



**UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH**



Centre for International Programs
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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

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

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, 2019

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| Preferred arrival date | August 27 (tentative date) |
| International Orientation dates | August 28 – September 30 |
| Classes start | September 5 |
| Breaks / holidays | October 14 (Thanksgiving Holiday) |
| Classes end | November 29 |
| Exams start and finish | December 2 – 13 |

Semester Dates (tentative)

Winter Semester, 2020

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| Preferred arrival date | January 4 |
| International Orientation date | January 5 |
| Classes start | January 6 |
| Breaks / holidays | February 17 – 21 (Winter Break), April 17 (Good Friday) |
| Classes end | April 3 |
| Exams start and finish | April 6 - 20 |

Exchange Nomination and Application

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| Nomination process | <p>Host universities should nominate students via the online nomination link, which will be sent to you prior to the following deadlines.</p> <p><u><i>Nomination deadlines:</i></u> Fall semester (September entry) – March 20 Winter semester (January entry) – September 20</p> |
| Application process | <p>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.</p> <p><u><i>Application deadlines:</i></u> Fall semester (September to December) – April 15 Winter semester (January - April) – October 15</p> |

Exclusions

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| Departments & faculties excluded 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, and Psychology practicum courses |
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Accommodation

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| Types of student housing available | Residence - www.housing.uoguelph.ca Off-campus - www.studentlife.uoguelph.ca/ocl |
| 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

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| Tuition fee | Paid to home university |
| Mandatory student fees /semester (approximate) | University Health Insurance Plan - \$208 / semester Student Health & Dental Plan - \$175 / semester Bus Pass - \$143 / 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

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

Academics

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| University academic strengths | Historically, the University of Guelph is best known for its veterinary and agricultural research. Programs that are popular with exchange students are Business, Marketing & Consumer Studies, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Engineering, Food Science, and a range of Science, Arts and Social Science courses. |
| Courses offered | <p>Undergraduate: www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c12/index.shtml</p> <p>Graduate: www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/apdxa/index.shtml</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> |
| Credit system | 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. |
| Credits in ECTS | 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 |
| Grading system | <p>Undergrad: www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-grds.shtml</p> <p>Graduate: https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-as-gradesch.shtml</p> |

Contacts

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| <p>Incoming Exchange Advisors</p> <p>Questions about exchange application, course registration, arrival, orientation program, cultural adjustment or any other issues.</p> | <p>Chen Chen Education Abroad Advisor for Students in Arts, Social Science, & Commerce</p> <p>Centre for International Programs E: cchen19@uoguelph.ca T: 001-519-824-4120 ext. 56383</p> <p>Mike Lafleur Education Abroad Advisor for Students in Sciences & Engineering</p> <p>Centre for International Programs E: TBA T: 001-519-824-4120 ext. 58387</p> |
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