



FRHD*3190 Administration of Programs for Children

Winter 2022

Section: DE01

Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition

Credit Weight: 0.50

Course Details

Calendar Description

This course examines the roles and responsibilities of administrators in programs for children with emphasis on the development of appropriate policies and procedures; management of human and financial resources; and internal and external communication within the context of multidisciplinary settings. Attention will be given to quality assurance, professional ethics, and continuing professional development.

Pre-Requisite(s): 8.00 credits including 1 of FRHD*1010, FRHD*2260, FRHD*2270, PSYC*2450

Co-Requisite(s): None

Restriction(s): This is a Priority Access Course. Some restrictions may apply during some time periods. Please see the departmental website for more information.

Method of Delivery: Online

Final Exam

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Note: Please read the important information about exam timing in the **Assessment Description** section under **Final Exam** in this Outline.

Location: Online via the **Quizzes** tool in CourseLink

Disclaimer Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website <https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/> and circulated by email.

Instructional Support

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Welcome to FRHD*3190! I look forward to working with you throughout the course and to hearing your unique perspectives on the leadership of programs for children. Having worked with children in both school and early learning settings, I have experienced many different administration and program styles. I am currently on the Administrative Team of the University of Guelph Child Care and Learning Centre as the Pedagogical Leader. In this role, I support the classroom educators' professional development and teach the third year CYF/Child Studies practicum course (FRHD*3200). My personal views on leadership are strongly situated in the belief that each learner is competent and has valuable experiences and opinions to share. I also firmly believe in the importance of giving students the opportunity to connect theory to practice through experiential learning. My hope is that you will see these views clearly reflected throughout this course's unique content and organization. Please remember that we are here as a resource for any questions or concerns that you may have. Best of luck in your progress throughout this course!

Office Hours via Zoom: Students may request to meet the instructor by appointment. See also **Communicating with Your Instructor**.

Teaching Assistant(s)

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Learning Resources

Required Textbook

Title: Administering for Quality: Leading and Collaborating in Canadian Early Childhood Education Programs

Author(s): Karen Chandler

Edition / Year: 6th Edition / 2019

Publisher: Prentice Hall Canada

ISBN: 9780134755625

You may purchase the textbook at the [Guelph Campus Co-op Bookstore](#) or the [University of Guelph Bookstore](#). Please note that DE textbooks are located in the Distance Education section of the University of Guelph Bookstore.

<https://guelphcampus.coop/bookstore>

<http://www.bookstore.uoguelph.ca/>
Course Website

[CourseLink](#) (powered by D2L's Brightspace) is the course website and will act as your classroom. It is recommended that you log in to your course website every day to check for announcements, access course materials, and review the weekly schedule and assignment requirements.

<https://courselink.uoguelph.ca/shared/login/login.html>

Ares

For this course, you may be required to access course reserve materials through the University of Guelph McLaughlin Library. To access these items, select **Ares** on the navbar in CourseLink. Note that you will need your Central Login ID and password in order to access items on reserve.

For further instructions on accessing reserve resources, visit [How to Get Course Reserve Materials](#).

If at any point during the course you have difficulty accessing reserve materials, please contact the e-Learning Operations and Reserve Services staff at:

Tel: 519-824-4120 ext. 53621

Email: libres2@uoguelph.ca

Location: McLaughlin Library, First Floor, University of Guelph

<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/find/course-reserves-ares>

Learning Outcomes

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the administrative and pedagogical responsibilities of leading an early learning program in Ontario (including development of appropriate policies and procedures, management of human and financial resources, and program development and evaluation) and their impact on structure and quality;
2. Examine the impact of relevant legislation, regulations, professional and ethical standards, funding, administrative practices, and research on the development and leadership of early learning programs;

3. Contribute to a collaborative learning environment by using professional and effective communication while interacting with colleagues in a Professional Learning Community;
 4. Apply principles of effective leadership through the design and delivery of collaborative peer learning experiences;
 5. Display skills in self-evaluation and reflective practice in order to support lifelong learning, professional ethics, and evidence-informed practices in the early years sector; and
 6. Engage in advocacy efforts that promote quality early learning programs and advance the well-being of children, families, and educators.
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Teaching and Learning Activities

Method of Learning

All components of this course will be housed on the CourseLink site and the course website will be our learning environment for this course. It will be important for you to visit it on a regular basis. The course is set up to allow for self-directed learning through the completion of weekly units and associated activities and assessments. On the course site, you will find the course outline, assignments, weekly units with self-directed learning activities, and links to further resources. Your assignments will be submitted through the Dropbox function and you will also receive your grades and feedback on the site.

You will be working in small Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) throughout this course. This will allow you to have closer peer interactions and encourage more shared learning opportunities. You will also have the opportunity to take on a leadership role within your learning community to gain experience with facilitating peer learning.

Finally, as you may already know, this course is a mandatory course for those students who plan to apply for registration with the College of Early Childhood Educators upon graduation from the Bachelor of Applied Science in Child, Youth and Family, or Child Studies. This registration allows you to use the professional designation of Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE). This course is heavily based on the administration of early learning and care programs within Ontario to ensure that those students are qualified for the registration. The College of Early Childhood Educators' [Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice](https://www.college-ece.ca/en/Documents/Code_and_Standards_2017.pdf) will be a useful resource for guiding our professional learning in this course.

https://www.college-ece.ca/en/Documents/Code_and_Standards_2017.pdf

Course Structure

This course is divided into 12 units:

- Unit 01: Introduction
- Unit 02: Quality Early Childhood Education in Ontario
- Unit 03: Planning and Evaluating Program Goals
- Unit 04: Social Policy and Roles of Government
- Unit 05: The Canadian Government and Early Childhood Education
- Unit 06: Leadership in Early Childhood Programs
- Unit 07: Understanding a Social Systems Framework in Early Childhood Programs
- Unit 08: Human Resources
- Unit 09: Promoting Professionalism
- Unit 10: Policies and Procedures to Create Safe and Healthy Learning Environments
- Unit 11: Financial Matters
- Unit 12: Advocating for Canada's Children and Course Conclusion

In this course, you will participate in many different types of learning activities. Included will be:

- reading from the text and online
- completing exercises aimed at applying concepts learned
- solving problems presented through case studies and hypothetical situations
- participating in group discussions and negotiating online with classmates to foster critical reflection, analysis and inter-personal communication
- planning and implementing learning experiences for your peers

Schedule

It is strongly recommended that you follow the course schedule provided below. The schedule outlines what you should be working on each week of the course and lists the important due dates for the assessments. By following the schedule, you will be better prepared to complete the assessments and succeed in this course.

Unit 01: Introduction

Week 1 – Monday, January 10 to Sunday, January 16

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 1
 - The Role of a Learning Community in Achieving Motivation and Commitment pp. 103-108
- Required articles:
 - Article in Young Children - How a Professional Learning Community Changed a Family Child Care Provider's Beliefs and Practices (accessed via Ares)
 - Huffington Post Article – Day Care Disrespect: Why What We Call Child Care Matters (accessed via Unit 01 course content)

Activities

- Familiarize yourself with the course website by selecting **Start Here** on the navbar.
- Review **Outline** and **Assessments** on the course website to learn about course expectations, assessments, and due dates.
- Confirm your access to the course reserve materials by selecting **Ares** on the navbar.
- **Unit 01: Activity 01** – Introducing Yourself to your PLC
Opens: Monday, January 10 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, January 16 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 01: Activity 02** – Signing up for your PLC Leadership Opportunity
Opens: Monday, January 10 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, January 16 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 02: Quality Early Childhood Education in Ontario

Week 2 – Monday, January 17 to Sunday, January 23

Readings

- Required articles (accessed via Unit 02 course content):
 - How Does Learning Happen (HDLH)? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years.
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 02 course content):
 - Excerpts from ELECT (accessed via Ares)

Activities

- **Unit 02: Activity 01** – Your Philosophy of Learning
Opens: Monday, January 17 24 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, January 23 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 03: Planning and Evaluating Program Goals

Week 3 – Monday, January 24 to Sunday, January 30

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 5
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 03 course content):
 - County of Wellington Child Care Programme Operating Criteria (2018)
 - Toronto Children's Services Early Learning and Care Assessment for Quality Improvement

Activities

- **Unit 03: Activity 01** – Existing Philosophies of Learning
Opens: Monday, January 24 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, January 30 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 04: Social Policy and Roles of Government

Week 4 – Monday, January 31 to Sunday, February 6

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 2
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 04 course content):
 - CTV News Article – Even as child-care fees rise, report says many daycares may close due to pandemic
 - The Conversation Article – ‘Generation C’: Why investing in early childhood is critical after COVID-19
 - Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2020
 - Policy Options Article – What is “the Quebec model” of early learning and child care?
 - County of Wellington Child Care Programme Operating Criteria (2018)
Note: See Unit 03 Supplementary Readings
 - Toronto's Children's Services Early Learning and Care Assessment for Quality Improvement
Note: See Unit 03 Supplementary Readings

Activities

- **Unit 04: Activity 01** – Operating Criteria
Opens: Monday, January 31 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, February 6 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 05: The Canadian Government and Early Childhood Education

Week 5 – Monday, February 7 to Sunday, February 13

Readings

- Required articles (accessed via Unit 05 course content):
 - Regulations for the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA)
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 05 course content):
 - Child Care and Early Years Act
 - AECEO Submission to the Ministry of Education, Child Care and Early Years Act 5-year Review

- The Monitor Article – Ontario’s plan to deregulate child care is a bad movie that parents have seen – and rejected - before
- CP24 Article – Ontario announces reforms to child care programs to improve accessibility

Activities

- **Unit 05: Activity 01** – Understanding the Child Care and Early Years Act
Opens: Monday, February 7 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, February 13 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **Online Midterm #1** (Covering Units 1-4)
Opens: Monday, February 7 at 12:01 am ET
Due: Sunday, February 13 at 11:59 pm ET

Note: You are encouraged to take the midterm during CourseLink Support hours in case there are any technical difficulties.

Unit 06: Leadership in Early Childhood Programs

Week 6 – Monday, February 14 to Sunday, February 20

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 3
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 06 course content):
 - Occupational Standards for Child Care Administrators

Activities

- **Unit 06: Activity 01** – Week 6 PLC Peer-Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, February 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Friday, February 18 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 06: Optional Activity** – Professional Development Opportunities
Opens: Monday, February 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, February 20 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Week 6 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 6 leaders)
Opens: Monday, February 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Friday, February 18 at 11:59 pm ET

Winter Break – Monday, February 21 to Sunday, February 27

Unit 07: Understanding a Social Systems Framework in Early Childhood Programs

Week 7 – Monday, February 28 to Sunday, March 6

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 4

Activities

- **Unit 07: Activity 01** – Week 7 PLC Peer-Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, February 28 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 6 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 07: Optional Activity** – Non-Profit vs For-Profit
Opens: Monday, February 28 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 6 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Week 7 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 7 leaders)
Opens: Monday, February 28 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 6 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 08: Human Resources

Week 8 – Monday, March 7 to Sunday, March 13

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 6
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 08 course content):
 - National Occupational Classification (NOC)

Activities

- **Unit 08: Activity 01** – Week 8 PLC Peer Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, March 7 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 13 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 08: Optional Activity** – Hiring Decisions
Opens: Monday, March 7 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 13 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Week 8 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 8 leaders)
Opens: Monday, March 7 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 13 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 09: Promoting Professionalism

Week 9 – Monday, March 14 to Sunday, March 20

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 7
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 09 course content):
 - College of Early Childhood Educators' Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
 - College of Early Childhood Educators' Expectations for Practice Module

Activities

- **Unit 09: Activity 01** – Week 9 PLC Peer-Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, March 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 20 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 09: Optional Activity** – No Qualified Staff
Opens: Monday, March 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 20 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **Online Midterm #2** (Covering Units 5-8)
Open: Monday, March 14 12 at 12:01 am ET
Due: Sunday, March 20 at 11:59 pm ET

Note: You are encouraged to take the midterm during CourseLink Support hours in case there are any technical difficulties.

- **PLC Week 9 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 9 leaders)
Opens: Monday, March 14 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 20 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 10: Policies and Procedures to Create Safe and Healthy Learning Environments

Week 10 – Monday, March 21 to Sunday, March 27

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 8
- Supplementary readings (accessed via Unit 10 course content):
 - Toy Regulations of Canada Consumer Product Safety Act
 - Canadian Toy Testing Council Toy Report 2014

Activities

- **Unit 10: Activity 01** – Week 10 PLC Peer-Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 27 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 10: Optional Activity** – Creating Policies and Considering their Impact
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 27 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Week 10 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 10 leaders)
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, March 27 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 11: Financial Matters

Week 11 – Monday, March 28 to Sunday, April 3

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 9

Activities

- **Unit 11: Activity 01** – Week 11 PLC Peer-Led Learning Activity
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, April 3 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Unit 11: Optional Activity** – The Budget as a Reflection of the Philosophy
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, April 3 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Week 11 Leadership Opportunity** (only for Week 11 leaders)
Opens: Monday, March 21 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Sunday, April 3 at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 12: Advocating for Canada's Children and Course Conclusion

Week 12 – Monday, April 4 to Friday, April 8

Readings

- Textbook:
 - Chapter 10

Activities

- **Unit 12: Activity 01** – Creating an Advocacy Action Plan
Opens: Monday, April 4 at 8:00 am ET
Closes: Friday, April 8 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

- **PLC Participation Self-Evaluation**
Due: Friday, April 8 at 11:59 pm ET

Assessments

The grade determination for this course is indicated in the following table. A brief description of each assessment is provided below. Select **Content** on the navbar to locate **Assessments** in the table of contents panel to review further details of each assessment. Due dates can be found under the Schedule heading of this outline.

Table 1: Course Assessments

Assessment Item	Weight	Learning Outcomes
Professional Learning Communities Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in general course learning activities – 10%• Participation in peer-led learning activities – 10%	20%	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
Professional Learning Communities Leadership Opportunity	10%	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Assessment Item	Weight	Learning Outcomes
Online Midterm #1 (Covering Units 1-4)	20%	1, 2, 6
Online Midterm #2 (Covering Units 5-8)	20%	1, 2, 6
Final Exam	30%	1, 2, 6
Total	100%	

Assessment Descriptions

Professional Learning Communities Participation

Throughout the semester you will participate in small Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). You will engage in activities guided by the instructor and also participate in approximately 5 learning experiences led by your peers.

Professional Learning Communities Leadership Opportunity

Since this course is focused on leadership, we want you to have a leadership opportunity within your PLC. For this assignment, you will plan and lead an interactive learning experience for your peers within your PLC. For instance, posting a simple discussion question to your PLC without any connection to an outside resource would not be enough of a learning activity. The activity should involve some sort of applied task and learning that your peers could then report back to your PLC in a discussion format. You will be provided with a discussion board that you will use to lead your activity.

Online Midterms

You will write two online midterms – one due in Week 5 (covering Units 1 to 4) and one due in Week 9 (covering Units 5 to 8). Each midterm will have 35 multiple choice questions and must be completed independently. The online midterms open on Monday at 12:01 am (ET) and close at 11:59 pm (ET) on the Sunday of the week that they are due.

Final Exam

This course requires you to write an online final exam using the **Quizzes** tool in CourseLink

The final exam will be comprehensive (i.e., it will cover the entire course); however, it will have an emphasis on the last four units of the course (Units 9 to 12) since these will not be tested in either of the Online Midterms. The exam will concern material covered in the textbook, readings, and concepts from the online units (including our discussions). Select **Content** on the navbar to locate **Assessments** in the table of contents panel to review further details of the final exam.

The final exam will be delivered online via the **Quizzes** tool. The exam is 2 hours in length and will be held on **Saturday, April 23, 2022**.

To accommodate students who may be located in various time zones, the exam will be available beginning at **7:00 pm** until **8:00 pm** . Eastern Time (ET). You can enter the exam at any point during this window of time but will only have 2 hours to complete it from when you start writing. For example, if you start writing the exam by **7:30 pm**, you will have until **9:30 pm** to complete it. After **8:00 pm** ET you will no longer be able to enter the exam environment.

University of Guelph degree and associate diploma students must check [WebAdvisor](#) for their examination schedule. Open Learning program students must check the [Open Learning Program Final Examination Schedule](#) for their examination schedule.

<https://webadvisor.uoguelph.ca>

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/Open-Learning-Program-Final-Exam-Schedule>

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/final-exams>

Course Technology Requirements and Technical Support

CourseLink System Requirements

You are responsible for ensuring that your computer system meets the necessary [system requirements](#). Use the [browser check](#) tool to ensure your browser settings are compatible and up to date. (Results will be displayed in a new browser window).

<https://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/system-and-software-requirements>

<https://courselink.uoguelph.ca/d2l/systemCheck>

Zoom Requirements

This course uses **Zoom** as a video communication tool. You are responsible for downloading a free copy of Zoom from www.zoom.us. A Webcam, headphones/speakers are needed. In order to use **Zoom**, you must meet the following technical requirements:

1. An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
2. Speakers and a microphone – built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth
3. A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in
4. Supported mobile platforms: Android 4.4 or later and iOS 10.0 or later.

Technical Skills

As part of your online experience, you are expected to use a variety of technology as part of your learning:

- Manage files and folders on your computer (e.g., save, name, copy, backup, rename, delete, and check properties);
- Install software, security, and virus protection;
- Use office applications (e.g., Word, PowerPoint, Excel, or similar) to create documents;
- Be comfortable uploading and downloading saved files;
- Communicate using email (e.g., create, receive, reply, print, send, download, and open attachments);
- Navigate the CourseLink learning environment and use the essential tools, such as **Dropbox**, **Quizzes**, **Discussions**, and **Grades** (the instructions for this are given in your course);
- Access, navigate, and search the Internet using a web browser (e.g., Firefox, Internet Explorer); and
- Perform online research using various search engines (e.g., Google) and library databases.

Technical Support

If you need any assistance with the software tools or the CourseLink website, contact CourseLink Support.

CourseLink Support

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Tel: 519-824-4120 ext. 56939

Toll-Free (CAN/USA): 1-866-275-1478

Walk-In Hours (Eastern Time):

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Phone/Email Hours (Eastern Time):

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am–8:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am–4:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 pm–6:00 pm

Course Specific Standard Statements

Acceptable Use

The University of Guelph has an [Acceptable Use Policy](#), which you are expected to adhere to.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/ccs/infosec/aup>

Communicating with Your Instructor

During the course, your instructor will interact with you on various course matters on the course website using the following ways of communication:

- **Announcements:** The instructor will use **Announcements** on the Course Home page to provide you with course reminders and updates. Please check this section frequently for course updates from your instructor.
- **Ask Your Instructor Discussion:** Use this discussion forum to ask questions of your instructor about content or course-related issues with which you are unfamiliar. If you encounter difficulties, the instructor is here to help you. Please post general course-related questions to the discussion forum so that all students have an opportunity to review the response. To access this discussion forum, select **Discussions** from the **Tools** dropdown menu.
- **Email:** If you have a conflict that prevents you from completing course requirements, or have a question concerning a personal matter, you can send your instructor a private message by email. The instructor will respond to your email within 48 to 72 hours during the week.
- **Online meeting:** If you have a complex question you would like to discuss with your instructor, you may book an online meeting. Online meetings depend on the availability of you and the instructor, and are booked on a first come first served basis.

Netiquette Expectations

For distance education courses, the course website is considered the classroom and the same protections, expectations, guidelines, and regulations used in face-to-face settings apply, plus other policies and considerations that come into play specifically because these courses are online.

Inappropriate online behaviour will not be tolerated. Examples of inappropriate online behaviour include:

- Posting inflammatory messages about your instructor or fellow students;
- Using obscene or offensive language online;
- Copying or presenting someone else's work as your own;
- Adapting information from the Internet without using proper citations or references;
- Buying or selling term papers or assignments;
- Posting or selling course materials to course notes websites;
- Having someone else complete your quiz or completing a quiz for/with another student;
- Stating false claims about lost quiz answers or other assignment submissions;

- Threatening or harassing a student or instructor online;
- Discriminating against fellow students, instructors, and/or TAs;
- Using the course website to promote profit-driven products or services;
- Attempting to compromise the security or functionality of the learning management system;
- Sharing your username and password; and
- Recording lectures without the permission of the instructor.

Submission of Assignments to Dropbox

All assignments for this course should be submitted electronically via the online **Dropbox** tool. When submitting your assignments using the **Dropbox** tool, do not leave the page until your assignment has successfully uploaded. To verify that your submission was complete, you can view the submission history immediately after the upload to see which files uploaded successfully. The system will also email you a receipt. Save this email receipt as proof of submission.

Be sure to keep a back-up copy of all of your assignments in the event that they are lost in transition. In order to avoid any last-minute computer problems, your instructor strongly recommend you save your assignments to a cloud-based file storage (e.g., Google Docs), or send to your email account, so that should something happen to your computer, the assignment could still be submitted on time or re-submitted.

It is your responsibility to submit your assignments on time as specified on the Schedule. Be sure to check the technical requirements and make sure you have the proper computer, that you have a supported browser, and that you have reliable Internet access. Remember that **technical difficulty is not an excuse not to turn in your assignment on time**. Don't wait until the last minute as you may get behind in your work.

If, for some reason, you have a technical difficulty when submitting your assignment electronically, please contact your instructor or [CourseLink Support](#).

<https://support.opened.uoguelph.ca/contact>

Late Policy

If you choose to submit your individual assignments to the **Dropbox** tool late, the full allocated mark will be reduced by 5% per day after the deadline for the submission of the assignment to a limit of five days at which time access to the **Dropbox** folder will be closed.

Extensions will be considered for medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances. If you require an extension, discuss this with the instructor as soon as possible and well before the due date. Barring exceptional circumstances, extensions will not be granted once the due date has passed. These rules are not designed to be arbitrary, nor are they inflexible. They are designed to keep you organized, to ensure that all students

have the same amount of time to work on assignments, and to help to return marked materials to you in the shortest possible time.

Obtaining Grades and Feedback

Unofficial assessment marks will be available in the **Grades** tool of the course website.

Your instructor will have grades posted online within 2 weeks of the submission deadline if the assignment was submitted on time. Once your assignments are marked you can view your grades on the course website by selecting **Grades** from the **Tools** dropdown menu on the navbar. Your course will remain open to you for seven days following the last day of the final exam period.

University of Guelph degree students can access their final grade by logging into [WebAdvisor](#) (using your U of G central ID). Open Learning program students should log in to the [OpenEd Student Portal](#) to view their final grade (using the same username and password you have been using for your courses).

<https://webadvisor.uoguelph.ca>

<https://courses.opened.uoguelph.ca/portal/logon.do?method=load>

Rights and Responsibilities When Learning Online

For distance education (DE) courses, the course website is considered the classroom and the same protections, expectations, guidelines, and regulations used in face-to-face settings apply, plus other policies and considerations that come into play specifically because these courses are online.

For more information on your rights and responsibilities when learning in the online environment, visit [Rights and Responsibilities](#).

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/rights-and-responsibilities>

University Standard Statements

University of Guelph: Undergraduate Policies

As a student of the University of Guelph, it is important for you to understand your rights and responsibilities and the academic rules and regulations that you must abide by.

If you are a registered **University of Guelph Degree Student**, consult the [Undergraduate Calendar](#) for the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for current and previous academic years.

If you are an **Open Learning Program Student**, consult the [Open Learning Program Calendar](#) for information about University of Guelph administrative policies, procedures and services.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/open-learning-program-calendar>

Email Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their uoguelph.ca e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

When You Cannot Meet Course Requirements

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement due to illness or compassionate reasons, please advise your course instructor **in writing**, with your name, ID number and email contact.

University of Guelph Degree Students

Consult the [Undergraduate Calendar](#) for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Open Learning Program Students

Please refer to the [Open Learning Program Calendar](#) for information on regulations and procedures for requesting Academic Consideration.

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/open-learning-program-calendar>

Drop Date

University of Guelph Degree Students

Students will have until the last day of classes to drop courses without academic penalty. [Review the Undergraduate Calendar for regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses.](#)

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Open Learning Program Students

Please refer to the [Open Learning Program Calendar](#).

<http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/open-learning-program-calendar>

Copies of Assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Accessibility

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared commitment to an open and supportive learning environment.

University of Guelph Degree Students

Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability or a short-term disability should contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Accessibility Services at 519-824-4120 ext. 56208, [email Accessibility Services](mailto:accessibility@uoguelph.ca) or visit the [Accessibility Services website](https://wellness.uoguelph.ca/accessibility/).

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Open Learning Program Students

If you are an Open Learning program student who requires academic accommodation, please [contact the Academic Assistant to the Executive Director](#). Please ensure that you contact us before the end of the first week of your course (every semester) in order to avoid any delays in support. Documentation from a health professional is required for all academic accommodations. Please note that all information provided will be held in confidence.

If you require textbooks produced in an alternate format (e.g., DAISY, Braille, large print or eText), please [contact the Academic Assistant to the Executive Director](#) at least two months prior to the course start date. If contact is not made within the suggested time frame, support may be delayed. It is recommended that you refer to the course outline before beginning your course in order to determine the required readings.

The provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between OpenEd and the student requesting accommodation. It is recognized that academic accommodations are intended to “level the playing field” for students with disabilities.

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Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

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http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/sites/default/files/fair_dealing_policy_0.pdf

Plagiarism Detection Software

Students should be aware that faculty have the right to use software to aid in the detection of plagiarism or copying and to examine students orally on submitted work. For students found guilty of academic misconduct, serious penalties, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University can be imposed.

Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

Disclaimer

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email.

This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the [COVID-19 website](#) and circulated by email.

<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>

Illness

Medical notes will not normally be required for singular instances of academic consideration, although students may be required to provide supporting documentation for multiple missed assessments or when involving a large part of a course (e.g., final exam or major assignment).

Covid-19 Safety Protocols

For information on current safety protocols, follow these links:

[How U of G Is Preparing for Your Safe Return](#)

[Guidelines to Safely Navigate U of G Spaces](#)

Please note, these guidelines may be updated as required in response to evolving University, Public Health or government directives.

<https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campus/how-u-of-g-is-preparing-for-your-safe-return/>

<https://news.uoguelph.ca/return-to-campus/spaces/#ClassroomSpaces>