participating universities in Ontario and Canada.

[www.uoguelph.ca](http://www.uoguelph.ca)

### Unique aspects of the city:

The City of Guelph is a vibrant community of 131,000 people with a lively downtown, great shopping and a dynamic cultural scene. Surrounded by rolling hills, Guelph is only a one-hour drive or bus ride from Toronto. The city is very student-friendly, with easy public transportation and a welcoming community feeling. Characterized by fine stone architecture, many buildings in Guelph date back to the 19th century. The Speed and Eramosa Rivers which pass through Guelph are surrounded by beautiful parks and are an ideal place for walking, biking, or even canoeing and kayaking. Guelph features a variety of cafés and restaurants with flavours from around the world, as well as a number of well-known music and art festivals throughout the year. A trip to the downtown Farmer's Market with its array of fresh fruit, vegetables, cooking and crafts is a favourite for many visitors.

[www.guelph.ca](http://www.guelph.ca)

For an up-to-date list of important academic dates each year, see:  
<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

## Semester Dates (tentative) Fall Semester, 2020

Preferred arrival date	September 1 (tentative date)
International Orientation dates	September 2 - September 4
Classes start	September 10
Breaks / holidays	October 12 (Thanksgiving Holiday) October 13 (Fall Study Break Day)
Classes end	December 2
Exams start and finish	December 7 – 18

## Semester Dates (tentative) Winter Semester, 2021

Preferred arrival date	January 9 (tentative date)
International Orientation date	January 10 (tentative date)
Classes start	January 11
Breaks / holidays	February 15 - 19 (Winter Break), April 2 (Good Friday)
Classes end	April 12
Exams start and finish	April 15 – 27

## Exchange Nomination and Application

Nomination process	Host universities should nominate students via the online nomination link, which will be sent to you prior to the following deadlines. <i>Nomination deadlines:</i> Fall semester (September entry) – March 20 Winter semester (January entry) – September 20
Application process	After being nominated by their home university, students will receive an email directly from the University of Guelph inviting them to fill in an online application. <i>Application deadlines:</i> Fall semester (September to December) – April 15 Winter semester (January - April) – October 15

## Exclusions

Departments & faculties <b>excluded</b> from exchange (not available for exchange students)	Ontario Veterinary College, MBA program, Masters of Leadership, Masters of Hospitality & Tourism Management, all courses at Guelph-Humber and Ridgetown campuses, co-op placements, and Psychology practicum courses
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## Accommodation

Types of student housing available	Residence - <a href="http://www.housing.uoguelph.ca">www.housing.uoguelph.ca</a> Off-campus - <a href="http://www.studentlife.uoguelph.ca/ocl">www.studentlife.uoguelph.ca/ocl</a>
Accommodation cost estimate	Residence: \$3300 - \$4100 per semester Off-campus housing: \$450 - \$600 per month
Accommodation application & deadline	Exchange students will receive information about how to apply for residence with their U of Guelph acceptance package.  Early June deadline for Fall semester Early December deadline for Winter semester

## Finances

Tuition fee	Paid to home university
Mandatory student fees /semester (approximate)	University Health Insurance Plan - \$212 / semester Student Health & Dental Plan - \$205.5 / semester Bus Pass - \$157 / semester
Average cost of living per month	Residence: \$800 - \$1000 per month Off-campus housing: \$450 - \$600 per month Food: \$300-\$400 per month Books (new): \$500-\$1000 per semester Entertainment: \$100 - \$200 per month

## Student Services

Information for exchange students	<a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/cip/index-page/incoming-exchange">www.uoguelph.ca/cip/index-page/incoming-exchange</a>
Services for international students	<a href="https://studentlife.uoguelph.ca/international">https://studentlife.uoguelph.ca/international</a>
Academic support services	<a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/uaic/academicsupport">www.uoguelph.ca/uaic/academicsupport</a>
Counselling Services	<a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/counselling">www.uoguelph.ca/counselling</a>
Student Accessibility Services	<a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/csd">www.uoguelph.ca/csd</a>
Library	<a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/library">www.uoguelph.ca/library</a>
Athletics	<a href="https://fitandrec.gryphons.ca">https://fitandrec.gryphons.ca</a>

## Academics

<p>University academic strengths</p>	<p>Historically, the University of Guelph is best known for its veterinary and agricultural research. Programs that are popular with exchange students are Business, Marketing &amp; Consumer Studies, Hospitality &amp; Tourism Management, Engineering, Food Science, and a range of Science, Arts and Social Science courses.</p>
<p>Courses offered</p>	<p>Undergraduate:  <a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c12/index.shtml">www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c12/index.shtml</a></p> <p>Graduate:  <a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/apdx/index.shtml">www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/apdx/index.shtml</a></p> <p>Courses with "F" at the end are usually held in Fall  Courses with "W" at the end are usually held in Winter  Courses with "U" at the end are offered occasionally</p>
<p>Credit system</p>	<p>A full-time course load for undergraduate students at University of Guelph is 2.0 to 2.5 credits. Most UG courses are 0.5 credits each, so students usually take 4 to 5 courses per semester. Graduate students usually take 1 - 3 courses per semester (0.5 - 1.5 credits). It is ultimately up to your home university to decide the credit equivalency for the courses you will be taking.</p>
<p>Credits in ECTS</p>	<p>It is up to your home university to evaluate the credit equivalency for the courses you take while on exchange. However, many universities in Europe use the following conversion:  2.5 University of Guelph credits (usually = 5 courses per semester) = 30 ECTS  0.5 credit course = 6 ECTS</p>
<p>Grading system</p>	<p>Undergrad:  <a href="http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-grds.shtml">www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-grds.shtml</a></p> <p>Graduate:  <a href="https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-as-gradesch.shtml">https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-as-gradesch.shtml</a></p>

## Contacts

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Questions about exchange application, course registration, arrival, orientation program, cultural adjustment or any other issues.

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