The University of Rochester is an independent university that offers over 50 doctoral programs, over 200 master's programs, and over 25 advanced certificate programs in the following schools:

- School of Arts & Sciences
- Edmund A. Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences
- Eastman Institute for Oral Health
- Eastman School of Music
- School of Medicine and Dentistry
- School of Nursing
- Simon Business School
- Warner School of Education and Human Development

The bulletin was prepared in the summer of 2023. Provisions of this publication are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the University. The University reserves the right to make changes in its course offerings, degree requirements, regulations and procedures, and fees and expenses as educational and financial considerations require.

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Publications about Graduate Programs at the University of Rochester

The Regulations and University Policies Concerning Graduate Studies is a separate document addressing central policies on enrollment, curriculum, and completion of graduate degrees. It is found at www.rochester.edu/gradstudies/publications.html.

Most colleges and schools of the University publish brochures or digital files listing faculty, courses, and degree requirements. In addition, many departments offering graduate programs publish detailed brochures about their courses of study, faculty members, facilities, scholarships, etc. All graduate programs have valuable information on their websites.

Requests for information about the programs and how to apply should be made to the following:

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### Graduate Program Publications

#### School of Nursing
- Office of Student Affairs
  - 601 Elmwood Avenue, Box SON
  - Rochester, New York 14642-0001
  - (585) 275-2375
  - www.son.rochester.edu

#### Simon Business School
- 204 Schlegel Hall
- University of Rochester
  - Box 270107
  - Rochester, New York 14627-0107
  - (585) 275-3439
  - Email: emba@simon.rochester.edu
  - Email: admissions@simon.rochester.edu
  - Email: phdoffice@simon.rochester.edu

#### Warner School of Education and Human Development
- Raymond F. LeChase Hall
- University of Rochester
  - Box 270425
  - Rochester, New York 14627-0425
  - (585) 275-3950
  - Email: admissions@warner.rochester.edu
  - www.warner.rochester.edu

### 2023–24 Calendar*

This calendar is prepared far in advance of publication. Some dates may change. For specific degree program deadlines (i.e., application deadlines, qualifying exam dates, dissertation deadlines), check with department and/or school graduate studies offices. [https://www.rochester.edu/registrar/academiccalendar.html](https://www.rochester.edu/registrar/academiccalendar.html)

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* These dates do not apply to the Eastman School of Music, Warner School of Education, Simon Business School, or the School of Medicine and Dentistry (MD program). For this unit-specific information, please visit their respective calendars: Warner, Simon, ESM, SMD.
University of Rochester

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Graduate Education

The University of Rochester was founded in 1850 and drew students from Rochester and around the world. The first PhD degree was awarded in 1925, and one of the first three recipients to earn the degree at the University later became the first of our 13 Nobel laureates. The University has been endowed by many visionaries who recognized and supported the value of education, especially at the graduate level, including George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak; Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull; Joseph C. Wilson (Class of 1931), founder of Xerox; and Charles F. Hutchison.

In 2022–23, the University had over 1,400 tenure-track faculty and roughly 10,100 full-time and 2,000 part-time students. Of the full-time students, 6,400 were undergraduates, and 3,700 were graduate students.

The University of Rochester is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), 1007 North Orange Street, 4th Floor, MB #166, Wilmington, DE 19801. In addition, various academic programs are accredited by specialized or professional agencies, signifying that they meet the standards of educational quality for those organizations. The University’s academic programs are registered with the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The full listing can be found at www.rochester.edu/provost/accreditation/.

University Council on Graduate Education

The University Council on Graduate Education is chaired by the University dean of graduate education. The provost serves ex officio. Membership consists of the associate deans of graduate education of Arts, Sciences & Engineering (School of Arts & Sciences and Edmund A. Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences), Eastman School of Music, School of Medicine and Dentistry, School of Nursing, Simon Business School, and Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development plus a faculty representative from each of the PhD-degree-granting departments and programs across the University. The steering committee of the Council is composed of the deans and associate deans of graduate education.

The principal functions of the Council are to decide, on the basis of quality considerations, which departments shall be authorized to give work toward the PhD degree and to authorize or restrict, as necessary, the different PhD programs; to scrutinize the policies, standards, and facilities for work for the degree of doctor of philosophy throughout the University to ensure a minimum quality standard is met; and to make reports on the findings and recommendations to the provost and president. In performance of this function, the Council may engage scholars from other universities.

Upon nominations by the faculties or other authorized agencies in the several schools, the Council recommends to the provost for transmission to the Board of Trustees the candidates for the doctor of philosophy degree.

The steering committee of the Council, composed of the University dean of graduate education and the associate dean of graduate education (or equivalent) of each school, advises
the Council in the performance of its functions, exchanges information, and adjusts procedures in the schools to enable administrative uniformity as needed.

**Graduate Student Life**

**Family-Friendly Policies for Graduate Students**

All schools at the University of Rochester provide accommodation for graduate students for the birth or adoption of children. Students are encouraged to consult the specific administrative offices within their respective schools regarding school policies, tuition, fees, financial aid, and course credit details.

**Graduate and Family Housing**

Information on graduate and family housing is available at the University Apartments office by phone at (585) 275-5824 or by email at uapts@reslife.rochester.edu; and online, www.rochester.edu/reslife.

To be eligible for University housing, the individual must currently be registered as a full-time graduate student or professional trainee of the University of Rochester. A lottery system establishes priority among qualified applicants.

The office of Residential Life and Housing Services also operates the Community Living Program, which has listings of privately owned apartments, houses, and rooms. For more information on this program, call (585) 275-1081, send an email to oehousing@reslife.rochester.edu, or check the website, www.rochester.edu/reslife.

**Student Health Care Services**

The University Health Service (UHS)—which includes Primary Care, the University Counseling Center, and the Health Promotion Office—provides a full range of confidential, high-quality primary health care, mental health care, and health promotion services for all full-time University students on a prepaid basis through the Student Health Program. The University Health Service and the University Counseling Center are accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Information about services offered by the University Health Service and the University Counseling Center is available on the UHS website, www.rochester.edu/uhs.

**Health Plan**

All full-time students participate in the student health plan. The health plan has two parts: (1) The mandatory health fee covers unlimited primary care visits with the physicians, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses at the University Health Service; assessment, brief treatment, and referral services with mental health professionals at the University Counseling Center; health promotion programs and services; and public health surveillance. All full-time students must pay the mandatory health fee, which entitles them to use the University Health Service and the University Counseling Center throughout the academic year and the following summer (August 1 to July 31), as long as they are enrolled on a full-time basis. (2) Health insurance: for services such as surgical procedures, hospitalization, diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays, visits to specialists, and prescription medications. These services are not covered by the mandatory health fee.

All full-time students must have health insurance in addition to the mandatory health fee. Students can enroll in the University-sponsored health insurance plan, or they can waive the insurance if they are covered by health insurance that meets University criteria.

**Immunization Requirement**

Entering full-time and part-time students must provide immunization information to meet New York State and University immunization requirements. These requirements, which are documented on the Health History Form (HHF), should be completed before arrival on campus. According to New York State law, students who fail to show proof of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella will not be allowed to attend classes at the University. For detailed information about the immunization requirements, check Health Requirements for Entering Students on the UHS website (www.rochester.edu/uhs). Also, on the same page, see Health History Form FAQs to answer questions about completing the health history form. If your question is not answered in the FAQs, write to hhf@uhs.rochester.edu for assistance.

**University Health Service (UHS)**

UHS provides a full range of primary health care services, including the treatment of illnesses and injuries, women’s health care, the management of ongoing medical problems, and advice and treatment for any health concern. In addition, UHS provides allergy injections, immunizations for travel and other vaccines (e.g., flu shots, HPV vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine), physical therapy, laboratory testing, referrals to specialists, and health education. Visits to the University Health Service are covered by the mandatory health fee that all full-time students pay. For more information about services for full-time students, check the UHS website at www.rochester.edu/uhs.

- **Confidentiality:** The relationship between health care providers and their patients is confidential. Notification of others, including parents, friends, and University faculty and administration, is generally considered the student’s responsibility unless the condition is life threatening and the student is unable to assume responsibility for informing others. We will not share information about the fact or the nature of a student’s visit to UHS without the student’s permission.

- **UHS Website** (www.rochester.edu/uhs): The UHS website provides detailed information about the services provided by the University Health Service, the University Counseling Center, and the UHS Health Promotion office.

**University Counseling Center (UCC)**

Any student initiating services at the University Counseling Center (UCC) can expect a comprehensive mental health assessment, an individualized treatment plan, and support for
implementing such a plan. Same-day consultations are available for students who are in immediate crisis or at risk of hurting themselves or others.

Students use UCC services to address a variety of concerns, including anxiety, depression, apprehension about major life decisions or transitions, relationship difficulties, family problems, body image and eating, grief, sexual and gender identity, sexual functioning, substance use, and general discomfort about what is happening in their lives.

A student’s individualized treatment plan may involve one or more of the following recommendations: group therapy at UCC, brief individual therapy at UCC, referral for longer-term therapy or specialized treatment with a mental health provider in the community, referral to TELUS Health Student Support, psychiatry services at UCC/UHS, referral to other campus resources, and referral to case management at UCC.

Staff members are also available to discuss topics or concerns of special interest to groups of students, to consult with members of the University community about students of concern, and to develop and coordinate mental-health-related educational programming.

The therapists at the University Counseling Center are licensed professionals and professionals-in-training from a variety of mental health disciplines. They employ many treatment approaches and draw upon a wide range of training and experience in the field of psychotherapy. Psychiatrists are available within UCC/UHS to provide prescription medication in conjunction with therapy.

- **Confidentiality**: All contacts with a University Counseling Center therapist are confidential. The fact that students are using UCC will not be disclosed to any University official or faculty member or to family, friends, or roommates without the permission of the students. UCC will not release any clinical information about students’ visits, even with the students’ written request, except to another therapist for purposes of further treatment. In addition, because of the sensitive nature of visits, extreme care is taken to protect the confidentiality of our records. UCC records are separate from Strong Memorial Hospital medical records.

- **Urgent Situations and After-Hours Care**: The University Counseling Center offers on-call emergency service 24 hours a day throughout the year for students who are in urgent distress or who are concerned about someone else. The professional on call can be reached by calling (585) 275-3113.

- **The UCC website**, www.rochester.edu/ucc, provides information about the center’s locations, hours, services, staff, online assessments and resources, and more.

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**Student Support**

**Disabilities**

A student seeking reasonable accommodations on the basis of a disability should contact the access coordinator in the relevant school. The access coordinators for all schools as well as other relevant disability-related information, including documentation guidelines, are listed at www.rochester.edu/disability/access-coordinators.html.

Students who have questions or concerns they want to discuss with someone outside their school may contact the director of disability resources at (585) 279-9049.

**Conflict Resolution: University Intercessor**

The goal of the intercessor is to promote a respectful, inclusive University for all members of the community by resolving disputes, challenging perceptions, and advocating for fairness at the University. For over 40 years, University intercessors, appointed by the provost, have been untangling complex problems and unresolved interpersonal and departmental issues with staff, faculty, and students who call on them for help.

Students who have concerns that cannot be resolved through other channels are encouraged to contact an intercessor for confidential assistance at (585) 275-9125 or www.rochester.edu/ombuds/our-services/. The intercessor can help with concerns regarding discrimination and harassment, disability issues, and unresolved disagreements among faculty, staff, and students. All consultations are confidential.

**International Services office**

The International Services office (ISO) provides a full range of programs and services throughout the University for over 3,500 international students and 480 scholars and employees and their dependents from more than 115 countries. The staff administers the F-1, J-1, H-1B, O-1, and TN visa programs for the University under specific government regulations. The staff of the ISO issues visa eligibility documents, provides advice on immigration regulations affecting international populations, and processes immigration benefits such as employment authorizations and extensions of stay.

The ISO acts as the University’s official liaison with the US Department of Homeland Security, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), and the Department of State as well as foreign and American consulates and embassies. Locally, the ISO provides support and collaboration with government agencies, including the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and Department of Motor Vehicles. The office works closely with members of the University community to advocate for and address the needs of international students and scholars.

The ISO also serves as an information resource to help international populations adjust to the United States, the University, and the Rochester community. Services and programs include a comprehensive website and online resources (www.iso.rochester.edu); electronic newsletters; TIPS On-Demand video tutorials (available through Blackboard); orientation programs for new arrivals and logistical support with government forms, taxes, and reporting requirements; and instructional workshops.
throughout the year. Additionally, advising appointments are provided to help individuals effectively cope with personal challenges, legal concerns, and cultural adjustment. To promote intercultural understanding on our campuses, the ISO also contributes to cultural, social, and educational programming efforts within the University and the Rochester community.

The ISO's Contact Us page provides the most up-to-date ways to get in touch with the ISO office.

**Health and Safety**

It is the policy of the University of Rochester to provide an environment free from recognized hazards that could cause injury or illness to faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors and to protect its facilities from risk of damage from unsafe acts or conditions. The Environmental Health and Safety Department's mission is to support this policy through programs that advocate safety through high-quality service by professional, knowledgeable staff.

The department provides services to the entire University covering all campuses for any issues involving fire safety (through the Fire Marshal's office), food safety (Sanitarian's office), pest control (Pest Control Unit), laboratory safety (Laboratory Safety Unit), chemical waste disposal and environmental compliance (Environmental Compliance Unit), radiation safety issues (Radiation Safety Unit), emergency preparedness and business continuity (Business Continuity Unit), and occupational safety and health issues, such as ergonomics, indoor air quality, asbestos, and personal protective equipment (Occupational Safety Unit).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Environmental Health and Safety main office at (585) 275-3241 or send an email to questions@safety.rochester.edu. More information is available on our website, www.safety.rochester.edu.

**Department of Public Safety**

**Serving Our Community**

The Department of Public Safety is composed of approximately 175 full-time staff that provides uniformed patrol; investigative, crime prevention, victim assistance, and workplace violence services; ID services; access control; and specialized programs tailored to specific campus needs. They respond to calls of any nature, including all campus emergencies—fires, accidents, physical crimes, and disturbances. Public Safety is a mixed force of sworn peace officers and public safety officers. Peace officers are able to make arrests due to the commission of a felony, misdemeanor, or other breach of peace based on probable cause and are authorized to intervene promptly in mental health emergencies.

**How to Contact Us**

The University maintains an extensive network of over 500 interior and exterior public access telephones. You can call the Public Safety Communications Center for assistance any time of the day or night from any of these phones. Included are over 250 direct-dial blue light emergency phones (BLEP), 193 elevator phones, 70 service phones (checked by Public Safety), and over 100 other interior and exterior telephones. In an emergency, dial x13 from any University phone, including service phones located at building entrances, or dial #411 from AT&T or Verizon cell phones. Simply pick up a blue light emergency phone located on or near walkways and parking lots, and you will be connected to one of our emergency dispatchers automatically. An officer will be sent to your location right away. Local police, fire, or ambulance agencies will be notified as needed. (If you call 911 from within the University phone system, your exact location will not be displayed to the 911 system operator.)

You may also call or text (585) 275-3333 or use a blue light emergency phone.

The dispatcher will determine first that you are safe. Once that is known, you will be asked for your name and location as well as descriptive information about the incident or event with which you are involved. This information will assist the responding officer(s) or other emergency responders.

You may contact an on-duty supervisor 24 hours a day by calling (585) 275-3333.

**Additional Information**

Please go to our website for more information: https://www.rochester.edu/public-safety/.

**Title IX and Student Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking and other forms of discrimination on the basis of sex—including pregnancy and parental status, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression—in educational programs and activities is unacceptable and prohibited by the University of Rochester.

The University takes all complaints of this nature seriously and has several policies pertaining to or created for the purpose of ensuring all complaints of sex-based harassment are responded to efficiently, thoroughly, and in accordance with relevant laws. Together, these various policies reflect the University’s strong commitment to preventing and appropriately responding to all complaints of sex-based harassment.

- Student Sexual Misconduct Policy
- University of Rochester Title IX Policy
- University Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment (PADH)

Information on the policies, procedures, and resources related to prohibited behavior, sexual misconduct, and Title IX can be found at rochester.edu/sexualmisconduct/index.html.
Who Is the University’s Title IX Coordinator?

Julia Green (she/her/hers)
AVP for Civil Rights Compliance and Title IX Coordinator
office: (585) 275.1654
Cell: (585) 481.0841
Email: julia.green@rochester.edu
Wallis Hall 147A, within the office of Equity and Inclusion suite, first floor
Box 270016
Rochester, NY 14627

The University additionally has designated deputy Title IX coordinators who can answer questions and assist you with reporting options and resources. You are welcome to contact any of the coordinators, even if the person is in a different school or unit from you.

What Does a Title IX Coordinator do?
The Title IX coordinator and deputy coordinators ensure that the process for addressing complaints of sex- and gender-based harassment and misconduct are handled promptly and equitably, with fairness to everyone involved. They make certain that anyone who comes to them understands their rights and has the information they need to determine what to do next. However, they do not investigate or adjudicate claims.

The Title IX coordinator is the University’s expert on Title IX law as well as campus policies and procedures on sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. The coordinator works with colleagues University-wide to educate the community about:
- Grievance processes involving another student or a faculty or staff member
- Reporting options
- Resources
- Support services

The coordinator and deputy coordinators, along with prevention education staff, also help develop sexual discrimination and sexual violence prevention initiatives, including trainings for students, faculty, and staff.

Responsible Employee Obligations
Additionally, all members of the University community are encouraged to report any instances or claims of sexual misconduct to the Title IX coordinator.
- Responsible Employees who receive or learn of reports or concerns of sexual misconduct as defined within University policy must promptly (as soon as practical and no later than 48 hours) report the incident or concern to the University Title IX coordinator, including names of those involved.
- Responsible Employees are student and nonstudent employees of the University who
- Supervise University employees, including student employees and faculty members,
- Have been designated as campus safety authorities pursuant to the Clery Act,
- Serve as deputy Title IX coordinators in any of the University’s schools and within the Department of Athletics,
- Have a job title with the word “dean” in it, or
- Work in any of the following departments/offices:
  - Department of Public Safety,
  - office of Equity and Inclusion,
  - Student life offices in each of the University’s schools, or
  - Department of Residential Life.

If you are a Responsible Employee, please make a report via this reporting form.

Tuition and Fees
Graduate tuition at the University of Rochester pays only a portion of actual educational costs. The balance is met by income from endowment and by support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and governments.

A full listing of tuition and fees can be viewed on the Bursar’s office website at www.rochester.edu/adminfinance/bursar/billing-and-payment/billing-and-fees/.

2023–24 Schedule of Charges for Graduate Studies

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| School of Medicine and Dentistry (graduate) | $1,970/credit hour |
| School of Medicine and Dentistry (medicine) | Flat-rate tuition $68,230/year |
| School of Nursing | $1,740/credit hour |

| Art & Sciences, Hajim, Nursing, SMD, Warner | $204/credit hour |

* Billing schedules for Eastman, Nursing, Simon, and SMD (MD) are available on the Bursar office webpage for tuition and fees.
Tuition and Fees

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† For J visa type
‡ The fall semester cost represents coverage for August–January; the spring semester cost represents coverage for February–July.

Adjustments to Financial Aid
Federal regulations determine how the Financial Aid office calculates the adjustments to financial aid to reflect reduced tuition and fees based on an official withdrawal or University leave of absence. Institutional financial aid is adjusted using the same percentage as determined in the Tuition Refund Policy. Earned federal financial aid is calculated using the same percentage; unearned federal aid is then returned in the following order: unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans followed by any federal Grad PLUS Loans on the student account. Additional adjustments may be made to any awarded state aid, private educational loans, and/or institutional aid based on the student’s withdrawal date.

Students considering withdrawing or taking inactive status should consult with a counselor in the Financial Aid office.

The Bursar’s office and the Financial Aid office work together after receiving an official Change of Status notice from the Dean’s office to determine these adjustments. Every attempt is made to complete the refund calculation within 30 days of the change of status.

Financial Awards
Many students are able to pursue graduate studies by receiving financial aid from the University. Students should also apply for fellowships granted by private foundations, the federal government (e.g., the National Science Foundation), and various state organizations.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students to inform the Financial Aid office of aid they receive from non-University sources.

Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships
The schools of the University award a large number of fellowships, assistantships, and scholarships to help graduate students meet the cost of education. Whether the funds for these awards come ultimately from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or the University itself, the amount and nature of the awards are decided by officers of the University.

Awards are made for various periods of time, and all awards are contingent upon satisfactory academic progress. Awards may be terminated at any time if academic performance is unsatisfactory.

Students also may apply for and win individual fellowships from agencies external to the University, such as foundations and government agencies such as NIH and NSF. For fellowships awarded directly to students from non-University sources, the term of the grant is up to the donor. Nevertheless, holders of non-University fellowships may be terminated from a degree program during the term of the award if they do not maintain satisfactory academic standing.

Graduate fellowships are intended to further the recipients’ education, and recipients are expected to devote full time to their studies and to any required teaching, research, or training.

Payment Policy
For nonmatriculated students, 100 percent of the amount due to the University for a semester is due 15 days after the charges are assessed. Information regarding the payment plans available to matriculated students can be found on this Bursar webpage. If you miss the payment deadline, 1 percent of the balance due for the month will be charged as a late fee. For additional information, students should contact the Bursar’s office at bursar@rochester.edu.

Tuition Refund Policy
Students’ official withdrawal or University leave of absence date is determined when they formally change their status with their college’s Dean’s office. This official Change of Status form alerts the Registrar, Bursar’s office, Financial Aid, and other appropriate offices to adjust the student’s accounts. The policy on Refunds of Student Charges for Change of Status can be found at www.rochester.edu/registrar/policies.html#refunds.
Acceptance of Departmental Financial Assistance

The University of Rochester, as a member of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States, subscribes to the following statement, which has been adopted by most of the leading graduate schools in North America, and interprets it as applying to master’s and doctoral students in programs with a fall start date:

“Acceptance of an offer of financial support (such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or assistantship) for the next academic year by a prospective or enrolled graduate student completes an agreement that both student and graduate school expect to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties.

“Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this resolution. In those instances, in which a student accepts an offer before April 15 and subsequently desires to withdraw that acceptance, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. However, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15 commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made. Similarly, an offer by an institution after April 15 is conditional on presentation by the student of the written release from any previously accepted offer. It is further agreed by the institutions and organizations subscribing to the above resolution that a copy of this resolution should accompany every scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, and assistantship offer.”

Financial Assistance

Federal Aid Program: Graduate students may borrow an unsubsidized loan through the Federal Direct Loan program. Students must be a citizen or eligible noncitizen, registered for at least part-time status (a minimum of 6 credit hours), and matriculated in a degree-seeking program to receive these loans. The actual amount a student is eligible to borrow cannot exceed the University of Rochester’s cost of attendance minus any other assistance received (including departmental awards) up to a maximum of $20,500/academic year. Additional federal loans are available through the federal Grad PLUS Loan program. Students must complete the free application for federal student aid to apply.

University Credit-Hour Policy and Compliance

All University of Rochester degree and certificate programs are approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The University of Rochester’s credit-hour calculations for degree and certificate programs follow NYSED guidelines, which are based on the US Department of Education’s definition of credit hour. The faculty in each school is responsible for all aspects of the curriculum and degree program requirements. Each school has a faculty curriculum committee that reviews proposed new and revised courses and degree programs, including the credit hours associated with each.

See below for further details regarding University of Rochester Policies for Credit Hours for Online Teaching and the Simon Business School.

NYSED—Credit Hour Definition

All courses and degree programs at the University must comply with Section 50.1 (o) of the New York State Commissioner of Education Regulations: Semester hour means a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a course that requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 52.2(c)(4) of this subchapter. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credit granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year. Source: NYSED Commissioner’s Regulations Concerning Program Registration: 50.1

Definitions: https://govt.westlaw.com/nycrr/Document/lec35c8abe22111dd1d97adcd753b2a840?viewType=FullText&origin=Document&context=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPage&item&contextData=%28sc.Default%29

United States Department of Education—Credit Hour Definition

The US Department of Education defines credit hour as an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or,

2. at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

Middle States Commission on Higher Education

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education expects all candidates and accredited institutions to demonstrate that they use acceptable and consistent methods for assigning credit hours to all courses and programs of study. The credit hour is defined by the US Department of Education as a basic institutional measure of the level of instruction and academic rigor that establishes eligibility for federal funding.
Online Teaching and Learning Credit Hours (updated March 2019)

The University of Rochester is committed to making each online course equivalent to its face-to-face counterpart, which includes offering the same minimum level of instructional time and supplemental assignments as required by the New York State Education Department for each credit (i.e., at least 15 hours of 50 minutes each of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments). However, in an online course, instructional time may take different forms, including but not limited to a combination of online synchronous class sessions, recorded lectures and narrated PowerPoint presentations, instructor-facilitated asynchronous discussion boards, instructor-facilitated asynchronous audio/video interaction, instructor-facilitated long-term projects, and one-on-one video communications with instructors.

Simon Business School

Policy for Credit Hours for Graduate Study (updated March 2019)

Most Simon graduate-level courses follow a calendar based on two seven-week “mini-semester” terms per semester. To maintain compatibility with the semester calendar followed by most units at the University of Rochester, Simon uses semester-based credit hours to denominate credit hours for its courses.

The typical course offered in Simon’s MS and MBA (full-time, part-time, and executive) programs bears 2.5 credit hours. Based on the above definitions of a credit hour, such courses require 37.5 instructional hours of 50 minutes each (i.e., 31.25 actual hours of 60 minutes). Instructional hours consist of instructor-led lectures, instructor-created videos, and equivalent academic activities that can include required recitations, lab sessions, and independent academic work completed outside of class.

In addition to these instructional hours, a course worth 2.5 credit hours also requires 75 hours (of 50 minutes each hour) of supplementary student work outside of class (i.e., two hours per instructional hour).

Supplementary work refers to standard homework activities for students, which might include reading assignments, papers or essays, problem sets, group-work assignments, etc.

The sum of instructional hours and supplementary work outside of class for a course bearing 2.5 credit hours must be at least 112.5 hours of 50 minutes (i.e., 93.75 actual hours).

The total of 93.75 hours per 2.5-credit course is achieved differently for daytime, evening, and weekend classes. Daytime classes meet for 2 hours and 10 minutes twice per week for seven weeks, totaling 30.33 hours.

Evening classes meet for 3 hours and 50 minutes once per week for seven weeks, totaling 26.83 hours. Weekend classes meet for 18 to 22 hours per course, supplemented with instructor videos, bringing total instructor-led learning to at least 24 hours. Accordingly, to attain 31.25 instructional hours, equivalent academic activities per course are approximately 1 hour for daytime courses, 4.5 hours for evening courses, and 7.25 hours for weekend courses. For all courses, supplementary student work outside of class totals 62.5 hours over the term.

PhD classes entail more equivalent academic activities and are accordingly 3 credit hours. Most Simon PhD classes meet for 2 hours and 10 minutes twice per week for seven weeks.

Some classes require more weeks for students to complete projects and are therefore offered on a full-semester basis. These semester classes meet for 2.5 hours per week for 14 weeks and augment the 35 hours of instructor-led learning with 15 hours of equivalent academic activities.

A couple of Simon graduate courses are worth only 1 credit hour and accordingly meet less often.

Credit-Hour Calculations for Graduate Courses at Simon Business School

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Undergraduate courses offered by Simon adhere to the College Credit-Hour Policy specified above.

Credit-Hour Policy on Course Syllabi
All Simon course syllabi should state how the course meets the total instructional hours specified in the Simon credit-hour policy through the scheduled course sessions with the instructor (e.g., lectures, discussions) and equivalent academic activities.

Graduate Degrees Approved by New York State to Be Offered by the University in 2023

The several hundred graduate-level programs approved by the New York State Education Department as of June 2023 are listed below. A current list of approved programs can be found at https://www2.nysed.gov/heds/IRPSL1.html.

Some programs registered by the state may not be available for enrollment due to faculty changes and other factors. More detailed information about specific graduate programs is available elsewhere in this bulletin, at www.rochester.edu/gradstudies, and at program websites.

University of Rochester Inventory of Registered Programs—Graduate
As of June 2023

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- **AAAS 444.** Mutilated Bodies: From Traditions to Cutting-Edge Technologies
- **AAAS 447.** Biographies of Emancipation in the Black World
- **AAAS 449.** The Civil War
- **AAAS 472.** Harlem Renaissance

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**Anthropology**

John Osburg
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The Department of Anthropology at the University of Rochester specializes in sociocultural anthropology, with faculty who have lived and worked with people in rural and urban communities around the world. Our collective expertise covers classical anthropological questions regarding: family and kinship, myth and ritual, ethnicity and race, gender and sexuality, and capitalism and exchange. The department also explores contemporary preoccupations with food, environment, law and human rights, global religions and science, and technology.

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The Department of Anthropology offers the following graduate courses for students enrolled in University graduate programs.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **ANTH 405.** Theories and Debates: Culture vs. Ontology
- **ANTH 407.** Radical Social Theory
- **ANTH 416.** Medical Anthropology
- **ANTH 422.** Materiality and Meaning
- **ANTH 426.** Culture and Consumption
- **ANTH 428.** Mobile Phones in the Developing World
- **ANTH 432.** Indigenous People's Movement
- **ANTH 433.** Cultural Politics of Prison Towns
- **ANTH 456.** American Empire
- **ANTH 457.** Contemporary Chinese Society
- **ANTH 466.** Anthropology of Globalization
- **ANTH 506.** Core Seminar in Theory II
- **ANTH 508.** Advanced Topic Seminar

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**Brain and Cognitive Sciences**

Duje Tadin  
Chair

Gregory DeAngelis  
Graduate Program Director

Dora Biro  
Graduate Program Director

Graduate education is a central part of academic life in the department. All of our faculty are invested in research structured to include graduate students as essential partners. Graduate students are our junior colleagues and future peers—people who enrich our academic lives as much as we enrich theirs—and we commit a great deal to their training.

The essence of our graduate program is training for research in the disciplines that constitute the brain and cognitive sciences. Initially a student's research is likely to be undertaken with close guidance from a member of the faculty, but we expect and encourage students to develop rapidly into independent researchers, and to become major contributors to the intellectual life of the department.

We attach great importance to the collegiality of contact among graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty. The department fosters this by encouraging students to work with multiple faculty members and with one another. We also help students develop the skills to seek independent funding through a formal grant-writing course that engages multiple faculty members.

We value the public discussion of our science, and through a range of research meetings, colloquia, and lecture series, students and faculty regularly come together. We provide structured opportunities for students to present their work to the department in different formats, to aid the development of strong oral and written communication skills. We encourage students to discuss their work in the larger scientific community, and the department supports students' attendance at scientific meetings.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

Our mission for the program is to train the next generation of cognitive and perceptual scientists, who will advance our understanding of the mechanisms of higher-level brain function. We hope to train flexible and creative students who will be able to combine classical behavioral approaches with computational tools from data science as well as a variety of cutting-edge experimental approaches from the domains of neuroscience, computer science, and virtual/augmented reality. In this sense, our mission aligns very well with broader University initiatives in neuroscience, vision, data/computer science and AR/VR. We also seek to train students for a variety of career paths, especially given the rapid growth of cognitive science approaches in industry.

http://www.sas.rochester.edu/bcs/
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Admissions

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**
The department accepts students only for full-time PhD study. All applications must be submitted online. A complete application to the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences should include the online application for graduate study, letters of recommendation (at least two), personal statement (statement of purpose), college transcripts, optional GRE scores (not required) and TOEFL scores, if applicable.

Academics

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**
All BCS students must have completed 30 credits and pass the PhD qualifying exam before the end of their third year in order to receive a master’s degree en passant. Students choose between one of two formats for the exam.
- Option 1: Six long essay questions
- Option 2: Review opinion paper and three long essay questions

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

All BCS students must have completed 90 credits and are required to write a seven-page dissertation proposal to their PhD committee members in their fourth year. In their fifth year, students will defend their dissertation in a public presentation and answer questions from attendees. A closed session with the student's thesis committee will question the student further on their dissertation.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

BCSC 433. Statistical Speech and Language Processing
BCSC 435. Natural Language Processing
BCSC 501. Language
BCSC 502. Cognition
BCSC 504. Sensory Systems
BCSC 505. Perception and Action
BCSC 508. Cognitive Neuroscience
BCSC 509. Advanced Methods in Brain and Cognitive Sciences
BCSC 511. Behavioral Methods in Cognitive Science
BCSC 512. Computational Methods in Cognitive Science
BCSC 513. Introduction to fMRI: Imaging, Computational Analysis, and Neural Representations
BCSC 514. Lab in Neurobiology
BCSC 515. Applied Introduction to Signal and Systems in Brain and Cognitive Sciences
BCSC 517. Topics in Data Analysis
BCSC 519. Statistics for Brain and Cognitive Sciences
BCSC 520. Intelligent Eye
BCSC 521. Auditory Perception
BCSC 528. Special Topics in Vision
BCSC 532. Probabilistic Theories of Cognitive Processing
BCSC 535. Natural Language Processing
BCSC 536. Machine Vision
BCSC 541. Neurons, Circuits, and Systems
BCSC 542. Neuropsychology
BCSC 543. Neurochemical Foundations of Behavior
BCSC 546. Biology of Mental Disorders
BCSC 547. Computational Neuroscience
BCSC 549. Developmental Neurobiology
BCSC 557. Advanced Computational Neuroscience
BCSC 564. Sign Language Structure
BCSC 566. Adaptive Language Processing
BCSC 569. Cognitive Development
BCSC 570. Introduction to Augmented and Virtual Reality
BCSC 571. Selected Topics in Augmented and Virtual Reality
BCSC 572. Practicum in Augmented and Virtual Reality

BCSC 582. Grant Writing in Brain and Cognitive Sciences
BCSC 599. Professional Development and Career Planning
BCSC 591. PhD Readings
BCSC 594. Research Internship
BCSC 595. PhD Research
BCSC 595A. PhD Research in Absentia
BCSC 598. Supervised Teaching Assistant
BCSC 895. Continuation of Master's Enrollment
BCSC 897. Master's Dissertation
BCSC 985. Leave of Absence
BCSC 986V. Full-Time Visiting Student
BCSC 990. Summer in Residence
BCSC 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
BCSC 997. Doctoral Dissertation
BCSC 999. Doctoral Dissertation
BCSC 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
BCSC 999B. PhD in Absentia Abroad

BCSC 897. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
BCSC 997. Doctoral Dissertation
BCSC 999. Doctoral Dissertation
BCSC 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
BCSC 999B. PhD in Absentia Abroad
Biology

Michael Welte,  
Chair

Dragony Fu,  
Chair, Graduate Affairs/Academic Committee (GAAC)

The Department of Biology offers programs of research and study leading to master's and PhD degrees in a broad spectrum of disciplines, with special emphasis on the areas of 1) molecular, cellular, and developmental biology, and 2) evolution, ecology, genetics, and genomics. We are committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our program, and to fostering a collaborative and supportive community that values intellectual curiosity and excellence. Our program aligns with and contributes to the University of Rochester’s mission of teaching, learning, and research.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to prepare students for successful careers in academia, industry, and beyond, and to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the natural world through innovative research. Our strategic goals are:

PhD students entering with a baccalaureate degree in science and adequate preparation in biology usually complete the doctoral program within five to six years.

Required and elective coursework is selected to prepare students for research and intensive study in their chosen subdiscipline.

The PhD degree is awarded following the successful defense of a written dissertation before a committee of examiners.

The MS in biology recognizes competence in selected subdisciplines demonstrated by successful completion of a coherent set of courses, and either defense of a thesis based upon independent research (Plan A) or adequate performance in a special comprehensive examination (Plan B). On a full-time basis, the master’s program may take two to three years to complete.

https://www.sas.rochester.edu/bio/

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Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Nancy Chen, PhD, Cornell University  
Assistant Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Gloria Culver, PhD, University of Rochester  
Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Justin Fay, PhD, University of Chicago  
Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

James Fry, PhD, University of Michigan  
Associate Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Dragony Fu, PhD, University of California, Berkeley  
Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

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Joint Appointment(s): Chemistry

Vera Gorbunova, PhD, Weizmann Institute of Science  
Professor of Biology  
Doris Johns Cherry Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

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Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

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Associate Professor of Biology  
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

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Professor of Biology  
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Primary Appointment(s): Biology
Applying to Doctoral Programs
The graduate programs in Biology at the University of Rochester provide rigorous academic training and research opportunities that enable students to become independent, creative, and critical thinkers in the biological sciences.

Students applying to the Biology PhD programs must have a BS or BA with majors in biological sciences or a related field. A master’s degree is not required to apply to the PhD program. The minimum preparation is usually one year each in physics, calculus, and organic chemistry.

Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores. Graduate student applications must be submitted using the online application system and include a personal statement, college transcripts, TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable), three letters of recommendation, and optional GRE scores.

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PhD students are admitted to the program on a full-time basis only and offered at least five years of support (stipend, tuition, individual health care, and mandatory health fee) provided they are making satisfactory academic progress toward their degree.

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The biology master’s programs (both Plan A and Plan B) require a minimum of 30 credit hours for completion.

Plan A requires an oral examination of the student’s research and thesis and has six to 12 research credits. Students must complete at least 18 credits of formal coursework offered in biology or as approved by the GAAC.

Plan B allows students to tailor coursework to their specific interests. Students may take a maximum of six research credits and must take at least six courses offered by the department. Plan B students take a comprehensive written exam for their degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The PhD program requires a minimum of 90 credit hours, including required and elective coursework, seminars, and research to register for a thesis defense.

First-year PhD students rotate through three different research laboratories before selecting a permanent advisor at the end of year one. PhD are required to serve as teaching assistants for two semesters (usually in the spring semester of year one and in the fall of year two).

Admission to candidacy for the PhD degree requires the successful completion of a comprehensive qualifying exam, which includes an oral examination and defense of a thesis proposal. This exam is usually completed by the end of the second year.

Upon passing the qualifying exam, PhD candidates may request an en passant master’s degree. PhD candidates meet annually with their thesis advisory committee to critically evaluate results, assign priorities, and consider alternative experimental strategies leading toward their thesis defense.

Thesis advisory committee meetings also include a discussion of the PhD candidate’s short-term research and professional goals for the upcoming year, as well as post-graduation plans.
From the University’s founding in 1850 until the present day, the study of chemistry at Rochester has prospered. Our department continues to provide outstanding opportunities to undertake and accomplish significant research and engage in excellent education programs, including a PhD in chemistry. The department’s program presents unrivaled opportunities for education and research in the traditional fields of analytical, biological, inorganic, organic, materials, and physical chemistry, as well as a variety of interdisciplinary areas. Faculty expertise spans virtually all areas of modern chemical research and related fields. The department is organized according to the research cluster model, emphasizing interdisciplinary research uniquely available at a relatively small research institution such as Rochester.

Our department is recognized locally and nationally by funding agencies and corporate research sponsors. In addition, the faculty continues to grow in stature, and its members have collectively received more than 45 national and University awards for research and teaching in the last five years. Approximately 95 graduate students are enrolled in our doctoral program each year. Our total research effort is further augmented by approximately 30 senior research scientists and postdoctoral fellows, assisted by experienced and dedicated scientific/technical and administrative staff. Our research infrastructure ranks among the very best in the nation, with all of the state-of-the-art instrumentation necessary for the study of modern chemistry.

**Mission Statement**

The University of Rochester motto is Meliora (loosely translated as "Ever Better"), and this ethos drives the Department of Chemistry PhD program. As a department, we strive to foster an environment that holistically supports the intellectual, professional, and personal development of students from all backgrounds.

**Graduate students:**

- Conduct cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research with access to advanced facilities and opportunities for collaboration
- Learn through frequent and individualized interactions with faculty, peers, and visiting scholars
- Build strong networks through structured mentorship and professional development, industry internships, and attendance at prestigious scientific conferences; and
- Enrich their experiences through programs focused on departmental, university, and community service to broaden access to and participation in the chemical sciences. Through these synergistic experiences, our graduate students likewise embody the spirit of Meliora, uplifting our department and the broader community in the pursuit of “Ever Better.”

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Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Required Application Materials

If your native language is not English and you completed your secondary or higher education in a non-native English-speaking country, you must take the Duolingo English Test, TOEFL, or IELTS to demonstrate English language proficiency.

In your required Statement of Purpose, explain why you are applying to the University of Rochester for graduate study. Describe your research experiences as well as future research goals for your intended field of study. As part of this statement, applicants should indicate at least three faculty of interest as potential PhD advisors. Please supply detailed comments supporting these selections.
While completing the online application, you will be asked to provide the names and contact information for three people you are asking to recommend you for graduate school.

**Academics**

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

Chemistry PhD students are required to take five courses determined by the student’s interests and field of study and complete a total of 90 credits. Student must complete at least five courses, and earn the remaining credits through research. Students may choose from a variety of intermediate and advanced chemistry courses in all areas of chemistry with guidance of from advisor.

Students must pass a set of written qualifying examinations by April of their second year. By July 31 of the same year, students must pass an oral qualifying examination, which is based on their proposal for further PhD research.

During their third year of study, students present a departmental seminar on a research topic, as is customary in the student’s subdiscipline.

By the end of the fourth year of study, students will meet with their PhD examination committee to discuss progress leading to a successful completion of the dissertation and promote timely completion of the PhD degree.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- CHEM 406. Interface of Chemistry and Biology
- CHEM 411. Inorganic Chemistry I
- CHEM 415. Group Theory
- CHEM 416. X-Ray Crystallography
- CHEM 421. Basic Organometallic Chemistry
- CHEM 422. Organometallic Chemistry
- CHEM 423. NMR Spectroscopy
- CHEM 425. Physical Methods in Inorganic Chemistry
- CHEM 427. Organic Structure Determination
- CHEM 433. Advanced Organic Chemistry I
- CHEM 434. Advanced Physical Organic Chemistry II
- CHEM 435. Organic Reactions
- CHEM 436. Transition Metal Catalysis in Organic Synthesis I
- CHEM 438. Organic Synthesis
- CHEM 440. Bioorganic Chemistry
- CHEM 441. Physical Chemistry I
- CHEM 442. Physical Chemistry II
- CHEM 444. The Advanced Nuclear Science Education Lab
- CHEM 446. Nanoporous Materials Chemistry
- CHEM 451. Quantum Chemistry I
- CHEM 452. Quantum Dynamics
- CHEM 456. CHEM Bonds: From Molecules to Materials
- CHEM 458. Spectroscopy and Kinetics
- CHEM 459. Electrochemical Engineering Funding and Applications
- CHEM 462. Biological Chemistry
- CHEM 469. Computational Chemistry
- CHEM 470. Computational Chemistry II
- CHEM 475. The Chemistry of Poisons
- CHEM 476. Polymer Chemistry
- CHEM 487. Surface Analysis
- CHEM 511. Chemistry Seminar
- CHEM 583. Advanced Chemistry Seminar and Colloquium
- CHEM 585. First Year Graduate Workshop
- CHEM 593. Special Topics in Chemistry
- CHEM 594. Internship
- CHEM 595. PhD Research in Chemistry
- CHEM 595A. PhD Research in Absentia
- CHEM 595B. PhD Research in Absentia Abroad
- CHEM 895. Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
- CHEM 897. Master’s Dissertation
- CHEM 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
- CHEM 997. Doctoral Dissertation
- CHEM 999. Doctoral Dissertation
- CHEM 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
- CHEM 999B. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia Abroad
Center for Visual Science

Susana Marcos
Co-Director

David Williams
Co-Director

The Center for Visual Science is an interdepartmental program that brings together vision scientists at the University of Rochester. We are united by a shared conviction that the visual system can be understood only by the coordinated effort of diverse scientists focusing on different parts of the problem.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The expertise of CVS faculty spans psychophysical, optical, physiological, computational, anatomical, and clinical approaches to visual science. The role of the center is to integrate these approaches into a coordinated research effort. Over 40 participating investigators hold their primary appointments in one of eight departments: biomedical engineering, brain and cognitive sciences, computer science, the Flaum Eye Institute, neurology, neuroscience, the Institute of Optics, and psychiatry, plus the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science at Rochester Institute of Technology. We are primarily clustered in two main locations: the School of Medicine and Dentistry and Arts, Sciences, and Engineering. Vision research at Rochester falls within five major themes: Visual Perception, Cognition, and Action; Visual Development, Learning, and Plasticity; Multisensory and Sensorimotor Integration; Advanced Optical Technology, and Disorders of Vision.

https://www.cvs.rochester.edu/

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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience, Ophthalmology
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**Admissions**
The Center for Visual Science does not offer degree programs.

**Academics**
The Center for Visual Science does not offer degree programs but offers graduate-level courses for students in other programs.

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **CVSC 491.** Master’s Readings
- **CVSC 493.** Master’s Special Topics
- **CVSC 495.** Master’s Research
- **CVSC 504.** Sensory Systems
- **CVSC 528.** Special Topics in Vision
- **CVSC 534.** Introduction to Augmented and Virtual Reality
- **CVSC 535.** Selected Topics in Augmented and Virtual Reality
- **CVSC 572.** Practicum in Augmented and Virtual Reality
- **CVCS 591.** PhD Readings
- **CVSC 595.** PhD Research
Data Science

Ajay Anand
Deputy Director
Lisa Altman
Graduate Coordinator

The Goergen Institute for Data Science is Rochester’s interdisciplinary data science hub. As part of its mission, the Goergen Institute partners with a wide variety of departments and programs across the University, including: Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Genetics, Biostatistics and Computational Biology, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Economics, Mathematics, Medical Informatics, Microbiology and Immunology, Political Science, Physics, and Statistics.

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Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

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Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

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Joint Appointment(s): Data Science
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

The Master of Science in Data Science program is seeking motivated, qualified, and well-rounded applicants. A bachelor’s degree is required, preferably in a STEM field (but not required). Prospective students should have undergraduate mathematics experience through basic calculus, but do not need college-level statistics or data analytics. Applicants also should have some programming experience. Admission to the program is decided by the graduate admissions committee.

Required Application Materials

- Graduate program online application
- Academic transcripts
- Statement of purpose
- Resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Three letters of recommendation
- For non-native English speakers: Official English-language proficiency test scores are required. TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo scores are acceptable.
- GRE scores (optional)

Applying to Advanced Certificates

To be considered for admission into the Data Science Advanced certificate, a student must have completed a bachelor’s degree. All majors are considered. They should have one year or the equivalent of coursework in undergraduate calculus and linear algebra, proficiency in introductory programming and data structures (Python or Java) through coursework or equivalent experience, and interest and motivation to pursue large-scale quantitative data analytics.

Required Application Materials

- Online application
- Official transcript(s) from bachelor’s degree (plus any other higher education experiences)
- Personal statement
- Resume/CV
- Two letters of recommendation (must be received by application deadline)
- Optional GRE and TOEFL/IELTS scores

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

The Advanced Certificate in Data Science program is 16 credits, or the equivalent of four graduate-level courses. The program can be completed in two to four semesters of part-time study.

There are three different course plans designed to suit each student’s unique background and level of preparation.

Students interested in transferring credits earned from the advanced certificate to the Master of Science (MS) in data science program should contact the program coordinator.

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Goergen Institute for Data Science offers a program of study leading to a Master of Science degree. The 30-credit interdisciplinary degree program is completed in two to three semesters of full-time study. Students can select a concentration in computational and statistical methods, health and biomedical science, or business and social science by completing eight credits of elective courses in one area in addition to the required core courses. All students participate in an industry practicum course, serving as their Plan B (non-thesis) exit exam.

Program Components

- An optional summer bridging course for students who come without a strong computer science background
- Four required core courses
- A required four-credit practicum: Students work in teams to implement a significant system or analysis. Each student gives a final oral presentation.
- A minimum of three electives selected from the area courses or research, for a total of 10 credits or more.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

DSCC 401. Tools for Data Science
DSCC 402. Data Science at Scale
DSCC 410. Digital Imaging
DSCC 420. Introduction to Random Processes
DSCC 440. Data Mining
DSCC 442. Network Science Analytics
DSCC 449. Computer Models of Perception and Cognition
DSCC 461. Database Systems
DSCC 462. Computational Introduction to Statistics
DSCC 463. Data Management Systems
DSCC 465. Introduction to Statistical Machine Learning
DSCC 475. Time Series Analysis
DSCC 483. Data Science Practicum
DSCC 491. Master’s Research
DSCC 494. Internship
DSCC 495. Master’s Independent Study
DSCC 897. Master’s Dissertation
Economics

Yan Bai
Chair
Paulo Barelli
Associate Chair
Srihari Govindan
Director of Graduate Studies

The Department of Economics offers a graduate education that focuses on developing students’ analytical and research capabilities. The blend of coursework, active seminars, research workshops, and informal faculty-student interactions has met with substantial historical success, demonstrated by the professional achievements of the program’s graduates and, more formally, by placement in the top 10 graduate programs, according to the rankings of effectiveness published by the National Academy of Sciences.

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Professor of Economics  
Elmer B. Milliman Distinguished Professor in Economics  
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Professor of Economics  
Primary Appointment(s): Economics

Nese Yildiz, PhD, Stanford University  
Associate Professor of Economics  
Primary Appointment(s): Economics

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Required Application Materials
- Online application
- Application fee
- Transcripts
- GRE general test (required)
- TOEFL or TOEFL iBT Home Edition (if applicable)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement (no word limit, but at least a page long)
- Proficiency in both oral and written English is required.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The department’s doctoral program requires at least three years of full-time study. The first two years are principally spent in required coursework, with students typically undertaking two to four additional years of on-campus dissertation research. This PhD training builds upon the opportunities for close working relationships between students and faculty that are possible within a small, integrated program. The aspect of the program is especially important during the thesis-writing phase, when students confront the frontiers of economic knowledge.

Each student then develops a field of specialization. Available fields are applied economics, econometrics, international economics, macroeconomics, and microeconomic theory. The student’s preparation is evaluated by a qualifying examination in each field of specialization. A distribution requirement, satisfied by taking a graduate course in two fields other than the fields of specialization, ensures breadth of knowledge.

All PhD candidates are required to do some supervised teaching as part of the degree requirements. Students do not teach in the first two years and are required to work as teaching assistants only in years three and four. Students can opt to also work as teaching assistants in years five and six. Advanced students sometimes have the opportunity to teach a course of their own.

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ECON 899. Master’s Dissertation
ECON 985. Leave of Absence
ECON 986V. Full-Time Visiting Student
ECON 990. Summer in Residence
ECON 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
ECON 997. Doctoral Dissertation
ECON 997A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
ECON 999. Doctoral Dissertation
ECON 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
ECON 999B. PhD in Absentia Abroad

Earth and Environmental Sciences

John Kessler  
Chair

Vasili Petrenko  
Director of Graduate Studies

The EES Department is an internationally recognized leader in geoscience research and offers programs of study leading to a PhD in geosciences and an MS in geological sciences. These programs provide comprehensive instruction in the geosciences through a wide range of courses, as well as extensive research experience and teaching experience to prepare students for successful careers in academia as well as in private and government sectors. The department faculty conduct research in paleomagnetism, seismology, geodynamics, planetary science, solid earth geochemistry, surface processes, climate and paleoclimate, atmospheric chemistry, chemical oceanography, and the carbon cycle. Graduate research includes exciting field, laboratory and computationally focused projects and is facilitated by state-of-the-art analytical instrumentation and computational facilities.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

EES’ mission is to conduct scientific research and teaching of the highest order to better understand our planet, its climate, and other planetary bodies, and to prepare our students for success in an ever-changing world. The main goals of the graduate program specifically are to help our students develop into successful, independent, and productive researchers in their field of study, as well as effective geoscience educators.

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Joint Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering

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Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences  
Chair, Earth and Environmental Sciences  
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Applying to Doctoral Programs

The department offers a five-year BS/MS program for highly qualified University of Rochester undergraduates. Students should consult with their advisor and start this program early (ideally during the fall of their junior year) in order to fulfill all requirements in a timely manner. MS students are expected to spend most of their fifth year doing research.

Applications for admission should include transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework done at other institutions, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. A sample of scientific writing and GRE scores are recommended but not required. TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English proficiency exam scores are required for international students. This may be waived for students from countries whose native language is English or for students who have completed at least three years of full time and in-person postsecondary study in one of these countries.

Applying to Master’s Programs

The department has a Master of Science in Geological Sciences program, which emphasizes involvement in research projects. Typically, students joining the MS program from outside of EES complete coursework during the first year and undertake their MS research and thesis in their second year. Undergraduate students already a part of EES can apply for the 5th Year Master’s program. Students in this program typically continue their senior thesis research with their academic advisor. Graduate courses taken during the third and fourth year that are not required for the undergraduate degree program may be applied toward the master’s degree. To satisfy the requirements for the MS, students need to complete 30 credit hours of relevant graduate work; at least 18 must be in formal graduate courses. Students must also complete either a master’s thesis or an essay and pass an oral examination.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

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Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

Students in the PhD in Geosciences program at the University of Rochester are expected to spend three to five semesters in intensive coursework (both within the department and in other departments) before taking their qualifying examinations. They are encouraged to start research as early as possible and are expected to spend all their time on research after having passed the qualifying exams. The curriculum is designed to ensure that students not only gain background in their own specialty but also become familiar with concepts in other aspects of earth sciences. Students can also complete a specialty outside of the department.

To satisfy requirements for the PhD, students must complete 90 credit hours of relevant graduate work; approximately 36 should be from formal courses. The students must pass a qualifying examination in their fifth semester, and complete and defend an original research thesis that contains sufficient material for approximately three peer-reviewed scientific publications. Students are also required to serve as teaching assistants for at least one semester.
GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

**EESC 404.** Earth Materials
**EESC 405.** Solid Earth Geophysics
**EESC 407.** Advanced Seminar in Climate and Environmental Change
**EESC 410.** Seminar in Geophysics
**EESC 412.** Climate Change Perspectives in Chemical Oceanography
**EESC 414.** Earth Science Data Analysis
**EESC 415.** Seismology and Earth Structure
**EESC 416.** Environmental Geochemistry
**EESC 418.** Atmospheric Geochemistry
**EESC 420.** Introduction to Geobiology
**EESC 423.** Earth Surface Processes: The Science of Scenery
**EESC 424.** Geophysical Flows
**EESC 425.** Seismic Signals and Noise
**EESC 430.** Principles of Geochronometry
**EESC 432.** Seminar in Marine Biogeochemistry
**EESC 433.** Marine Ecosystems and Carbon Cycle Modeling
**EESC 434.** Fundamentals of Atmospheric Modeling
**EESC 435.** Physical Oceanography
**EESC 436.** Physics of Climate
**EESC 447.** Chemical Evolution of the Earth
**EESC 453.** Geodynamics
**EESC 455.** Planetary Science
**EESC 456.** Paleomagnetism and Global Plate Tectonics
**EESC 461.** Stable Isotope Geochemistry
**EESC 462.** Radioisotope Geochemistry
**EESC 463.** Biogeochemistry
**EESC 465.** Paleoclimate
**EESC 466.** Ice Core Records of Climate and Environmental Change
**EESC 468.** Principles of Experimental Geochemistry
**EESC 474.** Paleooceanography and Climate Change
**EESC 483.** Sedimentary Basin Analysis
**EESC 485.** Structure and Tectonics of North America
**EESC 488.** Thrust Faults and Mountain Belts

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**English**

Katherine Mannheimer  
*Chair*

Ezra Tawil  
*Director of Graduate Studies*

The Department of English is devoted to the study of literature, media, and creative arts. We offer courses in all periods and genres of English, American, and Anglophone literature—poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and drama—as well as a wide array of classes in creative writing, film, media studies, journalism, rhetoric, and theater. The department joins critics, scholars, and artists in an environment that fosters interactive learning and teaching, with extensive opportunities to pursue internships and independent research.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

The Department of English offers programs of study leading to the PhD and MA degrees. The program leading to the doctorate emphasizes the critical and scholarly study of English and American literature, as well as cultural studies, critical theory, film, and media studies. It is also concerned with developing the candidate's ability as a classroom teacher. Candidates may enter the doctoral program directly from their undergraduate work or after completion of an MA.

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Professor of English  
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Affiliation: Film and Media Studies

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John Hall Deane Professor of Rhetoric and Poetry; Director, American Studies
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Joint Appointment(s): Graduate Program in Visual and Cultural Studies
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Associate Professor of English, Associate Professor of Visual and Cultural Studies
Director, Film and Media Studies Program
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Joint Appointment(s): Graduate Program in Visual and Cultural Studies
Affiliation: Film and Media Studies

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Assistant Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): English

Matthew Omelsky, PhD, *Duke University*
Associate Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): Assistant Professor of English
Affiliation: Frederick Douglass Institute, Film and Media Studies

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Associate Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): English

James Rosenow, PhD, *University of Chicago*
Assistant Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): English
Affiliation: Film and Media Studies

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Associate Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): English
Affiliation: Literary Translation Studies

Stephen Schottenfeld, MFA, *University of Iowa*
Associate Professor of English
Primary Appointment(s): English
Affiliation: Literary Translation Studies

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Professor of English
Roswell Smith Burrows Professor of English; Director, Literary Arts Programs
Primary Appointment(s): English
Affiliation: Literary Translation Studies, Susan B. Anthony Institute

Ezra Tawil, PhD, *Brown University*
Professor of English
Director of Graduate Studies
Primary Appointment(s): English

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Associate Professor of English
Director of Undergraduate Studies (English and AAAS)
Primary Appointment(s): English
Affiliation: Frederick Douglass Institute
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
While most applicants to the PhD program have a BA or MA in English, we also welcome qualified students who studied in other related disciplines and show clear promise for success in English.

Required Application Materials
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Two or three letters of recommendation, preferably from English faculty
- GRE scores (optional)
- Online application
- Application fee

Applying to Master's Programs
Applicants to the MA program should have strong undergraduate records in English or a related field.

Required Application Materials
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Two or three letters of recommendation, preferably from English faculty
- GRE scores (optional)
- Online application
- Application fee

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The MA program is designed to be completed within one calendar year. The program requires at least 30 credit hours. Students must take at least six four-credit courses at either the 400 or 500 level. They also complete a capstone project: either an exam or an essay, which may be scholarly or creative.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The PhD requires at least 90 credit hours of graduate coursework. While the program is flexible to meet students’ needs, most students will take 10 four-credit courses in English. Other requirements include English Graduate Colloquium, a language exam, a departmental teaching apprenticeship and writing pedagogy courses, a qualifying exam, a completed dissertation prospectus, and defense of a completed dissertation.

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Film and Media Studies

Jason Middleton
Program Director

Richard Gollin, Professor Emeritus of English, founded the film studies program at the University in 1976 with the assistance of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He headed the program until his retirement in 1989. The author of A Viewer’s Guide to Films: Art, Artifices, and Issues, Gollin also received recognition for his research and writings on Romantic poetry and the Victorian novel. While the program primarily serves undergraduates, the Film and Media Studies program does offer graduate courses.

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Admissions
The Film and Media Studies Program does not offer graduate programs. However, it does offer graduate courses for students enrolled in University graduate programs.

Academics
The Film and Media Studies Program offers the following graduate courses for students enrolled in University graduate programs.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

FMST 407. Hayao Miyazaki and Planet Ghibli
FMST 413. Race and Gender in Popular Film
FMST 443. Film as Object
FMST 448. Film History: 1929–1959
FMST 467. Musing the Museums: Migration and Everyday Life in France
FMST 471. Straightjacket Society: Juzo Itami’s Cinema
FMST 473. Director Studies: Akira Kurosawa
FMST 499. Atomic Creatures: Godzilla
FMST 556. Classical Film Theory
FMST 557. French Cinema: The New Wave
Overview
The Department of History offers programs of study leading to the degrees of doctor of philosophy and master of arts. The faculty intends graduate training to be intellectually stimulating and supportive of a wide variety of careers in and outside higher education. We support our graduate students' efforts to shape their programs of study to fit the ambitions they hold and encourage applicants who are open to a wide variety of careers. These include tenure-track academic faculty appointments, teaching at the primary and secondary-school levels, grant writing, public history, digital humanities, and documentary editing and film-making. History graduate students also go on to careers in federal, state, and local politics and government; the foreign service; journalism; archival administration; archaeology; extension education and lifelong learning; community-engaged teaching; business and corporate management; law; medicine and hospital administration; public health and medical humanities; and museum work of various kinds.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
In many careers and in life, a historical perspective is essential, yet often missing or under-developed. The problems we face as a nation and a species are better addressed with an understanding of the present and future as products of various pasts. Therefore, graduate training in the Department of History supports students' efforts to advance this understanding through programs tailored to their personal goals, under the direction of and in collaboration with leading scholars in their respective fields.

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Director, Digital Elmina Project; Director, The Smith's Island Archaeology Project
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Affiliation: Susan B. Anthony Institute

Mical Raz, PhD/MD, *Tel Aviv University*
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Charles E. and Dale L. Phelps Professor in Public Health and Policy
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Joint Appointment(s): Medicine (SMD)

Joan S. Rubin, PhD, *Yale University*
Professor of History
Dexter Perkins Professor in History
Primary Appointment(s): History
Affiliation: Susan B. Anthony Institute

Pablo M. Sierra Silva, PhD, *University of California, Los Angeles*
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Primary Appointment(s): History
Affiliation: Frederick Douglass Institute
Applying to Doctoral Programs

We welcome applicants with professional ambitions both within and beyond the academy, as well as those with interdisciplinary interests. Most applicants have the equivalent of an undergraduate degree and/or an MA in history, but the department welcomes qualified students who previously had specialized in other related disciplines and show clear promise of excellent work in history. We encourage applications from those with diverse backgrounds and from underrepresented groups.

Applications for admission should include transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework done at other institutions, three letters of recommendation (preferably from history faculty), a statement of purpose that indicates the faculty member(s) with whom you would like to work, and a writing sample from a history course or BA or MA thesis. TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English Proficiency exam scores are required for international students; this may be waived for students from certain countries whose native language is English or for students who have completed at least three years of full time and in-person postsecondary study in one of these countries.

Applying to Master’s Programs

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Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The MA degree requires 30 hours of graduate credit beyond the bachelor’s degree. Courses in the Department of History normally carry five credit hours. Full-time MA students earn 15 credits each semester for one year, for a total of 30 credit hours. The department offers two tracks to an MA degree: Plan A and Plan B. Students who wish to write a master’s thesis complete Plan A; most students choose to complete Plan B, which requires a master’s essay. Please see the MA handbook for specific coursework expectations for each plan.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The PhD degree requires 90 hours of graduate credit beyond the bachelor’s degree. Courses in the department normally carry five credit hours. Full-time PhD students earn 15 credits each semester for two years, for a total of 60 credit hours. They accrue an additional 30 credit hours by registering in the third year for HIST 502, The Dissertation Writers’ Workshop and reading and research courses in connection with the dissertation. Students entering the program from another graduate program may receive transfer credit for up to two semesters of coursework for the PhD. The decision on transferable credits will be made by the Director of Graduate Studies and graduate studies committee on a case-by-case basis.

During their first three years in the program, students undertake both written and oral examinations in three geographic, thematic, or methodological research fields that should support their dissertation work. Students must successfully complete language exams when one or more foreign languages are central to their fields of study. Typically, PhD candidates serve as teaching assistants during their third year and are instructor of record for an independent course in their fourth or fifth year. Alternatively, students may choose to undertake a digital history or public history project or internship in lieu of serving as a TA or teaching their own course.

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HIST 402. Spatial History: Putting History in its Place
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Linguistics
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Overview
Linguistics at Rochester is grounded in the traditional fields of formal linguistics. Faculty employ theoretical and empirical methodologies to examine data and topics in syntax, semantics, pragmatics, phonetics, laboratory phonology, and morphology in collaboration with faculty and students in allied fields. Our work incorporates contemporary issues and practices in these areas. Our graduate programs are designed to integrate students into state-of-the-art linguistic research during the course of their program.

At Rochester, cross-disciplinary, collaborative work is particularly encouraged. In past years, our main allied fields have been in computer science and the cognitive sciences, with strong connections in related departments, such as Biomedical Engineering, Philosophy, and departments at the Eastman School of Music. We are also a core member of Rochester’s Center for Language Sciences (CLS), which provides research, training, and collaboration opportunities for students and faculty involved in language research. Each of the graduate programs—PhD in Linguistics, MA in Linguistics, MA in Language Documentation and Description, and MS in Computational Linguistics—is designed to maximize the possibilities of this collaborative environment.

Linguistics graduate students are primarily affiliated with the Department of Linguistics. Our graduate students have access to departmental labs focused on phonetics, eye-tracking, quantitative semantics, computational linguistics, and theoretical syntax and semantics. These labs provide space for student and faculty research.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Linguistics offers students an opportunity to engage in scientific study of human language. This includes the structures underlying sound (phonetics and phonology), form (syntax, morphology), and meaning (semantics, pragmatics). Our department emphasizes a balance of theoretical and empirical work that encourages the use of firsthand evidence and gives our students the ability to understand, challenge, and defend theoretical claims.

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Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs
We look for people with strong academic records, or interesting profiles, who show breadth and depth of interests, especially for pursuing interdisciplinary work, and with the potential for creativity in pursuing a successful linguistics research program. PhD students are strongly encouraged, but not required, to have a joint appointment in an allied department. These departments
include computer science, philosophy, biomedical engineering, and brain and cognitive sciences, but we are open to other types of collaborations that might include diverse fields such as anthropology or music theory at Eastman. These interests should be addressed in the applicant’s personal statement.

Applications for admission should include transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework done at other institutions, three letters of recommendation (preferably from linguistics faculty), a statement of purpose that indicates the faculty member(s) with whom you would like to work, and a writing sample that demonstrates your ability to research a topic and write your results clearly. TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English proficiency exam scores are required for international students; this may be waived for students from certain countries whose native language is English or for students who have completed at least three years of full-time and in-person postsecondary study in certain countries.

**Applying to Master’s Programs**

For the Master of Arts in linguistics, we look for people with strong academic records, or interesting profiles, who show breadth and depth of interests, especially for pursuing interdisciplinary work, and with the potential for creativity in pursuing a successful linguistics research program.

Applications for admission should include transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework done at other institutions, three letters of recommendation (preferably from linguistics faculty), a statement of purpose that indicates the faculty member(s) with whom you would like to work, and a writing sample that demonstrates your ability to research a topic and write your results clearly. TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English proficiency exam scores are required for international students; this may be waived for students from certain countries whose native language is English or for students who have completed at least three years of full-time and in-person postsecondary study in certain countries.

**Academics**

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

The Department of Linguistics offers two paths of study. Both programs are set up for those who want a background in linguistic analysis and methodology. Plan A is a research track for students who come with prior coursework in linguistics and a research project in mind. This plan allows students to focus on a research project with a faculty member and requires a thesis of original work presented at the end of the second year. Plan B provides students with a background in contemporary linguistics and linguistic subfields through coursework and a final master’s essay.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

Graduate students in our PhD program are required to take six linguistics courses and write one qualifying paper in a topic related to their interests. Linguistics requirements for the degree include core courses in three areas, advanced courses in two areas, a qualifying paper at the end of the third year, and a methods course. In addition to fulfilling these requirements, students will complete coursework and requirements in the allied department. In total, 90 credits of coursework and research credits are required for the PhD.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **LING 400.** History of Linguistic Thought
- **LING 405.** Historical Linguistics
- **LING 406.** History of the English Language
- **LING 407.** Old English
- **LING 410.** Introduction to Language Sound Systems
- **LING 416.** Speech on the Brain
- **LING 420.** Introduction to Grammatical Systems
- **LING 424.** Introduction to Computational Linguistics
- **LING 425.** Introduction to Semantic Analysis
- **LING 426.** Morphology
- **LING 427.** Topics in Phonetics and Phonology
- **LING 428.** Lexical Semantics
- **LING 430.** Sign Language Structure
- **LING 445.** Philosophy of Language
- **LING 447.** Natural Language Processing
- **LING 450.** Data Science for Linguists
- **LING 460.** Syntactic Theory
- **LING 461.** Constraint-Based Syntax
- **LING 462.** Topics in Experimental Syntax
- **LING 465.** Formal Semantics
- **LING 466.** Pragmatics
- **LING 468.** Computational Semantics
- **LING 470.** Preserving Diversity in Language and Culture
- **LING 471.** Field Methods in Linguistic Description 1
- **LING 472.** Field Methods in Linguistic Description 2
- **LING 482.** Deep Learning Methods in Computational Linguistics
- **LING 491.** Master’s Reading in Linguistics
- **LING 495.** Master’s Research in Linguistics
- **LING 501.** Methods in Linguistics Research
- **LING 520.** Syntax
- **LING 525.** Graduate Semantics
- **LING 527.** Topics in Phonetics and Phonology
- **LING 535.** Formal Pragmatics
- **LING 589.** Graduate Field Methods
- **LING 590.** Supervised Teaching
- **LING 591.** PhD Reading Course in Linguistics
- **LING 595.** PhD Research in Linguistics
- **LING 595A.** PhD Research in Absentia
- **LING 895.** Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
- **LING 897.** Master’s Dissertation
- **LING 897A.** Master’s Dissertation in Absentia
- **LING 897B.** Master’s Dissertation – Study Abroad
- **LING 997A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
- **LING 999.** Doctoral Dissertation
- **LING 999A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
Literary Translation Program

Susan Gustafson  
Program Director

Overview

Literary translation at the University of Rochester provides a multifaceted approach to the art, technique, and business of translation by combining academic rigor, strong practical training, and intensive professional development through internships with Open Letter, the University's renowned imprint for literature in translation.

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Admissions
Applying to Master’s Programs
To apply to the Master of Arts in literary translation, students must have a bachelor’s degree or higher in a related field. The application includes an online application, application fee, official transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a translation sample (approximately 20 pages of fiction or drama, 200 lines of poetry) and copies of corresponding pages from source text. The application also includes a personal statement describing 1) career and educational goals, 2) prior experience with literary studies, creative writing, translation, and languages other than English, and 3) proficiency in a second foreign language and literary tradition.

Applying to Advanced Certificates
The Advanced Certificate in Literary Translation is open to matriculated University of Rochester graduate students who want to pursue literary translation but do not want to write a master’s thesis. The certificate can complement a number of programs and is equally suited for new translators and seasoned translators. Interested students should contact the program director, Susan Gustafson.

Academics
Advanced Certificate Requirements
The advanced certificate requires 20 credits of graduate coursework in literary and translation studies. This coursework involves a core set of courses, plus a number of electives in literary topics. Students have the option of completing an internship in publishing.

Master’s Degree Requirements
The Master’s program requires a minimum of 30 credits of graduate coursework in literary and translation studies. This involves a core set of courses, plus a number of electives in literary topics. Students have the option of completing an internship in publishing. All students must complete a thesis project, typically involving an annotated translation.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
LTST 400. Studies in Translation
LTST 401. Translation Portfolio
LTST 402. Writing and Translation Workshop (fiction)
LTST 403. Writing and Translation Workshop (poetry)
LTST 406. Translation and World Literature
LTST 410. Introduction to Literary Publishing
LTST 431. French Literature in Translation
LTST 462. Colonial Latin American Literature
LTST 465. Don Quixote: Book, Myth, Image
LTST 491. Master’s Reading Course
LTST 493. Master’s Essay
LTST 495. Master’s Research
LTST 895. Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
LTST 897. Master’s Dissertation
LTST 899. Master’s Dissertation
Mathematics

Steven Gonek
Chair

Allan Greenleaf and Sevak Mkrtchyan
Co-Directors of Graduate Studies

Overview
The University of Rochester Department of Mathematics invites you to pursue a PhD with our well-respected faculty. The department has active research groups in: algebra and number theory, analysis, combinatorics, geometry, probability, ergodic theory, mathematical physics, and topology.

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Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

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Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

Doug Ravenel, PhD, Brandeis University
Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

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Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

Sema Salur, PhD, Michigan State University
Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

Dinesh Thakur, PhD, Harvard University
Professor of Mathematics
Primary Appointment(s): Mathematics

Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs
It is important for all incoming graduate students to have a good foundation in the following areas: mathematical maturity, set theory, algebra, linear algebra, and analysis. Students are admitted only in September.

Required Application Materials
- Unofficial transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- Statement of purpose
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Resume/CV
- English Proficiency Exam Scores (students whose native language is not English)
- GRE Scores, both General and Math subject exam (optional)

Applying to Master’s Programs
The department only offers an en passant master’s degree. Students may only apply to the PhD program.
Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The department offers the Master of Arts (Plan B) for students admitted to the PhD program. The MA requires 30 hours of coursework. The candidate must also pass an examination based on the courses presented for the degree. The joint MA in mathematics and statistics requires 36 credit hours.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The PhD in mathematics requires a total of 90 credit hours, including seven core courses and five formal 500-level courses. Students must take four written preliminary exams. A one-credit professional development course is taken during the first fall semester in the PhD program. A one-credit current topics in math course is taken during the second fall semester. Students will also complete an oral preliminary exam and defend a doctoral thesis. Finally, students must also satisfy a three-year teaching requirement, fulfilled by teaching assistantships. This teaching component often includes a combination of teaching of recitations, workshops, and/or grading homework assignments.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

MTH 467. Theory Analytic Functions
MTH 471. Real Analysis
MTH 472. Functional Analysis
MTH 491. Master’s Readings in Math
MTH 492. Special Projects
MTH 493. Master’s Essay
MTH 503. Theory of Probability
MTH 504. Stochastic Processes
MTH 506. Topics in Probability Theory
MTH 530. Elliptic Curves
MTH 531. Topics in Algebraic Number Theory
MTH 535. Commutative Algebra
MTH 537. Commutative Algebra
MTH 538. Topics in Algebraic Geometry
MTH 539. Topics in Algebraic Geometry II
MTH 546. Cohomology
MTH 547. Topics in Differential Geometry
MTH 548. Lie Groups and Algebra
MTH 549. Topics in Algebraic Topology
MTH 550. Topics in Topology
MTH 555. Topics in Advanced Differential Geometry
MTH 557. Topics in Differential Geometry
MTH 562. Fourier Analysis
MTH 565. Topics in Partial Differential Equation
MTH 568. Topics in Number Theory
MTH 569. Topics in Analytic Number Theory
MTH 570. Topics in Ergodic Theory and Arithmetic Geometry
MTH 578. Topics in Harmonic Analysis
MTH 589. Topics in Inverse Problems

MTH 590. Supervised College Teaching
MTH 591. PhD Readings in Math
MTH 594. Internship
MTH 595. PhD Research in Math
MTH 595A. PhD Research in Absentia
MTH 597. Seminar
MTH 890. Summer in Residence – MA
MTH 895. Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
MTH 897. Master’s Dissertation
MTH 899. Master’s Dissertation
MTH 985. Leave of Absence
MTH 986V. Full Time Visiting Student
MTH 990. Summer in Residence
MTH 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
MTH 997. Doctoral Dissertation
MTH 997A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
MTH 999. Doctoral Dissertation
MTH 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
MTH 999B. In Absentia Abroad
Modern Languages and Cultures

Ryan Prendergast  
Chair

Overview
In the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, we encourage the broadening of linguistic skills in foreign languages, as well as the acquisition of new languages, from elementary to advanced levels of study. We teach Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. In our departmental and interdepartmental programs, faculty and students explore both national traditions and global connections as reflected in languages, films, digital media, and the arts and cultures around the world. Addressing international issues and concerns in cultures other than English-speaking ones produces knowledge, argumentation skills, dialogue, and debate; flexible thinking and written argumentation; global rather than local ideas, and an openness to difference.

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Professor of Russian  
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Admissions
The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures does not offer doctoral or master’s degree programs.

Academics
Advanced-level courses are available for students enrolled in other graduate programs at the University.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

Comparative Literature
CLTR 402B. Holocaust: Affect and Absence  
CLTR 412. Monsters, Ghosts, and Aliens  
CLTR 414M. Atomic Creatures: Godzilla  
CLTR 414N. Tourist Japan  
CLTR 415B. Russian Cinema After the Fall  
CLTR 416A. Latin American Film  
CLTR 417B. Race and Gender in Popular Film  
CLTR 421. Mutilated Bodies: From Traditions to Cutting-Edge Technologies  
CLTR 422C. Gender, Love, and Families  
CLTR 429A. Biographies of Emancipation in the Black World  
CLTR 429B. Humanitarianism and Social Insecurities  
CLTR 430. Film as Object  
CLTR 430A. French Social Thought  
CLTR 431E. Black Paris  
CLTR 434. Paris, Capital of the Nineteenth Century  
CLTR 438A. Revolutions and Revolt  
CLTR 440A. Philosophy of Music  
CLTR 441A. Performance Studies  
CLTR 442A. Poe and Hoffman  
CLTR 442B. Capitalism, Culture, Controversy: The Revolutionary Cinema of Pier Paolo Pasolini  
CLTR 447A. Politics and Culture in Fascist Italy  
CLTR 450. Nabokov – Unusual Émigré  
CLTR 452. Bright Lights, Big City  
CLTR 455C. Chekhov and the Modern Short Story  
CLTR 462. Art History Colloquium  
CLTR 475. French Philosophy Since 1960  
CLTR 477. Postmodernism: Fiction, Philosophy, Media  
CLTR 480. Aesthetics  
CLTR 484. Translation and World Literature  
CLTR 487. Studies in Translation  
CLTR 492. French Feminisms  
CLTR 494. Italian Neorealist Directors: Rossellini, De Sica, Visconti  
CLTR 592. Languages Learning and Teaching  

French
FREN 412. French Literature in Translation  
FREN 427. Laughing Matters: Comedy in Early Modern France  
FREN 428. Humanitarianism and Social Insecurities  
FREN 432. Hugo’s “Les Miserables”  
FREN 434. Paris, Capital of the Nineteenth Century  
FREN 437. Performance Studies  
FREN 443. Mutilated Bodies: From Traditions to Cutting-Edge Technologies  
FREN 444. Crimes of Passion: Love and Death on the Classical French Stage  
FREN 447. Black Paris  
FREN 449. Napoleon: Image, Myth, History  
FREN 457. Sex, Lies, and Secrets: Libertinism in Early Modern France  
FREN 462. French Philosophy Since 1960  
FREN 465. Aesthetics  
FREN 471. Introduction to the Francophone Literature  
FREN 474. Caribbean Novel and Its Theory  
FREN 477. Postmodernism: Fiction, Philosophy, Media  
FREN 492. French Feminisms  
FREN 493. Modern French Theory  
FREN 494. Queer Theory  
FREN 496. Philosophy of Music
Music

Matthew BaileyShea
Chair

Overview

A hallmark of the Arthur Satz Department of Music is that its students can broaden their horizons to encompass not only Western expressions of classical, jazz, and contemporary music, but also the music of other cultures. The department is well served in this by an outstanding faculty that includes nationally and internationally recognized experts in musical theater, popular music, early music, and women composers. Faculty expertise ranges widely from Handel’s operas to rock ’n’ roll, from the music of Black Americans to Kurt Weill, from 12th-century composer Hildegard of Bingen to the evolution of popular music in Zimbabwe. The department, though separate from the Eastman School of Music in downtown Rochester, maintains close ties with Eastman. In 2020, the Department of Music became the first named department in the School of Arts & Sciences, thanks to a gift from former music major and influential arts education leader Arthur Satz ’51.

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Philosophy

Alison Peterman
Chair

Overview

The Department of Philosophy offers a program of study leading to the degree Doctor of Philosophy. It emphasizes training for scholarly research and teaching in ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of science, history of philosophy, and logic. The department cooperates with the Departments of Computer Science, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, and Linguistics in a graduate program in cognitive science. A detailed description of these programs may be obtained upon request from the department.

The department provides a rich and active intellectual environment. In addition to regular courses and frequent individual tutorials, there is an active colloquium series with numerous visiting lecturers and presentations by Rochester faculty and students. The graduate students organize a biennial Epistemology Conference. Faculty and graduate students generally organize several reading groups throughout the year on topics of mutual interest.

The expertise of our faculty spans epistemology, ethics, the history of philosophy, logic, philosophy of mathematics, metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, and social and political philosophy. In ethics, we have experts in normative ethical theory, bioethics, metaethics, and AI ethics.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Department of Philosophy principally aims to provide a rigorous and comprehensive doctoral education in philosophy in a warm, diverse, inclusive, and welcoming environment. We value being part of the broader intellectual community at the University of Rochester, and of the broader philosophical community across the globe. We strive to prepare our PhD students to do philosophical work at the highest levels, whether they intend to enter careers in philosophy or to apply their intensive training to other academic disciplines or other professions. We aim to produce researchers who write with exacting precision, and can readily understand and analyze theories, arguments, and ideas as they exist across academia and human life.

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Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

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Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

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Director, Bioethics Program
Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy, Medical Humanities and Bioethics

Richard Feldman, University of Massachusetts
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William J. FitzPatrick, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Professor
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Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

Ralf Meerbote, PhD, Harvard University
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Associate Professor of Philosophy
Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

Zeynep Soysal, PhD, Harvard University
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

Rosa Terlazzo, PhD, Australian National University
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy

Edward Wierenga, PhD, University of Massachusetts
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, Professor of Religion and Classics Emeritus
Primary Appointment(s): Philosophy, Religion and Classics

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Required Application Materials
- A sample of your written work in philosophy
- A copy of your transcript
- Three or more confidential letters of recommendation
- A personal statement that addresses why you want to pursue graduate study in philosophy, why you want to pursue that study at the University of Rochester, and what areas of philosophy you are most interested in
- A list of all prior courses in philosophy
- TOEFL scores (for non-native English speakers)

Applying to Master's Programs
Students are typically not admitted to the MA in Philosophy program; rather, they earn an MA en passant.

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The requirements for the MA include 30 hours of coursework and an exam or master's thesis.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The requirements for the PhD include 90 credits of coursework and a dissertation in philosophy. Students will complete six courses in philosophy at the 400 level, including courses in logic, history of ancient philosophy, and history of modern philosophy. Students will complete nine courses in philosophy at the 500 level, with at least six being graduate seminars (not independent studies). Primary and secondary exams are required in subfields of philosophy. Students will participate in a writing seminar, write a dissertation proposal, and write a book-length dissertation. It is designed to be completed in five years.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PHIL 412. Probability, Inference and Decision
PHIL 414. Logical Methods
PHIL 415. Intermediate Logic
PHIL 416. Mathematical Logic
PHIL 418. Philosophy of Math
PHIL 420. Recent Ethical Theory
PHIL 423. Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 426. Philosophy of Law
PHIL 428. Public Health Ethics
PHIL 429. Philosophy of Education
PHIL 430. Environmental Justice
PHIL 431. Philosophy of Race and Gender
PHIL 435. Data, Algorithms, and Justice
PHIL 442. Metaphysics
PHIL 443. Theory of Knowledge
Physics and Astronomy

Steven Manly  
Chair  
Segev BenZvi  
Director of Graduate Studies

Overview

The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers a graduate curriculum leading to a PhD degree in physics or in physics and astronomy. The entire program of research and study is designed to emphasize fundamental physical principles and to prepare students for academic, industrial, or government employment. The department has strong research efforts in experimental/observational and theoretical areas of astronomy and astrophysics, quantum optics, biological physics, condensed matter physics, particle/nuclear physics, cosmology, and high energy density plasma and laser physics.

Students are encouraged to begin research activity in their first year of study. All PhD candidates are required to complete one year of teaching assistantship. Research and teaching activity is required of all students working toward the PhD degree.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The faculty and students of the Department of Physics and Astronomy are engaged in explaining and predicting the behavior of the physical world around us, including everything from subatomic particles to supernovae. The department has internationally recognized research efforts in virtually all major subfields of physics and astronomy. Our mission is to provide students with a rigorous academic background, engage them in research at the forefront of physics and astronomy, and provide the skills they need to become leaders in their post-graduate careers.

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Graduate Faculty Information

Govind Agrawal, PhD, Indian Institute of Technology  
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Segev BenZvi, PhD, Columbia University  
Associate Professor of Physics  
Primary Appointment(s): Physics

PHIL 444. Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 446. Social Character of Knowledge  
PHIL 447. Philosophy of Language  
PHIL 450. Philosophy of Action  
PHIL 452. Philosophy of Science  
PHIL 457. Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence  
PHIL 465. Selected Topics in Ancient Philosophy  
PHIL 470. Selected Topics in Modern Philosophy  
PHIL 491. Master's Reading in Philosophy  
PHIL 493. Master's Essay  
PHIL 495. Master's Thesis Research  
PHIL 503. Theory of Knowledge  
PHIL 515. Selected Topics in Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 516. Selected Topics in Philosophy of Language  
PHIL 517. Selected Topics in Ethics  
PHIL 518. Selected Topics in Moral Theory  
PHIL 527. Selected Topics in Modern Philosophy  
PHIL 542. Selected Topics in Metaphysics  
PHIL 544. Selected Topics in Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 552. Selected Topics in Philosophy of Science  
PHIL 560. Writing Seminar  
PHIL 580. Supervised Instruction in Philosophy  
PHIL 581. Supervised Instruction Continued  
PHIL 591. PhD Readings in Philosophy  
PHIL 595. PhD Research in Philosophy
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Professor of Physics and Astronomy
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Chief Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics; Distinguished Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics;
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Primary Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy, Laboratory for Laser Energetics

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Eric G. Blackman, PhD, Harvard University
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Mark F. Bocko, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Director, Emerging and Innovative Sciences
Primary Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy
Affiliation: Materials Science

Arie Bodek, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor of Physics and Astronomy
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Robert Boyd, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Professor of Optics, Professor of Physics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy
Affiliation: Materials Science

Jaime Cardenas, PhD, University of Alabama
Assistant Professor of Optics
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics
Affiliation: Materials Science

Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback, PhD, University of Rochester
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Gilbert Collins, PhD, The Ohio State University
Professor of Mechanical Engineering
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Professor of Physics
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Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics
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Professor of Physics
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Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics

Joseph H. Eberly, PhD, Stanford University
Professor of Physics and Astronomy
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Primary Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

Ignacio Franco, PhD, University of Toronto
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics
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Associate Professor of Physics
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Professor of Optics, Professor of Physics
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy

John M. Nichol, PhD, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
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Roman Sobolewski, PhD, *Polish Academy of Sciences*
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Affiliation: Materials Science
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Students are considered for admission after completing an online application. We do not have a minimum GPA required for application submission. We require at least three letters of recommendation from people who can comment on your potential for graduate study. General GRE test scores, as well as the Physics GRE subject test scores, are accepted but not required. We do not have minimum required scores for the GRE, GRE Physics, TOEFL, or IELTS. Our admissions committee will consider test scores in the context of the entire application, as we prefer to evaluate multiple parameters to determine the potential of each candidate. Our required statement of purpose has no specific required content but should include information that you would like the admissions committee to know about you and your aspirations to join our program.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

Candidates for the PhD degree are expected to complete eight advanced (400-level or higher) four-credit courses, at least two of which are specialty courses. These courses are generally taken during the first two years of study. A typical program for the PhD degree during the first year would include courses in mathematical methods, at least one course in quantum mechanics, and one each in electrodynamics and statistical mechanics. During the second year, courses would include one or two courses in mathematical methods, one or two courses in advanced quantum mechanics, one or two other advanced courses, and two specialty courses, chosen in consultation with the research advisor.

A formal assessment of the preliminary core coursework (403, 407, 415, and 418) is intended to ensure that each student has a comprehensive grasp of physics at the level of the core curriculum. Following the successful completion of the qualifying examination in year three, which involves an oral presentation to a faculty committee, each candidate for the degree must complete a significant piece of original research, which is then formally presented in the dissertation and must be defended in the final oral PhD examination.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

Physics

PHYS 401. Mathematical Methods for Optics and Physics
PHYS 403. Modern Statistics and Exploration
PHYS 405. Geometrical Methods of Physics
PHYS 406. Symmetries in Physics
PHYS 407. Quantum Mechanics I
PHYS 408. Quantum Mechanics II
PHYS 411. Advanced Mechanics
PHYS 412. Hydrodynamics
PHYS 413. Gravitation
PHYS 415. Electromagnetic Theory I
PHYS 418. Statistical Mechanics
**Physics and Astronomy**

**PHYS 420.** Introduction to Condensed Matter Physics  
**PHYS 422.** Medical Imaging – Theory and Implementation  
**PHYS 429.** Organic Electronics  
**PHYS 431.** Nano-Optics  
**PHYS 434.** Advanced Quantum and Nano-Optics Lab  
**PHYS 435.** Principles of Lasers  
**PHYS 437.** Nonlinear Optics  
**PHYS 438.** Optical Communications Systems  
**PHYS 439.** Nonlinear Optical Spectroscopy  
**PHYS 440.** Nuclear and Particle Physics  
**PHYS 445.** Advanced Nuclear Science Education Laboratory  
**PHYS 446.** Nuclear Science and Technology  
**PHYS 451.** Physics of Astrophysics I  
**PHYS 452.** Physics of Astrophysics II  
**PHYS 453.** Introduction to High Energy Density Physics  
**PHYS 454.** Introduction to Plasma Physics I  
**PHYS 455.** Plasma Physics II  
**PHYS 456.** Compressible Flow  
**PHYS 457.** Incompressible Flow  
**PHYS 458.** Geometric Methods in Fluids  
**PHYS 459.** Turbulence  
**PHYS 462.** Medical Imaging – Theory and Implementation  
**PHYS 467.** Ultrasound Imaging  
**PHYS 511.** Field Theory  
**PHYS 52.** Condensed Matter I  
**PHYS 531.** Introduction to Quantum Optics  
**PHYS 532.** Quantum Optics of the Electromagnetic Field  
**PHYS 552.** Magnetohydrodynamics  
**PHYS 553.** Laser Plasma Interactions  
**PHYS 55.** Cosmological Physics  
**PHYS 556.** Hydrodynamic Stability and Turbulence  
**PHYS 558.** Introduction to Inertial Confinement Fusion  
**PHYS 564.** High Energy Astrophysics  
**PHYS 573.** Physics and Finance  
**PHYS 581.** Particle Physics I  
**PHYS 582.** Particle Physics II  
**PHYS 593.** Quantum Nanostructures  

**Astronomy**

**ASTR 403.** Experimental Techniques in Astronomy  
**ASTR 444.** Observational Astronomy  
**ASTR 450.** Stellar Atmospheres  
**ASTR 453.** Introduction to Stellar Interiors and Atmospheres  
**ASTR 455.** Introductory Radio Astronomy  
**ASTR 461.** Astrophysics I  
**ASTR 462.** Astrophysics II  
**ASTR 465.** Galactic Structure  
**ASTR 551.** Diffuse Matter in Space  
**ASTR 553.** Stellar Interiors
Political Science

John Duggan
Chair
David M. Primo
Director of Graduate Studies

Overview
The Department of Political Science offers a program of graduate study leading to the degree Doctor of Philosophy. The primary purpose of the PhD program is to train scholars who will contribute to the future development of political science through careers in research, teaching, or the private sector. The doctoral program typically entails five or six years of full-time study.

The program at Rochester involves a distinctive approach to the rigorous study of politics that emphasizes the development of formal theory and the analysis of quantitative evidence. The department offers a collegial environment in which graduate students and department faculty share ideas in the classroom and in research collaborations. The department hosts weekly seminars where graduate students and faculty present their own work and interact with leading scholars in the country.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
When William H. Riker came to Rochester in 1962, the department had a six-person faculty, a small undergraduate enrollment, and no graduate program. Apart from the individual scholarship of a few young faculty members, including Richard Fenno, the department was virtually unknown on the national stage. Yet within a decade, the department became one of the most intellectually exciting political science departments in the United States.

Dedicated to the highest levels of research, teaching, and institution-building, the department continues to build on its illustrious past. The department strives to train leaders in the science of politics, with a very specific notion of the mix of activities necessary to that endeavor. These include:
- Formal theory and attention to institutional mechanisms
- Rigorous empirical testing through sophisticated, theory-relevant statistical and qualitative methods
- Expertise about the real-world phenomena that motivate such theoretical and empirical analyses.

The department’s strong emphasis on rigorous political science, along with the tools needed to conduct it at the highest level, sets it apart from departments at other universities. We are committed to producing research at the cutting edge of both formal modeling and statistical methodology, and we are equally committed to the principle that these systematic approaches be applied in the service of understanding the regularities of politics in the real world.

Graduate Faculty Information

Scott Abramson, PhD, Princeton University
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James Druckman (as of Jan. 1, 2024), PhD, University of California, San Diego
Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science

John Duggan, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor of Economics
Don Alonzo Watson Professor of Political Science
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Mark Fey, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor of Political Science
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Anderson Frey, PhD, University of British Columbia
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Gerald Gamm, PhD, Harvard University
Professor of History Professor of Political Science
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Joint Appointment(s): History

Hein Goemans, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science

Gretchen Helmke, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor of Political Science
Thomas H. Jackson Distinguished University Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science

James Johnson, PhD, University of Chicago
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Casey Petroff, PhD, Harvard University
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David M. Primo, PhD, Stanford University
Professor of Political Science, Professor of Business Administration
Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Simon Business School

Lawrence Rothenberg, PhD, Stanford University
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Randall Stone, PhD, Harvard University
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Primary Appointment(s): Political Science
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Scott Tyson, PhD, New York University
Associate Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science
Affiliation: Wallis Institute

Sidak Yntiso, PhD, New York University
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science

Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs
Required Application Materials
- Personal statement
- Standardized tests
- The GRE is required.

All international students are required to provide proof of English language proficiency through the submission of official test scores from IELTS, TOEFL/TOEFL iBT Home Edition, or Duolingo. The department waives this test for citizens of certain countries (see www.rochester.edu/college/gradstudies/admissions/test-requirements.html).
- Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- A writing sample
- CV (optional)

All entering students are expected to have a basic command of spoken and written English. One year of college-level calculus is desirable, but not required. The deadline for submitting application materials is typically in early January (for a fall start date). There is an application fee, and fee waivers are available.

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
Students enrolled in the PhD program are eligible to receive a STEM-certified MA after completing 30 credit hours of coursework and passing the PhD qualifying examination.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
Students must complete at least 14 graded courses in the PhD program, all with a grade of B- or better, by the end of their third year. Incoming students must also complete a math camp held in August before their first year. All students take two courses in formal modeling (407, 408) and in statistical methods (404, 405) in their first year, in addition to exploring substantive fields.

The second year is spent on additional coursework and research culminating with the preparation of a research paper by the beginning of year three. Two fields of concentration (American Politics, Comparative Politics, Formal Theory, International Relations, Political Methodology, or Political Philosophy) must be completed by the end of fall semester of the third year. One of the two fields must be either Formal Theory or Political
Methodology. Students must also complete two additional substantive courses beyond the minimum requirements for fields of concentration. In their third year, students complete a comprehensive literature survey in an area of research, due in the fall, and a third-year paper to be presented to the department at the end of their third year of study.

A STEM-certified Master of Arts degree is awarded after the student passes the PhD qualifying examination by the end of the third year of study. Writing the PhD thesis is the major task of the remainder of the program. In addition, all PhD students serve as teaching assistants during their third and fourth years.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PSCI 401. Math Fundamentals for Political Science
PSCI 404. Probability and Inference
PSCI 405. Causal Inference
PSCI 407. Mathematical Modeling
PSCI 408. Positive Political Theory II
PSCI 446. Environmental Law and Policy
PSCI 447. Green Markets: Environmental Opportunities and Pitfalls
PSCI 449. Environmental Policy in Action
PSCI 479. War and the Nation State
PSCI 482. Making Public Policy
PSCI 504. Causal Inference
PSCI 505. Maximum Likelihood Estimation
PSCI 506. Advanced Topics in Methods
PSCI 507. Experiments in Political Science Research
PSCI 508. Theoretical Implications of Empirical Models
PSCI 513. Interest Groups
PSCI 519. Congress as an Institution
PSCI 527. Models of Domestic Institutions
PSCI 529. Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States
PSCI 530. Race, History, and Urban Politics
PSCI 535. Bureaucratic Politics
PSCI 536. Corporate Political Strategy
PSCI 540. American Political Institutions
PSCI 541. U.S. Political Behavior
PSCI 551. State Building and Conflict
PSCI 552. Dictatorship and Democracy
PSCI 555. Democratic Political Processes
PSCI 556. Political Institutions and Behavior
PSCI 557. Topics in Comparative Politics: Parties and Party Competition
PSCI 558. Comparative Parties and Elections
PSCI 559. Historical Political Economy
PSCI 564. Development and Political Economy
PSCI 565. Political Economy of Development
PSCI 566. International Relations Field Seminar I
PSCI 568. International Organization
PSCI 571. Quantitative Approaches to International Politics
PSCI 572. International Relations Field Seminar II
PSCI 573. Territory and Group Conflict
PSCI 575. Topics in Political Economy
PSCI 576. Graduate Research Seminar
PSCI 577. Theories of Conflict
PSCI 579. Politics of International Finance
PSCI 582. Theories of Civil Violence
PSCI 583. International Conflict: Theory and History
PSCI 584. Game Theory
PSCI 585. Dynamic Models: Structure, Computation, and Estimation
PSCI 586. Voting and Elections
PSCI 587. Structural Modeling and Estimation
PSCI 588. Models of Democratic Politics
PSCI 589. Advanced Formal Methods in Political Economy
PSCI 591. PhD Readings in Political Science
PSCI 594. Research Internship
PSCI 595. PhD Research in Political Science
PSCI 595A. PhD Research in Absentia
PSCI 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
PSCI 997. Doctoral Dissertation
PSCI 997A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
PSCI 997B. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia – Abroad
PSCI 999. Doctoral Dissertation
PSCI 999A. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia
PSCI 999B. Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia – Abroad
Psychology

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Christie Petrenko,
Director of Graduate Studies
Christie Petrenko
Clinical Area head
Judith Smetana
Developmental Area head
Harry Reis
Social-Personality Area head

Overview

The Department of Psychology offers programs of study leading to the PhD degree in three areas of psychology: clinical psychology, social-personality psychology, and developmental psychology. We do not admit students directly for a terminal master’s degree; however, PhD students receive a master’s degree as a component of their progress through the program. Although each area program is flexible, all doctoral programs are designed to prepare students to conduct research. Faculty expertise covers many topics of research, with significant emphasis on four cross-area signature areas: developmental psychopathology, interpersonal relationships, motivation, and adolescence. Each of these signature areas is represented by faculty from multiple areas (clinical, social-personality, and developmental) and embraces a range of perspectives. For example, the motivation area incorporates two theoretical approaches: self-determination theory and an approach-avoidance model of achievement motivation. The department is associated with Mt. Hope Family Center, which integrates research, training, and treatment in developmental psychopathology with a goal of helping children and families affected by psychosocial adversity (such as maltreatment) and at risk for psychopathology. The department supports students through fellowships, traineeships, and teaching and research assistantships.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the Department of Psychology is to conduct world-class research on social, clinical, and developmental sciences, with graduate training programs aiming to produce the next generation of psychological scientists. The goal of our programs is to help our students develop into productive scientists and educators in a wide variety of settings. Our clinical psychology program (continuously accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1948 and a member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science) follows a clinical science training model. It offers high-quality clinical training in the provision of empirically supported treatments and assessments alongside rigorous research training.

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**Academics**

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

There is no formal terminal master’s program in the Department of Psychology; however, PhD programs are designed to confer master’s degrees midway through the program. At least 30 semester hours of study are required for the master’s degree. Requirements differ by program but typically involve completing a thesis representing independent work and passing a comprehensive examination.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

The Department of Psychology offers three doctoral degrees: clinical psychology, social psychology, and developmental psychology. A total of 90 hours of study—60 hours beyond the master’s degree—is required. Upon entering the department, students are appointed a faculty member to advise them on course selection and to introduce them to research opportunities. Satisfactory progress through the program depends on completion of both coursework and research requirements. Coursework seeks to provide the broad base of knowledge needed for research, including courses outside the students’ areas of specialization. Although the department places strong emphasis on research training, we believe that students should also have teaching experience. All students assist in the teaching of at least one undergraduate course (for example, leading a discussion section, conducting individual tutorials, or assisting in laboratory classes). At the end of their third year, students take the PhD qualifying examination. Passing this exam establishes confirms they have a comprehensive grasp of fundamental knowledge in their major areas and are prepared to undertake dissertation research.

**Clinical Psychology**

Graduate students in the clinical psychology program receive training in both general and clinical psychology. A sequence of courses provides training in psychometrics, individual differences, psychopathology, cognitive bases of behavior, social bases of behavior, biological bases of behavior, scientific and professional ethics, cultural and ethnic diversity, history and systems of psychology, research design, methodology, and statistics. In addition, graduate students in the clinical psychology program must complete an internship consisting of a minimum of 1,750 hours.

**Social-Personality Psychology**

The social-personality psychology program provides training for both laboratory and field research. Current research topics include achievement motivation, social cognition, social interaction, interpersonal processes in close relationships, social psychology of health, and emotion. Innovative research and quantitative methods are emphasized. During their first year, students take courses in general social-personality psychology, research methods, and quantitative methods. Students then take more advanced seminars in social-personality psychology and other areas of psychology while receiving training in advanced methodological and quantitative skills. In the third year, students take a comprehensive exam in social-personality psychology before starting their dissertation research.

**Developmental Psychology**

The developmental psychology program prepares students for careers in research and teaching. Students gain the theoretical perspectives and methodological skills needed for advanced scholarly work. Current research topics include emotion recognition, interparental processes and their effects on children, child and family steps to enhance school preparedness and success, moral development, adolescent-parent relationships, neurocognitive processes in developmental disabilities, development of romantic relationships, and the development and maintenance of romantic relationships, and the development and maintenance...
of resilient outcomes among high-risk children. Opportunities for research are also available at Mt. Hope Family Center and the Children’s Institute.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

**PSYC 465.** Achievement Motivation in Developing Countries  
**PSYC 501.** Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology  
**PSYC 502.** Cognitive Foundations of Behavior  
**PSYC 504.** Data Analysis I  
**PSYC 510.** Research Methods in Social-Personality Psychology  
**PSYC 513.** Meta-Analysis  
**PSYC 515.** Hierarchical Linear Modeling  
**PSYC 516.** Structural Equation Modeling I  
**PSYC 517.** Structural Equation Modeling II  
**PSYC 518.** Statistical Computing with R  
**PSYC 519.** Data Analysis II-General Linear Approaches  
**PSYC 520.** Psychology of Religion  
**PSYC 530.** Subjective Well-Being  
**PSYC 541.** Professional Development in Psychological Science  
**PSYC 551.** Social Cognition  
**PSYC 553.** Seminar in Social Psychology  
**PSYC 555.** Close Relationships  
**PSYC 557.** Affective Bases of Behavior  
**PSYC 560.** Family Processes in Childhood  
**PSYC 562.** Developmental Research Methods  
**PSYC 563.** Adolescent Development  
**PSYC 565.** Early Child Development  
**PSYC 566.** Neurobiological Foundations  
**PSYC 567.** History and Systems of Psychology  
**PSYC 569.** Developmental Theory and Research  
**PSYC 570.** Clinical Assessment I  
**PSYC 571.** Clinical Assessment II  
**PSYC 572.** Introduction to Clinical Research Methods  
**PSYC 573.** Culture and Diversity  
**PSYC 574.** Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Psychotherapy  
**PSYC 575.** Psychopathology I  
**PSYC 576.** Psychopathology II  
**PSYC 579.** Seminar in Developmental Science  
**PSYC 582.** Practicum in Developmental Psychopathology  
**PSYC 583.** Moral Development  
**PSYC 584.** Psychotherapy Practicum I  
**PSYC 585.** Psychotherapy Practicum II  
**PSYC 586.** Evidence-Based Child Psychotherapy  
**PSYC 587.** Social Psychophysiology  
**PSYC 591.** PhD Readings  
**PSYC 595.** PhD Research  
**PSYC 595A.** PhD Research in Absentia  
**PSYC 985.** Part-Time Visiting Student  
**PSYC 990.** Summer in Residence  
**PSYC 991.** Clinical Internship  
**PSYC 995.** Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment  
**PSYC 997.** Doctoral Dissertation  
**PSYC 997A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia  
**PSYC 999.** Doctoral Dissertation  
**PSYC 999A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia  
**PSYC 999B.** PhD in Absentia Abroad  
**PSYC 987V.** Full-Time Visiting Student  
**PSYC 990.** Summer in Residence  
**PSYC 991.** Clinical Internship  
**PSYC 995.** Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment  
**PSYC 997.** Doctoral Dissertation  
**PSYC 997A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia  
**PSYC 999.** Doctoral Dissertation  
**PSYC 999A.** Doctoral Dissertation in Absentia  
**PSYC 999B.** PhD in Absentia Abroad
Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies

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Overview
The Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies focuses on the changing cultural, economic, political, and psychological relations among people of all genders and sexualities. Because our discipline asks questions about gender and sexuality that no single academic department is able to answer, the program encourages an interdisciplinary approach to research and learning.

Our program includes faculty from the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences who are appointed in the School of Arts and Sciences, Eastman School of Music, Warner School of Education, Simon Business School, School of Nursing, and School of Medicine and Dentistry. Areas of faculty interest include:

- History of sexuality
- Women in history
- Society, literature, art, and politics
- Disability, gender, and sexuality
- Queer theory
- Race and ethnicity
- Sexuality and psychology
- Feminism in science, technology, and philosophy
- Gender in literature, art, and media
- LGBTQIA+ studies

Susan B. Anthony Institute research grants, graduate teaching fellowships, and graduate dissertation fellowships support the ongoing research and curricular development of our faculty and students. Each year, the institute awards the Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for excellence in fiction by an American woman. Past recipients include Gail Godwin, Mary Gordon, Ursula LeGuin, Toni Morrison, Marianne Wiggins, and Karen Tei Yamashita. The Susan B. Anthony Institute supports the research and curricular development of graduate students whose work focuses on gender, sexuality, and women’s studies. Graduate students:

- Participate in faculty research seminars, graduate reading groups, and graduate pedagogy discussion groups
- Organize the annual graduate student conference in gender, sexuality, and women’s studies

Over 100 graduate students from across the University of Rochester are affiliated with the institute.

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Admissions

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Requirements for Certificate
- Complete and submit a certificate plan application. Although this is required only for non-matriculated students, we recommend all students complete this step to ensure their plan will fulfill the requirements of the certificate before they complete their courses.
- Complete and submit the final graduate certificate application.
- Certificate plan applications and final certificate applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you wish to receive the award during our commencement ceremony in May, please submit your completed application no later than March 1st of that year. Please email all completed materials in a single PDF file to sbai@rochester.edu.

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Advanced Certificates and Requirements

The Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies offers a formal graduate certificate in gender, sexuality, and women’s studies for students who are enrolled in a graduate degree (master’s or PhD) program at the University of Rochester and for non-matriculated students who complete four or more courses from at least two University of Rochester graduate programs. Programs of study are developed in consultation with an advisor from the curriculum committee. That advisor mentors or arranges mentorship for each graduate student, helping them choose relevant classes and make sure that their program of study is cohesive. Students must successfully complete four graduate-level courses in gender, sexuality, and women’s studies. The courses must be drawn from at least two departments or programs at the University of Rochester and must include at least two courses considered methodological and theoretical approaches and two courses considered applied courses. Successful completion of the courses is determined by the departments or programs through which the courses are offered.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

These courses are offered with a GSWS prefix code. Many additional courses are offered in departments across Arts, Sciences & Engineering, Eastman, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and Warner.

GSWS 400. History of Feminism: Colloquium  
GSWS 404. Feminist Film Theory  
GSWS 406. Global Politics of Gender and Health  
GSWS 407. Carnal Speaking: Discourse and the Body in Medieval English Literature  
GSWS 416. Restoration and 18th-Century Drama  
GSWS 423. Madness, Marriage, Monstrosity  
GSWS 425. Women, Cloth, Culture  
GSWS 444. Mutilated Bodies: From Traditions  
GSWS 442. Major Authors: The Brontes  
GSWS 446. Jane Austen and Her Contemporaries  
GSWS 453. Gender and Language in Literature, Film, and Society  
GSWS 454. The Monstrous Feminine  
GSWS 456. Spanish American Women Writers  
GSWS 458. Women’s Lives and Letters, America 1830–1880  
GSWS 459. Reproduction in the US  
GSWS 467. Changing Genres of Erotica  
GSWS 472. Gender and Sexuality in the 20th Century  
GSWS 473. Sex and Gender in the American City  
GSWS 480. Intersectionality: History of an Idea  
GSWS 483. Orality, Language, and Literacy  
GSWS 488. Language in Science and Religion  
GSWS 489. Problems of Western Civilization  
GSWS 496. International Human Rights  
GSWS 522. Black Feminist Criticism and Theory
Visual and Cultural Studies

Anna Rosensweig
Program Director

Overview

An interdisciplinary program in Visual and Cultural Studies at the University of Rochester, this is one of the few programs in the country that offer graduate degrees with an emphasis on art, media, and film theory, criticism, and cultural studies. Students can earn a doctoral degree by doing intensive work in several of Rochester’s humanities departments. Primary faculty for the Visual and Cultural Studies program teach in the Departments of Art and Art History, Anthropology, English, and Modern Languages and Cultures, and at the Eastman School of Music. Students may also take courses from other departments, such as history or education, as part of their studies. The program stresses close interpretation of art, film, and media within social and historical frameworks. Students are able to relate recent developments in literary and cultural theory to visual works and to investigate the relationships between critical texts and visual culture. The graduate program encourages students not only to gain detailed knowledge about their chosen field, but also to develop critical analytical skills. Students explore culture in its social and historical context, and employ a variety of critical methods and perspectives.

Mission Statement

Visual and Cultural Studies is distinctive in that it offers students an opportunity to construct a program of coursework and research expressly tailored to their individual interests. Students are encouraged to take courses that expose them to both unfamiliar forms of visual objects and new methods for defining and interpreting these forms. It is this maximal creative freedom that has enabled VCS students to produce original and innovative dissertation research that incorporates multiple disciplinary perspectives and analytical approaches.

The program also provides several practice-based opportunities for students to develop professional skills for both academic and “alt-academic” jobs. VCS students serve as TAs in a range of courses offered by VCS core faculty and faculty affiliates. In addition, VCS students regularly teach stand-alone courses for both the Frederick Douglass Institute and the Susan B. Anthony Institute, effectively sustaining crucial but under-resourced interdepartmental programs that advance the University’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

VCS students are entirely responsible for running the highly successful online journal InVisible Culture, one of the first open access journals in the field of visual culture. InVisible Culture gives students experience in designing, editing, and marketing a professional publication. Similarly, VCS students manage the Hartnett Gallery on the River Campus, a multifaceted curatorial experience valuable for careers in museum and gallery settings. Every other year, VCS students acquire experience in planning, organizing, and hosting a professional conference. Students also gain practical experience curating a film festival with the annual VCS series OnFilm.

VCS offers forward-looking opportunities to develop skills that help students pursue a broad and diverse range of career options, key for navigating difficult job markets within and outside of academia. VCS graduates have compiled an excellent record of placement in both academic and alt-academic positions over the life of the program.

Strategic Goals

The program aspires to sustain and greatly expand its commitment to the study of non-Western visual culture, in particular East Asian visual culture, and of Indigenous, Black and Latinx artists, filmmakers, and visual culture creators in the United States.

The program also sustains a longstanding commitment to sexuality studies in relation to visual culture. VCS is known for its bold leadership in the field of queer theory.

The program fosters an increasing interest among VCS students for acquiring digital and data literacies and bringing humanistic perspectives and skills to bear upon the development and use of new digital tools.

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Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs
The program enrolls five to seven graduate students each year, and all successful applicants receive full tuition remission and a stipend for five years.

Required Application Materials
- Online application
- A statement of purpose (1–3 pages, single-spaced)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- A 15- to 20-page writing sample (for example: seminar paper, thesis chapter, published article)
- GRE scores (optional)
- International students must also supply TOEFL, TOEFL iBT at Home, IELTS, or Duolingo scores.

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
Students are normally admitted to the VCS program only for the PhD. However, in some circumstances, students will earn a terminal master’s degree. For the master’s degree, students take 40 credit hours of study (usually 10 courses), as follows:
- The Colloquium in Visual and Cultural Studies
- Three core courses in critical theory
- Three core courses in visual studies
- Three electives

In some circumstances, students will be permitted to work toward the master’s degree by taking 30 credit hours of study (seven or eight courses) and writing a thesis. In this case, the breakdown of courses is:
- The Colloquium in Visual and Cultural Studies
- Two or three core courses in critical theory
- Two or three core courses in visual studies
- One or two electives
- Master’s thesis

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
Students pursuing a doctoral degree in visual and cultural studies are required to fulfill 90 credit hours of study, including 60 credit hours of coursework (normally 15 classes) and 30 credit hours in PhD research. Coursework is composed of:
- The Colloquium in Visual and Cultural Studies
- Four core courses in critical theory
- Four core courses in visual studies
- Six electives

Students are required to take a language examination, usually in a language that will be relevant to their research, and it must be successfully completed before the qualifying examination.

After completing the 90 credit hours of study, students take the qualifying examination. Under the supervision of a faculty committee (two from the VCS program and at least one from outside the program), students prepare for their qualifying exam.
Preparation includes:
- An outline of their dissertation project, a summary of what will be covered, and a description of each chapter
- A comprehensive bibliography, divided into sections representing the main body of literature that has informed the student’s thinking
- A draft chapter of the dissertation

The student then meets with the faculty committee to discuss the dissertation project, previous coursework, and general reading. Following the completion of the exam, the student presents the work to the other graduate students in a special seminar.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

As VCS is an interdisciplinary program, we do not offer our own courses beyond the VCS Colloquium. Below are course titles accepted as part of the VCS curriculum in recent years.

**AHST 583. VCS Colloquium (required for first-year students)**
**AHST 440. African American Cinema and Its Contexts**
**ENGL 425. American Renaissance**
**AHST 456. Arctic Vision**
**AHST 408. Cities of the World: Babylon to Brasilia**
**AHST 561. Classical Film Theory**
**ANTH 457. Contemporary Chinese Society**
**ENGL 448. Contemporary Women’s Writing**
**ENGL 465. Documentary Film and Media**
**CLTR 430. Film as Object**
**ENGL 504. Forest and City: Enclosing “Nature” in Medieval Literature**
**ENGL 429. Ideas of America**
**AHST 459. Islamic Textiles: Society, Economy, Politics**
**ENGL 406. Magic Language**
**ENGL 438. Making Modernism New Again**
**CLTR 412. Monsters, Ghosts, and Aliens**
**MUY 580. Music in the United States since WWII**
**CLTR 421. Mutilated Bodies: From Traditions to Cutting-Edge Technologies**
**AHST 475. Paper and Death/Critical Paper**
**MHS 594. Performing the Belle Époque**
**CLTR 442A. Poe and Hoffman**
**AHST 415. Seminar on Contemporary Art: Museums**
**ENGL 408. Renaissance Drama**
**CLTR 438. Revolutions and Revolt**
**CLTR 414N. Tourist Japan**
**AHST 539. Transition!Art**

**W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy**

**Lawrence Rothenberg**
**Director**

**Overview**

The Wallis Institute supports graduate training in political economy for students in the Department of Economics and the Department of Political Science, both in the School of Arts & Sciences. In addition to course offerings, the Wallis Institute runs a seminar series that allows Rochester faculty and students to present their work, and it brings in top researchers across the field from other departments. The institute sponsors postdocs and other visitors and encourages interaction with graduate students. Also, the institute finds a small grant program for students to work with faculty members conducting applied, empirical research. Finally, students are invited to attend an annual conference organized by the institute that continues to serve as a focal point of the political economy field.

[http://www.wallis.rochester.edu](http://www.wallis.rochester.edu)

**Graduate Faculty Information**

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Affiliation: Wallis Institute

John Duggan, PhD, *California Institute of Technology*
Professor of Political Science, Professor of Economics
Don Alonzo Watson Professor of Political Sciences
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Joint Appointment(s): Economics
Affiliation: Wallis Institute

Mark Fey, PhD, *California Institute of Technology*
Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science
Affiliation: Wallis Institute

Anderson Frey, PhD, *University of British Columbia*
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Primary Appointment(s): Political Science
Affiliation: Wallis Institute
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Prospective students who seek to specialize in this area should apply to the PhD program in either Economics or Political Science.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
Students admitted to the Economics or Political Science program are subject to the requirements of their program, and they may choose to take advanced graduate seminars in political economy. The Wallis Institute provides a two-course sequence in political economy taught by the faculty from the parent departments. Students in economics may take the sequence and write a qualifying exam to fulfill the requirements for the political economy field, and students in political science may take the sequence as part of the requirements for the formal political theory field.

The first course in political economy sequence typically emphasizes foundational theory, especially connections to the theory of social choice. The goal of the course is to give students in political economy a firm theoretical grounding for their work. The second course may cover a range of topics from elections to legislative policy and makes use of methods from formal modeling, computational analysis, or empirical analysis.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PEC 575. Political Economy I
PEC 582. Political Economy II
Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program

Deb Rossen-Knill
Executive Director

Overview

The Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program leads the effort to familiarize students with key principles and strategies for becoming successful academic communicators across different modes and contexts. In concert with faculty across the college, the Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program builds a strong community of undergraduate and graduate writers, speakers, and researchers. Our program fosters a culture of open, honest, and critical communication. Program courses and tutoring help students develop awareness of language practices—their own, others’, and those of specialized discourse communities—so that they might make informed, purposeful, and effective choices as academic communicators.

WSAP’s Graduate Writing Project (GWP) supports graduate students from AS&E at any stage in their program, working on any kind of academic writing and research, from abstracts and article submissions to theses and dissertations. We offer a range of services designed for graduate-student writers at the University, including writing groups, retreats, workshops, and tutoring.

WSAP has several renewable teaching fellowships for graduate students interested in designing their own version of WRT 105: Reasoning and Writing in the College, a theme-based, first-year writing course. All instructors accepted into our program teach one section of WRT 105 in fall and the same course in spring and attend the program orientation at the end of August. The minimum commitment for this position is two years; however, successful performance is required for reappointment after the first year.

Additionally, WSAP hires graduate students from a variety of disciplines to become writing consultants. They tutor undergraduate and graduate student writers.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to help students develop as academic communicators in ways that honor their linguistic backgrounds and identities. To that end, we value linguistic diversity and the distinct identities reflected in the multitude of Englishes and other languages across the world. We recognize that effective communication involves a negotiation between individual and community identities, goals, and ways of communicating.

WSAP is committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. We recognize the history of exclusion and racism upon which the University of Rochester was built and acknowledge the harm these histories cause. We aim to foster a community in which all know that they belong: all are invited to speak, and all know that they are heard. This plurality of voices is essential to the success of our program and to the larger academic community at the University of Rochester and beyond.

https://writing.rochester.edu

Graduate Faculty Information

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Primary Appointment(s): Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program

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Justin Coyne, PhD, University of Rochester
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Primary Appointment(s): Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program

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Professor of Writing
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Catherine Schmied Towsley, EdD, University of Rochester
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Coordinator, Graduate Writing Project
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Affiliation: Literary Translation Studies

Admissions
WSAP does not offer graduate programs. However, it does offer courses for students enrolled in University graduate programs.

Academics
Graduate degrees are not offered through the program, but WSAP offers some courses to graduate students, listed below. Please check with WSAP for information on other classes that may be open to graduate students.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

WSAP 451. The Rhetorical Sentence
WSAP 571. Practicum in Teaching of Writing
WSAP 572. Practicum in Teaching of Writing
School Mission Statement

The mission of the Edmund A. Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences is:

- To promote and support the highest-quality research that advances solutions to pressing societal problems
- To advance education in engineering and applied science through engaging experiences and environments that promote critical thinking, creativity, equity, ethics, and leadership, creating lifelong learners.

School-Level Graduate Awards

- Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences Dean’s Fellowship
- LLE: High Energy Physics (HEDP) Minority Scholarship
- LLE: Horton Fellowships
- Robert Jyr Chen Fellowship
- Donald M. and Janet C. Barnard Fellowship
- Outstanding Dissertation Awards
Biomedical Engineering

Stephen McAleavey
Chair
Mark Buckley
Director of Graduate Studies
Greg Gdowski
Director of Graduate Studies, CMTI

Overview

Affiliated with both the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences and the School of Medicine and Dentistry, the University of Rochester graduate program in Biomedical Engineering emphasizes the application of engineering skills to biomedical problem-solving at both the master’s and doctoral levels. In addition, the Center for Medical Technology and Innovation (CMTI) offers a one-year MSc in Biomedical Engineering degree with specialized training in medical device design. With access to over 40 laboratories on the River Campus, Medical Center, and Strong Memorial Hospital, students can tailor their own interdisciplinary research experience. The program offers state-of-the-art dedicated training laboratories, close individual attention and faculty mentoring, and a welcoming learning community where you will find great friends and future colleagues. Students who are interested in the department can also participate in the Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Council.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to discover, create, and educate in order to engineer ever-better solutions in biomedical research and health care. Our vision is to build a collaborative, diverse community dedicated to excellence in biomedical engineering research, education, and innovation.

http://www.bme.rochester.edu

Graduate Faculty Information

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Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
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Mark Buckley, PhD, Cornell University
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Visual Science and Center for Musculoskeletal Research
Affiliation: Materials Science

Laurel Carney, PhD, University of Wisconsin
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Marylou Ingram Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Regine Choe, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering

Diane Dalecki, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering; Director, Rochester Center for Biomedical Ultrasound
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering

Greg Gdowski, PhD, Boston University
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Executive Director, Center for Medical Technology and Innovation
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

Michael Giacomelli, PhD, Duke University
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Assistant Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

Marisol Herrera-Perez, PhD, Purdue University
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

Edmund Lalor, PhD, University College Dublin
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Whashil Lee, PhD, Duke University
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physics

Amy L. Lerner, PhD, University of Michigan
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Academic Director, Center for Medical Technology and Innovation
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Musculoskeletal Research and Mechanical Engineering

Anne Luebke, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience
Ross Maddox, PhD, Boston University
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Stephen McAleavey, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering

James McGrath, PhD, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Affiliation: Materials Science

Jong Hoon Nam, PhD, Virginia Tech
Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering

Scott Seidman, PhD, Case Western Reserve University
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience and Center for Visual Science

Kanika Vats, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

Richard Waugh, PhD, Duke University
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Vice Provost for Research
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering, Pharmacology and Physiology, Biochemistry and Biophysics
Affiliation: Materials Science

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
The program is designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in engineering, applied physics, or related fields. The undergraduate curriculum should include courses in calculus through differential equations, chemistry, and physics, as well as in-depth training in engineering or the physical sciences. Some formal training in the biological sciences is also desirable. Students who do not have the required background in engineering or the physical sciences may be admitted to the program but may need to take additional coursework, typically during the first year of study. Students for whom English is not a native language are strongly urged to come to Rochester early in order to prepare for the first-year program.

Required Application Materials
- Online application
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts (minimum GPA is 3.0)
- Curriculum vitae
- Optional GRE
- TOEFL (or IELTS) test scores should be uploaded to the application, and official copies should be mailed to the University for verification
- Other than test scores, documents that are uploaded do not need to be mailed to the department

Applying to Master's Programs
MS applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. The program is designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in engineering, applied physics, or related fields. The undergraduate curriculum should include courses in calculus through differential equations, chemistry, and physics, as well as in-depth training in engineering or the physical sciences. Some formal training in the biological sciences is also desirable. Students who do not have the required background in engineering or the physical sciences may be admitted to the program but may need to take additional coursework, typically during the first year of study. Students for whom English is not a native language are strongly urged to come to Rochester early in order to prepare for the first-year program.

Required Application Materials
- Online application
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts (minimum GPA is 3.0)
- Curriculum vitae
- Optional Graduate Record Examination
- TOEFL (or IELTS) test scores should be uploaded to the application and official copies should be mailed to the University for verification
- Other than test scores, documents that are uploaded do not need to be mailed to the department

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
All master's degrees require at least 30 credits.

Plan A, Thesis Option: Courses are taken both in support of a research project and to broaden the student's educational experience. Plan A is centered on the successful execution and communication of an in-depth research project. The option requires a thesis defense.
- Core requirements (4 credits)
- Research (6–12 credits)
- Electives (14 credits)
Plan B, Coursework Option: Plan B focuses on developing an advanced understanding of biomedical engineering principles. Courses are selected to provide depth in an area of the student’s interest and to develop an understanding of the breadth of applications in biomedical engineering. This option requires an exit exam.
- Core requirements (3 credits)
- Electives (27 credits)

CMTI specialization in medical technology and innovation: Students will enroll for 30 credit hours during the academic year. This program is part of the Plan B, with a coursework structure.
- Core curriculum (16 credits)
- Elective courses

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
PhD in Biomedical Engineering
We strongly recommend that PhD students complete 30 credit hours by the end of their first year in the program. For a doctoral degree, the University requires completion of 90 credit hours. The number of non-research course credits needed to meet the minimum biomedical engineering PhD requirements is 41. The remaining 49 credits, if not earned through additional coursework, will be earned as research.
- Curricular requirements for the PhD degree:
  - BME core (14 credits)
  - Additional requirements (27 credits)

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
BME 401. Fundamentals of Biomechanics
BME 402. Research Methods
BME 404. Computational Methods
BME 406. Technical Computing in BME
BME 410. Introduction to Augmented and Virtual Reality
BME 411. Applied Cell and Molecular Biology
BME 412. Viscoelasticity in Bio Tissues
BME 413. Selected Topics in Augmented and Virtual Reality
BME 414. Biomed Printed Circuit Board Design
BME 415. Neuroscience of Neuroprosthetics
BME 416. Speech on the Brain
BME 418. Intro to Neuroengineering
BME 420. Biomedical Nanotech
BME 425. Human Neurophysiological Measurement
BME 428. Physiological Control Systems
BME 429. Applied Nanoscience and Nano-engineering
BME 431. FDA and Intellectual Property
BME 432. FDA and IP Commercialization
BME 438. Introduction to Quality Engineering
BME 441. Microcirculation II
BME 442. Microbiomechanics

BME 445. Biomaterials
BME 448. Controlled Release Systems
BME 451. Biomedical Ultrasound
BME 452. Theory and Implementation
BME 453. Ultrasound Imaging
BME 455. Translational Biomedical Optics
BME 458. Human Anatomy
BME 459. Applied Human Anatomy
BME 460. Quantitative Physiology
BME 462. Cell and Tissue Engineering
BME 465. Intro to Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology
BME 466. Bioprocess Engineering
BME 467. Models and Simulations of BME Systems
BME 468. Structures and Analysis of Biomolecules
BME 470. Biomedical Microscopy
BME 472. Advanced Biomedical Microscopy
BME 474. Biomedical Sensors, Circuits, and Instruments
BME 483. Biosolid Mechanics
BME 484. Microcirculation I
BME 485. Cell Adhesion and Membrane Mechanics
BME 486. Finite Elements
BME 487. Nonlinear Finite Elements Analysis
BME 489. Electromechanical Sensor Design
BME 491. Master’s Reading in BME
BME 492. Special Topics
BME 493. Master’s Essay
BME 494. Master’s Internship
BME 495. Master’s Research in BME
BME 496. Current Research Seminars
BME 498. CMTI Summer Rotation
BME 501. Practicum in Augmented and Virtual Reality
BME 502. Analytic Foundations in BME
BME 503. Analytic Foundations in BME
BME 504. BME Graduate Seminar I
BME 504. BME Graduate Seminar II
BME 511. Cell and Molecular Foundations
BME 513. MR Imaging: Spins to Brains
BME 515. Neural Cortical Movement
BME 517. Advanced Topics: Sensory Systems
BME 518. Intro to Neuroengineering
BME 519. Advanced Topics: Mechanobiology
BME 535. Special Topic: Medical Device Design
BME 589. Writing Proposals in BME
BME 591. PhD Readings in BME
BME 592. Special Topics
BME 593. Laboratory Rotations in BME
BME 594. Research Internship
BME 594P. Internship Research Part Time
BME 595. PhD Research
Chemical Engineering

Mitchell Anthamatten
Chair
Alexander Shestopalov
Graduate Director

Overview

Chemical engineering is at the heart of all manufactured goods. The Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Rochester develops technologies, materials, and processes that benefit society in the areas of clean energy, sustainable process engineering, nanotechnology, and human health. The department was established in 1915 as one of the first chemical engineering programs in the country and has a storied history. Contributions from Rochester faculty, students, and alumni have had global impact. We specialize in applying chemical engineering to materials science and artificial intelligence to solve the grand challenges of the 21st century.

We provide a vibrant learning and working environment. We foster a sense of collective efficacy among our faculty and share the belief that, together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and society. We maintain an atmosphere of diversity, equity and inclusion, academic integrity, and respect as a way of life.

We offer a first-class engineering education. Students learn how to apply fundamental engineering and scientific principles to design processes for the production, transformation, and transport of energy, chemicals, and materials. We provide training in emerging technologies and computer programming to tackle humanity’s major challenges, with the aim to develop the next generation of leaders in chemical engineering. We leverage our strong relationships to industry and academic leaders to create a talent pipeline for a modern workforce. Past graduates of our program have quickly found employment in a wide variety of industries, S&P 500 companies, government positions, and universities. We maintain close professional connections to our alumni, which benefit our current and future students.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to provide unparalleled chemical engineering education through outstanding research and scholarship that positively impacts society and our community. Our goals:

- Outstanding, well-funded research
- Symbiotic relationships with LLE, URMC, and throughout AS&E to foster interdisciplinary research
- Excellence in graduate education through MS & PhD programs
- Excellence in undergraduate education, research-oriented education emphasizing quality, and top-notch facilities
- Strong relationships with local, national, and global institutions and industry
- Supportive, inclusive, and respectful environment, with equity and integrity.

https://www.hajim.rochester.edu/che/index.html
Graduate Faculty Information

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Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Center of Advanced Materials for Photonics and Lasers
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Allison Lopatkin, PhD, Duke University
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Graduate Director, Chemical Engineering
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Joint Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics, Chemistry
Affiliation: Materials Science

Wyatt Tenhaeff, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering
Affiliation: Materials Science

Andrew D. White, PhD, University of Washington
Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering
Affiliation: Materials Science

Matthew Z. Yates, PhD, University of Texas at Austin
Professor of Chemical Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Affiliation: Materials Science

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Required Application Materials
- A completed online application
- A curriculum vitae
- A personal and research statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- Official test scores

Applying to the Master's Program

Required Application Materials
- A completed online application
- A curriculum vitae
- A personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcript(s)
- Official test scores

Active University of Rochester undergraduates who apply through the 4+1 Option must include the following materials in their application.

Required 4+1 Option Application Materials
- A completed online application
- Transcript
- A personal statement
- One letter of recommendation

Internal University of Rochester undergraduates who maintain a minimum overall 3.3 GPA during their undergraduate experience do not need to submit a letter of recommendation. Students with a lower GPA are also encouraged to apply.

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements

Plan A: Thesis Option (30 Credit Hours)
Students pursuing the thesis-based MS degree are expected to earn 30 credit hours, with at least 18 credit hours from graduate-level coursework. Students who choose this option must also satisfactorily complete their master's thesis and pass an oral defense. Most students complete the Plan A program in two years.

Plan B: Coursework Option (32 Credit Hours)
Students who pursue the coursework-based MS degree must earn a minimum of 32 graduate credit hours. At least 18 credits should be courses within the chemical engineering department. Students who choose this option are required to pass an oral exit exam. Most students complete the Plan B program in a year and a half.
Core Curriculum
All students in the MS program must complete four core courses, comprising 16 credits. For more information on the specific program requirements, please see our graduate handbook. For an up-to-date list of currently offered graduate courses and electives, see our graduate courses.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
- Complete the core chemical engineering curriculum
- Complete a total of 90 credit hours (30 must be formal coursework)
- Serve as teaching assistant for two semesters
- Pass their first-year qualifying exam
- Pass their second-year proposal exam
- Give a research presentation in their fourth year
- Prepare a thesis on original research and its oral defense

For more information on the specific program requirements, see our graduate handbook. For an up-to-date list of currently offered courses and electives, see our graduate courses.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES:

- CHE 413. Engineering of Soft Matter
- CHE 414. Math Methods for Optics and Physics
- CHE 431. Chemical Reactor Design
- CHE 433. Nano Energy Transport and Conversion
- CHE 443. Fluid Dynamics
- CHE 444. Heat and Mass Transfer
- CHE 454. Interfacial Engineering
- CHE 456. Electrochemical Engineering Fundamentals and Applications
- CHE 458. Electrochemical Engineering and Fuel Cells
- CHE 462. Cell and Tissue Engineering
- CHE 465. Green Chemical Engineering
- CHE 473. Process Design and Simulation
- CHE 468. Fundamentals of Computational Fluid Dynamics
- CHE 476. Polymer Chemistry
- CHE 477. Advanced Numerical Methods
- CHE 486. Polymer Physics
- CHE 487. Surface Analysis

Computer Science

Michael L. Scott
Chair (retiring 2024)
Chen Ding
Chair (beginning 2024)
Daniel Gildea
Program Director

Overview
Our graduate program was established in 1974 and has a history of more than 40 years of world-class research, especially in artificial intelligence/human-computer interaction, software systems, and the theory of computation. We provide a collegial, interactive environment in which faculty directly mentor students. All faculty and PhD students, regardless of their area, are familiar with each other's work. This is possible only in a relatively small, close-knit department. Our philosophy is that computer science research is a community endeavor, crucially dependent on the vitality of the local community in which it takes place. We believe that graduate students are the heart of our research productivity, and we make them first-class department citizens. Graduate students serve on all department committees and are crucial members of faculty and graduate student recruitment efforts.

https://www.cs.rochester.edu/

Graduate Faculty Information

Zhen Bai, PhD, Cambridge University
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John Criswell, PhD, University of Illinois
Associate Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Chen Ding, PhD, Rice University
Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Zhiyao Duan, PhD, Northwestern University
Associate Professor of Computer Science, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Daniel Gildea, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science
Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

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Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Data Science
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Lane A. Hemaspandra, PhD, Cornell University
Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

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Associate Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

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Primary Appointment(s): Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Computer Science
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Anson Kahng, PhD, Carnegie Mellon University
Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Assistant Professor of Data Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science, Data Science

Christopher Kanan, PhD, University of California, San Diego
Associate Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Jiaming Liang, PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology
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Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science, Data Science

Jiebo Luo, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Computer Science
Albert Arendt Hopeman Professor of Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

Fatemeh Nargesian, PhD, University of Toronto
Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science
Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

Sreepathi Pai, PhD, Indian Institute of Science
Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Lenhart K. Schubert, PhD, University of Toronto
Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Michael L. Scott, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor of Computer Science
Arthur Gould Yates Professor of Engineering; Chair, Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

Daniel Stefankovic, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science
Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

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Associate Professor Computer Science
Wilmot Distinguished Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science
Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

Yuhao Zhu, PhD, University of Texas at Austin
Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Primary Appointment(s): Computer Science

**Admissions**

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

**Required Application Materials**
- Application fee (if applicable)
- Personal statement (Statement of Purpose)
- Transcripts
- GRE scores
- English language proficiency scores
- Three letters of recommendation

There is no specific minimum threshold on GRE or English language proficiency scores. The admission decision is based on the overall application package.

All the application materials (including transcripts and letters of recommendation) must arrive before the deadline. Students should initiate their application several weeks ahead of these deadlines to ensure that all materials are received on time.

**Applying to Master’s Programs**

**Required Application Materials**
- Application Fee (if applicable)
- Personal statement (Statement of Purpose)
- Transcripts
- GRE scores
- English language proficiency scores
- Three letters of recommendation

There is no specific minimum threshold on GRE or English language proficiency scores. The admission decision is based on the overall application package.
All the application materials (including transcripts and letters of recommendation) must arrive before the deadline. Students should initiate their application several weeks ahead of these deadlines to ensure that all materials are received on time.

**Academics**

**Master's Degree Requirements**

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits. Of these credits:

- All courses must be 400/500-level, three- or four-credit courses.
- Up to six hours can be from research credits supervised by a faculty member.

MS students must pass a comprehensive examination (or essay), typically in the last semester before graduation.

Some students may need to take one or more 100- or 200-level prerequisite courses. These courses are not counted toward the 30-credit requirement and are typically taken by students who do not have an undergraduate degree in computer science.

Courses offered by departments other than computer science but that are relevant to the degree may be included in the 30 hours, subject to approval of the graduate education committee. In any case, at least 18 hours of the 30 must be courses offered by the Department of Computer Science.

Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 by the end of their second semester and throughout the rest of their time in the program and must obtain a least a 2.0 in each course that counts toward the 30 credit hours.

**Doctoral Degree Requirements**

For detailed information about program requirements, please see the PhD Student Handbook.

**Requirements for Completion**

- Six breadth courses
- CSC 400. Problem Seminar
- All of the area requirements for one of the following areas:
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Human-Computer Interaction
  - Systems
  - Theory
  - PhD thesis proposal and proposal defense
  - PhD dissertation and defense

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**Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Marvin Doyley  
*Chair*

Gonzalo Mateos Buckstein  
*Director of Graduate Study*

**Overview**

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering offers graduate work leading to the MS and PhD degrees in electrical engineering and the MS in diagnostic imaging. The faculty emphasizes graduate research and instruction in the general areas of electronics and computer systems, optoelectronics, silicon nanoscience, signal/image/audio processing and biomedical imaging, diagnostic imaging, superconductivity and solid state, sensors, networks, electromechanical systems, robotics, and bioinformatics. The faculty serve as directors or key researchers in leading national centers such as the Center for Biomedical Ultrasound, the Center for Emerging and Innovative Sciences, the Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, and the School of Medicine and Dentistry. Outstanding opportunities for graduate student research and training are available at these on-campus centers and in the other departmental laboratories. Research is supervised by members of the faculty and often, though not necessarily, forms the basis for the master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

Our mission is to empower our students to be leaders, pursue their academic and professional passions, and model partnerships with educational, civic, cultural, health, and business communities. We will teach our graduates how to create innovative connections with various sectors. We will also teach them to value ethics and diverse perspectives. Our graduates will serve their communities by developing programs that will improve the world around them. We will foster supportive training environments such that our graduate students can learn, discover, heal, and create.

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Graduate Faculty Information

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  Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Computer Engineering
  Affiliation: Materials Science

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  Affiliation: Materials Science

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  Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Wilson Professor of Electronic Imaging
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  Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Imaging Sciences
  Affiliation: Materials Science

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  Associate Professor of Computer Science
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  Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
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  Joint Appointment(s): Computer Science

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  Joint Appointment(s): Computer Science

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  Joint Appointment(s): Optics

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  Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
  Asaro Biggar Family Fellow in Data Science
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  Joint Appointment(s): Data Science

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  Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

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  Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Imaging Sciences
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the University of Rochester offers a PhD in electrical engineering.

Required Application Materials

- University of Rochester graduate program application form
- Personal statement (upload to the application database)
- Three letters of recommendation (upload)
- Official transcripts (upload)
- Official copy of English proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo) results
- Any supplemental material you want to provide (upload)
- Optional GRE score (If GRE score is self-reported, an official score report from ETS is required for verification.)

Applying to Master’s Programs

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the University of Rochester offers a Master of Science in electrical engineering and a Master of Science in diagnostic imaging.

Required Application Materials

- University of Rochester graduate program application form
- Personal Statement (upload to the application database)
- Three letters of recommendation (upload)
- Official transcripts (upload)
- Official copy of English proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo) results

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The MS degree requires 30 hours of graduate courses at the 400-level or higher. There must be at least 16 credit hours in electrical and computer engineering coursework exclusive of research or reading courses.

Each MS degree candidate must declare a concentration of study in one of the research focus areas of our department. Concentrations are organized as three-course sequences. The goal is to provide depth in at least one area, as opposed to a random sampling of courses, with the expectation that students should be able to follow the current research literature in at least one research concentration upon graduation. The areas of concentration are musical acoustics and signal processing, signal/image processing and communications, biomedical/ultrasound, VLSI/IC microelectronics and computer design, superconducting and solid-state electronics, optoelectronics, quantum engineering, robotics, and diagnostic imaging.

Each MS candidate may choose to complete six to 12 credit hours of research and write a research thesis (Plan A) or take an MS exam (Plan B), which allows for zero to six credit hours of research.

Plan A, Thesis Option: All thesis students must successfully defend a thesis. The defense must be conducted by a committee of no less than two ECE faculty members and one outside faculty member.

Plan B, Exam Option: All part-time and non-thesis students must pass an MS exam, which can be a term project, an essay, or an oral exam. The exam must be conducted by a committee of no less than two ECE faculty members. The exam must be completed by mid-December for fall degree conferral or by mid-April for spring conferral.

PhD students who wish to receive an MS degree can satisfy the MS exam requirement by successfully completing the PhD comprehensive examination and submitting an MS program of study for 30 credits.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The PhD degree requires 90 credit hours of graduate study (60 credit hours beyond the master’s degree), including 24 credits of ECE coursework meeting a department requirement of four courses in the student’s chosen concentration area and two other courses outside the concentration area. Students are encouraged to begin research early in their programs. The comprehensive examination, taken by the second to third semester of study once the concentration requirements have been met, is required for continuation in the PhD program.

All doctoral students must pass a PhD qualifying examination and submit a satisfactory written PhD thesis proposal after their third year of full-time graduate study. Students who have passed the PhD qualifying exam are assisted in matters pertaining to their thesis research by a faculty thesis advisory
committee. The research advisor serves as chair. The committee meets with the student at least once each year.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ECE 400. Computer Organization
ECE 402. Electrical Engineering Fundamentals
ECE 403. Advanced Computer Architecture for Machine Learning
ECE 404. Multiprocessor Architecture
ECE 405. Ising Machines: Principles and Practices
ECE 408. The Art of Machine Learning
ECE 410. Introduction to Augmented and Virtual Reality
ECE 411. Selected Topics in Augmented and Virtual Reality
ECE 413. Introduction to Hardware Security
ECE 420. Quantum Electronic Devices and Materials
ECE 423. Semiconductor Devices
ECE 429. Audio Electronics
ECE 433. Musical Acoustics
ECE 436. Nanophotonic and Nanomechanical Devices
ECE 439. Electroacoustics, Audio Reproduction, and Spatial Audio
ECE 440. Introduction to Random Processes
ECE 441. Detection Estimation Theory
ECE 442. Network Science Analytics
ECE 446. Digital Signal Processing
ECE 447. Introduction to DIP Using Python
ECE 452. Medical Imaging – Theory and Implementation
ECE 454. Quantum Information Processing
ECE 461. Introduction to VLSI
ECE 468. Advanced Analog CMOS
ECE 469. High-Speed Integrated Electronics
ECE 470. Digital Audio Effects
ECE 472. Audio Signal Processing
ECE 473. Audio for Gaming
ECE 475. Audio Software Design I
ECE 476. Audio Software Development II
ECE 477. Computer Audition
ECE 478. Revolutions in Sound
ECE 480. Advanced Audio Amplifier Design
ECE 489. MS Research Seminar Audio/Acoustics
ECE 491. Master’s Reading Course ECE
ECE 494. Research Internship
ECE 495. Master’s Research in ECE
ECE 495A. MS Research in Absentia
ECE 495B. MS Research in Absentia Abroad
ECE 501. Practicum in Augmented and Virtual Reality
ECE 520. Spin Based Electronics
ECE 594. PhD Research Internship
ECE 594T. PhD Transitional Internship
ECE 595. PhD Research in ECE
ECE 595A. PhD Research in Absentia
ECE 595B. PhD Research in Absentia Abroad
ECE 597. ECE Colloquium
ECE 895. Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
ECE 897. Master’s Dissertation
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ECE 899. Master’s Dissertation
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ECE 899B. Master’s Dissertation in Absentia Abroad
ECE 986V. Full-Time Visiting Student
ECE 987V. Part-Time Visiting Student
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Materials Science

Bradley Nilsson
Director

Overview

The interdepartmental graduate program in materials science offers MS and PhD degrees in materials science. There are two core areas of required courses, with flexibility to allow students to choose from the course list in the Graduate Bulletin under materials science. These courses are generally also cross-listed with one of 12 participating science and engineering departments.

Mission Statement

Through interdisciplinary research, we achieve breakthroughs in materials science and engineering to make our world ever better.

Strategic Goals

- Enhance collaborative research within the Materials Science Program
- Improve and consolidate the Materials Science research infrastructure (shared facilities, labs, and equipment)
- Grow and diversify the graduate educational programs in Materials Science
- Develop meaningful, long-term relationships with alumni

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Director, Center of Advanced Materials for Photonics and Lasers
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Professor of Mechanical Engineering
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Joint Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
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Joint Appointment(s): Physics
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Professor
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Affiliation: Materials Science

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Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Primary Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Primary Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Imaging Sciences
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Associate Professor of Chemistry
Primary Appointment(s): Chemistry
Joint Appointment(s): Physics
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Affiliation: Materials Science

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Senior Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
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Joint Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Affiliation: Materials Science

David Harding, PhD, *Cambridge University*
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Joint Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering, Physics and Astronomy
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Joint Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering, Physics and Astronomy
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Joint Appointment(s): Optics
Affiliation: Materials Science

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Admissions

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**
Please use the online application to submit each of the required documents below. All material submitted will be uploaded to your application record.

**Required Application Materials**
- Personal statement
- Transcripts of college and university grades—unofficial documents are acceptable
- Resume/CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- TOEFL or IELTS scores for non-native English speakers

The majority of financial aid is awarded to students beginning their graduate program in the fall, so spring admission is not offered.

**Applying to Master’s Programs**
Applications for fall admission into the MS program are on a rolling admissions until April 15 for international applicants and until June 1 for domestic applicants.
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Academics

**Master's Degrees and Requirements**

The master's degree in materials science at the University of Rochester requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate courses. To obtain their MS, students in this program can choose from two plans: Plan A, with thesis, or Plan B, without thesis. Plan B is the default option for entering students.

If a student wishes to pursue a Plan A path instead, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with a faculty thesis advisor to supervise their work and to inform the materials science graduate coordinator.

**Plan A: Thesis:** For students pursuing the MS degree with thesis, the following requirements apply:
- A minimum of 20 credit hours of materials science graduate courses
- Ten credit hours of research
- Successful completion of an oral defense of the thesis
- The oral defense will take place after all other degree requirements have been completed.

**Plan B: Without a Thesis:** For students electing to obtain the MS degree without a thesis, the following requirements apply:
- A minimum of 24 credit hours of materials science graduate courses
- Six credit hours of other related courses
- A comprehensive oral examination

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

**Entering with a BS Degree**

A typical program for a materials science (MSC) PhD student entering with a BS degree consists of:
- A minimum of 24 credit hours of MSC graduate courses, excluding reading courses
- Eight credit hours of other related courses
- 58 credit hours of research

**Entering with an MS Degree**

A typical program for a MSC PhD student entering with an MS degree consists of:
- A minimum of 24 credit hours of MSC graduate courses
- 36 credit hours of research
- Successful completion of an oral defense of the thesis

**Exams and Dissertation**

A preliminary examination in materials science is normally taken by all PhD students at the end of the spring semester, following two semesters of coursework.

The student is given three research papers in materials science to study and is asked to prepare a written report on the topic of this research. The examination consists of an oral presentation on the same topic before a faculty committee.

Students are required to pass this exam (along with course grades and research aptitude) to continue in the PhD program. Students also are expected to conduct research during the summer.

Students who pass the preliminary exam and faculty evaluation must take an oral PhD qualifying exam in their third year of graduate study. This exam is on a research topic that should lead to the dissertation. It also requires a written report and a presentation to a faculty research advisory committee. Passing this exam officially admits students to PhD degree candidacy.

The remaining time (typically one year or more, but at least six months) is spent completing the dissertation research and the written PhD thesis. Students defend the thesis in the final oral examination.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

MSC 409. Mechanical Properties of Solids
MSC 416. X-Ray Crystallography
MSC 418. Statistical Mechanics
MSC 423. Semiconductor Devices
MSC 424. Robust Design/Quality
MSC 432. Opto-Mechanical
MSC 433. Nanoscale Energy Transport and Conversion
MSC 437. Nanophotonic/Nanomechanical Devices
MSC 444. Continuum Mechanics
MSC 450. Introduction to Quantum Theory of Materials
MSC 454. Interfacial Engineering
MSC 456. Chemical Bonds: From Molecules to Materials
MSC 458. Electrochemistry and Engineering and Fuel Cell
MSC 461. Advanced Chemical Kinetics
MSC 462. Cell and Tissue Engineering
MSC 463. NMR Spectroscopy
MSC 465. Principles of Lasers
MSC 470. Optical Properties of Materials
MSC 476. Polymer Chemistry
MSC 478. Machine Learning Molecule and Materials
MSC 480. Introduction to Materials Science
MSC 483. Biosolid Mechanics
MSC 486. Visco in Bio Tissues
MSC 495. Master Research
MSC 496. MSC Graduate Seminar
MSC 595. Research in Materials Science
MSC 895. Continuation of Master’s Enrollment
MSC 897. Master’s Dissertation
MSC 899. Master’s Dissertation
MSC 995. Continuation of Doctoral Enrollment
MSC 997. Doctoral Dissertation
MSC 999. Doctoral Dissertation
Mechanical Engineering

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Overview

Based on a firm foundation of basic science, applied mathematics, and engineering sciences, the Department of Mechanical Engineering offers a rigorous program designed to prepare well-trained, creative, responsible engineers capable of assuming leadership roles in their profession.

Students apply the latest software to problems in the mechanics of solid fluids, materials science, mechanical systems, and advanced power applications, among others.

Broad, hands-on laboratory and advanced design projects offer significant experience in experimental and computational work. These experiences complement a curriculum that includes a strong focus on the analysis, design, and development of mechanical and thermal systems.

In addition to strengthening leadership and communications skills necessary for excelling in the field, the program offers a deep understanding of the broad social and economic impacts of engineering.

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**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

Your application should reflect your academic preparedness and research experience and enthusiasm. Matching the research interests of our faculty members is a crucial factor in the selection process. Finally, we will also consider an applicant’s impact on the diversity of our department.

**Required Application Materials**
- A full online application
- Personal statement
- Transcripts from each university that you have attended, uploaded to the online application (copies are acceptable for application review; official transcripts are needed if applicant is accepted)
• Optional GRE scores (uploaded)
• TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores for applicants whose native language is not English
• Three letters of recommendation submitted electronically
• Payment of application fee

Applying to Master’s Programs

Required Application Materials
• A full online application
• Personal statement
• Transcripts from each university that you have attended, uploaded to the online application (copies are acceptable for application review; official transcripts are needed if applicant is accepted)
• Optional GRE scores (uploaded)
• TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores for applicants whose native language is not English
• Three letters of recommendation submitted electronically
• Payment of application fee

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The MS degree in Mechanical Engineering requires 30 hours of graduate credit. Students are also required to complete a thesis (plan A) or an oral exam (plan B). No more than 10 credits can be transferred from non-matriculated study at Rochester or from an outside institution.

Plan A requires a written dissertation prepared by the student under the supervision of their advisor. Of the 30 required credit hours, this option requires:
• Six to 12 hours of thesis research
• At least 16 hours of courses 400 level or higher
• At least 12 of these 16 hours must be ME courses

The formal defense of the dissertation takes place after the completion of all coursework, and the student must be registered for the semester in which the defense takes place.

Plan B requires at least 20 hours of formal ME courses, at least 16 of which must be at the 400 level or higher. Reading and research credits cannot be counted toward the 20 required ME credit hours. The maximum number of research credits for this option is six. Plan B students are required to take a comprehensive oral exam at the end of their coursework.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The PhD in mechanical engineering requires 90 hours of graduate credit. Students holding a master of science degree receive 30 credit hours toward the 90 required hours.

Students must take at least 12 hours of coursework at the 400 level or higher, of which at least 24 credit hours should be mechanical engineering courses. The dissertation is typically 30 of the total of 90 credit hours. No more than 10 of these may be transferred from non-matriculated work at Rochester.

There are three examinations during the PhD program:
• Preliminary Exam: at the end of the first full year of academic study
• Qualifying Exam: typically taken at the end of the second or during the third year
• Final Oral Exam of dissertation

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ME 400. Applied Boundary Value Probability
ME 402. Partial Differential Equations
ME 403. Computational Methods in Science and Engineering
ME 404. Computational Methods
ME 412. Viscosity in Bio Tissues
ME 424. Robust Design/Quality
ME 432. Opto-Mechanical
ME 433. Nanoscale Energy Transport and Conversion
ME 434. Introduction to Plasma Physics I
ME 435. Introduction to Plasma Physics II
ME 436. Compressible Flow
ME 437. Incompressible Flow
ME 438. Introduction to Quality Engineering
ME 439. Turbulence
ME 440. Structural Mechanics
ME 441. Finite Elements Methods
ME 443. Applied Vibration Analysis
ME 444. Continuum Mechanics
ME 445. Precision Instrument Design
ME 449. Elasticity
ME 450. Introduction to Quantum Theory of Materials
ME 451. Characterization Methods in Materials
ME 460. Thermodynamics of Solids
ME 462. Solids and Materials Lab
ME 465. Principles of Lasers
ME 481. Mechanical Behavior of Solids
ME 482. Biosolid Mechanics
ME 488. Computational Methods for High-Energy-Density Physics
ME 494. Master’s Internship
ME 495. Master’s Research in ME
ME 497. Research Seminar in ME
ME 532. Magnetohydrodynamics
ME 533. Introduction to Inertial Confinement Fusion
ME 535. Laser Plasma Interactions
ME 536. Hydrodynamic Instabilities in Fluids and HEDP
ME 537. Introduction to High-Energy-Density Physics
ME 544. Particle-in-Cell Simulation of Plasma Physics
ME 545. Advanced Topics in Plasma Physics
ME 594. Research Internship
ME 595. PhD Research in ME
Technical Entrepreneurship and Management (TEAM)

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**Overview**

The Master of Science in Technical Entrepreneurship and Management combines a graduate-level technical education at the Hajim School with entrepreneurial management coursework at the Simon School. We recommend that students pursue a different engineering focus from their undergraduate major. TEAM prepares students for industry work in various engineering, analyst, management, and entrepreneurial roles and outfits aspiring entrepreneurs with skills to launch an enterprise. The degree offers various graduate-level courses in one of the following technical concentrations: (1) biomedical engineering, (2) chemical engineering, (3) computer science, (4) data science, (5) electrical and computer engineering, (6) energy and the environment, (7) mechanical engineering, (8) materials science, (9) optics, and (10) custom.

Familiarity with the chosen technical discipline is fostered by an emphasis on critical thinking, creativity, and innovation while immersed in an educational and research environment. Students explore general business topics through an analytical lens, with a focus on organizing and managing resources and leadership. The program exposes students to real-world applications, including the opportunity to commercialize the University of Rochester’s patented technologies.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

The Ain Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation aims to equip University of Rochester innovators with an open-minded vision, the ability to take risks, and a passion to change the world for the better. By engaging experienced and enthusiastic individuals, we leverage the insight, expertise, and savvy gained from Advisory Council members to help set and achieve new milestones, and better serve our myriad constituents across the University—students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

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Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

Required Application Materials
- Three names and contact information of individuals who will recommend you for graduate study
- Your official transcript
- Your personal statement
- Your TOEFL or IELTS for international applicants who are non-native English speakers (except those who have graduated from a U.S. undergrad program with at least two years of study)
- Official score reporting is optional, but strongly recommended, for the GRE/GMAT and required for TOEFL/IELTS.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The MS degree requires three core entrepreneurship (TEM) courses, three technical elective courses, one additional technical or entrepreneurship management elective, one semester-long practicum, and a final comprehensive examination consisting of a written business plan and an oral presentation.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

TEM 401. Economics, Marketing, and Strategy Primer for Entrepreneurs
TEM 402. Accounting and Finance Primer for Entrepreneurs
TEM 411. General Management of New Ventures
TEM 440. Screening Technical Opportunities
TEM 441. Product Development and Technical Management
The Institute of Optics

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Overview
Founded in 1929, the Institute of Optics was the first optics education program in the nation. It is an academic department within the University of Rochester and grants undergraduate, master’s, and PhD degrees in optics.

Through rigorous academic instruction, laboratory exercises, informal events, and networking opportunities, faculty and staff at the Institute of Optics are dedicated to providing a challenging and enjoyable educational experience in the broad field of optics. Instruction and research are offered in virtually every phase of optics, including physical optics, optical instrumentation and design, quantum optics, laser engineering, signal processing, guided wave optics, nonlinear optics, and optical materials. Well-equipped laboratories allow student thesis research in a wide range of areas, including gradient index optics, image processing, integrated optics, dielectric thin films, ultrahigh resolution laser spectroscopy, and high-power laser physics.

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Brian Kruschwitz, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Optics
Senior Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Primary Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

Jennifer D. T. Kruschwitz, PhD, Rochester Institute of Technology
Associate Professor of Optics
Senior Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics

Qiang Lin, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Optics, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

John Marcianete, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics

Susana Marcos, PhD, University of Salamanca
Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics, Center for Visual Science

Benjamin L. Miller, PhD, Stanford University
Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor of Optics, Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Dean's Professor of Dermatology
Primary Appointment(s): Dermatology, School of Medicine and Dentistry
Joint Appointment(s): Optics, Biomedical Engineering
Affiliation: Materials Science

Duncan Moore, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Optics, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor of Business Administration (Simon)
Rudolf and Hilda Kingslake Professor in Optical Engineering Science, Vice Provost for Entrepreneurship
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Simon Business School

John Palastro, PhD, University of Maryland
Associate Professor of Optics, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Senior Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Primary Appointment(s): Mechanical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Optics, Laboratory for Laser Energetics

Pablo Postigo Resa, PhD, Polytechnic University of Madrid
Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics

William Renninger, PhD, Cornell University
Assistant Professor of Optics, Assistant Professor of Physics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy

Jannick Rolland, PhD, University of Arizona
Professor of Optics, Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Brian J. Thompson Professor of Optical Engineering, Professor in the Center for Visual Science
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Center for Visual Science
Greg Schmidt, PhD, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics

Nick Vamivakas, PhD, Boston University
Professor of Optics, Professor of Physics
Dean of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs for Arts, Sciences & Engineering
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Physics and Astronomy
Affiliation: Materials Science

Taco Dirk Visser, PhD, University of Amsterdam
Visiting Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Physics

Leon Waxer, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Optics; Senior Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Primary Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

Gary W. Wicks, PhD, Cornell University
Professor of Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Affiliation: Materials Science

David R. Williams, PhD, University of California, San Diego
Professor of Optics, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Professor of Ophthalmology, Professor of Biomedical Engineering
William G. Allyn Professor of Medical Optics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Ophthalmology, Center for Visual Science, Biomedical Engineering, Brain and Cognitive Sciences

James M. Zavislan, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Professor of Optics, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Associate Professor in the Center for Visual Science
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Ophthalmology, Center for Visual Science

Xi-Cheng Zhang, PhD, Brown University
Professor
Professor of M. Parker Givens Professor of Optics, Professor of Physics
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Optics, Physics and Astronomy

Jonathan Zuegel, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Optics
Director, Laser and Materials Testing Division; Distinguished Scientist, Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Primary Appointment(s): Laboratory for Laser Energetics
Joint Appointment(s): Optics

Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs

Required Application Materials
- Completed application in the AS&E Graduate Applications portal
- Statement of purpose
- Curriculum Vitae or detailed resume
- At least three letters of recommendation
- Transcript from bachelor’s degree program (with proof of conferral for completed degrees)
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS) for international applicants who did not complete a four-year degree at an English-speaking institution

Admission is decided by the graduate admissions committee rather than by a potential research supervisor. Only after being admitted and then completing two semesters of courses do students join a research group. Therefore, applications should not be directed to individual faculty members, but submitted according to the instructions in the portal. Our Optics PhD program is appropriate for students of various STEM backgrounds, with many students coming from physics, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and biomedical engineering bachelor’s programs. A previous degree in optics is not required.

Applying to Master’s Programs
All tracks for the Optics MS program (including HOME) use the same Optics MS application. The MS Track selection indicated on the application is not binding, and students may change their MS track after enrollment.

Required Application Materials
- Completed application in the AS&E Graduate Applications portal
- Statement of purpose
- Curriculum Vitae or detailed resume
- At least three letters of recommendation
- Transcript from bachelor’s degree program (with proof of conferral for completed degrees)
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL or IELTS) for international applicants who did not complete a four-year degree at an English-speaking institution

Our Optics MS program is appropriate for students of various STEM backgrounds, with many students coming from physics, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and biomedical engineering bachelor’s programs. A previous degree in optics is not required.
Academics

**Master's Degrees and Requirements**
The Optics MS program is available as an in-person program for students in residence at the University of Rochester, and as a primarily remote program, the Hybrid Optics Master's Education (HOME). The HOME program is designed for working professionals and allows MS students to take all courses, except for one optics laboratory course, remotely. The HOME program has no residence requirement and cannot be used to request an F-1 visa for study from within the United States.

All Optics MS students (HOME and in person) must select one of two MS tracks:
- **Plan A** – Thesis: Core coursework + research study + final oral defense of thesis
- **Plan B** – Coursework: Core course + elective coursework + final essay

All Optics MS students complete core coursework in the areas of laboratory skills, modern optical systems, wave optics and imaging, and optical radiation and detection. The Optics MS core courses ensure that all students receive a solid foundation in optics regardless of their academic background.

Both Plan A and Plan B students have the option for in-person or HOME program study. Our Optics MS students may also take MS internships as part of the program, including year-long co-ops starting during the second semester of study.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**
The Optics PhD program is designed to prepare graduates to carry out independent, creative research in an industrial, academic, or government setting. The Optics PhD program is a combination of research, coursework, teaching assistantships, and thesis work that students complete over four or more years.

The first two semesters of PhD study focus on courses, with seven core courses and one elective, followed by a preliminary examination in the summer after the first year of study. Following that exam, students begin research duties. Subsequent years of PhD study include the completion of additional elective courses and research toward the completion of the PhD thesis, which is presented in an oral defense as the final requirement of the PhD program.

Optics PhD students are required to serve as a teaching assistant for two courses. Additional teaching assistant positions may be taken voluntarily for pay. PhD students may also take internships with the approval of their research advisors. Some students also complete research at outside institutions, including research universities and national laboratories. We highly encourage collaboration, and Optics PhD students frequently work in laboratories in the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, the Center for Visual Science, and other University of Rochester facilities.

### GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

- **OPT 401.** HOME First Laboratory
- **OPT 402.** HOME Second Laboratory
- **OPT 403.** HOME Third Laboratory
- **OPT 407.** SEM Practicum
- **OPT 410.** Introduction to Augmented and Virtual Reality
- **OPT 411.** Mathematical Methods for Optics
- **OPT 412.** Quantum Mechanics for Optics
- **OPT 413.** Introduction to Random Processes
- **OPT 414.** Detection and Estimation
- **OPT 420.** Introduction to Illumination
- **OPT 421.** Optical Properties of Materials
- **OPT 422.** Color Technology
- **OPT 423.** Detection of Optical Radiation
- **OPT 425.** Radiation and Detectors
- **OPT 427.** Liquid Crystal Materials
- **OPT 428.** Optical Communications
- **OPT 429.** Chemical Bonds: From Molecules to Matter
- **OPT 432.** Opto-Mechanical Systems
- **OPT 433.** Optical Fabrication and Testing Technology
- **OPT 438.** Selected Topics in Augmented and Virtual Reality
- **OPT 440.** Freeform Optics
- **OPT 441.** Geometrical Optics
- **OPT 442.** Instrumental Optics
- **OPT 443.** Foundations of Modern Optical Systems
- **OPT 444.** Lens Design
- **OPT 445.** Precision Instrument Design
- **OPT 446.** Optical Interference Coating
- **OPT 447.** Advanced Optical Coatings
- **OPT 448.** Vision and the Eye
- **OPT 449.** Introduction to Illumination
- **OPT 450.** Polarization
- **OPT 452.** Medical Imaging Theory and Implementation
- **OPT 453.** Advanced Quantum and Nano Optics Laboratory
- **OPT 454.** Optics Laboratory for HOME Program
- **OPT 456.** Optics Laboratory
- **OPT 461.** Fourier Optics
- **OPT 462.** Electromagnetic Waves
- **OPT 463.** Wave Optics and Imaging
- **OPT 464.** Nanophotonics and Nanomechanical Devices
- **OPT 465.** Principles of Lasers
- **OPT 466.** Ultrafast Optics and Laser Fundamentals
- **OPT 467.** Nonlinear Optics
- **OPT 468.** Integrated Photonics
- **OPT 470.** Gradient Index GRIN Lens Design
- **OPT 472.** Advanced Biomedical Microscopy
- **OPT 473.** Laser Engineering
- **OPT 476.** Biomedical Optics
OPT 478. THz Technology and Applications
OPT 481. Technical Entrepreneurship
OPT 482. System and Product Development
OPT 483. Computational Imaging
OPT 484. Petawatt Lasers
OPT 485. Proposal Writing in Vision Science and Optics
OPT 489. The Retina-Brain Interface
OPT 491. MS Reading Course in Optics
OPT 492. Special Topics in Optics
OPT 494. MS Internship in Optics
OPT 495. MS Research in Optics
OPT 501. Quantum Mechanics I
OPT 502. Quantum Mechanics II
OPT 503. Practicum in Augmented and Virtual Reality
OPT 507. SEM Practicum
OPT 511. Advanced Mathematical Methods in Optics
OPT 516. Inverse Problems in Optics
OPT 535. Singular Optics
OPT 544. Advanced Lens Design
OPT 591. PhD Reading Course in Optics
OPT 592. Modern Coherence Theory
OPT 594. PhD Internship in Optics
OPT 595. PhD Research in Optics
OPT 894. MS Co-op in Optics
Overview

The Master of Science in Dental Sciences: Clinical and Translational Sciences trains dental clinicians to think critically, enabling them to readily apply research skills and knowledge to improve health outcomes for patients and to pursue research activities and academic careers.

The program is intended for applicants who have received a doctorate in dentistry and have previous clinical training, those in advanced education programs or in a dental clinical specialty, or junior faculty with clinical responsibilities. The program provides training in the basic skills used by clinical researchers and is supplemented by a broad array of relevant core and elective courses that will provide basic concepts and theories consistent with each student’s goals and objectives. Each student works with an advisor and the program director to develop a program of study uniquely tailored to individual interests and future goals. Master’s degree candidates complete all requirements, including the written thesis and final oral examination, within 24 months.

Graduates of the program have the skills necessary to direct a broad range of clinical studies, including the translation both of scientific knowledge into clinical science and of clinical science into practice.

Mission Statement

The mission of the program is to transform global oral health and well-being through exceptional clinical care, innovation, education, and research.

Strategic Goals

The goal of the program is to train dental specialists to pursue several career possibilities, including specialty practice, research, or teaching, with the increased knowledge of the relationship among clinical dentistry, basic science, and research.

Graduate Faculty Information

A. Basir Barmak, MD, Kabul Medical University; EdD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Jack Caton, DDS, University of California, San Francisco
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Konstantinos Chochlidakis, DDS, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; MS, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Eli Eliav, DMD, PhD, Hadassah Medical School
Professor
Chair, Department of Dentistry, School of Medicine and Dentistry; Director, Eastman Institute for Oral Health; Vice President for Oral Health, Office of VP for Health Sciences (URMC); Vice Dean for Oral Health, Dean's Office, School of Medicine and Dentistry
Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Carlo Ercoli, DDS, Universita Degli Studi di Siena;
MBA, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry
Sangeeta Gajendra, DDS, A.B. Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences; MPH, University of Illinois at Chicago
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry
  Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention

Junad Khan, BDS, Liaquat Medical College; MS, MPH, PhD, UM New Jersey Dental School
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry
  Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dorota Kopycka-Kedzierawski, DDS, Medical University of Lublin; MPH, University of Rochester
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Hans Malmstrom, DDS, University of Gotenburg
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Yanfang Ren, DDS, Beijing Medical University
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Alexandra Tsigarida, DDS, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
  Associate Professor
  Title: Program Director, Periodontology
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Jin Xiao, DDS, PhD, West China College of Stomatology
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Linda Rasubala, DDS, University of Indonesia
  PhD, Kyushu University; MS, University of Rochester
  Professor of Clinical Dentistry
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

P. Emile Rossouw, BDS, MChD, PhD, University of Stellenbosch
  Professor of Clinical Dentistry
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry

Cynthia Wong, DDM, University of Montreal
  Associate Professor of Clinical Dentistry, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
  Primary Appointment(s): Dentistry
  Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Admissions
Eligible candidates must have a DDS, DMD, or equivalent foreign degree and have been accepted into an advanced education program in the Eastman Institute for Oral Health for general dentistry specialty training programs.

Applying to Master’s Programs
Required Application Materials
  · Completed application
  · Nonrefundable $195 application fee
  · Three letters of recommendation
  · Curriculum vitae/resume
  · Personal statement describing your experiences with research, the reasons for wanting to pursue the MS, and ideas for a research topic (300–500 words)
  · Official transcripts
  · Official WES ICAP evaluation for transcripts issued by institutions outside the US and Canada
  · Copy of dental school diploma
  · TOEFL with a score of 85 or higher, as applicable

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Science program offers a rigorous curriculum, requiring a minimum of 20 didactic credits and 12 research credits, for a total of 32 credits. Individual programs of study and research should be developed by the student in close collaboration with their advisor.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
DEN 419. Dental Research Seminar
DEN 420. Biology of the Periodontium
DEN 426. Fundamentals of Dental Caries
DEN 430. Introduction to Biostatistics
DEN 431. Designing Clinical Research
DEN 433. Biostatistics Software SAS
DEN 434. Systematic Review
DEN 435. Systematic Review and Meta-analysis Softwares
DEN 436. Research Methods
DEN 446. Practical Skills for Conducting Clinical and Translational Study in Oral Health
IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research
DEN 495. Master’s Research
Committee on Graduate Studies

**Graduate Research Committee**

The GRC is chaired by the associate dean of graduate studies, and is responsible for master of arts and doctor of philosophy curricula. Voting members include a representative from each department offering the MA and/or PhD: Music Theory, Musicology, Music Teaching and Learning, Music Leadership, and Composition, and one representative from the Performance area. Ex officio members include the dean of the school, the registrar, the associate director of graduate advising, and the administrative assistant for the Graduate Studies Office.

**Graduate Professional Committee**

The GPC is chaired by the associate dean of graduate studies and is responsible for master of music and doctor of musical arts curricula. Voting members include a representative from each area/department offering the MM and/or DMA: Piano, Piano Accompanying, Strings/Harp/Guitar, Jazz, Voice, Winds/Brass/Percussion, Organ, Conducting and Ensembles, Film Composition, Music Teaching and Learning, Composition, as well as a representative from the Theory, Musicology, and Humanities departments. Ex officio members include the dean of the school, the registrar, the associate director of graduate advising, and the administrative assistant for the graduate studies office.

School Mission Statement

The Eastman School of Music strives:

- To create a musical community that is rich with cultural, social, and intellectual diversity
- To give students an intensive professional education in their musical disciplines
- To prepare students with a solid foundation in music and an expansive education in the liberal arts
- To develop informed and inquiring minds that enable each graduate to engage the fundamental issues of their art and to become effective cultural leaders in society

And, through its community and continuing education programs, to offer the highest quality music instruction and performance opportunities for students of all ages.

School-Level Scholarships and Assistantships

The Eastman School of Music provides financial support to its graduate students primarily through graduate scholarships and assistantships. Where applicable, assistantships provide in-depth professional training for graduate students, and the school receives valuable services in return. While virtually all students receive a scholarship, some students may be qualified for and assigned assistantships as well. Should a student receive both a tuition scholarship and a stipend, they must be connected (a student may not accept the scholarship and decline the stipend). Scholarships range from one to two units to full tuition; stipends are largely based on the number of hours of work assigned and are paid in biweekly or twice monthly installments and are taxable. PhD and DMA conducting students generally receive full tuition scholarships and stipends that reflect their research and teaching demands. Admission to a graduate program does not guarantee either a scholarship or an assistantship.
Composition

Ricardo Zohn Muldoon
Chair

Overview
The Eastman Composition Department is devoted to teaching students who wish to pursue a professional and/or academic career in concert and computer music composition. Our programs equip students with a thorough knowledge of all contemporary forms of musical expression and the ability to present their personal style in each of them.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
We have no stylistic or sectarian agendas; our goal is to help students learn to write the music that inspires and interests them. In order to enable the student to explore the wide range of today’s diverse compositional styles and media, it is the policy of the department to rotate the faculty and students so that no student ordinarily studies with the same teacher for more than one year during a period of three years. Accordingly, each member of the faculty teaches students at all levels of experience, from first-year to doctoral students. Composition students at Eastman have many opportunities to hear their works presented in a variety of performance settings. There are many built-in opportunities in the program, such as the Composers Forum, Composers Sinfonietta, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and choral readings, as well as vast possibilities afforded by the intense concert life of the school, including concerts sponsored by the student-run new-music organization Ossia, student recitals, school ensemble concerts, and much more. Thanks to this wealth of performance resources, students can pursue those compositional projects that best meet their individual developmental needs, and thus take control of their artistic path and growth.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/composition

Graduate Faculty Information
Mikel Kuehn, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Composition
Primary Appointment(s): Composition

Robert Morris, DMA, University of Michigan
Professor of Composition
Primary Appointment(s): Composition

Daniel Pesca, DMA, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor of Composition
Primary Appointment(s): Composition

Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez, PhD, Princeton University
Professor of Composition
Primary Appointment(s): Composition

Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
Professor of Composition
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Composition

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
The Department of Composition offers two doctoral degrees: the Doctor of Philosophy and the Doctor of Musical Arts. DMA applicants should demonstrate a high level of achievement on their major instrument or voice through an audition and will study their instrument as part of their degree.

PhD Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- One music research paper
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
- Portfolio (scores and recordings of three to four representative works)

Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- One music research paper
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
- Portfolio (scores and recordings of three to four representative works)
- Audition (many applied areas also require a prescreening recording)

Applying to Master’s Programs
The Department of Composition offers two master’s degrees: the Master of Music and the Master of Arts. The MM is a performance-based degree, and the MA is a research degree. Both degrees require an interview; the MM also requires an audition.

Master of Arts in Composition Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- One music research paper
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
- Portfolio (scores and recordings of three to four representative works)
Master of Music in Composition Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
- Portfolio (scores and recordings of three to four representative works)
- Audition (many applied areas also require a prescreening recording)

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Arts in Composition is a 34-unit degree designed to be completed in two years. Individual composition tutorials (one hour per week) provide the core of the program. In addition, students take courses in computer music techniques, compositional practice circa 1925 to 1955, and music electives, in addition to the MA thesis and the comprehensive review (a 30-minute lecture on their own music and progress toward the degree). More information on the MA in Composition is here: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/07-00/#07.02.04.

The Master of Music in Composition is a 32-unit degree designed to be completed in two years. Individual composition tutorials (one hour per week) provide the core of the program. In addition, students take courses in applied music (two semesters), compositional practice circa 1925 to 1955, and music electives, in addition to the MM thesis and the comprehensive review (a 30-minute lecture on their own music and progress toward the degree). They also perform a recital on the major instrument, with at least one work not composed by the student. More information on the MM in Composition is here: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.05.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The DMA in Composition is designed for students who are highly accomplished performers and composers, who wish to study both disciplines. Individual composition tutorials (one hour per week) provide the core of the program, in addition to applied study of the major instrument (three semesters minimum). In addition, students take four research and writing seminars (three in music history, one in composition), three theory or compositional practice courses, electives (or a minor), and the DMA dissertation project. Performance requirements include a jury and two doctoral recitals. The degree culminates with the comprehensive examinations. For more information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.05.

The PhD in Composition is awarded for completion of scholarly and creative research satisfactorily defended in a dissertation. Individual composition tutorials (one hour per week) provide the core of the program, in addition to coursework in compositional practice, computer music techniques, doctoral seminars, two theory courses, electives, and the capstone project. The degree culminates in the comprehensive examinations and the dissertation (a large-scale composition and substantial analytical essay). For more information on the PhD in composition, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/07-00/#07.03.08.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

CMP 401. Advanced Composition I
CMP 402. Advanced Composition II
CMP 412. Compositional Practice circa 1925–1955
CMP 421. Advanced Computer Music Techniques I
CMP 422. Advanced Computer Music Techniques II
CMP 496. MM Thesis
ESM 460. Composition Comprehensive Review
CMP 501. Advanced Composition III
CMP 502. Advanced Composition IV
CMP 591/592. Composition Research Seminar
CMP 596. DMA Dissertation Project

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Conducting and Ensembles

Overview

Of the more than 800 performances presented each year by the Eastman School, a great many are by Eastman’s superb student ensembles. Membership in large ensembles is critical to professional development and is a required part of both the graduate and undergraduate curricula. Instrumentalists participate in the Eastman School Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia, Wind Ensemble, Collegium Musicum and Musica Nova. Vocal ensembles include Repertory Singers, Chorale, Eastman-Rochester Chorus, Treble Chorus, and Collegium Musicum.

Eastman offers the master’s and doctoral degrees in conducting, with four tracks in conducting choral, orchestral, wind, and contemporary ensembles. Each track offers ample podium time and comprehensive training in gesture and rehearsal technique, repertoire, programming, performance practice, and ear-training. Graduates of Eastman’s conducting programs serve directors of professional ensembles and outstanding academic programs around the world. Eastman’s conducting faculty have worldwide reputations and are in frequent demand for appearances throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the Conducting and Ensembles Department is to prepare young musicians for an enriching life in the music profession by performing ensemble music at the highest professional level, and in a broad range of styles. Our goals are to continue the development of the highest level of performance in every Eastman ensemble, and to continue setting the world standard in the training of professional conductors.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/ensembles

Graduate Faculty Information

Brad Lubman, MM, SUNY Stony Brook
Professor of Conducting and Ensembles
Primary Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles

Mark Scatterday, DMA, University of Rochester
Professor of Conducting and Ensembles
Primary Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles

Neil Varon, MM, Juilliard School of Music
Professor of Conducting and Ensembles
Primary Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles

William Weinert, DMA, University of Wisconsin
Professor of Conducting and Ensembles
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- Three recommendation letters
- A prescreening recording and audition

Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music in Conducting Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- Three recommendation letters
- A prescreening recording and audition

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Master of Music in Conducting is a 33-unit degree completed over two years. Coursework includes conducting study, three music history courses, a theory course, ensemble participation, electives, and a degree recital. The degree culminates with an oral examination. Specific tracks are offered in choral, orchestral, wind, and contemporary ensemble conducting. Choral and orchestral conductors must demonstrate a language proficiency; choral conductors also demonstrate lyric diction proficiency. For more complete information about the MM in Conducting, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.06.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting is a 60-unit degree, typically completed over the course of two years. The degree is designed for candidates with significant professional experience as performers and conductors. A feature of the program is regular tutorial sessions in conjunction with a significant amount of contact with the School’s ensembles. Beyond conducting studies, other coursework includes four doctoral research and writing seminars, three theory courses, and electives or a minor. For choral and orchestral conducting students, there is a foreign language proficiency requirement. All students will present one or more public performances and a lecture-recital. The degree
culminates with the doctoral comprehensive examinations. For more information on the DMA in Conducting, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.10.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

CND 415-416. Advanced Instrumental Conducting I-II
CND 423-424. Advanced Conducting: Choral I-II
CND 431-432. Choral Literature I-II
CND 441-444. Colloquy in Conducting
CND 451-452. Contemporary Repertoire I-II
CND 481-484. Orchestral Conducting I-IV
CND 541-444. DMA Conducting I-IV

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.

Contemporary Media and Film Composition

Mark Watters
Director, Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media

Overview

The Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media at the Eastman School of Music provides students with instruction and experiences that prepare them for the increasingly evolving opportunities to compose, produce, record, and perform music for film and contemporary media. Founded in 2016 by Emmy Award–winning composer Jeff Beal ’85E and vocalist Joan Beal ’84E, and under the direction of Mark Watters, an Emmy–winning composer and conductor, the program builds on the film legacy of Eastman’s founder, George Eastman.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Institute provides students with instruction and opportunities that prepare them for evolving demands in the professional world. Students compose for more than a dozen recording sessions and live performances that feature superb Eastman instrumentalists. In addition to numerous recording sessions, the annual departmental recital, Visual Music, features all of the second-year students conducting their compositions live-to-picture.

Beal Institute students have opportunities to work with established visiting artists: professionals actively engaged in composing, producing, orchestrating, and/or conducting for film and other contemporary media. Students also collaborate on cross-disciplinary and multimedia projects with fellow Eastman students and faculty members from the humanities, composition, and other departments. There are also opportunities to work with community arts organizations and universities, such as Rochester Institute of Technology’s world-renowned film, animation, and video-game-developing schools. The Institute enhances the graduate degree program in contemporary media and film composition.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/bealinstitute/

Graduate Faculty Information

Mark Watters, BM, University of Southern California
Associate Professor
Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media
Joint Appointment(s): Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music in Contemporary Media and Film Composition Admission Requirements

- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- Three recommendation letters
- Portfolio of scores and recordings
- Interview

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Master of Music in Contemporary Media and Film Composition degree requires 36 units for completion. Students are in residence for two academic years and complete coursework within the department and in other departments of the Eastman School.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

JCM 433-434. Film Scoring Techniques I-II
JCM 435. Arranging for the Recording Studio
JCM 436. Video Game Scoring
JCM 454. Contemporary Styles Composition
JCM 455. Composing for Digital Media
JCM 456. Advanced Performance Projects – Contemporary Media
JCM 475-476. Writing Projects – Contemporary Media
JCM 491-492. Media Composition Forum

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.

Early Music

Paul O’Dette
Program Director

Overview

The Eastman Early Music Program provides instruction and performance opportunities on a wide range of Renaissance and Baroque instruments and voices for both graduate and undergraduate students. Performing ensembles include a vocal ensemble, Baroque Orchestra, and Baroque chamber ensembles, including a viola da gamba consort. The ensembles present regular concerts at Eastman, as well as at festivals such as the Rochester Early Music Festival and the fringe of the Boston Early Music Festival. Instruction is available for many Baroque instruments, including lute, harpsichord, viola da gamba, Baroque violin, Baroque oboe, natural trumpet, and natural horn. An MM and a DMA in early music performance is available for many of these instruments. In addition to ensembles and applied instruction, the program offers classes in Baroque performance practice, basso continuo playing, lute literature and pedagogy, harpsichord literature and pedagogy, and a vast array of topics for independent study projects tailored to the interests of individual students.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the Early Music Program is to train the next generation of outstanding performers of early music. At the heart of this mission is the belief that historical performance practice encourages individual artistic expression informed by stylistic parameters. This requires combining excellent performance skills with rigorous scholarship to understand how the application of historical performance practices can inspire the most vibrant and expressive music making. The training we provide aims to prepare the students for successful careers as performers and teachers.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/ensembles/early/

Graduate Faculty Information

Paul O’Dette
Professor of Lute
Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar
Joint Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- An audition on the major instrument
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument
- Three recommendation letters
- Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

There are two certificates offered for current Eastman graduate students pursuing another degree who wish to concentrate on early music:
- Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Early Music:
  https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/early-music/
- Certificate of Achievement in Performance Practice:
  https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/performance-practice/

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Master of Music in Early Music (emphasis in historical plucked instruments) is intended for students with an undergraduate degree in a performance background who wish to focus on the performance styles of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. The 35-unit degree includes 12 units of applied study of the major instrument (typically lessons in lute or harpsichord), music history courses, including Music in the Renaissance and Music in the Baroque, Issues in Performance Practice and Baroque Performance Practice, Counterpoint, pedagogy/literature courses (specific to either lute or harpsichord), continuo study, ensemble participation (Collegium Musicum), and a degree recital. The degree culminates in an oral examination.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The Doctor of Musical Arts in Early Music (emphasis on historical plucked instruments) requires an audition demonstrating high achievement in performance, specifically in early styles. The 60-unit degree includes 20 to 24 units of applied study of the major instrument (typically lute or harpsichord), four research and writing seminars, three theory courses, electives (or a minor), a jury, and three degree recitals (one solo, one collaborative, and a lecture-recital). Students must also demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language. The degree culminates with the comprehensive examinations. For more complete information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06.03.11

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

430A. Primary Lessons (1/2 time)
460A. Primary Lessons

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Jeffrey Campbell
Chair

Overview
The strength of Eastman’s Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media degree program lies in the hard work expected of each student in every aspect of study, coupled with the individual attention received from faculty. The sheer scope of material covered in the curriculum sustains the discipline level, while the faculty members as mentors provide personal encouragement as they coach the necessary skills.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Our mission is to prepare today’s most talented jazz students for their future roles in public performance, media, and education. We provide a comprehensive jazz curriculum that spans the great traditions of the past to the cutting-edge developments of the present. Each student discovers their artistic voice as a performer, composer, arranger, and/or teacher. We provide local, national, and international educational constituencies and their audiences with world-class performances of jazz and contemporary media music.

Eastman’s JCM students have the opportunity to obtain the most comprehensive education in jazz available today. The Eastman JCM curriculum has been designed and modified over the years to enable all students—both performance and writing skills majors—to become professional-caliber musicians who are comfortable within the large sphere of jazz-based musical styles, and who are capable of creating their own strong voice in any musical setting. The faculty believes that the way to accomplish this is to expose students to the classical and jazz traditions, with emphasis on the repertoire and disciplines associated with the learning of improvisation skills.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/jazz

Graduate Faculty Information
Jeffrey Campbell, DMA, University of Rochester
Professor of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Clay Jenkins, MM, University of Southern California
Professor of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Christine Jensen, MM, McGill University
Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Dariusz Terefenko, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Gary Versace, MM, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media, Associate Professor of Piano
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Sara Gazarek, BS, University of Southern California
Associate Professor of Jazz Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- A prescreening and audition on the major instrument
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Master’s Programs
Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A prescreening and audition on the major instrument
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Advanced Certificates
Certificate in Performance Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A prescreening and audition on the major instrument
- Three recommendation letters

See https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/ for the most up-to-date application/audition and prescreening requirements.
The JCM department also offers the Certificate of Advanced Achievement in the Art of Improvisation to current Eastman degree students. (This is not a stand-alone certificate.) It is open to Eastman graduate students who want to explore and advance their improvisation skills in a wide array of musical styles. More information is here: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/art-of-improvisation/.

**Academics**

**Advanced Certificates and Requirements**
The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a one-year program (which can be extended) that centers around private instruction on the major instrument, as well as high-level chamber music and ensemble experiences. In addition, students can enroll in practical elective coursework that will supplement their performance study and better prepare them for a career as a professional musician. For each of the two semesters, the core courses are four units of applied music lessons, one unit of ensembles, a one-unit diploma colloquium, and a performance project (completed in the second or final semester of study). For the most up-to-date information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/adp/.

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**
The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements for jazz majors include 16 units of applied instruction, jazz performance workshops and ensembles, jazz history, pedagogy, jazz forum, electives, and a degree recital. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.08.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**
The Doctor of Musical Arts degree is designed to represent high attainment in the practice of music. Prerequisites include demonstration of high achievement in performance through an audition and demonstration of writing ability through submission of a scholarly paper and academic credentials, including transcripts of all previous collegiate-level coursework. The coursework for the degree is typically completed over six semesters (three years), followed by the doctoral comprehensive exam. Core coursework for jazz majors generally includes six semesters of applied study (with performance and writing emphases available), four doctoral seminars, three theory courses, jazz composition/arranging courses, and a minor or electives. In addition, there are two performance recitals and a lecture-recital. The degree culminates in the comprehensive exam: a two-day written exam covering music history and theory, and a final oral exam centered around the student's major instrument and its repertoire, pedagogy, and organology. For the most up-to-date requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.14.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

| JAZ 430A. Primary Lesson (1/2 time) |
| JAZ 460A. Primary Lessons |
| JCM 428. Advanced Jazz Theory Concepts |
| JCM 429. Advanced Jazz Theory Concepts – Lab |
| JCM 451-452. Jazz Performance Workshop |
| JCM 483-484. Advanced Studies in Improvisation |
| JCM 485-486. Advanced Writing Project |
| JCM 487-488. Advanced Studies in Jazz Composition |
| JCM 491-492. Jazz Forum |
| JCM 501. Jazz Ensemble |
| JCM 523. Theory/Practice Harmony |
| JCM 524. Theory/Practice Improvisation |
| JCM 528. Advanced Jazz Theory Concepts – Lab |
| JCM 551. DMA Dissertation Project |

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Music Teaching and Learning

Philip Silvey
Chair

Overview

Our programs serve to prepare students for professional careers as music educators with optional New York State school certification. We believe that each person deserves access to a comprehensive music education, and we prepare students to become articulate leaders, to develop greater understanding of learning and teaching processes, and to develop broad perspectives of music and education in contemporary cultures.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

We believe that all individuals have musical potential, and each person deserves access to a comprehensive music education. To more fully realize these ideals, our department prepares students to become articulate leaders, to develop greater understanding of learning and teaching processes, and to develop broad perspectives of music and education in contemporary cultures. Our graduates include successful public and community school music teachers, music professors at major universities, leaders in professional music organizations, and performers of note in venues around the world.

Our mission is consistent with that of the Eastman School and standards articulated by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC), the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP), the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), and the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The following standards guide our work:

- Music teacher candidates:
  - Possess excellent musicianship
  - Believe everyone has musical potential
  - See musical practices as socially and culturally embedded
  - Assess music learning to reach each student
  - Use 21st-century technology to foster learning
  - Reflect on their practice to develop as professionals.

Graduate Faculty Information

Christopher Azzara, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Eisenhart Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Lisa Caravan, DMA, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Mara Culp, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
Assistant Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Sangmi Kang, PhD, University of Florida
Assistant Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Philip Silvey, EdD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Associate Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Alden Snell, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Music Teaching and Learning
Primary Appointment(s): Music Teaching and Learning

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

The Department of Music Teaching and Learning offers two doctoral degrees in music education: the Doctor of Philosophy and the Doctor of Musical Arts. All doctoral applicants should have two to three years of music teaching experience. DMA applicants should demonstrate a high level of achievement on their major instrument or voice through an audition and will study their instrument as part of their degree.

PhD Admission Requirements

- Online application
- Online interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- One music research paper
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
- Teaching portfolio

DMA Admission Requirements

- Online application
- Online interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- One music research paper
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Master of Arts in Music Education is offered with a Professional Studies track and with a track leading to New York State Initial plus Professional Certification in Music. Master’s students seeking New York teaching certification must fulfill prerequisite courses, including conducting, technique classes (for example, clarinet, trumpet, percussion). Core courses for both tracks include courses in measurement and evaluation, research, seminars in history and philosophy of music education, and curriculum; electives in theory, composition or orchestration (determined by placement/advising), and music education; and the MA thesis or field project. In addition, the track leading to New York State initial certification includes a pedagogical core based on an instrument, vocal, or general music emphasis.

The Master of Music in Music Education is offered with the same two tracks as the MA, and includes much of the same core coursework, plus applied lessons (minimum requirement of two semesters). Students present a jury at the end of eight units of applied study.

Summers-only master’s study is available for students who have full-time employment as a music teacher, with coursework typically being completed in three summer sessions.

For more complete curriculum information on master’s programs in music education, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/07-00/#07.03.05.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The DMA in Music Education is an appropriate degree for a highly accomplished performer who has professional experience as an educator and wishes to expand their understanding of research methods and music pedagogies, while continuing to study their major instrument or voice. The 62-unit degree includes coursework in applied music study (16 to 20 units); 12 units of music education coursework (research and evaluation methods, history and philosophy seminar, and curricular seminar); music history and theory courses; electives; and the DMA dissertation project. Students perform a recital prior to their first doctoral recital. There are two recital requirements, typically one solo recital and one lecture recital. Completion of coursework is followed by the comprehensive examination. For more information on this degree, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.13.

The PhD in Music Education is awarded for completion of scholarly research satisfactorily defended in a dissertation. It is assumed that recipients of this degree are not only well-versed in the subject matter of music education but have also demonstrated a breadth of interest and an original outlook that indicate real promise of success in research, as well as mastery of teaching. The 60- to 62-unit degree includes coursework in measurement/evaluation, research, history and philosophy of education, curriculum seminar, two theory courses, two research courses, electives, and the dissertation project. For more complete information on the PhD in music education, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/07-00/#07.03.09.
Music Leadership

Rachel Roberts
Program Director

Overview

The online Master of Arts in Music Leadership degree is designed for musicians who seek to lead musical arts organizations from on or off the stage. This degree combines engaging online learning, courses from Eastman’s performance and scholarly offerings, and hands-on experience through experiential and project-based learning. Drawing from a musical background, graduates are able to step into leading roles in musical arts initiatives of all kinds, connecting with leaders throughout the Eastman community and beyond. The MA in Music Leadership fulfills the New York State Department of Education requirement for K-12 music teachers to advance from an initial certificate to a professional certificate.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Institute for Music Leadership creates career and leadership development opportunities for musicians on and off the stage. The main goals of the MA in Music Leadership graduate program are to help students develop into successful, creative, and entrepreneurial thinkers and leaders in the music world.

https://iml.esm.rochester.edu/degrees-minors-certificates/ma-in-music-leadership/

Graduate Faculty Information

The MA in Music Leadership is an online degree program. Given the unique nature of this degree, the courses are taught largely by specialists in their respective fields on an adjunct basis (found here under the Institute for Music Leadership tab: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/faculty/).

Rachel Roberts, EdM, Harvard University
Associate Professor
Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Music Leadership

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

MA in Music Leadership Admission Requirements

- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- An 8- to 10-minute video, presenting on a music topic of the candidate’s choice
Three recommendation letters

After review of these materials, candidates interview with the Program Director to assess candidacy.

The MA in Music Leadership can be completed as a full-time student in as little as 14 months, or can be extended part-time for up to five years. The MA can also be part of a combined degree with the University’s Simon Business School. Application and acceptance into this program are separate from the MA in Music Leadership.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The MA in Music Leadership requires 36 units for completion. For full-time students, this requires six units of required coursework in summer 1, 10 units of required coursework in fall, 12 units of required coursework in spring, and three units of required coursework in summer 2. Additionally, five units of electives complement the required courses; these electives are taken throughout summer 1, fall, and/or spring. The final three credits in summer 2 are a capstone course. After completion of the capstone intensive, each MA in Music Leadership student delivers a final presentation to share their learning, engagement, and takeaways from the degree, and, more specifically, the project work from the capstone.

For more specific requirements, visit this website: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/forms/audit-sheets-ma/.

Graduate Faculty Information

Michael Anderson, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor of Musicology
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Anaar Desai-Stephens, PhD, Cornell University
Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Melina Esse, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Associate Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Roger Freitas, PhD, Yale University
Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Musicology

Michael Anderson
Chair

Overview

The Musicology program at the Eastman School of Music is a leading global hub for musicological research. The graduate program introduces students to a host of musical traditions and critical methodologies that inspire and prepare them to engage in music research or sound studies. The department faculty are leaders in the discipline, and their work encompasses historical and contemporary European musics, musics of the Americas, jazz, and global musics.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Musicology Department exposes students to a wide range of musical traditions and scholarly approaches that lead them to pursue a field of research study. Creatively designed courses explore the intricacies of musical meaning and aesthetics in diverse historical, cultural, and geographical settings. Offerings reflect a commitment to excellence in research and teaching so that students may discover their discipline through intellectual curiosity. We aim for students to refine musicological and critical thinking skills and to express them in written and oral form, preparing them for careers that are ever-evolving. We also grow students’ facility in the art of teaching a humanities-centered approach to the study of music. The department’s broad conception of the field of musicology has inclusion and equity at its center.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/musicology

Graduate Faculty Information

Michael Anderson, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor of Musicology
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Anaar Desai-Stephens, PhD, Cornell University
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Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Melina Esse, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Associate Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Roger Freitas, PhD, Yale University
Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/forms/audit-sheets-ma/.
Lisa Jakelski, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Associate Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Darren Mueller, PhD, Duke University
Assistant Professor of Musicology
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Holly Watkins, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Professor of Musicology
Minehan Family Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Musicology

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

PhD in Musicology Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Online interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- Two music research papers
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)

Applying to Master's Programs

MA in Musicology Admission Requirements
- Online application
- Online interview
- Personal statement and resume
- Three recommendations
- Two research papers
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Open to Eastman graduate students enrolled in a degree program:

Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Ethnomusicology Admission Requirements
https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/ethnomusicology/

Certificate of Achievement in World Music Admission Requirements
https://www.esm.rochester.edu/certificates/world-music/

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Arts in Musicology is a two-year degree awarded
en passant after completion of 30 units of coursework, or as a
stand-alone degree to master’s students not moving on to the
PhD, after completion of 14 units. Students must take a mini-
mum of four musicology seminars, Intro to Musicology, Intro to
Ethnomusicology, and the MA special project. They also must
demonstrate proficiency in a language relevant to their field of
specialization.

The Master of Arts in Ethnomusicology carries 35 units,
consisting of the above intro courses, ethnomusicology courses,
the MA thesis, and electives (one of which must be in theory or
another music topic).

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The PhD in Musicology is awarded for completion of scholarly
research satisfactorily defended in a dissertation. It is assumed
that recipients of this degree are not only well-versed in the sub-
ject matter of musicology, but have also demonstrated a breadth
of interest and original outlook that indicate real promise of
research success, as well as mastery teaching the discipline. A
specific program of study is prepared by the student in consulta-
tion with the advisor. Core coursework includes the above intro
courses, one doctoral-level theory course, directed studies, elec-
tives, and the dissertation project.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ETH 480/580. Approaches to Ethnography
ETH 495. MA Thesis in Ethnomusicology
MUY 495. MA Special Project
MUY 501. Introduction to Musicology
MUY 502. Introduction to Ethnomusicology
MUY 591-592. Seminars in Musicology
MUY 593-594. Directed Study I-II
MUY 595. PhD Dissertation Project

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit
https://www.esm.rochester.edu/Registrar/policy/.
Organ, Sacred Music, and Historical Keyboards

David Higgs
Chair

Overview
Eastman’s tradition of organ study builds on a century of remarkable accomplishments. Students are prepared for multifaceted careers as church musicians, teachers, and concert performers through an array of classes and lessons and a wide-ranging weekly colloquium. They also have ample opportunities to practice and perform on a large collection of outstanding instruments.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The Department of Organ, Sacred Music, and Historical Keyboards upholds the highest standards of excellence in the study and performance of the entire arc of the organ repertoire. Renowned faculty members with a broad variety of expertise provide a comprehensive experience for students in all degree programs. Students receive individual attention from all of the department’s faculty in a friendly and supportive collegial environment, and have regular access to an unparalleled selection of historic and modern instruments. We prepare students for careers as full-time musicians through instruction in improvisation, sacred music, choral music, continuo, harpsichord, piano, organ repertoire, jazz piano, theatre organ, clavichord, organ building, and more. We are actively engaged with the international profession through sponsorship of student travel abroad as well as participation in international academies, competitions, and conferences. A strong commitment to local community outreach is demonstrated through the presentation of more than 200 local organ concerts each year.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/organ

Graduate Faculty Information
David Higgs, MM, Manhattan School of Music
Professor of Organ
Primary Appointment(s): Organ, Sacred Music, and Historical Keyboards

Nathan Laube, MM, Staatliche Hochschule fur Musik und Darstellende Kunst
Associate Professor of Organ
Primary Appointment(s): Organ, Sacred Music, and Historical Keyboards

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Master’s Programs
Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Advanced Certificates
Advanced Certificate in Performance Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

See https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/ for the most up-to-date application/audition and prescreening requirements.

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a one-year program (which can be extended) that centers around private instruction on the major instrument as well as high-level chamber music and ensemble experiences. In addition, students can enroll in practical elective coursework that will supplement their performance study and better prepare them for a career as a professional musician. For each of the two semesters, the core courses are four units of applied music lessons, one unit of ensembles, a one-unit Diploma Colloquium, and performance project (completed in the second or final semester of study). For the most up-to-date information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/adp/.
**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements include 16 units of applied instruction, three music history courses, a theory course, ensembles, electives, organ repertory courses, and a degree recital. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.11.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

The Doctor of Musical Arts degree is designed to represent high attainment in the practice of music. Prerequisites include demonstration of high achievement in performance through an audition, and demonstration of writing ability through submission of a scholarly paper and academic credentials, including transcripts of all previous collegiate-level coursework. The coursework for the degree is typically completed over six semesters (three years), followed by the doctoral comprehensive exam. Core coursework generally includes six semesters of lessons, four doctoral seminars, three theory courses, and a minor or electives. In addition, there are two performance recitals and a lecture-recital. The degree culminates in the comprehensive exam: a two-day written exam covering music history and theory, and a final oral exam centered around the student’s major instrument and its repertoire, pedagogy, and organology. For the most up-to-date requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.14.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **460A. Primary Lessons**
- **430A. Primary Lessons (1/2 time)**
- **OSH 401-404. Sacred Music Skills**
- **OSH 405. Organ Improvisation**
- **OSH 407. Harpsichord Performance and Literature through the 18th Century**
- **OSH 421-424. Organ Repertoire I-IV**
- **OSH 443-444. Keyboard Continuo Realization**
- **OSH 491-492. Organ Department Colloquium**

Other coursework for this program is housed in other departments, such as musicology and music history. For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.

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**Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music**

Andrew Harley  
*Program Director*

**Overview**

The Eastman Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music Program is one of the oldest and most distinguished collaborative piano programs in the nation. The program resides within the Eastman Piano Department, whose faculty consists of international piano competition winners and directors, founders and faculty members of renowned music festivals, and artists who remain active with performances, master classes, festival teaching, and competition adjudication around the world. The accompanying program has five faculty members and offers both the MM and DMA degrees.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

The Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music Program is dedicated to the pursuit of artistic, pianistic, and collaborative excellence, offering a uniquely comprehensive training for professional collaborative pianists of the future. In line with the strategic goals of the Eastman Piano Department, the program is committed to the highest standards of artistic education for exceptional pianists from around the world who want to discover their full potential as both musicians and scholars. Our program provides the knowledge and skills to develop musicians who are guided by academic, pianistic, and musical excellence.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/accompanying

**Graduate Faculty Information**

Andrew Harley, DMA, *University of California, Los Angeles*  
Associate Professor of Collaborative Piano  
Program Director  
Primary Appointment(s): Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music

**Admissions**

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

**Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements**

- Online application
- A personal statement and resume
- Music research paper
- A prescreening and audition
- Three recommendation letters
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)
Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement and resume
- A prescreening and audition
- Three recommendation letters
- Transcripts (all collegiate study)

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Music degree in Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music combines intensive and equal study of instrumental and vocal collaborative repertoire, in addition to the study of chamber music, opera, and orchestral keyboard. The degree requirements offer a rigorous academic education emphasizing the study of foreign language, music history, and music theory. Pianists in the program may also pursue specialized study of vocal literature with vocal coaching faculty. Students must complete two degree recitals (instrumental and vocal) and an oral exam.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
Like the Master of Music degree, the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music combines intensive and equal study of instrumental and vocal collaborative repertoire, in addition to the study of chamber music, opera, and orchestral keyboard. It emphasizes the study of foreign language, music history, and music theory, and includes a mandatory minor, such as solo piano, music theory, pedagogy, sacred music, and vocal coaching. Pianists in the program may also pursue specialized study of vocal literature with vocal coaching faculty. Four degree recitals are required (instrumental, vocal, a third accompanying recital, and a lecture recital). Students also must complete the DMA written and oral exam.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ACM 460A. Primary Accompanying
ACM 430A. Primary Accompanying (1/2 time)
ACY 405. Opera Coaching
ACY 415. English Lyric Diction
ACY 416. French Lyric Diction
ACY 417. German Lyric Diction
ACY 418. Italian Lyric Diction

For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.

Piano

Alan Chow
Chair

Overview
The education of pianists at the Eastman School of Music emphasizes the development of a large performance repertory along with the pianistic skills that will prepare students as solo artists and collaborative musicians. In addition to traditional works from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, pianists are encouraged to explore early keyboard music, contemporary, and experimental literature. Frequent performance opportunities in a variety of venues include concerto performances, solo recitals, chamber recitals, master classes, and studio classes. Our faculty are international piano competition winners and directors, and founders and faculty members of renowned music festivals who stay active with performances, master class festival teaching, and competition adjudication around the world. For more information, please explore our program webpage.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The piano department at the Eastman School of Music is committed to the highest standards of artistic education for accomplished pianists from around the world, helping them to discover their full potential as musicians and scholars. Our mission is to provide the knowledge and skills to help our students find their place in the music world, become musicians who are guided by the highest ideals of excellence, and be the most effective advocates for the importance of music in our evolving society. Through focused attention to the individual needs of each student, we will help them prepare for success in academia and performance.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/piano

Graduate Faculty Information

Tony Caramia, MM, SUNY Fredonia
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Piano

Alan Chow, MM, Juilliard School of Music
Professor
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Piano

Ran Dank, DMA, Graduate Center at the City University of New York
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Piano

Douglas Humpherys, DMA, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Piano
Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a one-year program (which can be extended) that centers around private instruction on the major instrument as well as high-level chamber music and ensemble experiences. In addition, students can enroll in practical elective coursework that will supplement their performance study and better prepare them for a career as a professional musician. For each of the two semesters, the core courses are four units of applied music lessons, one unit of ensembles, a one-unit Diploma Colloquium, and Performance Project (completed in the second or final semester of study). For the most up-to-date information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/adv/.

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements include 16 units of applied instruction, three music history courses, a theory course, ensembles, electives, and a degree recital. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.11.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The Doctor of Musical Arts degree is designed to represent high attainment in the practice of music. Prerequisites include demonstration of high achievement in performance through an audition and demonstration of writing ability through submission of a scholarly paper and academic credentials, including transcripts of all previous collegiate-level coursework. The coursework for the degree is typically completed over six semesters (three years), followed by the doctoral comprehensive exam. Core coursework generally includes six semesters of lessons, four doctoral seminars, three theory courses, and a minor or electives. In addition, there are three performance recitals (two solo, one collaborative) and a lecture-recital. The degree culminates in the comprehensive exam: a two-day written exam covering music history and theory, and a final oral exam centered around the student’s major instrument and its repertoire, pedagogy, and organology. For the most up-to-date requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.14.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PA 460A. Primary Piano
PA 430A. Primary Piano (1/2 time)

Most courses for this program are housed outside of the piano department (musicology, theory, etc.). For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Strings, Harp, and Guitar

James Van Demark
Co-Chair
Phillip Ying
Co-Chair

Overview

Eastman’s Strings, Harp, and Guitar Department develops and prepares young artists for multifaceted professional performing and teaching careers at the highest level. We do so in a dynamic, supportive, and collegial environment that promotes creative growth and endless possibilities. At Eastman, you will find a multitude of opportunities to hone your skills as a performer, including orchestral ensembles, recitals, chamber music, studio classes, master classes, and competitions. We provide our students with a host of diverse experiences to perform and develop themselves as complete musicians. Eastman’s historic building offers three outstanding performance halls, which are open to student performances throughout the year. Our passion for teaching and our expertise in pedagogy also inspire students to become accomplished teachers. Graduates of our program perform in many of the world’s renowned chamber ensembles, orchestras, and new and early music ensembles. Our alumni pursue groundbreaking and imaginative musical paths, and many of the world’s leading music schools also boast Eastman graduates as members of their string faculty.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Strings, Harp, and Guitar Department of the Eastman School of Music is firmly committed to providing our students with the highest standard of a complete artistic education, enabling each of our SHG students to realize their fullest potential in the profession. With a distinct emphasis on the individual needs of each student, our SHG faculty provide our students with an exemplary artistic standard, critical knowledge, musical curiosity, and professional and scholarly expertise. This helps to ensure our students’ professional success, so they can develop their own significant musical contributions to our evolving profession.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/strings

Graduate Faculty Information

Kathleen Bride, MS, Juilliard School of Music
Professor of Harp
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Steven Doane, MM, SUNY Stony Brook
Professor of Violoncello
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Nicholas Goluses, DMA, Manhattan School of Music
Professor of Guitar
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

YooJin Jang, DMA, New England Conservatory
Assistant Professor of Violin
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Guy Johnston, BM, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Violoncello
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Renée Jolles, MM, Juilliard School of Music
Professor of Violin
Wegman Family Professor of Violin
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Mikhail Kopelman, DMA equiv., Moscow Conservatory
Professor of Violin
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Oleh Krysa, DMA equiv., Moscow Conservatory
Professor of Violin
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Paul O’Dette
Professor of Lute
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar
Joint Appointment(s): Conducting and Ensembles

Masumi Rostad, MM, Juilliard School of Music
Associate Professor of Viola
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Robin Scott, BM, New England Conservatory
Associate Professor of String Chamber Music and Violin
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

George Taylor
Professor of Viola
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

James Van Demark, BFA, SUNY Buffalo
Professor of Double Bass
Department Co-Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar
David Ying, DMA, University of Rochester  
Associate Professor of String Chamber Music and Violoncello  
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Janet Ying, BM, University of Rochester  
Associate Professor of String Chamber Music  
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Phillip Ying, MM, University of Rochester  
Associate Professor of String Chamber Music and Viola  
Department Co-Chair  
Primary Appointment(s): Strings, Harp, and Guitar

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Advanced Certificate Programs

Advanced Certificate in Performance Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a one-year program (which can be extended) that centers around private instruction on the major instrument as well as high-level chamber music and ensemble experiences. In addition, students will have the ability to enroll in practical elective coursework that will supplement their performance study and better prepare them for a career as a professional musician. For each of the two semesters, the core courses are four units of applied music lessons, one unit of ensembles, a one-unit Diploma Colloquium, and a Performance Project (completed in the second or final semester of study). For the most up-to-date information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/adp/.

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance, as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements include 16 units of applied instruction, three music history courses, a theory course, ensembles, electives, and a degree recital. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.11.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The Doctor of Musical Arts degree is designed to represent high attainment in the practice of music. Prerequisites include demonstration of high achievement in performance through an audition, and demonstration of writing ability through submission of a scholarly paper and academic credentials, including transcripts of all previous collegiate-level coursework. The coursework for the degree is typically completed over six semesters (three years), followed by the doctoral comprehensive exam. Core coursework generally includes six semesters of lessons, four doctoral seminars, three theory courses, and a minor or electives. In addition, there are two performance recitals and a lecture-recital. The degree culminates in the comprehensive exam: a two-day written exam covering music history and theory, and a final oral exam centered around the student’s major instrument and its repertoire, pedagogy, and organology. For the most up-to-date requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.14.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

460A. Primary Lessons
430A. Primary Lessons (1/2 time)
GTC 401-402. Seminar in Guitar Studies

Most courses for this program are housed in other departments, such as musicology and music theory. For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Katherine Ciesinski
Chair

Overview

We are a team of highly accomplished professionals in many areas of voice teaching, vocal coaching and repertoire, language acquisition, acting training, and opera production. Our work gives us immense joy because it is focused solely on the growth and success of our students. We feel that all the work needed to bring a concert, a recital, or a production to a standard of excellence is rewarded in the beauty and compelling communication of our students in various vocal art forms. As a community of artist-educators, we celebrate each other’s students in their artistic achievements. We respect the many types of expertise the faculty and staff bring to each project and the many levels of students we serve. Our department strives to become ever more aware of the impact of structural racial injustice, and we continually revise our policies and procedures to provide an inclusive, safe, and equitable environment for all our students.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching program offers an environment of excellence in which the healthiest comprehensive development of the vocal artist can be achieved. The strategic goals of healthy vocal technique, age-appropriate repertoire, and an understanding of musical style underlie the growth of expressive, communicative singers. While an operatic career may be the primary focus of many students pursuing majors in vocal performance at Eastman, our curriculum supports singers to become versatile, artistically creative, and technically secure to compete successfully in today’s marketplace.

Eastman Opera Theatre offers a comprehensive program of training and performance opportunities for the modern singer-actor. Performance techniques courses offer concentrated study in body self-awareness and movement, acting, text analysis, role study, stage combat, audition techniques, and stage directing. Each year, productions feature a wide range of musical styles, unusual lyric forms, and both traditional and contemporary repertoire that prepare the motivated student for the professional lyric theater world of tomorrow.

The coaches at Eastman strive to assist the voice teachers in preparing our students for both current performance needs and a lifetime of thoughtful and disciplined musical and linguistic preparation. There is no extra fee for coaching at Eastman. Our coaching team includes one part-time and two full-time faculty members, and several affiliate faculty from other Eastman departments. Our coaches do not address any technical matters of voice production but rather focus on repertoire, diction, rhythm, interpretation and style. The singers’ own pianists are welcome and encouraged to come to their coaching sessions whenever possible, but this is not required.

Every full-time voice major currently studying with an Eastman faculty member is entitled to regular coaching sessions in conjunction with their lessons. All coaching is registered and graded like any other course. Repertoire is selected and prioritized in collaboration with the student’s major teacher. Vocal chamber repertoire and oratorio are welcome in addition to songs and opera arias.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/voice

Graduate Faculty Information

Nicole Cabell, BM, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Katherine Ciesinski, MM, Temple University
Professor of Voice
Martin E. and Corazon D. Sanders Professor of Voice, Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Joshua Conyers, MM, Indiana University, Bloomington
Assistant Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Kathryn Cowdrick, MS, Columbia University
Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Alison d’Amato, DMA, New England Conservatory
Associate Professor of Vocal Coaching
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Pat Diamond, MFA, Yale University
Associate Professor of Opera
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Kiera Duffy, MM, Westminster Choir College
Associate Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Anthony Dean Griffey, MM, University of Rochester
Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Timothy Long, MM, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Opera
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching

Robert Swensen, MM, University of Southern California
Professor of Voice
Primary Appointment(s): Voice, Opera, and Vocal Coaching
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

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Applying to Master’s Programs

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- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A prescreening and audition
- Three recommendation letters

See https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/ for the most up-to-date application/audition and prescreening requirements.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements include 16 units of applied instruction, three music history courses, a theory course, ensembles, and electives, and a degree recital. Voice majors must also demonstrate foreign language proficiency and take courses in voice repertoire. In addition, the department puts up at least three mainstage productions each year. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.11.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The Doctor of Musical Arts degree is designed to represent high attainment in the practice of music. Prerequisites include demonstration of high achievement in performance through an audition, and demonstration of writing ability through submission of a scholarly paper and academic credentials, including transcripts of all previous collegiate-level coursework. The coursework for the degree is typically completed over six semesters (three years), followed by the doctoral comprehensive exam. Core coursework generally includes six semesters of lessons, four doctoral seminars, three theory courses, and a minor or electives. In addition, there are two performance recitals and a lecture-recital. Voice majors must also enroll in a choral ensemble for one semester, perform a jury, and demonstrate language proficiency. The degree culminates in the comprehensive exam: a two-day written exam covering music history and theory, and a final oral exam centered around the student’s major instrument and its repertoire, pedagogy, and organology. For the most up-to-date requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.03.14.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
OP 401-402. Seminar in Opera Stage Directing
OP 410. Opera Production: Stage Management
OP 416. Advanced Opera Seminar
OP 430. Opera Theatre Practicum
OP 432. Opera Theatre Scenes Practicum
OP 490. Opera Director Project – Independent Study
VCE 460A. Primary Voice
VCE 430A. Primary Voice (1/2 time)
VCC 400. Vocal Coaching
VCC 402. Voice Repertoire for the Pianist
VCC 431-432. Voice Repertoire (Master’s)
OP 430. Opera Theatre Practicum
OP 432. Opera Theatre Scenes Practicum

Many courses for this program are housed in other departments, such as musicology and music theory. For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Mark Kellogg

Chair

Overview

The primary goal of the Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion Department is to instill the highest possible level of musicianship in each student. This is accomplished in our teaching studios by embracing the fundamentals of posture, breathing, characteristic tone production, intonation, acuity, solidity of rhythm, beauty of phrasing, sight reading, and good ensemble skills. Participation in studio classes, solo recitals, chamber music groups, and our school’s wind ensembles, orchestras, film music ensembles, new music groups, and jazz ensembles all help to prepare our students for their futures as professional performers and teachers.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the WBP Department at the Eastman School of Music is to provide our students with the foundation necessary to hold positions in symphony orchestras, classrooms, premier military bands, opera or Broadway pits, and teaching studios. We also realize that our students will be faced with career opportunities and challenges in the coming years that we cannot even imagine. By fostering a sense of curiosity, high artistic standards, and a willingness to be open to this ever-changing musical landscape, we ensure their ability to make substantive contributions to the profession.

https://www.esm.rochester.edu/wbp

Graduate Faculty Information

Justin Benavidez, DMA, University of Michigan
Associate Professor of Tuba and Euphonium
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Bonita Boyd, BM, University of Rochester
Professor of Flute
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Michael Burritt, MM, University of Rochester
Professor of Percussion
Paul J. Burgett Distinguished Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Mark Kellogg, BM, University of Rochester
Professor of Trombone
Department Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion
Joint Appointment(s): Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media

Richard Killmer, DMA, Yale University
Professor of Oboe
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

W. Peter Kurau, MA, University of Connecticut
Professor of Horn
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, Percussion

Chien-Kwan Lin, DMA, University of Rochester
Professor of Saxophone
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Andrew McCandless, N/A
Associate Professor of Trumpet
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

George Sakakeeny, BM, University of Rochester
Professor of Bassoon
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Michael Wayne, BM, University of Michigan
Associate Professor of Clarinet
Primary Appointment(s): Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

Larry Zalkind, MM, University of Southern California
Professor of Trombone

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Musical Arts Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- A sample writing of a past research paper and/or previously published article or submission
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

Applying to Master’s Programs

Master of Music Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters
Applying to Advanced Certificates

Advanced Certificate in Performance Admission Requirements
- Online application
- A personal statement
- A resume or CV
- An audition on the major instrument (and prescreening recordings in most cases)
- Three recommendation letters

See https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/ for the most up-to-date application/audition and pre-screening requirements.

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a one-year program (which can be extended) that centers around private instruction on the major instrument as well as high-level chamber music and ensemble experiences. In addition, students will have the ability to enroll in practical elective coursework that will supplement their performance study and better prepare them for a career as a professional musician. For each of the two semesters, the core courses are four units of applied music lessons, one unit of ensembles, a one-unit Diploma Colloquium, and Performance Project (completed in the second or final semester of study). For the most up-to-date information, see: https://www.esm.rochester.edu/admissions/grad/adp/.

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Master of Music degree is a two-year program with strong emphasis on applied instrumental or vocal study and performance as well as broad intellectual development. Prerequisites include demonstrated proficiency on the major instrument or voice and an undergraduate degree in music or its equivalent. Core requirements include 16 units of applied instruction, three music history courses, a theory course, ensembles, electives, and a degree recital. For the most up-to-date course requirements, see https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/06-00/#06.02.11.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

430A. Primary Lessons (half-time)
460A. Primary Lessons

Most courses for this program are housed in other departments, such as musicology and music theory. For a more comprehensive list of requirements, visit https://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar/policy/.
Committee on Graduate Studies (Graduate Education)

The voting members of the Committee on Graduate Studies consists of graduate program directors of PhD, master’s, and certificate programs; the senior associate dean for graduate education, who is chair; the director of the Office for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs; and the registrar for graduate programs.

- Richard Libby, PhD, Chair
- Emily Calamaro, MGC
- Michelle Dziezman, PhD
- Alison Elder, PhD
- Robert Freeman, PhD
- Benjamin Frisch, PhD
- J. Christopher Holt, PhD
- Yue Li, PhD
- Marie-Patricia Luck, MBChB
- John D. Lueck, PhD
- David Mathews, MD, PhD
- David M. MacLean, PhD
- Matthew McCall, PhD
- Helene McMurray, PhD
- Josh Munger, PhD
- Carol Podgorski, PhD
- Douglas Portman, PhD
- David Rich, ScD
- Jacques Robert, PhD
- Vicki Roberts, MS
- Audrey Schroeder, MS
- Christopher Seplaki, PhD
- Ruth Serra-Morenom, PhD
- Jenny Speice, PhD
- Sean Tanny, PhD
- Juilee Thakar, PhD
- Edwin van Wijngaarden, PhD
- Tongtong Wu, PhD

Responsibilities include
- To advise the senior associate dean for graduate education on the general conduct and administration of graduate work in the school
- To determine policies concerning administration of graduate programs
- To oversee the conduct and performance of graduate students in the School of Medicine and Dentistry
- To serve on the SMD Standing Conduct Panel as needed
- To review and vote on proposals for new coursework in the school
- To submit to the University Council on Graduate Studies, for its approval, proposals affecting the general policies of graduate work, authorization of new degree programs, and changes in general requirements for graduate degree
Committee on Graduate Studies (Medical Education)

The Curriculum Steering Committee (CSC) is the decision-making body charged with oversight of the MD curriculum. The CSC is empowered by the dean and the Medical School Advisory Council (MedSAC) to oversee the MD curriculum. The CSC communicates information about the MD program to the faculty of the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The CSC also advises the senior associate dean for medical student education, who is charged by and reports to the dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

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School Mission Statement

We improve the well-being of patients and communities by delivering innovative, compassionate, patient- and family-centered health care, enriched by education, science, and technology.

School-Level Graduate Awards (Graduate Education)

- Wallace O. Fenn Award
- Vincent du Vigneaud Award
- Leadership Award for Excellence in Equity and Inclusion
- Dissertation Award for Excellence in Equity and Inclusion
- Graduate Alumni Fellowship
- Merritt and Marjorie Cleveland Fellowship
- Marvel Nutting Dare Award
- Irving L. Spar Fellowship
- J. Newell Stannard Student Scholarship
- Outstanding Student Mentor Award
- myHub Grad Student Travel Award
- Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Equity and Inclusion

School-Level Graduate Awards and Fellowships (Medical Education)

- The American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology
- The American College of Emergency Physicians Award
- The Rudolph Angell Award
- The Robert L. Caldwell Prize in Surgery
- The Class of 1976 Prize
- The Jules Cohen Award for Advancing Medical Education
- The Bryce Collier Prize
- Costanza Community Impact Award
- Creative Initiative in Community Health Award
- The Dean’s Award
- Fiscella Excellence in Community Health Award
- The Department of Family Medicine Commencement Award
- The Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Award
- The Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations
- The Robert J. Haggerty Prize in Pediatrics
- The Robert J. Joynt, MD, PhD Prize for Excellence in Clinical Neurology
- The Robert E. Kates Award
- R. Knight Steel Award for Excellence in Geriatric Medicine
Medical Education

David R. Lambert
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education

Overview

The University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry is dedicated to training future humanistic physicians who are leaders in clinical medicine, research, and administration. The Double Helix Curriculum—Translations and Transitions integrates clinical and basic science throughout four years emphasizing the Biopsychosocial Model.

Our curriculum includes instruction in the pillars of Collaborative Care, Technology in Medicine, and Professional Identity Formation. Our instruction utilizes a variety of modalities, including problem-based learning, small-group experiences, simulations, and team-based learning. Medical humanities transcend our curriculum to facilitate education in innovative and creative ways. Outcomes assessments guide students in achieving excellence.

Numerous research opportunities, community service opportunities, elective pathways, and international opportunities help students achieve their long-term educational and career goals. The school is committed to setting the highest standards in medical education and serving as a national model for innovation and continuous improvement in medical student education. We welcome you to explore our website and appreciate the Rochester difference.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/md.aspx

School Mission Statement

We improve the health of individuals and populations through an innovative medical education program that emphasizes inclusion, humility, and personal growth.

Graduate Faculty Information

Sarah Betstadt, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology

Adam Bracken, MD
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine and Pediatrics

Elizabeth Brown, MD, MPH
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Family Medicine

Laura Cardell, MD
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry and Pediatrics
Nancy Clark, MD  
Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Margarita Corredor, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Chin-To Fong, MD  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Robert Freeman, PhD  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Martha Gdowski, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Inna Hughes, MD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology and Pediatrics

Marybeth Jones, MD, MS  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine and Pediatrics

Suzanne Karan, MD  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine

David Kaufman, MD  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Surgery

Stella King, MD, MHA  
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Primary Appointment(s): Health Humanities and Bioethics

Patricia Luck, MBChB  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Health Humanities and Bioethics

Julia MacCallum, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology

Christopher Mooney, PhD, MPH  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Catherine Moore, MD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Jennifer Pascoe, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Julie Pasternack, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Emergency Medicine

Grayson Pitcher, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Surgery

Jennifer Readlynn, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Robert Stone, MD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology and Pediatrics

Christopher Tarolli, MD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology

Lisa Vargish, MD, MS  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine

Brian Ward, PhD  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Natalie Whaley, MD, MPH  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology

David Yule, PhD  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
Admissions

Students admitted to the MD program have a strong foundation in science; evidence of curiosity through research/innovation; and demonstration of human connection through clinical experiences, community engagement, and advocacy.

Admissions Requirements

Personal characteristics
Evidence of altruism, an accepting attitude, curiosity, empathy, maturity, professionalism, mindfulness, and resilience

MCAT
With the exception of applicants in our Rochester Early Medical Scholars Program (https://admissions.rochester.edu/academics/rem/), Early Assurance Program, and Postbac Linkage Program, all applicants are required to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Applicants may submit an AMCAS application.

Science Coursework

- One year of biology with laboratory. Biochemistry or botany will not satisfy this requirement. AP credit cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.
- One year of physics with laboratory. AP credit can be used to meet one semester of the physics requirement.
- One year of chemistry with laboratory, which must include either one year of organic chemistry or one semester of organic and one semester of biochemistry. AP credit cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.
- One semester of either calculus or statistics. AP credit can be used to meet this requirement.

All above science coursework is required and must be taken in person, if available.

We recommend courses in general chemistry, statistics, genetics, physiology, and biochemistry.

Non-Science Coursework

- Twelve (12) credit hours in the humanities and/or the social or behavioral sciences
- One year of expository writing. This may be met with English or non-science courses that involve expository writing.

AP credit will not satisfy non-science requirements.

MD Program applicants are selected for an interview based on a holistic admissions process, which weighs a number of different factors including MCAT, GPA, activities and experiences, letters of recommendation, personal statements, background, undergraduate institution, and mission alignment.

Decisions on admission are made by the Admissions Committee, which includes faculty from clinical and basic science departments and currently enrolled medical students.

Academics

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

Phase I

HSF 101. Human Structure and Function
ICM 115. Introduction to Clinical Medicine
MEI 100. Medical Evidence and Inquiry
MTC 120. Molecules to Cells
FBB 100. Foundations of Biopsychosocial Practice
PHP 100. Pharmacology
HDC 125. Host Defense
FYC 102. Phase 1 Assessment
MIM 100. Meliora in Medicine
HMU 100. Health Humanities Selectives

Phase II

MBB 205. Mind/Brain/Behavior
PCC 230. Primary Care Clerkship
DPT 201. Disease Processes and Therapeutics Cardiopulmonary Renal
DPT 202. Disease Processes and Therapeutics
OBG 205. Women’s Health Course
PED 205. Disorders of Childhood
SYC 200. Phase 2 Assessment
TTL 200. Transitions to Licensure

Phase III

MED 300. Clerkship: Adult Inpatient Medicine–Medicine
SUR 300. Clerkship: Adult Inpatient Medicine–Surgery
PSY 300. Clerkship: Mind Brain Behavior–Psychiatry
NEU 300. Clerkship: Mind Brain Behavior–Neurology
OBG 300. Clerkship: Women and Children’s Health–Obstetrics and Gynecology
PED 300. Clerkship: Women and Children’s Health–Pediatrics
SSF 301. Scientific and Social Foundations of Medicine: Principles of ICU Science and Ethics
SSF 302. Scientific and Social Foundations of Medicine: Genes, Ecology, and Culture
SSF 303. Scientific and Social Foundations of Medicine: Mind, Brain, and Behavior II
TYC 300. Phase 3 Assessment

Phase IV

EDD 400. Clerkship: Emergency Medicine
FAM 400. Clerkship: Family Medicine

Acting Internship (requirement met by a number of courses)
CCM 400 or ANS 400. Critical Care Selective
IHS 400. Improving Health Systems
INT 400. Successful Interning
Biochemistry

Jeffrey Hayes
Chair
Joshua Munger
PhD Program Director

Overview
We offer in-depth coursework and diverse research opportunities that focus on understanding the biochemical mechanisms of life’s critical molecular processes.

World-class research in our laboratories exposes our students to a variety of the latest methods for sophisticated biochemical analysis, including mass spectrometry, crystallography, microcalorimetry, surface plasmon resonance, microarrays, fluorescence-activated cell sorting, light scattering, and spectroscopic methods (including fluorescence lifetime and energy transfer measurements), as well as modern methods for cell culture, protein purification, genetic analysis, and reconstitution of biochemical complexes and reactions.

The flexibility of our training program allows students to train in a number of exciting research areas, and often allows them to develop highly effective interdisciplinary collaborations, resulting in cutting-edge thesis projects.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The primary goal of the biochemistry program is to guide students as they interrogate the molecular mechanisms that govern important biological processes, which will provide insight into how disruption of these mechanisms causes disease. As part of this goal, we aim to develop critically thinking, independent scientists who can become leaders in their field.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/biochemistry.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information
Brian Altman, PhD, Duke University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Xin Bi, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Dirk Bohmann, PhD, University of Tübingen
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Paul Boutz, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry, Biophysics

Paul Brookes, PhD, Cambridge University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Anesthesiology, Perioperative Medicine
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Michael Bulger, PhD, University of California, San Diego
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Gloria Culver, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Ian Dickerson, PhD, Purdue University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Neuroscience
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Mark Dumont, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Dmitri Ermolenko, PhD, Russian Academy of Sciences
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Sina Ghaemmaghami, PhD, Duke University
Professor
George Y. and Catherine H. Wu Professor in Chemistry
Primary Appointment(s): Biology
Joint Appointment(s): Chemistry

Vera Gorbunova, PhD, Weizmann Institute of Science
Professor
Doris Johns Cherry Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology
Joint Appointment(s): Medicine, Geriatrics/Aging

Elizabeth Grayhack, PhD, Cornell University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Alan Grossfield, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Isaac Harris, PhD, University of Toronto
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Jeffrey Hayes, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics
Clara Kielkopf, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Hartmut Land, PhD, University of Heidelberg
Professor
Chair, Department of Biomedical Genetics; Robert and Dorothy Markin Professorship
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

John Lueck, PhD, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology

Lynne E. Maquat, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
J. Lowell Orbison Distinguished Service Alumni Professorship; Director, Center for RNA Biology
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

David Mathews,
MD, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Program Director, PhD Biophysics; Lynne E. Maquat Distinguished Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Margot Mayer-Proschel, PhD, University of Wurzburg
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Stephano Spano Mello, PhD, Universidad de São Paulo
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Anne Meyer, PhD, Stanford University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Benjamin Miller, PhD, Stanford University
Professor
Dean’s Professorship, Department of Dermatology
Primary Appointment(s): Dermatology

Joshua Munger, PhD, University of Chicago
Professor
Program Director, PhD Biochemistry
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Patrick Murphy, PhD, Cornell University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Biology

Mitchell O’Connell, PhD, University of Sydney
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Eric Phizicky, PhD, Cornell University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Elaine Sia, PhD, Columbia University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Laurie Steiner, MD, Mount Sinai Medical Center
Associate Professor
Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Pediatrics; Assistant Director, MSTP Program
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Neonatology

Paula Vertino, PhD, University at Buffalo
Professor
Wilmot Distinguished Professorship in Cancer Genomics; Senior Associate Dean, Basic Research
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Lab Medicine

Eric Wagner, PhD, Duke University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Joseph Wedekind, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Peng Yao, PhD, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Department of Medicine-Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute
Joint Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Yi-Tao Yu, PhD, Case Western Reserve University
Professor
Dean’s Professorship of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required prior to matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral. Students are accepted only for the fall semester; we don’t have a spring admissions period. The program is fully funded with a tuition fellowship, competitive stipend, and health insurance.
Applying to Master’s Programs

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required prior to matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

We expect all application materials (with the exception of official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and test scores, and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process. Applicants must complete the online application, provide a statement of purpose, upload copies of their transcript(s), and provide the information for three letters of recommendation. (Recommenders will receive an email explaining how to upload their letters.) Biochemistry does not require an essay or writing sample. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is optional for biochemistry, but if you feel your scores enhance your application, then we encourage you to submit them. Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by taking either the TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo language exam.

The application fee waiver deadline is December 1, and the complete application deadline is December 15. Interviews typically take place in February and March, with offers released by the end of March. Responses are due by April 15.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The Plan A (terminal) MS degree is offered by the biochemistry program, subject to approval by the graduate studies director. No financial resources are provided by the biochemistry MS program for either tuition or stipend costs. These obligations must be borne by the candidate, alone or in conjunction with funds provided at the discretion of the advisor from the sponsoring advisor’s budget. Any monetary compensation to MS candidates from the sponsoring advisor will be limited to the current stipend for PhD candidates.

Admission to the MS program will not be approved unless a letter from the faculty research sponsor is included with the University application forms. This letter must indicate the nature of the research project or area agreed upon and state that the faculty member intends to provide the required advisory input as well as laboratory space, supplies, and equipment needed to pursue the project.

At least one year (two semesters) of full-time enrollment or two years (four semesters) of part-time enrollment are required. (The equivalent of two years of full-time study is typical). In the first year, coursework requirements are fulfilled (30 hours) with the initiation of the research project. The second year is spent in research activity leading to the submission of the MS thesis. The program requires a minimum of one additional specific or elective course, totaling three credits or more. MS candidates are expected to attend the biochemistry student seminars. The remaining credits required to meet the 30 credit hours needed for the MS degree consist of credits from the student seminar course and research credit. Up to 10 hours of coursework may be taken before to formal admission (matriculation) into the program.

In Plan A, a research thesis must be developed from an independent research project accomplished under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry. Format and preparation should follow guidelines set forth in The Preparation of Master’s Theses, available in the department office. The final examination is administered by the thesis advisory committee following the presentation of the completed thesis. For MS candidates, the chairman of the examining committee is appointed by the graduate studies director.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

In the first year of the program, students typically enroll in semester-long courses. They also participate in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics’ student seminar series, in which every graduate student in the program (except first-year students) delivers an annual seminar on their research. Coursework in the second year typically involves one additional elective course, allowing students to specialize in their respective disciplines.

Rotations in the first year of study in three different laboratories allow students to gain experience with methodology and instrumentation, and to become familiar with prospective research advisors for their thesis project. At the end of the first year, students choose a permanent advisor and embark on a PhD thesis research program. Students may choose any faculty
member in the School of Medicine and Dentistry or a participating faculty member from Arts, Sciences & Engineering as their research advisor. Students must complete a one-semester teaching assistantship, typically in their second year.

A qualifying examination at the end of the second year helps determine the potential of the student for independent thought, experimental acumen, comprehension of the general field, and potential for exploiting a relevant problem in a scientifically sound manner. The MS degree is awarded upon successful completion of this examination.

The student's thesis advisory committee must approve the writing of the PhD thesis at a formal committee meeting four to six months before defense. The PhD is awarded based on the development of an independent thesis research project as well as an oral examination and a written dissertation describing the rationale, methodology, results, conclusions, and significance of the project.

Students in the biochemistry PhD program can elect for the cancer biology or bioinformatics concentration. These reflect strong interest for our faculty and students and are areas where enhanced skills and expertise will serve our students in their careers.

**Cancer Biology Concentration**

This concentration adds coursework in clinical and translational cancer biology to our existing course on the molecular and cell biology of cancer. Students also participate in an ongoing seminar series for exposure to the most cutting-edge scientific advances.

**Bioinformatics Concentration**

This concentration focuses on biology and medically related informatics work most appropriate to trainees in various aspects of biochemistry. As with the cancer biology concentration, it requires students to take a course covering the analysis of biomedical big data as well as a seminar series focused on recent advances in the field. One of these courses involves computational approaches to large data sets, and the other focuses on statistical analysis. As indicated in the curriculum, there is some leeway in the courses allowed; students can tailor their course selection to the types of statistical problems and computational approaches that apply best to their research projects.

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **BCH 412.** Advanced Topics in Biological Macromolecules
- **BCH 501/BCH 502.** Biochemistry Student Seminar
- **BCH 515.** Critical Thinking in Research Science
- **BCH 517.** Topics in Cellular, Biochemical, and Molecular Sciences
- **BCH 521.** Bioinformatics for Life Scientists
- **BCH 595.** PhD Research
- **BIO 422.** Biology of Aging
- **BIO 457.** Applied Genomics
- **BPH 567.** Writing Proposals in BPH
- **BST 457.** Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences
- **BST 432.** High Dimensional Data Analysis
- **BST 434.** Genomic Data Analysis
- **DSC 462.** Computational Introduction to Statistics
- **GEN 507.** Advanced Genetics and Genomics
- **IND 408.** Advanced Biochemistry
- **IND 419.** Introduction to Quantitative Biology
- **IND 431.** Foundations in Modern Biology I
- **IND 432.** Foundations in Modern Biology II
- **IND 484.** Current Topics in Bioinformatics
- **IND 501.** Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research
- **IND 507.** Cancer Biology Seminar
- **IND 517.** Clinical and Translational Oncology
- **PTH 507.** Cancer Biology
Biophysics

Jeffrey Hayes
Chair
David Mathews
PhD Program Director

Overview

The Biophysics program prepares students for careers in research and teaching in academic and industrial settings by providing a solid background in physical and biomedical sciences while involving them in state-of-the-art research projects. Biophysics offers a diverse research program at the forefront of scientific knowledge. Research areas include cellular and membrane biophysics, genomics, macromolecular folding and design, membrane proteins, nucleic acid structure and function, and protein structure and function. The flexibility of our training program allows students to train in a number of exciting research areas, and often allows students to develop highly effective interdisciplinary collaborations, resulting in cutting edge thesis projects.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the program is to provide cutting edge training to our PhD students in the physics of biomolecules. This training includes professional development in scientific reasoning, writing, critically assessing the literature, and presenting. Research groups affiliated with the program develop and use quantitative, structural, and computational methods to measure, quantify, and model biomolecules and their interactions. Our vision is that these interactions provide the means for rigorously understanding biology and improving human health. Graduates of our program are prepared for careers that use physical methods to understand biomolecules.

An additional goal of the program is to diversify the community of researchers. We specifically recruit students from underrepresented communities. We also want to broaden participation in biophysics research by outreach that demonstrates the interesting and broad career opportunities that are available to those who train in biophysics.

Additionally, the program provides a nucleus for the biophysics community at the University of Rochester. An annual retreat brings together biophysics faculty, students, postdoctoral fellows, and researchers at the University. Seminars hosted by the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics are also an important part of the training and community.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/biophysics.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

Andrew Berger, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Optics
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

Paul Boutz, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Kara Bren, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Chemistry
Chair, Department of Chemistry

Regine Choe, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mark Dumont, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Dmitri Ermolenko, PhD, Russian Academy of Sciences
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Sina Ghaemmaghami, PhD, Duke University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology
Chemistry

Alan Grossfield, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Jeffrey Hayes, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Paul Kammermeier, PhD, Case Western Reserve University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Clara Kielkopf, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Todd Krauss, PhD, Cornell University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Chemistry
Optics
David MacLean, PhD, *McGill University*
  Associate Professor
  Paul Sark Professorship in Pharmacology
  Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Lynne E. Maquat, PhD, *University of Wisconsin–Madison*
  Professor
  J. Lowell Orbison Distinguished Service Alumni Professorship; Director, Center for RNA Biology
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics
  Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

David Mathews,
  MD, PhD, University of Rochester
  Professor
  Program Director, PhD Biophysics; Lynne E. Maquat Distinguished Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

David McCamant, PhD, *University of California, Berkeley*
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Chemistry

James McGrath, PhD, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
  Professor
  Dean's Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

Anne Meyer, PhD, *Stanford University*
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Benjamin Miller, PhD, *Stanford University*
  Professor
  Dean’s Professorship, Department of Dermatology
  Primary Appointment(s): Dermatology

Joshua Munger, PhD, *University of Chicago*
  Professor
  Program Director, PhD Biochemistry
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Mitchell O’Connell, PhD, *University of Sydney*
  Assistant Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Eric Phizicky, PhD, *Cornell University*
  Professor
  Dean’s Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Lewis Rothberg, PhD, *Harvard University*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Chemistry
  Joint Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering

Gaurav Sharma, PhD, *North Carolina State University*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering
  Joint Appointment(s): Computer Science, Biostatistics and Computation Biology

Juilee Thakar, PhD, *University of Wurzburg*
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology
  Joint Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology, Biomedical Genetics

Eric Wagner, PhD, *Duke University*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Richard Waugh, PhD, *Duke University*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering
  Joint Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Joseph Wedekind, PhD, *University of Wisconsin–Madison*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Andrew White, PhD, *University of Washington*
  Associate Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering

Axel Wismüller, MD, PhD, *Technical University of Munich*
  Professor
  Primary Appointment(s): Imaging Science
  Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering

David Yule, PhD, *University of Liverpool*
  Professor
  Louis C. Lasagna Professorship in Experimental Therapeutics
  Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
  Joint Appointment(s): Center for Oral Biology; Medicine–Gastroenterology/Hepatology

**Admissions**

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

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Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and test scores, and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process. Applicants must complete the online application, provide a statement of purpose, upload copies of their transcript(s), and provide the information for three letters of recommendation. (Recommenders will receive an email explaining how to upload their letters.) Biophysics does not require an essay or writing sample. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is optional for biophysics, but if you feel your scores enhance your application, then we encourage you to submit them. Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by taking either the TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo language exam.

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Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The program awards an en passant master of science degree in biophysics to students upon successful completion of their qualifying examination. The program does not offer a stand-alone master’s degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
In the first year of the program, students typically enroll in semester-long courses. They also participate in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics’ student seminar series, in which every graduate student in the program (except first-year students) delivers an annual seminar on their research. Coursework in the second year typically involves one additional elective course, allowing students to specialize in their respective disciplines.

Rotations in the first year of study in three different laboratories allow students to gain experience with methodology and instrumentation, and to become familiar with prospective research advisors for their thesis project. At the end of the first year, students choose a permanent advisor and embark on a PhD thesis research program. Students may choose any faculty member in the School of Medicine and Dentistry or a participating faculty member from Arts, Sciences & Engineering as their research advisor. Students must complete a one-semester teaching assistantship, typically in their second year.

A qualifying examination at the end of the second year helps determine the potential of the student for independent thought, experimental acumen, comprehension of the general field, and potential for exploiting a relevant problem in a scientifically sound manner.

The student’s thesis advisory committee must approve the writing of the PhD thesis at a formal committee meeting four to six months before defense. The PhD is awarded based on the development of an independent thesis research project as well as an oral examination and a written dissertation describing the rationale, methodology, results, conclusions, and significance of the project.
Biostatistics

Robert L. Strawderman  
Chair
Tong Tong Wu  
MS Program Director

Overview
The Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology offers the master of science (MS) program in biostatistics. The program is intended primarily for students who wish to follow careers in health-related professions, such as those in the pharmaceutical industry and in biomedical or clinical research organizations. The MS program can be completed in one year.

The curriculum provides students with an appreciation for applied problems in biomedical research and the skills necessary to succeed in collaborative research environments. An important goal is to produce graduates with a command of technical skills and the ability and experience to use them appropriately.

Faculty participate fully in graduate teaching, and individual attention is given to each student through intensive advising. Program faculty have research interests and expertise in virtually all areas of modern theoretical and applied statistics. Faculty are involved in wide-ranging collaborative activity with basic science and clinical departments in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. This environment is ideally suited for training in research in statistical methodology, collaborative research, and consulting.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Our mission is to educate and mentor the next generation of statisticians at the interface of methodological and applied statistical research in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that equips them with a solid foundation in statistics, enabling them to assume leadership roles in academia, government, and industry.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/statistics/ms-in-biostatistics.aspx

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Joint Appointment(s): Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, Dentistry

Brent Johnson, PhD, North Carolina State University  
Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience, Biomedical Engineering

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Derick Peterson, PhD, University of California, Berkeley  
Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Wilmot Cancer Institute

Xing Qiu, PhD, University of Rochester  
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

The MS in biostatistics program is open to students with a substantial background in statistics. For entry into the program, three semesters of calculus, a course in linear and/or matrix algebra, a course in probability, a course in mathematical statistics, and a course in applied statistics are required. Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferred.

Applicants must submit the following materials for consideration in their online application: statement of purpose, transcripts from all previous college and graduate programs, and three letters of recommendation. Most international applicants also need to provide evidence of English proficiency (such as a TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo test score unless approved for a waiver). Applicants may choose to submit additional materials (such as a resume and research papers).

A request for part-time study in the MS program should be identified in the online application and is subject to the MS program director’s approval. Applicants interested in part-time study are encouraged to contact the department before submitting the application.

Applicants interview with at least two program faculty members before an admissions offer is recommended. Students entering with advanced training in statistics or biostatistics may transfer credits at the discretion of the MS program director and in accordance with University policy.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The MS degree in biostatistics prepares students to work as master’s-level statisticians. The MS degree requires satisfactory completion of at least 32 credits and a final comprehensive oral exam. There are no thesis or language requirements.

The typical MS program of study includes six courses and the eight-credit capstone project. Course substitutions may be made with approval from the MS program director. The capstone project requirement is met by working with Medical Center investigators on an applied project. Students are required to write a formal report summarizing the findings from their project. These findings are presented in a public lecture.

Required Courses

- Introduction to Statistical Computing
- Statistical Inference I
- Biostatistical Methods I
- Biostatistical Methods II
- Design of Clinical Trials

Elective Course (choose one)

- Bayesian Inference
- Linear Models
- Genomic Data Analysis

Capstone Project

A typical full-time program for the MS consists of one core year (two semesters) of coursework followed by the capstone project. The capstone project is normally done in the summer after the core program. A comprehensive oral exam is administered upon completion of coursework and the capstone project.
Clinical Investigation

Edwin van Wijngaarden
Program Director

Overview

Our program prepares clinician-scientists to carry out patient-based research in the development of interventions and technologies to ensure the highest levels of patient safety and quality of care. Our MS program sits within a large urban medical center and all its clinical research resources and collaborative faculty.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Established in 2007 as part of an NIH Clinical and Translational Sciences Award, the MS in clinical investigation program is a 31-credit course of study that provides students with the skills and methodologies needed to conduct rigorous clinical studies, improve evidence-based clinical decision-making, and evaluate health care services.

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

BST 411. Statistical Inference I
BST 413. Bayesian Inference
BST 426. Linear Models
BST 430. Introduction to Statistical Computing
BST 434. Genomic Data Analysis
BST 461. Biostatistical Methods I
BST 462. Biostatistical Methods II
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
BST 493. Capstone Project
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Edwin van Wijngaarden, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, Community Health and Prevention

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs
Application to the program is encouraged from people with a special interest or experience in the health field, from those in health-related professions, and from those with professional degrees in medicine and other fields related to health care. Candidates for admission to the program must have earned a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

Application Requirements
We expect all application materials (exception official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.
- SOPHAS (https://sophas.aspph.org) application
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by providing official scores within two years of the original test date. Acceptable test types: official TOEFL iBT or ITP Plus (SMD school code: 2948; SOPHAS application code: 5688), IELTS, and Duolingo.
- CV or resume (optional)
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)
- Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process. Application deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Academics

Master’s Degree Requirements
The Master of Science in Clinical Investigation includes 31 credits of required coursework. This includes epidemiology, biostatistics, and data management core methods courses, ethics, elective courses, and thesis research (six credits). Students present their thesis proposal in a public forum and submit a final thesis document to their thesis committee for approval.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PM 401. Quantitative Methods
PM 410. Introduction to Data Management and Analysis
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 460. Master’s Research
IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research
PM 413. Field Methods in Epidemiology
PM 416. Advanced Epidemiologic Methods
PM 412. Survey Research
PM 413. Field Methods in Epidemiology
PM 414. History of Epidemiology
PM 417. Molecular Epidemiology
PM 418. Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention of Human Subjects in Clinical Research
PM 420. American Health Policy and Politics
PM 421. US Health Care System: Financing, Delivery, and Performance
PM 422. Quality of Care and Risk Adjustment
PM 424. Epidemiology and Prevention of Chronic Disease
PM 426. Social and Behavioral Medicine
PM 430. Psychology in Health Services Research
PM 442. Nutritional Epidemiology
PM 443. Maternal and Child Health
PM 445. Introduction to Health Services Research
PM 451. Infectious Disease Epidemiology
PM 458. Qualitative Health Research
PM 461. Program Evaluation
PM 466. Cancer Epidemiology
PM 469. Multivariate Models for Epidemiology
PM 472. Measurement and Evaluation of Research Instruments
PM 484. Medical Decision Making and Cost Effectiveness Research
PM 488. Experimental Therapeutics
PM 489. Injury Epidemiology and Emergency Care Research Methods
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
Clinical/Medical Technology

Christa Whitney-Miller  
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Jennifer Findeis-Hosey  
Vice Chair for Education
Vicki Roberts  
CMT Program Director

Overview

The program is designed to provide graduates with the entry level competencies required to succeed in the clinical laboratory. Students gain understandings of clinical laboratory science by correlating diagnostic findings with diagnosis, prognosis, and disease management of patients in the clinical setting.

The 35.5 credit, full-time program consists of a fall and a spring semester. The curriculum is made up of didactic and clinical learning experiences in pre-analytic, analytic, and post-analytic concepts of: clinical chemistry, clinical hematology and hemostasis, immunohematology, microbiology, and urinalysis and body fluids. Oversight of the program is managed by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The learning experiences occur Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. over a 39-week period. (This includes three weeks of vacation.) Clinical practicum is scheduled daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and lectures are held from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Graduates must pass the American Society of Clinical Pathology Board examination and achieve a state license to practice the profession of clinical laboratory technology in New York State. The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (UR Medicine Labs) is a division of URMC that provides clinical laboratory services to Strong Memorial Hospital and its affiliates. UR Medicine Labs is the largest medical laboratory in the region, with 1,200 members, including pathologists, research faculty, licensed laboratory professionals, and over 400 employees in pre-analytic operations and support. The department encompasses 28 clinical laboratories, 16 research laboratories, five satellite laboratories for the Wilmot Cancer Institute, a pathology residency program, and a PhD program in pathology. In 2022, the department billed 9.5 million tests and reported out 174,000 anatomic pathology cases.

UR Medicine Labs has 157,000 square feet of clinical and research laboratories, offices, and conference rooms. The labs are in two locations; the Core Labs are at Strong Memorial Hospital, and the Central Labs are in suburban Henrietta. UR Medicine Labs provides the personnel, faculty, lecture space, clinical training space, support personnel, finances, laboratory equipment, tools, and supplies necessary to support the program mission.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to educate future clinical laboratory technologists who are committed, dedicated, skilled, and innovative in their work. We seek to achieve this goal by using educational experiences that emphasize patient care in the cultivation of excellence, competency, teamwork, and integrity in all aspects of laboratory science.

Program Goals

Upon completing the program, graduates will:

- Have knowledge of and adhere to institutional, regional, national, and international safety regulations in the clinical laboratory setting
- Achieve the full range of pre-analytic, analytic, and post-analytic medical laboratory science competencies as entry-level clinical laboratory technologists in: clinical chemistry; hematology/hemostasis, urinalysis, and body fluids; immunohematology/transfusion medicine; immunology; microbiology; and laboratory management and operations
- Accurately correlate laboratory findings to the diagnosis, prognosis, and disease management in the clinical and/or research setting
- Effectively troubleshoot outcomes that do not conform to prescribed protocols or outcomes
- Demonstrate leadership capabilities. Have knowledge of the basic principles of management, education, regulatory oversight, quality management, continuous process improvement, and operations in the clinical laboratory setting
- Meet the licensure requirements in practice of clinical laboratory technology in the state of New York.
- Be eligible for certification by the ASCP as medical laboratory scientists

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Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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Admissions
Applying to Advanced Certificates
Enrollment in the program occurs once a year in mid-August (fall semester). The application system opens in September for the following academic year, and final decisions are made by May of the following year. Admissions occur on a rolling basis.

Academic requirements: a bachelor’s degree in the biological, chemical, or physical sciences with successful completion of the following courses and subject areas that include laboratory content prior to the first day of class: inorganic chemistry; analytic chemistry and/or biochemistry physiology, with anatomy content; molecular biology and diagnostics; and microbiology. The following courses are also required: organic chemistry, statistics, and immunology. Minimum qualifications are an overall GPA of 3.0 and a math/science GPA of 2.8.

Required Application Materials
- Completed online application
- Copy of transcript(s) (an unofficial transcript will suffice during the application process)
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- CV/resume
- Personal statement
- A $60 application fee

Academics
Advanced Certificate and Requirements
The two-semester advanced certificate program in clinical/medical technology is designed specifically for graduates to be eligible for careers as clinical laboratory technologists, also known as medical laboratory scientists. The program meets both national accreditation and New York State licensing standards and regulations. The program admits only for the fall semester and is completed the following spring semester.

The program consists of 18.5 credit hours of clinical training and 17 credit hours of didactic coursework.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
CMT 401. Essentials of Clinical Laboratory Science
CMT 402. Clinical Practicum I
CMT 403. Clinical Practicum II
CMT 404. Special Topics in Clinical Laboratory Science
CMT 405. Laboratory Management and Operations
CMT 411. Clinical Chemistry I
CMT 412. Clinical Hematology I
CMT 413. Principles of Immunohematology I
CMT 414. Clinical Laboratory Microbiology I
CMT 421. Clinical Chemistry II
CMT 422. Clinical Hematology II
CMT 423. Principles of Immunohematology II
CMT 424. Clinical Laboratory Microbiology II
Clinical Research Methods

Advanced Certificate
Edwin van Wijngaarden
Program Director

Overview
The advanced certificate in clinical research methods (online only) is designed to give individuals the knowledge and tools needed to conduct clinical research.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The program provides researchers and other interested individuals with a practical understanding of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Quantitative methods include survey development, case control studies, cohort studies, randomized controlled trials, pragmatic trials, and quasi experimental methods. Qualitative research methods include ethnographic interviewing, participant observation, focus groups, and community-based participatory research.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/certificate/advanced-certificate-in-clinical-research-meth.aspx

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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention, Medicine–Cardiology

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Admissions

Applying to Advanced Certificates
Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

Application Requirements
We expect that all application materials (with the exception of official score reports) be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

- Online application (https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/); recommended browser: Google Chrome
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Official TOEFL (institution code: 2948) or IELTS score (if native language is not English)
- CV or resume
- Research papers, publications, and other original works for consideration (not required)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process. Application deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.
Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The advanced certificate program is a post-baccalaureate course of academic study designed for students and practitioners who seek to enhance their professional development. Certificates consist of four or five courses for a total of 12 to 15 credits.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 458. Qualitative Health Care Research
PM 413. Field Methods in Epidemiology
PM 418. Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention of Human Subjects in Clinical Research
PM 445. Introduction to Health Services Research and Policy

Epidemiology

Ann Dozier
Chair
Edwin van Wijngaarden
Department Associate Chair and Director, Advanced Epidemiology Certificate Program
David Rich
Director, Epidemiology PhD and MS Programs

Overview
Since 2002, the PhD in epidemiology program in the Department of Public Health Sciences has trained innovative and productive epidemiologists in the study of the distribution and determinants of disease in human populations, both locally and nationally/internationally. Set within a large medical center with all its clinical research resources and collaborative faculty, our doctoral program prepares students for academic careers focused on research and education in the public health and medical fields, as well as careers in private industry, government, and nonprofit agencies. Our students come from around the world; while in Rochester, they learn and grow in an academic environment that nurtures individuality, scientific inquiry, intellectual discussion, and personal development.

Our MS in epidemiology program is designed to equip students with the methodologies and skills needed to carry out research and manage public health programs: identify correlates of disease that may be targets of primary prevention, evaluate the consequences of changes in health care delivery on populations, and accommodate the growing need to integrate and analyze large-scale information.

The advanced certificate in analytic epidemiology is designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and tools to assess and understand the health-related information they encounter in their professional or personal lives.

Our productive and collaborative faculty have specific research interests in environmental, cardiovascular, maternal and child health, HIV, cancer, infectious disease, aging, nutritional, and injury and emergency care epidemiology. Faculty mentor students in these specific areas, but students are also encouraged to develop research projects of their own interests, working with faculty from around the medical center and university. Current and former students have trained and conducted research with faculty and clinicians from the Wilmot Cancer Center, Institute for Human Health and the Environment, Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute, and numerous individual clinical departments at the University. Our students regularly present posters and give podium presentations at major conferences and publish in peer-reviewed journals. Our alumni have gone on to positions in academia, federal and state government, and the private sector.
Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The doctoral program prepares students for careers conducting independent community and population research focusing on the causes and prevention of disease. The program builds closely mentored relationships between students and faculty, and the collaborative atmosphere at the Medical Center enables students to work with researchers in various fields. Graduates will be well prepared to contribute their training, expertise, and insights to multidisciplinary investigations that span laboratory, clinical, and public health research.

The MS in epidemiology equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to examine factors linked to the development and prevention of disease in populations. We meet this goal by providing students with a strong foundation in the fundamental elements of epidemiologic research and biostatistics. Upon completion of the program, students understand and apply the methodologies and study designs used to examine factors in the development and prevention of disease; apply statistical tools to analyze data applicable to public health outcomes; take on positions in a wide variety of private and public institutions engaged in clinical and public health research and evaluation.

The advanced epidemiology certificate gives researchers and other interested individuals a practical understanding of quantitative research methods, including survey development, case control studies, cohort studies, randomized controlled trials, pragmatic trials, and quasi-experimental methods. Students will also learn about qualitative research methods, including ethnographic interviewing, participant observation, focus groups, and community-based participatory research.

PhD: https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/epidemiology.aspx
MS: https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/epidemiology.aspx

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Todd A. Jusko, PhD, University of Washington
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
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Christopher Seplaki, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
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Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, Community Health and Prevention

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Joint Appointment(s): Wilmot Cancer Center

Admission
Applying to Doctoral Programs
Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

We expect all application materials (except official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.
Candidates who are particularly suited to the program are health professionals, those already having master’s degrees in epidemiology or public health, and individuals with degrees in related fields such as the natural sciences, sociology, psychology, social work, or demography.

**Application Materials**

**Required Application Materials**
- SOPHAS application account ([https://sophas.aspph.org](https://sophas.aspph.org))
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing sample
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by providing official scores within two years of the original test date. Acceptable test types: official TOEFL (SMD school code: 2948; SOPHAS application code: 5688), IELTS, and Duolingo scores.
- CV or resume (optional)
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process.

**Application Timeline**
- December 15—Complete application due
- December to January—Interviews scheduled
- February—Interviews held at University of Rochester Medical Center
- February to March—Offer of admission notices mailed after interviews
- April 15—Responses due for offer of admission
- July—Online application opens
- September—Fall semester begins

**Applying to Master’s Programs**

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required prior to matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral. We expect all application materials (exception official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

**Required Application Materials**
- SOPHAS application account ([https://sophas.aspph.org](https://sophas.aspph.org))
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing sample
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by providing official scores within two years of the original test date. Acceptable test types: official TOEFL (SMD school code: 2948; SOPHAS application code: 5688), IELTS, and Duolingo scores.
- CV or resume (optional)
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)

Application deadlines are May 1 (for fall admission) and November 1 (spring admission).

**Applying to Advanced Certificates**

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required prior to matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral. We expect all application materials (exception official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

Application deadlines are May 1 (fall admission) and November 1 (spring admission).

**Required Application Materials**
- A completed non-SOPHAS online application ([https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/](https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/))
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s)
- Official TOEFL (institution code: 2948) or IELTS score for applicants whose native language is not English
- CV or resume
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)

**Academics**

**Advanced Certificates and Requirements**
The advanced certificate program is a post-baccalaureate course of academic study designed for students and practitioners who seek to enhance their professional development. Certificates consist of four or five courses (12 to 15 credits). Up to 10 credits can be applied to a subsequent master’s degree, if desired.
REQUIRED COURSES

PM 410. Introduction to Data Management and Analysis
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 401. Quantitative Methods or BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
PM 416. Epidemiology Methods or PM 464. Introduction to Regression Analysis

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The MS in epidemiology includes 31 credits of required coursework. This comprises epidemiology (or biostatistics) core methods courses, ethics, elective courses, and thesis research (six credits). Students submit a written research proposal to their thesis committee for approval. They defend their thesis at completion in a public forum followed by a closed Q&A session with thesis committee members.

CORE REQUIREMENTS (25 CREDITS)

PM 401. Quantitative Methods in Public Health Research or BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
PM 410. Introduction to Data Management and Analysis Using SAS
PM 413. Field Methods in Epidemiology or BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 416. Epidemiology Methods
PM 469. Multivariable Models for Epidemiology or PM 464. Introduction to Regression Analysis
IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research
PM 460. Master's Essay

Epidemiology Electives (select one)

PM 413. Field Methods in Epidemiology
PM 414. History of Epidemiology
PM 418. Cardiovascular Epidemiology
PM 424. Chronic Disease Epidemiology
PM 442. Nutritional Epidemiology
PM 451. Infectious Disease Epidemiology
PM 469. Multivariate Models for Epidemiology
PM 470. Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
PM 489. Injury Epidemiology and Emergency Care Research Methods
PM 510. Causal Inference in Epidemiology

PUBLIC HEALTH/CLINICAL RESEARCH ELECTIVES (SELECT ONE)

PM 412. Survey Research
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention of Human Subjects in Clinical Research
PM 426. Social and Behavioral Medicine
PM 445. Introduction to Health Services Research
PM 485. Introduction to Biomedical Informatics
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
In general, the requirements for the PhD degree follow the University of Rochester policies and procedures. The curriculum requires a minimum of 61 credits of formal coursework and 61 credits of dissertation research. This doctoral program has been designed to provide advanced training in epidemiologic principles and quantitative skills. The expected coursework also provides preparation in general epidemiologic topics with a number of electives in a concentration of interest within epidemiology, such as cardiovascular disease epidemiology, environmental and occupational epidemiology, cancer epidemiology, injury and emergency care epidemiology, nutritional epidemiology, infectious disease epidemiology, chronic disease epidemiology, and special populations, such as pregnant women, children, the elderly, and minorities. Specific course requirements and a sample layout are provided below.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

PM 410. Intro to Data Management and Data Analysis Using SAS
PM 412. Survey Research
PM 413. Field Epidemiology
PM 414. History of Epidemiology
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 416. Epidemiological Methods
PM 426. Social and Behavioral Medicine
PM 469. Multivariate Models for Epidemiology
PM 510. Causal Inference in Epidemiology
PM 472. Measure and Evaluation of Research Instruments
PM 438. Grantsmanship
BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
PM 464. Introduction to Regression Analysis
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
IND 503. or IND 501. Ethics

Epidemiology Electives (select three)

PM 418. Cardiovascular Epidemiology
PM 424. Chronic Disease Epidemiology
PM 442. Nutritional Epidemiology
PM 451. Infectious Disease Epidemiology
PM 460. Cancer Epidemiology
PM 470. Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
PM 489. Injury Epidemiology and Emergency Care Research Methods
General Electives (select three)

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PM 410. Introduction to Data Management and Data Analysis Using SAS
PM 412. Survey Research
PM 413. Field Epidemiology
PM 414. History of Epidemiology
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PM 485. Introduction to Biomedical Informatics
PM 489. Injury Epidemiology and Emergency Care Research Methods
BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
IND 503 or IND 501. Ethics

Experimental Therapeutics

Edwin van Wijngaarden
Program Director

Overview

The Advanced Certificate in Experimental Therapeutics is designed to give individuals the knowledge and tools needed to conduct clinical research trials.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The program's mission is to provide researchers and other interested individuals with a practical understanding of quantitative research methods, including case control studies, cohort studies, and randomized clinical trials.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/certificate/advanced-certificate-in-experimental-therapeutics.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

Paula Amina Alio, PhD, University of Southern Florida
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention, School of Nursing

Robert Charles Block, MD, New Jersey Medical School
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention, Medicine–Cardiology

Shubing Cai, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Erin Campbell, MD, University at Buffalo
Assistant Professor of Clinical Public Health Sciences
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Francisco Cartujano Barrera, PhD, Seton Hall University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Cancer Center, Center for Community Health and Prevention

Ann M. Dozier, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Albert David Kaiser Chair of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention
Isabel D. Fernandez, PhD, University of Minnesota
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention

Theresa Marie Green, PhD, Western Michigan University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Nursing (SON), Center for Community Health and Prevention

Wyatte C. Hall, PhD, Gallaudet University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Center for Community Health and Prevention

Elaine L. Hill, PhD, Cornell University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Economics (AS&E), Obstetrics and Gynecology

Orna Intrator, PhD, Brown University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Todd A. Jusko, PhD, University of Washington
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Environmental Medicine

Yue Li, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Health Sciences

Yu Liu, PhD, Vanderbilt University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Camille A. Martina, PhD, University of Rochester
Research Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine

Scott McIntosh, PhD, University of Miami
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Cancer Center, Center for Community Health and Prevention, Dentistry, Orthopaedics

Reza Yousefi Nooraie, PhD, McMaster University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Deborah J. Ossip, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention

Jose G. Perez-Ramos, PhD, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Center for Community Health and Prevention

David Rich, ScD, Harvard University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Medicine, Environmental Medicine

Christopher Seplaki, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Psychiatry

James Tacci, MD, University of Rochester; JD, Syracuse University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine, Center of Nursing Entrepreneurship

Helena Temkin-Greener, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Professor Emeritus
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Kelly N. Thevenet-Morrison, MS, Rutgers University
Lead Programmer Analyst
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Peter J. Vezzie, PhD, University of Minnesota
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

Edith Williams, PhD, University at Buffalo
Interim Associate Professor
Dean’s Associate Professorship
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Medicine; Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology; Center for Community Health and Prevention; Clinical and Translational Research

Edwin van Wijngaarden, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Professor
Director, Career Development and Education, Institute for Human Health and the Environment; Associate Chair, Public Health Sciences
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, Community Health and Prevention
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Advanced Certificates and Requirements
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PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention of Human Subjects
PM 438. Grantsmanship
PM 472. Measurement and Evaluation of Research Instruments
PM 484. Medical Decisions and Cost-Effective Research
PM 487. Fundamentals of Science, Technology, and Health Policy

Genetic Counseling
Audrey Schroeder
Program Director
Emily Calamaro
Associate Program Director

Overview
The Master of Science in Genetic Counseling (MSGC) is a full-time program that prepares students for careers as genetic counselors.

Genetic counselors are essential players in the health care team. They possess the unique skills and knowledge necessary to support individuals and families in understanding and adapting to the medical and psychological implications of genetic conditions. The genetic counseling training program in the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry prepares students for a range of career opportunities available to genetic counselors.

The program is 21 months (five semesters) and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (https://www.gceducation.org).

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Our mission is to provide graduate students with the foundation of knowledge and skills critical for successful practice as genetic counselors in varied and emerging genetic counseling roles. The program is dedicated to providing a supportive and rigorous learning environment where students thrive and engage in comprehensive clinical training that includes both common and specialized areas of genetic counseling practice. Our program emphasizes leadership development with a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that prepares students to advance genetic and genomic health care for people of widely diverse backgrounds.

Program Objectives
The program requires genetic counseling graduate students to:
- Achieve a wide range of critical genetic counseling skills and competencies through completion of program components, including didactic courses, clinical and fieldwork training, thesis research projects, and supplemental learning experiences
- Demonstrate readiness for immediate integration into the genetic counseling profession
- Engage in robust clinical training experiences that include both common areas of genetic counseling practice (pediatric, cancer, and prenatal genetics) as well as more specialized areas (such as ocular genetics, neurogenetics, and cardiogenetics)
- Build strong professional relationships with peers and faculty that exemplify a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to patient care, research, and advocacy
· Develop effective leadership strategies and appreciate the vast leadership opportunities and needs within the genetic counseling field, including those aimed at building diversity, equity, and inclusion within genetic counseling graduate programs, the genetic counseling profession, research, and health care

· Develop research skills in designing and conducting a research study, which involves formulation of research question(s), data collection, data analysis, and oral and written presentation of findings

· Engage in ethical professional conduct, consistent with the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) Code of Ethics, with respect to themselves, peers, faculty, patients, and society.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/genetic-counseling.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

Audrey Schroeder, MS, CGC, MS, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Assistant Professor
MSGC Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Emily Calamaro, MGC, CGC, MGC, University of Maryland
Assistant Professor
MSGC Associate Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Diana Bailey, MS, CGC, MS, Case Western Reserve University
Senior Associate
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Joint Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology

David Ross Bearden, MD, University of Rochester; MSCE, University of Pennsylvania
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Jenina Capasso, MS, CGC, MS, Arcadia University
Senior Associate
Primary Appointment(s): Ophthalmology
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Chin-To Fong, MD, Harvard University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Joint Appointment(s): Health Humanities and Bioethics, Medicine, Biochemistry and Biophysics

Monique Ho, MD, Medical University of Ohio
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kristin Hocker, EdD, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor
Deputy Title IX Coordinator
Primary Appointment(s): Nursing

Alex V. Levin, MHSc, MD, Jefferson Medical College; MHS, University of Toronto
Professor
Adeline Lutz--Steven S. T. Ching, MD Distinguished Professorship in Ophthalmology;
Chief, Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics,
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Primary Appointment(s): Ophthalmology
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Susan McDaniel, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Professor
Dr. Laurie Sands Distinguished Professor of Families and Health; Director, Institute for the Family; Chief, Psychology; Vice Chair, Family Medicine
Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry
Joint Appointment(s): Family Medicine

Kelly Minks, CGC, MS, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Associate
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology

Hongmei Yang, PhD, North Carolina State University
Research Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Lindsay Smith, CGC, MS, Brandeis University
Senior Associate
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Jenny Speice, PhD, Virginia Tech
Associate Professor (part-time)
Director, MS Marriage and Family Therapy Program; Co-Director: Family Therapy Training Program
Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry

Eran Tallis, MD, Hadassah Medical School
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Joint Appointment(s): Medicine

Celeste Wyman, CGC, ScM, Johns Hopkins University
Senior Associate
Primary Appointment(s): Ophthalmology
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs
MSGC program applicants must submit their applications online directly to the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry through Application Management (https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/). MSGC program applicants are also required to separately register with the Genetic Counseling Admissions Match through National Matching Services (NMS): GC Admissions Match (https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions/). NMS provides each applicant with a unique code number for the upcoming match. The Admissions Match enhances the placement of applicants into positions in master’s-level genetic counseling programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC).

Application deadlines and other important dates are available on the MSGC program website.

Required Application Materials
- Baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited institution
- Prerequisite courses, including a minimum of one semester/quarter each of biochemistry, biology, genetics, organic chemistry, psychology, and statistics
- Transcript (For applicants who have earned a degree from a non-US institution, an independent course-by-course credential evaluation from a NACES-approved evaluator is also required. If a bachelor’s degree is from a non-US institution, the credential evaluation must document equivalency of a US baccalaureate degree or higher.)
- GPA of 3.0 or above (strongly recommended)
- Statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or CV
- Exposure to genetic counseling profession
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency. Official scores must be within two years of the original test date.
- Personal interview (held virtually)

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
MSGC program components include didactic courses, clinical/fieldwork training, thesis research projects, and supplemental learning experiences. As students progress through the program, they develop and demonstrate achievement of a wide range of critical genetic counseling skills and competencies. Student achievement of the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC) practice-based competencies (PBCs) are evaluated throughout the program.

Students must successfully complete all of the following for the master’s degree to be granted:
- All required didactic courses (42 credits)
- Five clinical/fieldwork rotations (15 credits)
- An acceptable master’s research project (6 credits)
- Participation in required supplemental learning activities

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
- GNC 420. Foundations in Medical Genetics
- GNC 403. Embryology and Reproductive Genetics
- GNC 430. Foundations of Genetic Counseling
- GNC 410. Genetics Bioethics
- BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
- SMD Medical Education course. Molecules to Cells (MTC)
- GNC 497. Genetic Counseling in Clinical Practice
- GNC 447. Client-Centered Genetic Counseling
- GNC 465. Medical Genetics by Subspecialty
- GNC 491–493. Master’s Thesis I–III
- GNC 501–505. Clinical Rotation/Fieldwork I–V
- GNC 467. Professional Issues in Genetic Counseling
- GNC 494. Special Topics in Clinical Genetics
- NSG 429. Diversity and Equity in Health Care
- GNC 511. Genetic Counseling Case Seminar I
- GNC 512. Genetic Counseling Case Seminar II
- GNC 500. Biopsychosocial Family Experiences with Genetic Conditions
Genetics

Douglas Portman
Program Director

Hartmut Land
Chair, Department of Biomedical Genetics

Overview

The graduate program in genetics offers doctoral training in genetics with emphasis on molecular and cellular biology, developmental biology, and computational biology. The program takes a broad view of genetics, which unites many areas of the modern biomedical sciences. This offers students a wide variety of interdisciplinary and collaborative opportunities in fundamental biomedical research, disease models, and translational research. While the program is based in the Department of Biomedical Genetics, it also includes affiliated faculty from many other departments and centers in the Medical Center and Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

Training in the first year of the program comprises introductory graduate-level classes in the biomedical sciences along with an advanced course in genetics. These classes lay the foundation for a variety of advanced courses and electives on specialized topics, such as developmental biology and cancer biology. Three laboratory rotations are a major component of the first year. During these rotations, graduate students perform research projects in program faculty laboratories. Students gain experience in independent research and an in-depth view of the scope of faculty research, choosing one of the labs in which to carry out their thesis research.

Training in the second and the following years includes in-depth specialized elective courses and participation and presentation in departmental and laboratory seminars, as well as journal clubs. Depending on their interests, students can take either Concentrations in either Cancer Biology or Bioinformatics. Students also serve as teaching assistants for at least one semester and learn about issues of science ethics. A weekly seminar series provides a venue to present research, receive feedback, and learn about the wide variety of science ethics. A weekly seminar series provides a venue to present research, receive feedback, and learn about the wide variety of science ethics. The program emphasizes the importance of mentorship and collaboration, fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for students.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The primary goal of the graduate program is to provide first-class research and training in modern genetics in a supportive environment in which faculty, learners, and staff are united by mutual respect and a passion for research.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/biomedical-genetics-and-genomics.aspx
Mark E. Dumont, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Thomas H. Eickbush, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor Emeritus
Mercer Brugler Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Dmitri N. Ermolenko, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics
Joint Appointment(s):

Robert S. Freeman, PhD, University of California, San Diego
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Dragony Fu, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Associate Professor
Director of Graduate Affairs and Admissions, Biology
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Elizabeth Grayhack, PhD, Cornell University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Isaac S. Harris, PhD, University of Toronto
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Jeffrey J. Hayes, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Professor
Chair, Biochemistry and Biophysics; Shohei Koide Professor in Biochemistry and Biophysics
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Aram F. Hezel, MD, University at Buffalo
Professor
John and Ethel Heselden Professorship
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine–Hematology/Oncology
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Amy Kiernan, PhD, Boston College
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Ophthalmology
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Hartmut K. Land, PhD, University of Heidelberg
Professor
Chair, Biomedical Genetics; Robert and Dorothy Markin Professorship
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Amanda Larracuente, PhD, Cornell University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biology

Richard T. Libby, PhD, Boston College
Professor
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs
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Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Biomedical Genetics, Center for Visual Science

Alayna E. Loiselle, PhD, University of Rochester
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Primary Appointment(s): Orthopaedics, Center for Musculoskeletal Research
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Thomas J. Mariani, PhD, Rutgers University
Professor
David H. Smith Professor in Pediatrics
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics–Neonatology
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine, Biomedical Genetics

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Professor
Lynne E. Maquat Distinguished Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Margot Mayer-Pröschel, PhD, University of Würzburg
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

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Primary Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Stephano Mello, PhD, *Universidade de São Paulo*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Edward Messing, MD, *New York University*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Urology

Patrick J. Murphy, PhD, *Cornell University*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Biology

Keith W. Nehrke, PhD, *University of Rochester*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine–Nephrology
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Mark D. Noble, PhD, *Stanford University*
Professor
Martha M. Freeman, MD Professorship in Biomedical Genetics
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

Mitchell R. O’Connell, PhD, *University of Sydney*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Michael A. O’Reilly, PhD, *University of Cincinnati*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics–Neonatology
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine

Catherine Ovitt, PhD, *Washington University*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Alexander R. Paciorkowski, MD, *University of Connecticut*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology–Child Neurology
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics, Neuroscience, Pediatrics

James Palis, MD, *University of Rochester*
Professor
Northumberland Trust Professorship in Pediatrics
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Archibald S. Perkins, MD, PhD, *Columbia University*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Eric M. Phizicky, PhD, *Cornell University*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics

Douglas S. Portman, PhD, *University of Pennsylvania*
Professor
Director, PhD Program in Biomedical Genetics and Genomics; Donald M. Foster, MD Professorship in Biomedical Genetics
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics
Joint Appointment(s): Biology, Neuroscience

Christoph Pröschel, PhD, *Oxford University*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Jacques Robert, PhD, *Rockefeller University*
Professor
Chair, Microbiology and Immunology
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology
Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine

Marlies Rossmann, MD, *Humboldt University; PhD, Stony Brook University*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Regina K. Rowe, MD, PhD, *St. Louis University; PhD, Washington University*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics–Infectious Diseases

Edward M. Schwarz, PhD, *Albert Einstein College*
Professor
Richard and Margaret Burton Distinguished Professor in Orthopaedics; Director, Center for Musculoskeletal Research
Primary Appointment(s): Orthopaedics
Joint Appointment(s): Urology, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, Microbiology and Immunology

Ruchira Singh, PhD, *Kansas State University*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Ophthalmology
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Marissa Sobolewski Terry, PhD, *University of Michigan*
Assistant Professor
Lindsey Distinguished Professorship for Pediatric Research
Primary Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine

Laurie A. Steiner, MD, *Mount Sinai School of Medicine*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics–Neonatology
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
The BGG admissions committee takes a holistic approach to assessing applicants. Though there are many qualities that go into the making of a successful candidate, some characteristics are shared by all our students and faculty: a mind open to new ideas, the commitment to make every moment count in the classroom and in the laboratory, and a hunger to learn and grow our knowledge and skill sets. BGG candidates who have demonstrated their interest in research, both in their coursework and by seeking out research opportunities, will be given preference. A solid foundation in biochemistry and molecular and cell biology will prepare candidates for our rigorous training program. Admission to the BGG graduate program is competitive; an admissions committee makes decisions. After the committee carefully reviews their application materials, prospective candidates are invited for an interview that will provide an opportunity to meet faculty and student researchers in our program. In addition to prior academic training and performance, research aptitude, letters of reference, and a personal statement aid in selection of the most qualified applicants. Students may also apply to transfer into the BGG program from any other University of Rochester graduate program, with approval by the program director. Such applicants will be required to submit a current CV and copies of undergraduate and graduate school transcripts, and to interview with members of the admissions committee. For the most up-to-date admissions information, please check the School of Medicine and Dentistry graduate education website.

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
The BGG program awards a master of science in genetics degree en passant to students upon successful completion of their qualifying exam, which must be taken by the second month of their third year. The program does not offer a terminal master's degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirement
The BGG program awards the PhD in genetics. The curriculum has several key requirements: core courses, seminars, elective courses, and experimental and/or computational research. In this context, research is the most important part of the BGG program. As such, the PhD degree is awarded only after a student has conducted an independent research project and successfully written and defended a dissertation that demonstrates a high level of research aptitude, intellectual competence, and original thought. Students are expected to publish their thesis work in peer-reviewed journals by the time of their defense.

Additional important parts of the PhD training include teaching assistantships, professional development activities guided by an individual development plan (IDP), and training in science communication and outreach. Students will be subject to the requirements of the sponsoring advisor’s academic department. Students in the BGG program may optionally choose to enroll in concentrations in cancer biology and in bioinformatics. Each concentration has an associated set of required coursework.
School of Medicine and Dentistry

Health Services Research and Policy

GRAduate course titles

ANA 513. Neuroinflammation
BCH 412. Advanced Topics in Biological Macromolecules
BCH 521. Bioinformatics for Life Scientists
BIO 457. Applied Genomics
BIO 414. Biostatistics
BIO 426. Developmental Biology
BIO 443. Eukaryotic Gene Regulation
BST 432. High Dimensional Data Analysis
BST 434. Genomic Data Analysis
BST 467. Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences
DSC 462. Computational Introduction to Statistics
GEN 503. Genetics Seminar (Fall)
GEN 504. Genetics Seminar (Spring)
GEN 506. Principles in Stem Cell Biology
GEN 507. Advanced Genetics and Genomics
GEN 508. Development, Homeostasis, and Aging: Biological Systems from Conception to Decline
GEN 595. PhD Research
IND 419. Introduction to Quantitative Biology
IND 426. Science Communication
IND 431. Foundations in Modern Biology I
IND 432. Foundations in Modern Biology II
IND 439. Leadership and Management for Scientists
IND 484. Current Topics in Bioinformatics
IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research
IND 507. Cancer Biology Seminar
IND 517. Clinical and Translational Oncology
MBI 414. Microbial Pathogenesis
MBI 421. Microbial Genetics and Physiology
MBI 456. Virology
MBI 473. Immunology
MBI 515. Advanced Immunology
NSC 512. Cellular Neuroscience
NSC 525. Biology of Neurological Disease
PHP 404. Principles of Pharmacology
PHP 447. Signal Transduction
PTH 507. Molecular and Cellular Biology of Cancer
TOX 521. Biochemical Toxicology
TOX 522. Organ Systems Toxicology

Health Services Research and Policy

Ann Dozier
Chair
Edwin van Wijngaarden
Associate Chair and Director, Health Services Research Certificate Program
David Rich
Director, Health Services Research and Policy PhD and MS Programs

Overview

Health services research is a multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that studies how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors affect access to health care, the quality and cost of health care, and, ultimately, our health and well-being. Health services research aims to provide a timely, reliable, and continuously improved evidence base to guide health care decisions made by clinicians, patients and families, executives and agencies, policymakers, and payers or purchasers.

Students in our program are offered a unique education at the forefront of health policy; health outcomes assessment; statistical, epidemiological, and quasi-experimental methodologies; analytics of large data sets; and economic evaluation. They enjoy an intimate learning environment in which they can easily interact with program faculty as well as develop strong collaborative ties to hospitals, clinical departments, and the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Our students regularly present posters and give podium presentations at major conferences and publish in high-impact journals their research on quality, access, cost, and outcomes of health care services to inform policy and practice. Our alumni have gone on to faculty positions at Duke, Yale, NYU, and other universities in the US; positions at RAND, other think tanks, and consulting firms; and government jobs in state health departments and in the Department of Health and Human Services. You are welcome to contact us for more information about our doctoral program in health services research and policy, and to discuss how we can help you reach your educational and career goals.

Our PhD can be combined with other degrees such as the MPH or MD. For PhD programs in HSRP and EPI, part-time study is not accommodated. Stipends, tuition grants, and training and travel expenses are provided for doctoral study. Join a diverse student body with education and experience in many health-related fields. Open selection of courses from among various schools and units of the University—for example, the School of Medicine and Dentistry, the School of Arts & Sciences, and the Goergen Institute for Data Science—allows for a unique range of options.

Our MS program in health services research and policy provides students with a multidisciplinary foundation in the fundamental elements of health services research, including health policy, biostatistical methods, health economics, epidemiology, psychology, and outcomes assessment.
The advanced certificate in health services research is designed to give individuals the knowledge and tools needed to evaluate the effectiveness of health services programs and policies.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

Our PhD program is designed to produce researchers who generate knowledge and strategies used in solving healthcare problems. The program prepares students for a career in academia, government or the private sector.

Our MS program in health services research and policy is a 31-credit course of study designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct high-quality health services and policy analysis. Students completing the program will be well prepared to take positions in a wide variety of private and public institutions engaged in health care management, health services research, and health policy work.

The health services research certificate provides researchers and other interested individuals with a practical understanding of health services research methods including cost-effectiveness analysis, impact analysis, and implementation research.

**PhD:** [https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/health-services-research-policy.aspx](https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/health-services-research-policy.aspx)

**MS:** [https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/health-services-research-policy.aspx](https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/health-services-research-policy.aspx)

**Advanced Certificate:** [https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/certificate/adv-certificate-in-health-services-research.aspx](https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/certificate/adv-certificate-in-health-services-research.aspx)

**Graduate Faculty Information**

**Shubing Cai, PhD, University of Rochester**
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Elaine L. Hill, PhD, Cornell University**
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Economics (AS&E), Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Orna Intrator, PhD, Brown University**
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Yue Li, PhD, University of Rochester**
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Health Sciences

**Reza Yousefi Nooraie, PhD, McMaster University**
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Helena Temkin-Greener, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**
Professor Emeritus
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Peter J. Veazie, PhD, University of Minnesota**
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Admissions**

**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

We expect all application materials (with the exception of official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

**Application Requirements**

- SOPHAS ([https://sophas.aspph.org](https://sophas.aspph.org)) application
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing sample
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by providing official scores within two years of the original test date. Acceptable test types: official TOEFL (SMD school code: 2948; SOPHAS application code: 5688), IELTS, and Duolingo scores.
- CV or resume (optional)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process.

**Application Timeline**

Admission is for fall semester:

- December 15—Complete application due
- After December 15—Applications accepted on a rolling basis until January 1, at program’s discretion
- December to January—Interviews scheduled
- February—Interviews held at University of Rochester Medical Center
- February to March—Offer of admission notices mailed after interviews
- April 15—Responses due for offer of admission
- July—Online application opens
- September—Fall semester begins
Applying to Master’s Programs
Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor's degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

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Optional Materials
- CV or resume
- Research papers, publications, and other original works
- Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process. Application deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Applying to Advanced Certificates
Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor's degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

Application Requirements
We expect that all application materials (with the exception of official score reports) be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.
- Online application (https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/); recommended browser: Google Chrome
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Official TOEFL (institution code: 2948) or IELTS score (if native language is not English)
- CV or resume
- Research papers, publications, and other original works for consideration (not required)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process. Application deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The advanced certificate program is a post-baccalaureate course of academic study designed for students and practitioners who seek to enhance their professional development. Certificates consist of four or five courses for a total of 12 to 15 credits.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PM421. Introduction to US Health Care System
PM445. Introduction to Health Services Research and Policy
PM415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM410. Introduction to Data Management/Analysis With SAS
PM464. Introduction to Regression Analysis
PM460. Master’s Essay
PM422. Quality of Care and Risk Adjustment
PM456. Health Economics I
PM463. Introduction to Mathematical Statistics Part 1
PM485. Introduction to Biomedical Informatics
PM430. Psychology in Health Services Research
PM484. Cost-Effectiveness Research

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
A program of study will be determined individually with the program director. Students must complete 31 credits of coursework, including six credits for a master’s essay. Additional courses can be taken for audit or credit. Upon completion, students will:
- Appreciate the multidisciplinary nature of health services research
- Understand the structure, financing, and performance of the US health care system
- Be familiar with quantitative and qualitative analyses of health care services and policy
- Understand the basic principles of statistical analysis, econometrics, quality assessment, and comparative effectiveness analysis
- Understand current methods used to formulate health care policy
- Know how to conduct basic statistical tests and regression analysis
- Know how to interpret health services research studies
- Be able to perform decision analysis and comparative effectiveness analysis
- Learn how to risk-adjust health care data
- Be able to perform a health care policy analysis

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**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

All incoming first-year students are required to participate in Math Camp two weeks before the start of fall semester. Core courses that form the basis of the comprehensive exams are completed in the first two years; depending on cohort and individual plans, additional courses may be required in the third year. Comprehensive exams are required in May of the second year; if the student does not pass this exam, they may retake the exam before the end of the calendar year. After the comprehensive exams, students typically begin fulfilling their required research assistantships and teaching assistantships.

After taking the comprehensive exams, students are expected to begin developing a formal dissertation proposal. Students are expected to have:
- a proposal topic selected by November of the third year
- a theory and conceptual framework identified by March of the third year
- data identified by June of the third year, and
- methods identified by September of the fourth year.

For each milestone, progress and completion are to be periodically reviewed with the student’s advisor. A dissertation committee must be formed and a proposal date scheduled by December of the fourth year. The proposal (which is the University’s qualifying exam) must be completed by January of the fourth year. The dissertation is expected to be completed within two years of a successful proposal.
Immunology, Microbiology, and Virology

Jacques Robert
Chair and Program Director

Overview

This degree program is designed to actively prepare graduates for careers in biomedical research by allowing them to earn both BS and MS degrees in five years.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

In the MS in immunology, microbiology, and virology program, selected students receive intensive, advanced training in the allied fields of immunology, microbiology, virology, and biotechnology, with a focus on hands-on research and real-world skills, including critical scientific thinking, scientific communication, group dynamic, problem-solving and data analysis, and instruction in drug discovery. The goals are to reflect the interconnectedness and complexity of biomedical sciences as well as the increasing requirement for teamwork in problem-solving in the workforce.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/masters-immunology-microbiology-virology.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

Jennifer Anolik, MD, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine–Allergy, Immunology, and Rheumatology
Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology

Stephen Dewhurst, PhD, University of Nebraska
Professor
Albert and Phyllis Ritterson Professorship; Vice Dean for Research, SMD; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Research–Office of Senior VP for Research (UR)
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Michelle Dziejman, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Paul Dunman, PhD, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology
Joint Appointment(s): Ophthalmology

John Frelinger, PhD, California Institute of Technology
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Harris Gelbard, MD, Northwestern University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience, Microbiology and Immunology, Pediatrics

Scott Gerber, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Surgery
Joint Appointment(s): Cancer Center, Microbiology and Immunology, Radiation Oncology

Steve Georas, MD, Brown University
Professor
Walter & Carmina Mary Parkes Family Distinguished Professorship
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine–Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Francis Gigliotti, MD, University of Virginia
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Infectious Diseases
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Steven Gill, PhD, Kansas State University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Kirsi Järvinen-Seppo, MD, PhD, University of Helsinki
Professor
Founders’ Distinguished Professorship of Pediatric Allergy
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology
Joint Appointment(s): Medicine–Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology; Microbiology and Immunology

Minsoo Kim, PhD, The Ohio State University
Professor
Dean’s Professorship in Microbiology and Immunology
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology
Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Paige Lawrence, PhD, Cornell University
Professor
Wright Family Research Professorship
Primary Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology
Allison Lopatkin, PhD, Duke University  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Chemical Engineering  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

James Miller, PhD, University of Washington  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology  

Cynthia Monaco, MD, PhD, University of Texas at Dallas  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Craig Morrell, DVM, PhD, Tufts University  
Professor  
Dean’s Professorship, Department of Medicine; Associate Director, Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute  
Primary Appointment(s): Medicine  
Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology  

Timothy Mosmann, PhD, University of British Columbia  
Professor  
Director, Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology; Michael and Angela Pichichero Director in the David H. Smith Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology  

Joshua Munger, PhD, University of Chicago  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Biochemistry and Biophysics  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Shawn Murphy, PhD, Duke University  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Gowrishankar Muthukrishnan, PhD, University of Central Florida  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Orthopaedics, Center for Musculoskeletal Research  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Jennifer Nayak, MD, University at Buffalo  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Infectious Diseases  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Martin Pavelka, PhD, University of Rochester  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Jacques Robert, PhD, University of Geneva  
Professor  
Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology  

Andrea Sant, PhD, Washington University  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology  

Kristen Scheible, MD, University of Rochester  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics, Neonatology  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Edward Schwarz, PhD, Einstein College of Medicine  
Professor  
Richard and Margaret Burton Distinguished Professor in Orthopaedics; Director, Center for Musculoskeletal Research  
Primary Appointment(s): Orthopaedics  
Joint Appointment(s): Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; Medicine–Allergy, Immunology, and Rheumatology; Biomedical Engineering; Microbiology and Immunology  

Ruth Serra-Moreno, PhD, University of Barcelona  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Meera Singh, PhD, University of Pune  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Neurology  
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Yan Sun, PhD, University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Toru Takimoto, DVM, PhD, Hokkaido University–Sapporo  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  

Juilee Thakar, PhD, University of Wurzburg  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology  
Joint Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology, Biomedical Genetics  

David Topham, PhD, University of Vermont  
Professor  
Director, Translational Immunology and Infectious Diseases Institute; Marie Curran Wilson and Joseph Chamberlain Wilson Professorship  
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology
Andrew Varble, PhD, *Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Brian Ward, PhD, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Terry Wright, PhD, *University of Rochester*
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Pediatrics
Joint Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Felix Yarovinsky, MD, *Russian State Medical University*
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

in the Center for Vaccine Biology and Immunology

Yiping Zhu, PhD, *Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences*
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Microbiology and Immunology

Admissions

**Applying to Master’s Programs**

Applicants need to be currently matriculated University of Rochester undergraduates with a strong academic record, including a minimum 3.3 GPA in the microbiology major, and have demonstrated commitment to pursue research (for example, IND/MBI 395, Independent Research). The process starts with a pre-application sent by email to the microbiology advisor, Jacques Robert. This requires a one-page personal statement containing scientific interest and career goals, a letter of recommendation from an independent research instructor or supervisor (preferably the IND/MBI 395 independent research supervisor), and unofficial transcripts. Interviews are then scheduled with the program director and members of the admissions committee. After the committee makes a decision to pre-accept the candidate, a full official application has to be filed online before May 1. This formal application requires the same personal statement, three letters of recommendation by professors in the major discipline (the recommendations for the pre-application may be used), and official University of Rochester transcripts. The final offer is made before or on July 1.

Academics

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

The BS/MS program components include didactic courses and intensive advanced training in the allied fields of immunology, microbiology, virology, and biotechnology, with a focus on hands-on research and “real-world” skills. These include critical scientific thinking, scientific communication, group dynamic, problem-solving and data analysis, instruction in drug discovery, and development of an independent thesis research project.

Students are required to successfully complete all of the following for the master’s degree to be granted:

- Coursework in three disciplines: immunology, microbiology, and virology
- Coursework in scientific writing and critical thinking
- Coursework relevant to the development of new biological products and therapeutics (such as drug discovery)
- Participation in interactive and team-oriented workshops designed to increase understanding of cutting-edge technologies (such as bioinformatics, genomics, biostatistics, and data analysis)
- Identifying and developing a research topic under the guidance of a faculty advisor
- Establishing an advisory/examination committee of four faculty members
- Satisfactorily completing a thesis and oral examination covering this subject matter and defending the thesis

This degree program allows students to begin work toward the master’s degree in the senior year of undergraduate study. Up to 10 graduate-level credits can be shared between the undergraduate and graduate degrees. As a result, students admitted to the BS/MS program receive their BS and MS degrees in five years—a reduction of one year from the typical “4 plus 2” years of study.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- IND 501. Ethics in Research
- MBI 402. Writing in Microbiology
- MBI 403. Drug Discovery
- MBI 519. Experimental Design and Analysis
- MBI 496. MS Project I and MS Project II
- MBI 501. Microbiology and Immunology Student Seminar
- MBI 404. Introduction to Emerging Pathogens
- MBI 414. Microbial Pathogenesis
- MBI 421. Microbial Genetics and Physiology
- MBI 456. General Virology
- MBI 473. Immunology
- MBI 540. Topics in Immunology
- MBI 514. Microbial Pathogenesis Seminar
- MBI 521. Microbial Genetics and Physiology Seminar
- MBI 570. Advanced Topics in Microbiology
- MBI 573. Immunology Seminar
- MBI 588. Virology Research Seminar
- MBI 589. Advanced Topics in Virology
Marriage and Family Therapy

Hochang Benjamin Lee  
Department of Psychiatry Chair

Susan H. McDaniel  
Institute for the Family Director

Jenny Speice  
Program Director

Lauren DeCaporale-Ryan  
Post Degree Training Program Director

Overview

Our program emphasizes strength-based and culturally attuned approaches to individual, couple, and family therapy, based on a biopsychosocial approach across the lifespan. A rich, multidisciplinary context prepares well-trained relational systemic (MFT) clinicians who can work in a variety of traditional mental health care settings, private practice, schools, and integrated health care settings.

Students receive training in the major approaches to individual, couple, and family therapy conceptual and clinical models. They learn theories of individual and family development across the life cycle, basic family research, evidence-informed treatments, and professional ethics as a relational systemic clinician with a focus on self-of-the-therapist and lifelong learning.

The program is housed in the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Rochester Medical Center, so our students are embedded in a clinical practice site/hospital rather than a college campus setting. This setting provides the unique opportunity to learn about mental health and families in a collaborative, interdisciplinary context to meet the needs of our Rochester community. All students complete clinical training at Strong Family Therapy Services, our on-site clinic, regulated by the New York State Office of Mental Health. Several Rochester community clinics provide complementary experiences. Practicum students receive weekly individual and group supervision at each site from AAMFT-approved supervisors or supervisors who are equivalently trained to provide relational systemic supervision.

Graduates of the Family Therapy Training Program leave with a depth of MFT knowledge and skill to competently practice as relational systemic professionals serving diverse communities with cultural attunement, self-reflection, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our mission is to prepare competent relational systemic therapists (MFTs) to care for and promote biopsychosocial/whole health with people across diverse communities.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/psychiatry/institute-for-the-family/family-therapy/masters.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

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Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Surgery, and Medicine  
Director, Family Therapy Post Degree Training Program  
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Joint Appointment(s): Surgery, Medicine

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Senior Instructor of Psychiatry  
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Susan H. McDaniel, PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine  
Dr. Laurie Sands Distinguished Professor of Families and Health; Director, Institute for the Family, Department of Psychiatry; Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine  
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Joint Appointment(s): Family Medicine

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Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics

Carol Podgorski, PhD, University of Rochester  
Professor of Psychiatry  
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Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry

Tziporah Rosenberg, PhD, Syracuse University  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine  
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Joint Appointment(s): Family Medicine

Jenny Speice, PhD, Virginia Tech  
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Director, MS MFT Program  
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Michelle Swanger-Gagne, PhD, University of Nebraska–Lincoln  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics  
Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry  
Joint Appointment(s): Pediatrics
William H. Watson, PhD, Biola University  
Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology  
Primary Appointment(s): Psychiatry  
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Program

Required Application Materials

- Statement of purpose
- Transcripts from all previous college and university studies
- Three letters of recommendation
- Demonstrated English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo test scores) for applicants whose native language is not English, unless approved for a waiver
- CV/resume (optional)
- Writing samples (optional)

The strongest applications indicate alignment with our program emphases on preparing relational systemic (MFT) therapists to serve diverse communities within a framework of biopsychosocial whole health, cultural attunement, self-reflection, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Three MS MFT program faculty will interview selected applicants prior to recommending for admissions review.

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Applicants must have an approved master’s or doctoral degree in an allied profession, with previous clinical experience, before entering the program.

Required Application Materials

- Statement of purpose
- Transcripts from all previous college and university studies
- Three letters of recommendation

The strongest applications indicate alignment with the goals of our advanced certificate program. We seek applicants with an informed understanding of marriage and family therapy; its focus on relational, systemic approaches to treatment; and our commitment to skills-focused, competency-based training. We meet with each applicant to carefully review their transcripts to identify the specific coursework and clinical experience that they would need to complete the certificate and meet requirements to be eligible for licensure as a MFT in New York State. A minimum of two Family Therapy Training Program faculty will interview selected applicants before recommending for admissions review.

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

The advanced certificate in marriage and family therapy provides training for professionals who already have an advanced clinical degree (MS/MA, MD, or PhD), and are interested in specialty training in family therapy theory and clinical practice. Students receive education in the major family therapy theories; systemic and relational approaches to clinical practice; and ethics and professional practice in the context of relational practice. Post-degree courses are offered in conjunction with courses in the master’s program. In addition to coursework, trainees are required to complete a minimum of 300 supervised clinical hours practicing marriage and family therapy, 200 of which must be relational hours (that is, couple or family cases). The advanced certificate requires satisfactory completion of 30 credits and the clinical practicum.

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Master’s Degrees and Requirement

The MS program is a 60-credit-hour curriculum. It has accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) and is also an approved New York State-registered program leading to licensure in marriage and family therapy. The curriculum is designed to train family therapists to work in the changing health and mental health environment.

Students must take all the core courses, including a master’s project. Successful completion of core didactic coursework is required before students begin clinical practicum. Students have direct client contact during the clinical practicum, which continues until the completion of a minimum of 500 hours of supervised clinical practice with individuals, couples, and families, with demonstrated competencies. The MS MFT program goals include demonstrate knowledge of the MFT profession; demonstrate ability to provide culturally attuned, evidence-informed, ethical care to a broad diversity of patients and families as a self-reflective relational systemic clinician; and demonstrate lifelong learning practices.
Medical Humanities

Lainie Ross  
Department of Health Humanities and Bioethics Chair
Patricia Luck  
Medical Humanities Program Director

Overview
This one-year program provides advanced training and practice in the biopsychosocial approach to understanding health and illness. Students have an opportunity to create their own program of study; engage with students from a wide range of disciplines, careers, and experiences; and develop a close working relationship with interdisciplinary faculty and mentors. The faculty are clinicians in medicine, nursing, and other health care fields, as well as scholars in the humanities.

For students from health care disciplines, this program will strengthen and deepen knowledge, skills, and behaviors that can be applied to their own clinical practice and developed throughout their careers. Learners in the program will be able to serve as teachers; they will have the foundational training to educate their colleagues and, as their careers progress, their students.

For students from humanities and other non-health care disciplines, this program extends their scholarly focus to the study of health care issues and practice. Students will learn about health care through formal coursework and from classmates who are training or practicing in diverse health care fields. The coursework and mixed interdisciplinary peer learning and clinical practicum provides students with personal and professional knowledge of some aspects of clinical care that will be valuable for careers in medical education or health care.

For all students at various career stages, the program offers an interdisciplinary, interprofessional learning environment that brings together learners from humanities and health care to share knowledge and expertise, to think critically and collaboratively about issues in health care, and to create networking opportunities and future collaborations.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The Health Humanities and Bioethics Department integrates perspectives from humanities, arts, and ethics to understand person-centered relationships and social, cultural, and moral contexts in health care. Through our interprofessional and interdisciplinary collaborations across the University of Rochester Medical Center, we work to improve the well-being of our patients, providers, and communities in a humanistic, ethical, and inclusive culture.

Program Goals
The MS in medical humanities degree program provides advanced training and practice in the biopsychosocial approach to understanding health and illness. Through the study and application of humanities to issues in patient care, students will:

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
PSI 539. Family Therapy Theory and Technique  
PSI 541. Foundations of Clinical Practice in Family Therapy  
PSI 543. Psychopathology and Systems  
PSI 545. Human Development Across the Life Cycle  
PSI 566. Couples Therapy  
PSI 542. Clinical Assessment in Family Therapy  
PSI 548. Family Therapy Ethics and Professional Practice  
PSI 570. Intersection of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Other Cultural Identities in Clinical Practice  
PSI 572. Family Therapy Research  
PSI 574. Child-Focused Family Therapy  
PSI 492. Medical Family Therapy Intensive  
PSI 560. Narrative and Integrative Approaches to Family Therapy  
PSI 562. Family Therapy Practice  
PSI 564. Family Law, Policy, and Social Systems  
PSI 584. Master’s Project  
PSI 587/588. Clinical Practicum  
PSI 421. Fundamentals of Family Therapy Practice  
PSI 494. Couples Therapy, Families, and Illness  
PSI 426. Integrated Mind-Body Practices  
PSI 433. The Practice of Medical Family Therapy  
PSI 425. Special Topics in Integrated Care Practices
Acquire knowledge of concepts, methods, and subject materials from core humanities disciplines (literature, ethics, history, and visual arts) in relation to current problems and issues in health care.

Consider multiple perspectives from humanities disciplines on caring for the patient, with particular focus on the patient and provider as individuals in social and cultural contexts that shape their knowledge, behaviors, and attitudes.

Develop skills and tools from humanities-based knowledge about patients, providers, and practices that can be applied in clinical practice, studied in scholarly research, and taught in health care education.

Admissions

Applying to Master's Programs

The master of science in medical humanities program is intended for students, trainees and professionals in health care disciplines (medicine, nursing, dentistry, social work, and pastoral care), in allied health sciences (occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistants) and graduate students and scholars in humanities disciplines and fields (literature, history, visual arts, anthropology, gender, cultural and religious studies) who seek to integrate aspects of medicine and patient care into their academic work and teaching. Candidates for admission to the program must have earned a baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent.

Required Application Materials

- Online application
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Additional materials (optional)
- Transcripts from all previous college and graduate programs
- English proficiency documents (for applicants whose native language is not English)
- Three letters of recommendation
- A $60 application fee

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements

The program requires 32 credit hours of graduate level work. Students must take all courses, including a capstone project/paper. The program can be full time or part time over two, three, or four semesters. Some students take one course per semester, completing the program in four years.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

MHB 410. Bioethics at the Bedside
MHB 420. Stories in Health Care
MHB 430. Visual Arts and Health Care
MHB 440. History of the Body in Science and Medicine
MHB 450. Master's Research Methods: Capstone Planning
MHB 460. The Disabled Body in Modern Medicine and Culture
MHB 495. Capstone Development I
MHB 496. Capstone Development II
MHB 497. Capstone Practicum
Medical Pharmacology

Robert T. Dirksen
Chair
Robert S. Freeman
Program Director

Overview
The objective of the medical pharmacology program is to provide students with advanced academic training in human cell physiology, pharmacology, and anatomy along with professional development skills that allow them to craft stronger, more competitive applications for entry into professional degree programs in medicine, dentistry, or similar professional health careers—and to excel in those programs. The program is structured as a Plan B MS degree program and is administered by the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology. As such, it is integrated with the other MS and PhD degree programs administered by the department and includes coursework in pharmacology, physiology, and human anatomy as well as participation in departmental seminars. The program culminates with completion of a comprehensive, scholarly review of the primary literature surrounding a topic pertinent to pharmacology or experimental therapeutics. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the MS degree in medical pharmacology.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Our mission is to train and mentor aspiring health care professionals to better position them for entry into professional degree programs in medicine or dentistry. We have three strategic goals: First, we aim to provide instruction in foundational pharmacology, physiology, and human anatomy concepts as well as the latest conceptual and technical developments in experimental therapeutics. Second, we mentor our learners to develop critical thinking and quantitative reasoning skills, and we provide opportunities to use these skills to synthesize and critically evaluate scientific hypotheses and data. Third, we provide students with the knowledge, skills, and training to improve their written and oral communication skills, to recognize and adhere to ethical standards and moral principles, and to engage in reflective practices for continued self-improvement.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/medical-pharmacology.aspx

Graduate Faculty Information

Douglas M. Anderson, PhD, Arizona State University
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Pharmacology and Physiology

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Professor
Associate Chair, Pharmacology and Physiology
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Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology, Biomedical Engineering

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Roman S. Eliseev, MD, PhD, *Russian State Medical University*
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Associate Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Director, Medical Pharmacology Master’s Program
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Dean’s Professorship in Pharmacology and Physiology
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Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Engineering

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Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Assistant Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Assistant Professor
Co-Director, Cellular and Molecular Physiology Program
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology

David M. MacLean, PhD, *McGill University*
Associate Professor
Paul Stark Professorship in Pharmacology; Co-Director, Cellular and Molecular Physiology Program
Primary Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology
Admissions

Applying to Master's Program

Successful applicants to our MS program have a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college or university of acceptable standing and intend to pursue a professional degree in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or similar professional health science career. While the majority of successful applicants have BS or BA degrees in basic or applied sciences such as biology, biochemistry, chemistry or biomedical engineering, students with degrees in other fields are welcome to apply. All applicants, regardless of their degree subject, must have completed all prerequisite coursework for their intended professional degree program before matriculating. (Common prerequisites for US medical schools include at
least one year of biology with laboratory; one year of physics with laboratory; and either two semesters of organic chemistry or one semester of organic and one semester of biochemistry, with laboratories.) Additional coursework in cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, and statistics is encouraged but not required.

All undergraduate, and graduate if applicable, transcripts are required. GRE or MCAT scores are not required, though they will be considered if provided. Successful applicants will typically have some prior exposure to clinical medicine, community health/wellness programs, or biomedical or health services research. Such exposure may come from volunteer experiences (for example, shadowing physicians), professional training or certifications, or full- or part-time employment in a health care field. Applicants must arrange to have at least three letters of support submitted on their behalf. These should be sent from people with direct knowledge of the applicant’s potential to succeed in graduate school and their potential for success when ultimately applying to their chosen professional degree program. We also require a personal statement from each applicant.

We recognize that learners come from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, with varying levels of access to educational opportunities, employment, and related career-preparation resources, opportunities, and experiences. We also understand that each applicant has unique time and life commitments. In our experience, the best predictor of success in our MS program is not undergraduate GPA or ranking of the undergraduate institution. Rather, the best predictors are interest and motivation that are both genuine and deep, a strong work ethic, resilience, and an abundant capacity to adapt, grow, and learn. These factors can be difficult to demonstrate in a typical resume. Therefore, we encourage applicants to address the following criteria specifically in their personal statement: their enthusiasm, motivation, and preparation for their chosen career path; their specific reason(s) for applying to our MS program; and meaningful life circumstances that demonstrate their adaptability and resilience.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The master’s degree includes 30 credit hours of coursework, including the following required courses:

Fall Semester
- Ethics and Professional Integrity
- Human Cell Physiology
- Master’s Readings
- Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar
- Professional Development
- Medical Pharmacology

Spring Semester
- Applied Human Anatomy
- Effective Scientific Communication
- Human Anatomy Practicum

- Master’s Essay
- Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar
- Advanced Topics in Pharmacology

In addition to above required courses, students must complete two to four credit hours of electives that can be chosen from

- Design of Clinical Trials
- Applied Statistics in Biomedical Sciences
- Leadership and Management for Scientists
- Science Outreach to All
- Drug Discovery
- Introduction to Programming
- Current Microanatomy
- Biology of Neurological Diseases
- Signal Transduction
- Ion Channels and Disease
- Principles of Epidemiology
- Foundations in Public Health
- Biochemical Toxicology

Students may also request to take electives not on this list with the approval of the medical pharmacology graduate committee.

The Plan B MS degree has a focus on literature research. Students complete a detailed, critical assessment of the primary scientific literature on a current or emerging topic of interest in pharmacology or experimental therapeutics. Early in the fall semester, students consult with their faculty advisor to identify an additional faculty mentor with expertise in their topic of interest. With guidance from their mentors, students complete a master’s essay that presents a critical review of the chosen topic. They formally present and defend key aspects of their master’s essay during an oral exam conducted by a faculty committee.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

PHP 403. Human Cell Physiology
PHP 405. Effective Scientific Communication
PHP 463. Human Anatomy Practicum
PHP 465. Introduction to Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology
PHP 467. Statistical Rigor and Data Analysis
PHP 468. Introduction to Structure and Analysis of Biomolecules
PHP 491. Master’s Readings
PHP 492. Master’s Essay
PHP 502. Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar
PHP 530. Advanced Topics in Pharmacology
PHP 550. Ion Channels and Disease
PHP 593. Professional Development
PHP 623. Medical Pharmacology
Medical Physics

Dandan Zheng  
Chief of Medical Physics

Sean Tanny  
Medical Physics Graduate Program Director

Overview

Our clinically focused, two-year program is designed to prepare students to pursue residency training and a career as a clinical medical physicist. We are looking for students who are eager to use their technical knowledge to improve patient care through imaging and treatment. Our faculty includes imaging physicists, therapy physicists, radiobiologists, and oncologists who are dedicated to preparing our students for a rewarding career in medical physics. We have designed this program to feature a strong background in the fundamentals of radiation physics, medical imaging, and radiation therapy, with hands-on practical rotations that allow students to engage with equipment and techniques that they will encounter throughout their careers.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our program’s mission is to train safe, knowledgeable, future leaders in medical physics through teaching, hands-on instruction, and directed research on novel technologies and treatments. We achieve this with our comprehensive curriculum, intensive lab and clinical rotation schedules, and focus on directed and independent thesis research projects.

http://www.medicalphysics.urmc.edu

Graduate Faculty Information

Michael Ashenafi, MS, Louisiana State University  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

Yuhchyau Chen, MD, University of Washington  
Professor  
Chair of Radiation Oncology  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

Olga Maria Dona Lemus, PhD, McMaster University  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

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Professor  
Vice Chair of Research in Imaging Science  
Primary Appointment(s): Imaging Science  
Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering

Robert Freeman, PhD, University of California, San Diego  
Professor  
Director of Medical Pharmacology  
Primary Appointment(s): Medical Pharmacology and Physiology

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Assistant Professor  
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Brian Marples, PhD, University of London  
Professor  
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Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

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Joint Appointment(s): Interim Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering; Interim Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Director, Medical Physicist Graduate Program  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

Matt Webster, PhD, University of California, San Diego  
Assistant Professor  
Director, Medical Physics Residency  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

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Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology

Dandan Zheng, PhD, University of California, Davis  
Professor  
Director, Medical Physics Radiation Oncology  
Primary Appointment(s): Radiation Oncology
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs
Successful candidates have a strong background in undergraduate physics, but do not need to have been physics majors. Computer or data science, imaging science, engineering, chemistry, and biology majors are all good fits for our program. Experience with image manipulation, object-oriented programming, machine learning, and radiation physics will all be considered as an additional boon to any potential candidate. Past publications or research efforts will be factored in to the strength of any application.

Our ideal candidate is motivated with a strong background in science and computation and has some basic research experience. They are looking to be involved clinically and to pursue a residency in medical physics. They want to become familiar with a wide range of clinical technologies and techniques, and to perform projects that will have a direct impact on the excellent care we provide to our patients at the Wilmot Cancer Institute.

Required Application Materials
- Bachelor’s degree in physics or a closely related field, such as natural science or engineering
- Coursework must include nonintroductory work in
  - Mechanics
  - Electricity and magnetism
  - Modern/quantum physics
  - Multivariate calculus
  - Differential equations
  - Mathematical methods
- Courses can be substituted if the applicant can demonstrate equivalence with
  - Letter from course instructor
  - Copy of course syllabus
  - Official transcript for verification
  - GPA greater than 3.0 out of 4.0 (preferred)
- Personal statement no longer than two pages; it should
  - Describe the applicant’s motivation for pursuing graduate study in medical physics
  - Include career and academic goals
  - Discuss experience in physics
- Three professional or academic reference letters

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The program requires 42 credit hours of graduate-level work, which includes thesis research and clinical rotation credit. The program is 4.5 semesters, with students taking five credits over the summer semester. Students shall complete a thesis describing their original work.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

- MP 401. Physics of Radiation Therapy
- MP 402. Journal Seminar
- MP 410. Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology
- MP 421. Radiation Dosimetry I
- MP 422. Radiation Dosimetry II
- MP 423. Radiation Protection, Safety, and Regulation
- MP 424. Radiation Detection and Measurement
- MP 425. Brachytherapy
- MP 431. Computational Method
- MP 432. Advanced Topics in Radiation Therapy
- MP 441. Radiation Biology
- MP 495. Independent Research
- MP 501. Clinical Dosimetry Rotation I
- MP 502. Clinical Dosimetry Rotation II
- MP 503. Clinical Physics Rotation I
- MP 504. Clinical Physics Rotation II
Microbiology and Immunology

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Chair
Ruth Serra-Moreno  
Program Director

Overview
The Microbiology and Immunology PhD program provides graduate students with skills, tools, and academic knowledge in the diverse disciplines of immunology, microbiology, and virology.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The mission of the Microbiology and Immunology PhD program is to train the next generation of scientists in the research areas of cancer, bacteriology, autoimmune diseases, vaccine design, and virus pathogens. We also strive to allow students to develop highly effective interdisciplinary collaborations, resulting in cutting-edge thesis projects that will make them competitive in the job market.

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Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Applicants for admission to graduate study in the immunology, microbiology, and virology (IMV) program should have an undergraduate major in biological or physical sciences. The usual minimum requirements are general biology, general chemistry, analytical chemistry, organic chemistry, and at least one year of mathematics and physics. Physical chemistry and biochemistry are desirable. The major goal of the PhD graduate program is to prepare students for a scientific career in one of several areas included in the broad categories of virology, microbiology, and immunology. In the PhD program, selected students receive intensive, advanced training in the allied fields of immunology, microbiology, virology, and biotechnology, with a focus on hands-on research and real-world skills, including critical scientific thinking, scientific communication, group dynamics, problem-solving, data analysis, and instruction in drug discovery. The goals are to reflect the interconnectivity and complexity of biomedical sciences as well as the increasing requirement for teamwork in problem-solving in the workforce.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

The IMV program awards an en passant master of science degree in microbiology to students upon successful completion of their qualifying examination, which must be taken by October 1 of the student’s third year. In addition, the Department of Microbiology and Immunology offers a stand-alone or terminal master’s degree in microbiology.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The IMV program awards a doctorate of philosophy in microbiology and immunology. The IMV graduate curriculum consists of required core courses, elective courses, and seminars. Students choose to specialize in one of the three major tracks—immunology, microbiology, and virology—and fulfill the course requirements of the selected track. Students may also choose to enroll in concentrations in cancer biology and/or in bioinformatics. Each concentration has a set of required courses and seminar participation. Students interested in either of these concentrations are encouraged to take the required courses/seminars after completing their qualifying exam.

A major component of the IMV graduate curriculum is experimental research. In fact, the PhD degree is awarded only after a student has conducted an independent research project and successfully written and defended a dissertation that demonstrates a high level of research skills, intellectual proficiency, originality, and critical thinking. Students are expected to publish their thesis work in peer-reviewed journals by the time of their defense.

As part of their PhD training, students must (i) serve as teaching assistants at least one semester, (ii) develop an individual career development plan, and (iii) are highly encouraged to present their work at professional conferences.

GRADUATE COURSES TITLES

IND 501. Ethics in Research
IND 431. Foundations in Modern Biology I
IND 432. Foundations in Modern Biology II
MBI 501. Microbiology and Immunology Student Seminar
MBI 507. Laboratory Rotations
MBI 519. Experimental Design and Analysis
MBI 473. Immunology
MBI 573. Immunology Seminar
MBI 515. Advanced Immunology
MBI 414. Microbial Pathogenesis
MBI 514. Pathogenesis Seminar
MBI 421. Microbial Genetics and Physiology
MBI 521. Microbial Genetics and Physiology Seminar
MBI 456. Virology
MBI 473. Immunology
MBI 573. Immunology Seminar
MBI 414. Microbial Pathogenesis
MBI 514. Pathogenesis Seminar
Microbiology–Medical

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Overview
The Department of Microbiology and Immunology offers a graduate program leading to the master’s degree in microbiology. The goal of our program is to prepare students for scientific careers in diverse areas of microbiology (including bacteriology and virology) and immunology. Research experience is coupled with graduate-level coursework to provide broad-based knowledge that supports multidisciplinary interests and approaches to problem solving—critical attributes of a scientist in our world today.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
The MS program is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study. During that time, our students engage in both didactic and workshop-style classes, read and discuss primary literature together with faculty in journal clubs, and develop presentation skills by participating in research-in-progress forums.

Beginning in the first semester, students conduct research under the direction of a faculty mentor based on faculty-developed projects. Research goals are focused on gaining practical training: to apply diverse approaches to scientific questions, develop critical thinking skills, learn experimental design, and execute experiments focused on a dedicated project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. The program culminates in writing, and then orally defending, a thesis based on the research project. 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Our program aims to couple a solid academic foundation with hands-on bench research that prepares graduates to successfully pursue the next stage of their career in academic settings, biotech/pharmaceutical environments, or wherever their next goal lies.

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Applying to Master's Programs
Students interested in the MS degree are encouraged to apply early in the calendar year for matriculation in the fall of the same year. (The program does not offer matriculation in the spring semester.) Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in March and are accepted until May 1. Typical applicants have a strong undergraduate background in the biological sciences, including molecular biology, and have demonstrated mastery of relevant courses. Applicants moving to the second stage of review will be contacted by the program director to set up a video interview.

Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements
To be eligible for the MS degree, students must earn 30 credits consisting of coursework, MS thesis research, and dissertation work as outlined in the MS Student Handbook. Depending on interests, a student's coursework may be structured to follow one of three course tracks: microbiology, immunology, or virology. In conjunction with that decision, each student should choose a faculty advisor by October 15 of the first year.

Students may also choose from the two options for the MS degree: the laboratory research master's degree (Plan A) and the library research master's degree (Plan B). Under Plan A, the student registers for courses as dictated by the chosen track of study. MS research credit will vary each semester and include a summer in residence after the first year, devoted to full-time research. The second year consists of remaining coursework in the fall semester, after which the required 30 credit hours will be met. The spring semester is devoted fully to research and writing, with students registering for dissertation status. At least six credits (but no more than 12) must be earned for MS research. Credit and course requirements for Plan B are similar, except that research credits may not exceed six hours. The library research master's thesis should be oriented to a specific problem or question, with data and information obtained mainly from the literature. The decision to follow Plan B must be made in conjunction with the advisor before the second year starts.

In all cases, the student and advisor will compose an advisory committee according to graduate education and university guidelines. Students must meet with the advisory committee before the end of the second semester to discuss the proposed research and thesis plan, and at least one additional time before the defense. The dissertation must show independent work based in part on original material. It must present evidence that the candidate possesses the ability to plan the study over a prolonged period and to present the results of the study in a logical, clear, and scientific manner. The dissertation should include evidence that the student is thoroughly acquainted with the literature in the related field. Students write and then orally defend their thesis in the spring semester of the second year.
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MBI 495. MS Research
MBI 473. Immunology
MBI 573. Immunology Seminar
MBI 540. Advanced Topics in Immunology
MBI 580. Immunology Research in Progress
MBI 414. Microbial Pathogenesis
MBI 514. Pathogenesis Seminar
MBI 570. Advanced Topics in Microbiology
MBI 456. Virology
MBI 588. Virology Research Seminar
MBI 589. Advanced Topics in Virology

Neurobiology and Anatomy

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Overview

The Department of Neuroscience is recognized for its excellence in research programs and for its commitment to teaching and leadership in both graduate and medical education. In addition to our own neuroscience graduate program, commitments include extensive instructional and leadership roles in the graduate programs of brain and cognitive sciences, biomedical engineering, and others. Connections among different levels of clinical education and graduate education are also strong. Over 90 faculty (primary, joint, and adjunct) are actively engaged in research on the structure and function of the nervous system across several levels of inquiry. Areas of interest cover a broad spectrum of neuroscience, including sensory, motor and integrative systems, cell signaling and transmission, development and aging, neurobiology of disease, learning and plasticity, neuroengineering, and computational neurobiology. Extensive state-of-the-art instrumentation and methodologies are available for investigators, students, and staff, both within labs and across a set of departmental research cores. Close interactions among departments and centers sharing interests in neuroscience ensure that this discipline holds a leading presence throughout our unified medical and college campus, while the Department of Neuroscience remains central to Rochester’s research and teaching programs in the neural sciences. For students as well as fellows and visiting faculty, this translates into a highly attractive environment for training and career development. This commitment includes extensive participatory and leadership roles in medical, graduate, and undergraduate curricula at the University of Rochester.

About the Program

The neurobiology and anatomy track is particularly well-suited to students in the joint MD/PhD program and to PhD candidates interested in studying the function and dysfunction of the nervous system on a broader scale. The program of study extends the core curriculum into human anatomy, neurobiology, and disorders of the nervous system through participation in one of two medical school courses. The program specifically prepares students for academic careers within a medical school setting, where teaching is an important component of the faculty mission, and where research interests include systems, integrative, and translational/clinical aspects of neural science. The track is available to students whose thesis advisor has a primary or secondary appointment in the Department of Neuroscience.
Students completing the track are awarded a PhD in neurobiology and anatomy.

**Mission Statement and Strategic Goals**

The Department of Neuroscience provides our students with research training, professional mentorship, and career guidance in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that will prepare them to advance ever better neuroscience research through scholarship, instruction, and community service.

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Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Students entering the program typically have a baccalaureate degree in one of the natural or applied sciences (such as biological sciences, chemistry, physics, neuroscience, psychology, biomedical engineering). Successful applicants usually have had college-level coursework, or equivalent professional experience, in disciplines relevant for neuroscience, including the biological sciences, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. In addition, prior laboratory research experience is strongly recommended.

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

Students are admitted to the PhD program as a whole, rather than to specifically work with an individual professor. Full-time study is required.

We expect all application materials (except official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and test scores, and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

Required Materials
- SMD graduate admissions application
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores will not be used by the admissions committee even if submitted. Note: Because we share our admissions system with other programs, we are unable to remove the field that requests GRE information. Applicants can disregard this field. If GRE scores are submitted, the committee will not look at it or take it into account when making admissions decisions.
- For applicants whose native language is not English, official TOEFL (SMD school code: 2948, SOPHAS application code: 5688) or IELTS score
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)
- CV/resume (optional)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation. These are not used during the admissions process.

Evaluation of Applications by the Admissions Committee

Our admissions evaluation process follows three core tenets, using specific metrics to define excellence in each area:

1. Likelihood that the applicant can successfully complete the academic requirements to obtain a PhD from the NGP
   - Cumulative GPA and grades in STEM courses
   - Research and other work experiences
   - Writing skills
   - Reference feedback

2. Programmatic match with individual’s professional goals
   - Relevance of coursework
   - Alignment of research interests and experience
   - Stated commitment to research
   - Reference feedback
Leadership
Ethics in Research
Teamwork and service
Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

Dissertation research
Three to four laboratory rotations
Four semesters of Journal Club
Integrative and Systems Neuroscience
Teaching assistant for one semester
Introduction to Programming
NSC Student Seminar

Consistent evaluation rubrics (scores based on core tenets) are used for all applicants.
Selected applicants will interview with at least five program faculty members whose further evaluation will be considered before any admissions offer is recommended.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
In pursuit of the PhD, students can earn a master’s degree en pas-sant. The master’s degree is awarded after satisfactory completion of the Part I and Part II qualifying exams and a minimum of 30 credits hours of study in:

- Cellular Neuroscience
- Integrative and Systems Neuroscience
- Ethics in Research
- Human Brain Anatomy
- Introduction to Programming
- Three to four laboratory rotations
- Four semesters of Journal Club
- Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences
- Teaching assistant for one semester
- NSC Student Seminar
- Dissertation research

Ten elective credits including Neuroinflammation, Biology of Neurological Disease, and/or a host of interdepartmental courses offered by Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Center for Visual Science, Biomedical Engineering, and Biostatistics and Computational Biology, to name a few.

Part I Exam
The student in consultation with their advisor selects a minimum of 50 papers to read that are relevant to the student’s scientific area of interest. Based on the readings, the student formulates five broad hypothesis-driven research questions at the end of the reading period. With the committee’s approval, the student composes written answers to these questions.

Part II Thesis Proposal/Qualifying Exam
After passing the Part I exam, the student is expected to formulate a thesis proposal with the guidance of their thesis advisor. The written proposal includes the specific aims and overall significance of the proposed research, sufficient background for others to understand the research plan, key preliminary data that support the aims, and a description of the experimental design that will be used to accomplish the stated aims. Successful completion of the thesis proposal/qualifying exam advances the student to candidacy for the PhD degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The neurobiology and anatomy degree provides a comprehensive, research-intensive training experience for students seeking a PhD degree in the study of the nervous system. The first-year curriculum provides students with a thorough understanding of the fundamental concepts that underlie contemporary neuroscience, from the molecular and cellular to systems levels. Active learning is fostered through participation in the Neuroscience Journal Club, Student Seminar, and laboratory rotations with faculty selected by the student. During the first year, students engage in a rigorous curriculum in cellular and systems neuroscience that builds a solid foundation for subsequent, more specialized coursework tailored to the individual career and research interests of each student. In addition, first-year students complete three laboratory rotations that, through active participation in a research project, provide an insider’s view of the research interests, laboratory environment, and mentoring style of potential thesis advisors. At the end of the first year, students choose a thesis advisor and begin developing and carrying out their dissertation research. Training in subsequent years occurs largely through active participation in laboratory research, journal clubs, seminars, and continuous participation in local, national, and international scientific meetings. Students are awarded the PhD degree upon successful defense of scholarly research described in a publishable dissertation.

The departmentally based degree in neurobiology and anatomy is particularly well suited to students in the University’s MD/PhD program and to PhD candidates interested in the characteristics of, and mechanisms underlying, function and dysfunction of the nervous system. Mentors for this degree are primary/secondary faculty in the Department of Neuroscience. The program prepares students specifically for academic careers within a medical school setting, where teaching in medical and graduate school curricula is a strong component of faculty mission, and where research interests include systems, integrative, and translational/clinical attributes of neural science.

To those choosing the neurobiology and anatomy PhD track, a rare opportunity is offered. Students choose one of the
two medical school courses associated with the department, depending on their interest: Human Structure and Function includes gross anatomy, yielding an appreciation of the peripheral nervous system and its diverse interactions with numerous functions of the body; Mind, Brain, and Behavior approaches neuroscience from a distinctly human perspective with emphasis on clinical implications and mechanisms.

As students approach their extended research training, they choose additional electives for a specialized emphasis. Graduate students in neurobiology and anatomy are encouraged to exploit the multidisciplinary talents of our faculty in basic and clinical disciplines to achieve the research goals of their dissertation projects. Numerous collaborative research programs offer opportunities with colleagues in associated departments.

Teaching requirements and opportunities are prominent in the program. The aim is to instill the confidence necessary to impart knowledge to others and to prepare students for their eventual roles as teaching researchers.

Considerations for MSTP Students in the MD/PhD Program
Students admitted to the MD/PhD program proceed with the same course of study as other students in the PhD program, except they often begin their lab rotations in the summer before they join the program to choose a lab and research advisor. MD/PhD students can also transfer up to 10 credit hours from medical school courses and are not required to register for NSC 511 and NSC 581.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ANA 512. Cellular Neuroscience
ANA 513. Neuroinflammation
ANA 518. Introduction to Neuroengineering
ANA 522. Neuroscience Student Seminar
ANA 525. Mind, Brain, and Behavior
ANA 526. Human Structure and Function
ANA 581. Teaching Tutorial in Neuroscience
ANA 591. PhD Readings/Special Topics
ANA 595. PhD Research in Neuroscience
BCSC 501. Language
BCSC 502. Cognition
BCSC 508. Cognitive Neuroscience
BCSC 511. Behavioral Methods in Cognitive Science
BCSC 512. Computational Methods in Cognitive Science
BCSC 513. Introduction to fMRI: Imaging, Computational Analysis and Neural Representations
BCSC 532. Probabilistic Theories of Cognitive Processing
BCSC 543. Neurochemical Foundations of Behavior
BCSC 546. Biology of Mental Disorders
BCSC 547A. Advanced Computational Neuroscience
BME 416. Speech on the Brain
BME 472. Advanced Biomedical Microscopy
BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
BST 467. Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences
ECE 440. Introduction to Random Processes
GEN 503. Genetics Seminar
GEN 506. Principles in Stem Cell Biology
GEN 507. Advanced Genetics and Genomics
GEN 508. Genes, Development, and Disease
IND 409. Cell Biology
IND 417. Workshop in Scientific Communications
IND 418. Biostatistics Boot Camp
IND 420. Mastering Scientific Information
IND 431. Foundations Modern Biology I
IND 439. Leadership and Management for Scientists
IND 447. Signal Transduction
IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity
IND 511. URBest Internship
LING 425. Introduction to Semantic Analysis
LING 428. Lexical Semantics
MBI 589. Virology Seminar
MBI 473. Immunology
MBI 515. Advanced Immunology
NSC 410. Introduction to Programming
NSC 420. Biostatistics and Experimental Design Boot Camp
NSC 503. Neuroscience Student Seminar
NSC 511. Human Brain Anatomy
NSC 512. Cellular Neuroscience
NSC 525. Biology of Neurological Disease
NSC 531. Integrative and Systems Neuroscience
NSC 541. Neurons, Circuits, Systems
NSC 547. Introduction to Data Analysis Methods in Neuroscience
NSC 581. Teaching Tutorial in Neuroscience
NSC 590. Lab Rotations in Neuroscience
NSC 591. PhD Readings/Special Topics
NSC 592. Neuroscience Journal Club
NSC 595. Neuroscience PhD Research
PHP 404. Principles of Pharmacology
PHP 405. Effective Scientific Communication
PHP 447. Signal Transduction
PHP 467. Statistical Rigor and Data Analysis
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention
PM 488. Experimental Therapeutics
PTH 507. Cancer Biology
PTH 509. Pathways of Human Disease
PTH 571. Molecular Basis of Disease
TOX 521. Toxicology I
TOX 522. Toxicology II
TOX 560. Societal Determinants of Neurotoxicity
Neuroscience

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Overview

The Department of Neuroscience is recognized for its excellence in research programs and for its commitment to teaching and leadership in both graduate and medical education. In addition to our own neuroscience graduate program, commitments include extensive instructional and leadership roles in the graduate programs of brain and cognitive sciences, biomedical engineering, and others. Connections among different levels of clinical education and graduate education are also strong. Over 90 faculty (primary, joint, and adjunct) are actively engaged in research on the structure and function of the nervous system across several levels of inquiry. Areas of interest cover a broad spectrum of neuroscience, including sensory, motor and integrative systems, cell signaling and transmission, development and aging, neurobiology of disease, learning and plasticity, neuro-engineering, and computational neurobiology. Extensive state-of-the-art instrumentation and methodologies are available for investigators, students, and staff, both within labs and across a set of departmental research cores. Close interactions among departments and centers sharing interests in neuroscience ensure that this discipline holds a leading presence throughout our unified medical and college campus, while the Department of Neuroscience remains central to Rochester’s research and teaching programs in the neural sciences. For students as well as fellows and visiting faculty, this translates into a highly attractive environment for training and career development. An enduring departmental role continues to be its commitment to education. This commitment includes extensive participatory and leadership roles in medical, graduate, and undergraduate curricula at the University of Rochester.

About the Program

The neuroscience track attracts students from diverse backgrounds in the biological and physical sciences, psychology, and engineering. The hallmark of the track is its flexibility, allowing students to design a curriculum that will augment their unique research experience or broaden their perspective of neuroscience. Starting in the first year, students personalize their training with advanced coursework chosen from a rich variety of electives offered in the School of Medicine and Dentistry or the School of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering. In addition, students frequently collaborate with faculty to design their own interest-specific tutorials. Students in the neuroscience track may select a thesis advisor from more than 90 faculty representing 26 departments and six interdisciplinary research centers. Successful completion of the track culminates in a PhD in neuroscience.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Neuroscience Department provides our students with research training, professional mentorship, and career guidance in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that will prepare them to advance ever better neuroscience research through scholarship, instruction, and community service.

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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Visual Science

Giovanni Schifitto, MD, Universita Degli Studi di Milano  
Professor  
Esther Aresty Granite Professor in Neurology  
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Joint Appointment(s): Electrical and Computer Engineering, Imaging Science
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Students entering the program typically have a baccalaureate degree in one of the natural or applied sciences (such as biological sciences, chemistry, physics, neuroscience, psychology, biomedical engineering). Successful applicants usually have had college-level coursework, or equivalent professional experience, in disciplines relevant for neuroscience, including the biological sciences, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. In addition, prior laboratory research experience is strongly recommended.

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.
Students are admitted to the PhD program as a whole, rather than to specifically work with an individual professor. Full-time study is required.

We expect all application materials (except official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and test scores, and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

Required Materials
- SMD graduate admissions application
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores will not be used by the admissions committee even if submitted. Note: Because we share our admissions system with other programs, we are unable to remove the field that requests GRE information. Applicants can disregard this field. If GRE scores are submitted, the committee will not look at it or take it into account when making admissions decisions.
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)
- CV/resume (optional)

Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation. These are not used during the admissions process.

Evaluation of Applications by the Admissions Committee
Our admissions evaluation process follows three core tenets, using specific metrics to define excellence in each area:
1. Likelihood that the applicant can successfully complete the academic requirements to obtain a PhD from the NGP
   - Cumulative GPA and grades in STEM courses
   - Research and other work experiences
   - Writing skills
   - Reference feedback
2. Programmatic match with individual's professional goals
   - Relevance of coursework
   - Alignment of research interests and experience
   - Stated commitment to research
   - Reference feedback
3. Potential to contribute to institutional core values (provide link to iCare values)
   - Leadership
   - Reliability/dependability
   - Teamwork and service
   - Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

These are the core assessment areas, but our evaluations extend to other critical factors, including but not limited to considerations that cross categories: resilience, recovery from setbacks, effective adaptation to changing/stressful environments and situations.

Highlights About Our Admissions Process
- There is no GRE score requirement.
- There is no “triage” line for consideration.
- Every application received before the deadline is read by faculty on the admissions committee.
- The admissions committee has both faculty and student members.
- Consistent evaluation rubrics (scores based on core tenets) are used for all applicants.

Selected applicants will interview with at least five program faculty members whose further evaluation will be considered before any admissions offer is recommended.

Academics
Master's Degrees and Requirements
In pursuit of the PhD, students can earn a master's degree en passant. The master's degree is awarded after satisfactory completion of the Part I and Part II qualifying exams and a minimum of 30 credits hours of study in:
- Cellular Neuroscience
- Integrative and Systems Neuroscience
- Ethics in Research
- Human Brain Anatomy
- Introduction to Programming
- Three to four laboratory rotations
- Four semesters of Journal Club
- Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences
- Teaching assistant for one semester
- NSC Student Seminar
- Dissertation research
- Ten elective credits including Neuroinflammation, Biology of Neurological Disease, and/or a host of interdepartmental courses offered by Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Center for Visual Science, Biomedical Engineering, and Biostatistics and Computational Biology, to name a few.

Part I Exam
The student, in consultation with their advisor, selects a minimum of 50 papers to read that are relevant to the student's scientific area of interest. Based on the readings, the student formulates five broad hypothesis-driven research questions at the end of the reading period. With the committee’s approval, the student composes written answers to these questions.
Part II
Thesis Proposal/Qualifying Exam: After passing the Part I exam, the student is expected to formulate a thesis proposal with the guidance of their thesis advisor. The written proposal includes the specific aims and overall significance of the proposed research, sufficient background for others to understand the research plan, key preliminary data that support the aims, and a description of the experimental design that will be used to accomplish the stated aims. Successful completion of the thesis proposal/qualifying Exam advances the student to candidacy for the PhD degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The neuroscience degree provides a comprehensive, research-intensive training experience for students seeking a PhD degree in the study of the nervous system. The first-year curriculum provides students with a thorough understanding of the fundamental concepts that underlie contemporary neuroscience, from the molecular and cellular to systems levels. Active learning is fostered through participation in the Neuroscience Journal Club, Student Seminar, and laboratory rotations with faculty selected by the student. During the first year, students engage in a rigorous curriculum in cellular and systems neuroscience that builds a solid foundation for subsequent, more specialized coursework tailored to the individual career and research interests of each student. In addition, first-year students complete three laboratory rotations that, through active participation in a research project, provide an insider’s view of the research interests, laboratory environment, and mentoring style of potential thesis advisors. At the end of the first year, students choose a PhD degree track (neuroscience or neurobiology and anatomy) and thesis advisor and begin developing and carrying out their dissertation research. Training in subsequent years occurs largely through active participation in laboratory research, journal clubs, seminars, and continuous participation in local, national, and international scientific meetings. Students are awarded the PhD degree upon successful defense of scholarly research described in a publishable dissertation.

The PhD is an interdepartmental degree with over 90 faculty members serving as mentors for students. Faculty represent basic science and clinical departments and centers from the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the schools of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering. Faculty research interests span all major themes in neuroscience, including neural cell signaling and communication; learning, memory, and adaptive plasticity; neurobiology of disease; neurodevelopment and aging; neuroengineering; neurogenetics; sensory, motor, and integrative systems neuroscience; and neuroregeneration and repair. Collaborations across these themes are a hallmark of the program, providing students the opportunity to design thesis projects without regard to traditional boundaries.

Students completing the track are awarded a PhD in neuroscience.

Considerations for MSTP Students in the MD/PhD Program
Students admitted to the MD/PhD program proceed with the same course of study as other students in the PhD program, except they often begin their lab rotations in the summer before they join the program to choose a lab and research advisor. MD/PhD students can also transfer up to 10 credit hours from medical school courses and are not required to register for NSC 511 and NSC 581.

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Pathology

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Chair
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Program Director
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Assistant Program Director

Overview

The PhD program in pathology trains students to understand the cell biological basis for human disease and to leverage those discoveries for better diagnosis and treatment options. Our program is housed in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, but our mentoring faculty come from myriad clinical and basic science departments at University of Rochester Medical Center.

The pathology PhD program encompasses studies of the molecular, cell biological, and pathophysiological underpinnings of human disease. Students may choose the general knowledge pathway, Cell Biology of Disease, or may concentrate their studies in either cancer biology or bioinformatics. Our trainees make discoveries about the underlying mechanisms of human disease on a path to developing new treatments or diagnostic tests. Graduates go on to rewarding careers in academic, medical, industrial, nonprofit, and government settings.

Our PhD program is multidisciplinary in nature, drawing on faculty expertise in all aspects of human biology, including molecular underpinnings of disease; examination of cell, tissue, and animal model systems; employment of "-omic" sciences and informatics, and design of therapeutic interventions. Core areas of research are diseases of the cardiopulmonary and sensory/neurological systems, the orthopaedic and musculoskeletal system, the hematopoietic and immune systems, and the biology of cancer.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The pathology PhD program trains the next generation of biomedical scientists in a wide range of scientific ideas and cutting-edge approaches while affording each trainee maximum flexibility to achieve their goals.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/pathology.aspx
Graduate Faculty Information

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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

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Joint Appointment(s): Dentistry
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences; Medicine–Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

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Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Admission to the Pathology PhD program is highly competitive with less than 20 percent of applicants admitted each year. Successful applicants have a bachelor’s degree in the biological or biomedical sciences with previous laboratory research experience and a clearly stated motivation for choosing to pursue graduate studies in pathology (preparation for this field of study, related research interests, and future career plans). Many applicants have additional post-baccalaureate research experience or are pursuing a master’s degree in a biomedical field at the time of their application.

Prospective PhD students apply for admission through the School of Medicine and Dentistry (SMD) online application. Application deadlines are set by SMD, generally due in the late fall. Based on written materials, applicants are invited for interviews, after which select candidates are offered admission. Admitted students are notified immediately following the interview period with a decision deadline in early spring. Students may arrive on campus for a summer rotation block, usually beginning on July 1, or the start of the fall semester, usually late August. Accepted students receive a full-tuition scholarship, paid individual health insurance, and an annual stipend.

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Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Pathology program awards an en passant master of science degree in pathology to students upon successful completion of their qualifying examination, which must be taken by the second month of their third year. The program does not offer a stand-alone or terminal master’s degree.
Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
During the first year of study, students take foundational coursework covering fundamentals of molecular and cell biology, biochemistry, genetics, and human disease. Alternatively, students may choose a path that concentrates their studies in cancer biology or in bioinformatics, forgoing some of the general coursework for more focused courses later in their program of study. Students also conduct research for academic credit in multiple laboratories, usually three, to identify the mentor with whom they will conduct their thesis work. Through program activities and coursework, students also begin to grow their professional skills, such as writing and public speaking/scientific presentation.

At the start of the second year, students affiliate with a mentor's laboratory and embark on the research that will comprise their dissertation. In addition, second-year students take elective coursework related to their scientific interests, including courses required by their chosen concentration, if any. With their mentor and thesis advisory committee, students write a proposed research plan, which they defend in an oral presentation as a two-step dissertation qualifying examination. After completing this milestone, students focus almost exclusively on their thesis research projects and dissemination of their results.

Pathology PhD students graduate in an average of 5.5 years, usually with multiple scientific publications. Trainees have the opportunity to travel and present at conferences and to gain additional professional skills, such as leadership, teaching, scientific communication, or bio-manufacturing through coursework and extracurricular activities. Some even conduct internships in industry or government settings as they move toward graduation.

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Courses in molecular biology, statistics, and physics are encouraged but not required. Graduate record exam scores are not required. Undergraduate, or graduate if applicable, transcripts are required. Successful applicants to the PhD program will also generally have laboratory experience such as from undergraduate projects, summer research experiences, and/or employment in a research lab or an MS degree program. Applicants must arrange to have at least three letters of support submitted on their behalf. These letters should be sent from people with direct knowledge of the applicant’s academic and/or research potential.

We also require a personal statement from each applicant. We recognize that learners come from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, with varying levels of access to lab experience and educational opportunities, as well as different time and life commitments. In our experience, the best predictor of success in our PhD program is not the GPA or ranking of undergraduate institution. Rather, the best predictors are an interest in their research that is both genuine and deep; a strong work ethic and resilience; and an abundant capacity to adapt, grow, and learn. These factors can be difficult to demonstrate in a typical resume. Therefore, we encourage applicants to specifically address the following criteria in their personal statement: their enthusiasm and motivation for research, their fit to our specific program, and circumstances that demonstrate their adaptability and resilience in a research or real-life setting.

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- Foundations in Modern Biology I
- Human Cell Physiology
- Ethics and Professional Integrity
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- Foundations in Modern Biology II
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  - Cell Biology of Human Disease I
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  - Drug Discovery
  - Biology of Neurological Diseases
  - Cell Biology of Human Disease II

Students may also request to take electives not on this list; however, this requires the approval of the pharmacology graduate committee.

We offer two research MS degree paths: Plan A and Plan B. The Plan A MS is focused on bench research, and students complete an original laboratory research project. Plan A MS students are also required to present at least twice in PHP 502; the first is a literature review and the second is the open component of their MS defense. Plan A students conduct a mentored research project, similar to a PhD thesis but much narrower in scope, and present their work in a public seminar, and defend it in a closed-door examination.

The Plan B MS degree focuses on literature research. Students complete a detailed assessment of primary scientific literature on a current or emerging topic of interest in pharmacology. In lieu of conducting lab rotations and practical experiments, Plan B students identify a mentor and, with the mentor’s guidance, complete a master’s essay that presents a critical review of a current pharmacology topic. They also present twice in PHP 502, which includes a public seminar and closed-door examination.

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- PHP 491. Master’s Readings
- PHP 492. Master’s Essay
- PHP 495. Master’s Research
- PHP 496. Master’s Lab Rotations
- PHP 502. Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar
- PHP 550. Ion Channels and Disease
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We also require a personal statement from each applicant. We recognize that learners come from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, with varying levels of access to lab experience and educational opportunities, as well as different time and life commitments. In our experience, the best predictor of success in our PhD program is not the GPA or ranking of undergraduate institution. Rather, the best predictors are an interest in their research that is both genuine and deep; a strong work ethic and resilience; and an abundant capacity to adapt, grow, and learn. These factors can be difficult to demonstrate in a typical resume. Therefore, we encourage applicants to specifically address the following criteria in their personal statement: their enthusiasm and motivation for research, their fit to our specific program, and circumstances that demonstrate their adaptability and resilience in a research or real-life setting.

Applying to Master’s Programs

Successful applicants to our MS program will generally have a four-year baccalaureate degree, typically in basic or applied sciences such as biology, biochemistry, physiology, chemistry, or biomedical engineering. Students applying with degrees in other backgrounds may also apply but should have some basic training in biology, biochemistry, cell biology, and organic chemistry. Courses in molecular biology, statistics, and physics are encouraged but not required. Graduate record exam scores are not required. Undergraduate, or graduate if applicable, transcripts are required. Successful applicants will also generally have some laboratory experience such as from undergraduate projects, summer research experiences, and/or employment in a research lab. Applicants must arrange to have at least three letters of support submitted on their behalf. These letters should be sent from people with direct knowledge of the applicant’s research potential.

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

Houhui (Hugh) Xia, PhD, Stanford University
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Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience

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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Assistant Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Pharmacology and Physiology

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Professor
Louis C. Lasagna Professorship in Experimental Therapeutics
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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Oral Biology, Medicine–Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Academics

Master's Degrees and Requirements

Required Courses Fall Semester
- Foundations in Modern Biology I
- Human Cell Physiology
- Ethics and Professional Integrity
- Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar*

Required Courses Spring Semester
- Foundations in Modern Biology II
- Principles of Pharmacology
- Effective Scientific Communication
- Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar*

*Students must take this course every semester they are enrolled in the program. Students are also required to take five credits of electives that can be chosen from:
- Science Communication for Diverse Audiences
- Introduction to Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology
- Immunology
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology of Human Disease I
- Cardiovascular Biology and Disease
- Signal Transduction
- Introduction to Structure and Analysis of Biomolecules
- Ion Channels and Disease
- Drug Discovery
- Biology of Neurological Diseases
- Cell Biology of Human Disease II

Students may also request to take electives not on this list; however, this requires the approval of the physiology graduate committee.

We offer two research MS degree paths: Plan A and Plan B. The Plan A MS is focused on bench research, and students complete an original laboratory research project. Plan A MS students are also required to present at least twice in PHP 502; the first is a literature review, and the second is the open component of their MS defense. Plan A students conduct a mentored research project, similar to a PhD thesis but much narrower in scope, write an MS dissertation, present their work in a public seminar, and defend it in a closed-door examination.

The Plan B MS degree focuses on literature research. Students complete a detailed assessment of primary scientific literature on a current or emerging topic of interest in physiology. In lieu of conducting lab rotations and practical experiments, Plan B students identify a mentor and, with the mentor's guidance, complete a master's essay that presents a critical review of a current physiology topic. They also present twice in PHP 502, which includes a public seminar and closed-door examination.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

Required Courses Spring Semester
- Foundations in Modern Biology I
- Human Cell Physiology
- Ethics and Professional Integrity
- Pharmacology and Physiology Seminar*

Required Courses Summer Semester
- Statistical Rigor and Data Analysis

*Students must take this course every semester they are enrolled in the program. Students are also required to take six credits of electives, which can be chosen from:
- Science Communication for Diverse Audiences
- Introduction to Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology
- Immunology
- Introduction to Biostatistics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology of Human Disease I
- Cardiovascular Biology and Disease
- Signal Transduction
- Introduction to Structure and Analysis of Biomolecules
- Ion Channels and Disease
- Drug Discovery
- Biology of Neurological Diseases
- Cell Biology of Human Disease II

Students may also request to take electives not on this list; however, this requires the approval of the physiology graduate committee. PhD students are also required to complete three laboratory rotations within their first year. These include written rotation reports as well as a research seminar on one of these rotations. In the second year, PhD students must present two seminars. One will be a literature review and the other a research seminar. In the third year, PhD students will undertake their qualifying exam. Upon the successful completion of their qualifying exam, students receive an MS degree and become a PhD candidate. For the remaining years, students are required to continue their research work, present their research data annually in the seminar program, and meet with their dissertation committee at least annually. Prior to their PhD defense, students must have completed one semester as a teaching assistant or peer tutor and must have submitted at least one first author manuscript for publication.
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## Public Health

### Overview

Our MPH program takes advantage of our unique setting within a leading school of medicine with its clinical research resources and collaborative faculty. Active faculty research programs encompass a range of areas, including behavioral interventions, environmental health, global health, health policy and outcomes, maternal and child health, medical decision making, nutrition, and aging. Our MPH program draws students from a wide mix of disciplines and backgrounds, who learn and grow in an academic environment that nurtures innovative scientific inquiry, intellectual discussion, diversity, and both personal and professional development. Students completing the program will be well prepared for professional careers focused on public health practice and research in the public health and medical fields, as well as careers in private industry, government, and nonprofit agencies.

The MPH program has two formats: the MPH online and the MPH online/on-campus hybrid. Both formats can be completed entirely online and do not require any on-campus presence. For that reason, international students are not eligible to obtain a visa for the MPH program of study, regardless of format.

The MPH online program format is ideal for international students because it can be completed entirely remotely. The MPH online/on-campus hybrid program format can also be delivered completely online, but students taking this format have an additional option for their Integrated Learning Experience (capstone) paper that includes in-person requirements. They also may choose elective courses that are held in person if they wish.

The advanced certificate in public health program is designed to provide individuals with knowledge and understanding of the key elements of public health practice.

### Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The MPH program offers a flexible and supportive academic experience that provides students with the educational experiences, professional mentorship, and career guidance to improve health and reduce health inequities among diverse populations, through public health scholarship, instruction, and service.

Goals for our MPH program are organized into three groups:

#### Scholarship Goals

- To stimulate student ILE capstone paper topics related to faculty research activities and/or joint faculty-community initiatives related to public health
To maintain a departmental research program that encompasses important public health science topics

**Instructional Goals**

- To provide students with up-to-date scientific knowledge and skills to address contemporary public health problems
- To provide outstanding academic and career development mentorship
- To provide diverse perspectives by recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student body

**Service Goals**

- To engage in meaningful local, regional, and national/international service roles
- To regularly engage with public health professionals and community partners so that the MPH program is responsive to evolving public health needs

The master’s in public health degree program in the Department of Public Health Sciences is a 43-credit online/on-campus program accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The MPH program has a longstanding tradition of training a diverse range of public health and health professionals in the skills needed to identify, prevent, and solve community health problems. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Use concepts and theories of public health in addressing specific population health concerns
- Formulate and answer questions related to population health improvement among diverse populations, using quantitative and qualitative evidence
- Work collaboratively to identify assets and problems, collect relevant data, and devise and evaluate programs.

The advanced certificate program aims to convey a working knowledge of the five key areas of public health practice: epidemiology, biostatistics, social and behavioral medicine, the US health care system, and environmental epidemiology. The certificate is also designed to prepare qualified individuals to take the American Board of Public Health certification exam.

MPH: https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/masters-degrees/public-health.aspx


**Graduate Faculty Information**

**Paula Amina Alio, PhD, University of Southern Florida**
Professor
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**Robert Charles Block, MD, New Jersey Medical School**
Professor
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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention, Medicine–Cardiology

**Shubing Cai, PhD, University of Rochester**
Associate Professor
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**Erin Campbell, MD, University at Buffalo**
Assistant Professor of Clinical Public Health Sciences
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences

**Francisco Cartujano Barrera, PhD, Seton Hall University**
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**Ann M. Dozier, PhD, University of Rochester**
Professor
Albert David Kaiser Chair of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention

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Joint Appointment(s): Center for Community Health and Prevention

**Theresa Marie Green, PhD, Western Michigan University**
Associate Professor
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**Wyatte C. Hall, PhD, Gallaudet University**
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Center for Community Health and Prevention

**Elaine L. Hill, PhD, Cornell University**
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Public Health Sciences
Joint Appointment(s): Economics (AS&E), Obstetrics and Gynecology
Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

Application to the MPH program is encouraged from people with a special interest or experience in the health field, from those in health-related professions, and from those with professional degrees in medicine and other fields related to health care. Candidates for admission to the program must have earned a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

Application Requirements

We expect all application materials (without the exception of official score reports) to be scanned and uploaded to your online application. Please note that the University of Rochester reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all transcripts and to require submission of official documentation at any point in the admissions review process.

- SOPHAS (https://sophas.aspph.org) application
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript(s) (please do not mail a hard copy)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency by providing official scores within two years of the original test date. Acceptable test types: official TOEFL iBT or ITP Plus (SMD school code: 2948; SOPHAS application code: 5688), IELTS, and Duolingo scores.
- CV or resume (optional)
- Research papers, publications, and other original works (optional)
- Please do not include secondary school documentation or financial documentation, as these are not used during the admissions process. Application deadlines are May 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Applying to Advanced Certificates
Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor's degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferral.

Academics
Master's Degree Requirements
The degree program comprises 43 credits, with the following required courses, plus three electives:

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Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The advanced certificate program is a post-baccalaureate course of academic study designed for students and practitioners who seek to enhance their professional development. Certificates consist of four or five courses for a total of 12 to 15 credits.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 421. US Health Care System: Financing, Delivery, and Performance
PM 426. Social and Behavioral Medicine
PM 455. Foundations in Public Health Sciences
PM 401. Quantitative Methods
PM 445. Introduction to Health Services Research
PM 461. Program Evaluation
PM 493. Health Policy Lab
PM 504. Environmental Health

Statistics
Robert L. Strawderman
Chair
Matthew N. McCall
Program Director
Tong Tong Wu
Program Director

Overview
The Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology offers programs leading to the master of arts (MA) and doctor of philosophy (PhD) in statistics. The non-thesis MA program can be completed in three semesters or, in some cases, one calendar year. The PhD program generally requires a minimum of four years of study, with five years being more common. PhD students may pursue a traditional program of study or the concentration in bioinformatics and computational biology.

The program interprets “statistics” very broadly, with specialization available in probability, statistical theory and analysis, biostatistics, and interdisciplinary areas of application. The curriculum is designed to give students a thorough grounding in statistical theory, which provides the necessary foundation for successful research in statistical methodology. The curriculum also gives students an appreciation for applied problems in biomedical research and the skills necessary to succeed in collaborative research environments. An important goal is to produce graduates with a command of technical skills and the ability and experience to use them appropriately.

Faculty participate fully in graduate teaching and give individual attention to each student through intensive advising. Program faculty have research interests and expertise in virtually all areas of modern theoretical and applied statistics. Faculty are involved in wide-ranging collaborative activity with basic science and clinical departments in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. This environment is ideally suited for training in research in statistical methodology, collaborative research, and consulting.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Our mission is to educate and mentor the next generation of statisticians at the interface of methodological and collaborative statistical research. This happens in a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment that provides them with the strong foundation in statistics necessary to secure leadership positions in academia, government, and industry.

https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/education/graduate/phd/statistics.aspx
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Joint Appointment(s): Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, Dentistry

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Tanzi Love, PhD, Iowa State University
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Joint Appointment(s): Biomedical Genetics

Michael McDermott, PhD, University of Rochester
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Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Center for Health and Technology

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Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Joint Appointment(s): Neuroscience, Biomedical Engineering

David Oakes, PhD, London University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Derick Peterson, PhD, University of California, Berkeley
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Joint Appointment(s): Wilmot Cancer Institute

Xing Qiu, PhD, University of Rochester
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Michael Sohn, PhD, University of Arizona
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Robert Strawderman, ScD, Harvard University
Professor
Donald M. Foster, MD Distinguished Professorship in Biostatistics; Chair, Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Joint Appointment(s): Neurology, Center for Health and Technology

Sarah (Sally) Thurston, PhD, Harvard University
Biostatistics and Computational Biology Diversity and Inclusion Officer
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Joint Appointment(s): Environmental Medicine

Abdus Wahed, PhD, North Carolina State University
Professor
Associate Chair, Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Tong Tong Wu, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Professor
Director, MA Statistics Program; Director, MS Biostatistics Program
Primary Appointment(s): Biostatistics and Computational Biology
Admissions
Applying to Doctoral Programs
A candidate for admission to the PhD program should have a strong background in mathematics, including three semesters of calculus (through multivariable calculus), a course in linear and/or matrix algebra, and a year of probability and mathematical statistics. A course in real analysis is encouraged; a course in statistical methods is also recommended. While some background in biology may be helpful for pursuing certain avenues of research, it is not required for admission to the traditional statistics program. Basic courses in computer science and/or biology are required for students pursuing the concentration in bioinformatics and computational biology.

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferred.

Applicants must submit the following materials for consideration in their online application: statement of purpose, transcripts from all previous college and graduate programs, and three letters of recommendation. Most international applicants will also need to provide evidence of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, or DuoLingo test score unless approved for a waiver). Applicants may choose to submit additional materials, such as a CV/resume and research papers.

Applicants will interview with at least three program faculty members before an admissions offer is recommended. Students are admitted to the PhD program as a whole, rather than to work directly with individual professors. Full-time study is required.

Students entering with advanced training in statistics, bioinformatics, or computational biology may transfer credits at the discretion of the PhD program director and in accordance with University policy.

Applying to Master’s Programs
The requirements for application, admission, and entry into the terminal MA program are the same as those for the PhD unless otherwise indicated. Doctoral students are automatically and initially considered MA candidates.

Entering MA students should have a strong background in mathematics, including three semesters of calculus (through multivariable calculus), a course in linear and/or matrix algebra, and a year of probability and mathematical statistics. A course in real analysis is encouraged; a course in statistical methods is also recommended.

A request for part-time study in the MA program should be identified in the online application and will be subject to the MA program director’s approval. Applicants interested in part-time study are encouraged to contact the department before submitting the application.

Applicants will interview with at least two program faculty members before an admissions offer is recommended. Students entering with advanced training in statistics may transfer credits at the discretion of the MA program director and in accordance with University policy.

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The master of arts degree in statistics prepares students for both master’s-level statistician work and doctoral programs. The MA degree requires satisfactory completion of at least 32 credits and a final comprehensive written examination. There are no thesis or language requirements. A balanced program is worked out with the MA program director. The typical program of study includes eight courses.

Required Courses
- Probability Theory
- Statistical Inference I
- Biostatistical Methods I
- Biostatistical Methods II
- Linear Models

Elective Courses (choose three)
- Introduction to Statistical Computing
- Statistical Inference II
- Bayesian Inference
- Design of Clinical Trials
- High Dimensional Data Analysis
- Generalized Linear Models

A typical full-time program for the MA consists of PhD-level courses taken in semesters one (three courses), two (three courses), and three (two courses); however, MA students have the option of completing the program in two semesters (four courses per semester). The final comprehensive examination is administered during the summer after the first year of study.

Students in the PhD program receive the MA degree upon satisfactory completion of the requirements for the degree.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
PhD Statistics (traditional program)
A program of study will be determined individually with the PhD program director. Students are required to take a minimum of 16 formal courses. Additional courses can be taken for audit or credit. PhD students are required to register for at least four semesters of Seminar in Statistical Literature, a one-credit course offering extensive practice in searching the statistical literature and preparing and delivering presentations. All PhD students are required to earn at least four credits of supervised teaching and/or supervised consulting and one credit of Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research. There is no foreign language requirement. Programming expertise is developed in the program.

Course work in statistics is concentrated in three areas: probability, inference, and data analysis. Beginning students should expect to spend all of their first year, most of their second
year, and some of their third year taking formal courses. The balance of time is spent on reading and research.

Students take a comprehensive (basic) examination at the beginning of the second year and another written (advanced) exam at the beginning of the third year. Both cover material in the areas of probability, inference, and data analysis. PhD students receive the MA degree after passing the comprehensive (basic) examination and completing 32 credits of coursework.

After beginning research on a dissertation topic, PhD students take an oral qualifying examination, consisting largely of a presentation of a thesis proposal to a faculty committee, the student’s thesis committee. Upon completion of the dissertation, doctoral candidates present their work at a public lecture followed by an oral defense of the dissertation before the thesis committee.

Students must spend 40 months to 66 months, not necessarily continuously, engaged in one or more of the following activities that enhance their education and skills as statisticians: teaching assistantship, research assistantship, participation on the statistical consulting rotation, and summer internships. Students are also expected to be the primary author on a peer-reviewed journal article submitted for publication before defending their PhD research.

**PhD Statistics (concentration in bioinformatics and computational biology)**

Formal course and examination requirements for students in the bioinformatics and computational biology (BCB) concentration are essentially the same as those for students in the traditional statistics program, with the main differences being in some required and elective courses related to bioinformatics and computational biology.

Students in the BCB concentration are required to take three courses related to bioinformatics and computational biology, while those courses are optional for students in the traditional statistics program. BCB concentration students are also required to answer certain questions related to one of these courses on the advanced examination. A student can switch from the BCB concentration to the traditional statistics program at any time, but students in the traditional statistics program can switch to the BCB concentration only before taking the advanced examination. Basic courses in computer science and/or biology are required for those applying to the BCB concentration.

**Considerations for Students in the MD/PhD Program**

Students admitted to the MD/PhD program follow essentially the same course of study as students in the PhD program, except that coursework in statistics begins during the fall of the third year in the program. During the first year, students spend three months (June to August) with a mentor to begin the process of orientation toward research in statistical methodology. This is repeated during the second year of the program (March to August) just before the start of coursework. The main goals of these interactions are to give the student some insight regarding the process of research in statistical methodology and to facilitate the process of choosing a research advisor.

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

| BST 401. Probability Theory |
| BST 402. Stochastic Processes |
| BST 411. Statistical Inference I |
| BST 412. Statistical Inference II |
| BST 413. Bayesian Inference |
| BST 426. Linear Models |
| BST 430. Introduction to Statistical Computing |
| BST 432. High Dimensional Data Analysis |
| BST 433. Computational Systems Biology |
| BST 434. Genomic Data Analysis |
| BST 450. Data Analysis |
| BST 452. Design of Experiments |
| BST 461. Biostatistical Methods I |
| BST 462. Biostatistical Methods II |
| BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics |
| BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials |
| BST 467. Applied Statistics in the Biomedical Sciences |
| BST 479. Generalized Linear Models |
| BST 487. Seminar in Statistical Literature |
| BST 511. Topics in Statistical Inference I |
| BST 512. Topics in Statistical Inference II |
| BST 513. Analysis of Longitudinal and Dependent Data |
| BST 514. Survival Analysis |
| BST 531. Nonparametric Inference |
| BST 536. Sequential Analysis |
| BST 541. Multivariate Analysis |
| BST 550. Topics in Data Analysis |
| BST 570. Topics in Biostatistics |
| BST 582. Introduction to Statistical Consulting |
| BST 590. Supervised Teaching |
| BST 591. Reading Course at the PhD Level |
| BST 592. Supervised Statistical Consulting |
| BST 595. Research at the PhD Level |
Toxicology

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Overview

The Rochester Toxicology Training Program provides research training and career development support for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are seeking careers in toxicological and environmental health sciences. This program trains future scientists to apply critical thinking, communication, and investigative skills to identify and characterize the negative impacts of chemicals and other environmental stressors on human health and to resolve strategies for improving overall well-being.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

Our goal is to prepare the next generation of talented, independent toxicologists and environmental health scientists to conduct innovative research and transform their findings into new information, resources, and tools that will be used by public health and medical professionals, as well as the public, to improve overall human health and well-being.

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**Admission**

*Applying to Doctoral Programs*

The Toxicology Admissions Committee takes a holistic approach to assessing applicants. We recognize that the best way to achieve our mission of training the next generation of environmental health scientists is to harness the strengths of diversity in background, ability, and experience of all our trainees. The main criteria that we use to judge our applicants are research aptitude, experience, GPA range between 3 and 4, interpersonal skills, dependability, and leadership. We are specifically looking for applicants who have a commitment to the improvement of human health and well-being.

Graduate study at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry means engaging in research and training that informs and shapes the world around us.

All applications to University of Rochester PhD programs are submitted online via a centralized admissions process. It is not necessary for you to contact individual faculty, although faculty are available to answer any questions you may have.

**Application Requirements**

- Online admissions application ([https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/](https://apply.grad.rochester.edu/apply/))
- Statement of purpose
- Transcript
- Three letters of recommendation
- English proficiency documents (for applicants whose native language is not English)

You may submit the following optional materials if you feel these will be helpful in the admissions process:

- Writing sample – research papers, publications, and other original works
- CV or resume

**Academics**

*Master’s Degrees and Requirements*

The Toxicology program awards an en passant MS degree in Toxicology to students upon successful completion of their qualifying examination, which must be taken by the second month of their third year.

**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

The Toxicology graduate curriculum consists of required core courses, seminars, and elective courses, as well as experimental research. As such, the PhD degree is awarded only after a student has conducted an independent, hypothesis-driven research project and written a dissertation that demonstrates a high level of intellectual competence.

The program requires 96 credit hours of combined didactic and research credits for completion. At least 30 graduate credit hours must be accumulated before taking the qualifying exam.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **IND 431. Foundations in Modern Biology I**
- **IND 432. Foundations in Modern Biology II**
- **PHP 403. Human Cell Physiology**
- **PHP 404. Principles of Pharmacology**
- **TOX 521. Biochemical Toxicology**
- **TOX 558. Toxicology Seminar**
- **BS 407. Biostatistics in the Biomedical Sciences**
- **IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity in Research**
- **TOX 500. Introduction to Faculty Research in Toxicology**
- **TOX 501. Forensic Pathology for Toxicology**
- **TOX 502. Forensic Toxicology**
- **TOX 503/IND 403. Skin Toxicology and the Environment**
- **TOX 510. Toxicology in Risk Assessment**
- **TOX 527. Immunotoxicology**
- **TOX 528. Gene-Environment Interactions in Toxicology**
- **TOX 533. Neurotoxicology**
- **TOX 564. Pulmonary Toxicology**
- **IND 426. Science Communication for Diverse Audiences**
- **PM 470. Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology**
- **TOX 530. Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology**
Translational Biomedical Science

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Overview

The translational biomedical science doctoral program aims to produce innovative, cross-trained, experienced researchers who contribute to the rapidly evolving needs of the US clinical and translational science workforce. Our model of research experience is immersive and highly mentored. We emphasize transdisciplinary learning, independent career development planning, stackable research credentials, and a shared cooperative learning environment across the translational science spectrum. Our PhD program continuously adapts to shifting opportunities and discoveries in science, as well as to trends in educational strategies and skills. We serve the University’s distinct multicultural, geographic, and multidisciplinary needs. We specifically focus on immersion in mentored research training and experience to engage communities not traditionally represented in science, and to provide formal degree credentials through innovative programming. The PhD in translational biomedical science is unique in that it is highly interdisciplinary. Each trainee works on different types of projects, and no two theses are alike. The current roster of mentors contains a wide breadth of expertise, allowing for trainees to receive an education unlike any other program. The knowledge that our trainees acquire throughout their time with us is based in translational science, translational research, basic science, team science, public health, biostatistics, ethics, and many other areas.

Mission Statement

The PhD program provides trainees with the skills essential to becoming an independent investigator in translational biomedical science by offering the highest quality of interdisciplinary training and in-depth mentoring in a multidisciplinary environment that fosters innovation, integrity, and productivity.

Strategic Goals

- Provide in-depth mentoring to ensure productive research training
- Teach fundamental theory and knowledge in the subject areas of biostatistics, epidemiology, laboratory methods, human subjects research, and analytical procedures essential to translational research
- Provide a critical environment fostering inquiry, integrity, teaching and communication skills, high productivity, and working in a multidisciplinary environment

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Joint Appointment(s):
Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs
Candidates for admission to the translational biomedical science PhD program have foundational knowledge of the basic sciences and statistical methods. While not required, having this knowledge before starting the program can be pivotal for coursework during the first year of training. Background in statistical programming is also desirable.

Applicants must have earned a US baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a college, university, or technical school of acceptable standing. Students in their final year of undergraduate study may be admitted on the condition that their bachelor’s degrees are awarded before they matriculate. Evidence of the earned degree is required before matriculation in the form of an official transcript noting degree conferred.

Applicants must submit the following materials for consideration in their online application: statement of purpose, copies of transcripts from all previous undergraduate and graduate training, and three letters of formal recommendation. International applicants must also provide evidence of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo test score), unless approved for a waiver. Applicants may choose to submit additional materials to aid in application review (such as a personal statement, academic manuscripts). GRE scores are optional.

Applicants chosen to advance to the second round of the admissions process interview with at least three faculty members. Once applicants are interviewed, offers of acceptance are made to finalists. Entrants to the PhD program do not need to secure a mentor or principal investigator before admittance because they complete laboratory rotations during the first year. Full-time study is required.

Trainees entering with advanced training or prior coursework may transfer up to 30 credits at the discretion of the program director, and in accordance with University and School of Medicine and Dentistry policy. Coursework eligible for transfer must have a minimum grade of B- and been completed within the last five years.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The program and the trainee create a tentative program of study for the PhD at the beginning of program enrollment, and progress is tracked via annual summer meetings with program leadership. Coursework in translational biomedical science is concentrated in five core areas: translational skills, translational science, basic science, public health, and biostatistics. Trainees are required to complete 12 core curriculum courses. They have the option to take either three general elective courses or declare a formal degree concentration (bioinformatics or clinical research methods). Trainees also take a one-credit TBS student seminar each semester of program enrollment to gain extensive practice in searching literature and preparing and delivering presentations. Core coursework should generally be completed by the end of the fifth semester of training. Additional courses can be taken for audit or credit.

Trainees complete three laboratory rotations with tenure-track faculty during the first year of training. They designate their primary research mentor by the end of the second semester and begin dissertation proposal research in preparation for the qualifying examination.

PhD trainees complete an oral qualifying examination during the fifth semester of training, which consists of a written proposal document, in the style of an NIH F or R award proposal, and presentation of the proposal to the trainee’s dissertation committee. Trainees who successfully pass the exam qualify for doctoral degree candidacy. This PhD program does not offer an en passant master’s degree after completion of the qualifying examination.

Students must receive permission to write the dissertation from the dissertation committee six months before defense. Upon completing and submitting the written dissertation, doctoral candidates present their work at a public lecture, followed by an oral defense before the dissertation committee.

PhD students can elect to complete a concentration in either bioinformatics or clinical research methods, two areas of strong interest for our trainees and affiliated program faculty.

Trainees in the bioinformatics concentration must take three courses related to bioinformatics and data analysis, whereas traditional trainees take general elective courses relating to their areas of research. Completion of the specified concentration courses results in doctoral degree with a concentration in bioinformatics.

Trainees in the clinical research methods concentration take three courses related to clinical and populational research design and methods, whereas traditional trainees take general electives courses relating to their areas of research. Completion of the specified concentration courses results in a doctoral degree with a concentration in clinical research methods.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

IND 501. Ethics and Professional Integrity
PM 403. Research Team Science Seminar
IND 436. TBS Student Seminar
IND 439. Leadership Management for Scientists
IND 417. Workshop in Scientific Communications
IND 595. PhD Research
BST 465. Design of Clinical Trials
PM 485. Introduction to Biomedical Informatics
PM 487. Fundamentals of Science, Technology, and Health Policy
MBI 403. Drug Discovery
BME 431. FDA and Intellectual Property
BME 432. Navigating FDA Regulatory and Commercialization Landscapes
IND 431. Foundations of Modern Biology I
IND 432. Foundations of Modern Biology II
PM 415. Principles of Epidemiology
PM 426. Social and Behavioral Medicine
PM 445. Introduction to Health Services Research
PM 486. Medical Ecology in Global Context
PM 493. Health Policy Lab
BST 463. Introduction to Biostatistics  
BST 467. Applied Biostatistics  
DSCC 462. Computational Introduction to Statistics  
IND 484. Current Topics in Bioinformatics Research  
IND 419. Introduction to Quantitative Biology  
BCH 521. Bioinformatics for Life Scientists  
BIO 457. Applied Genomics  
PM 410. Introduction to Data Management and Analysis  
STAT 476. Statistical Computing in R  
BST 432. High Dimensional Data Analysis  
BST 434. Genomic Data Analysis  
PM 413. Field Epidemiology  
PM 416. Advanced Epidemiologic Methods  
PM 419. Recruitment and Retention of Human Subjects in Clinical Research  
PM 458. Qualitative Health Care Research
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Committee Functions
- Provides ongoing review and evaluation of the overall management and curricula for the MS programs
- Recommends to the curriculum committee new course offerings, revisions of existing course titles, prerequisites, course and clinical objectives, course descriptions, and credits for courses within all academic programs
- Collaborates on admission/progression/curricular issues as needed with programs that interface with the MS programs
- Considers and responds to (program-specific) student concerns, programmatic concerns, and other issues
- Recommends benchmark criteria to the curriculum committee for the (program-specific) programs

In addition to the functions above, this committee also makes recommendations regarding student progression (based on unsatisfactory course performance) to the student affairs committee, following consultation with the (specific program and MS specialties for MS sub) and course faculty/advisor.

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Committee Functions
- Recommends to the Curriculum Committee new course offerings, revisions of existing course titles, prerequisites, course objectives, course descriptions, and credits for courses within the PhD programs
- Provides ongoing review and approval of curriculum for the PhD programs
- Makes recommendations regarding PhD student progression (based on unsatisfactory course, program performance, and University policy) to the student affairs committee, considering input from relevant faculty
- Recommends benchmark criteria/policy changes for the PhD programs to the curriculum committee or student affairs committee
- Acts on PhD program admission and progression within existing policy.
- Collaborates on admission/progression/curricular issues as needed with programs that interface with the PhD programs (e.g., MS)
- Advises the program director on student and programmatic concerns.

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Committee Functions
- Provides ongoing review and evaluation of the overall management and curricula for the DNP program
- Recommends to the curriculum committee new course offerings, revisions of existing course titles, prerequisites, course and clinical objectives, course descriptions, and credits for courses within all academic programs
- Collaborates on admission/progression/curricular issues as needed with programs that interface with the DNP programs
- Considers and responds to (program-specific) student concerns, programmatic concerns, and other issues
- Recommends benchmark criteria to the curriculum committee for the (program-specific) programs

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Mission Statement

The School of Nursing offers a wide range of graduate degree options at the master’s and doctoral levels as well as advanced certificates. With a pioneering history in advancing the nursing discipline, the SON is committed to providing transformational education to strengthen health care delivery and improve the nation’s health in the new century. The result is our strategic commitment to build a culture of continuous learning that leverages a dynamic digital landscape featuring mobile and experiential learning. This creates active environments that are learner-centered and data-driven. In this rich milieu, learning occurs by doing, creating, and collaborating in a competency-driven curriculum. Students graduate prepared for lifelong learning and able to adapt in increasingly complex and interdependent health care environments. The vision of the School of Nursing is to lead the national agenda in transforming the discipline of nursing through innovative education, practice, and research to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

The mission and vision of the school is framed by the unification model, which directs nursing education, research, and practice. Unification is not only a philosophical approach but also an organizational structure that operationalizes the interdependence among education, research, and practice, forging a critical link between scientific discovery and improved health care outcomes. Education empowers nurses with knowledge, attitudes, and skills for leadership in professional practice and research. Research develops nursing knowledge to strengthen education and promote evidence-based practice from which new understandings and inquiry questions emerge. The essence of the model defines the interactive, integrated, and multidirectional relationship among our three missions: education, research, and practice. It supports and defines our school philosophy of the importance of each of our missions and how our missions are interdependent.

The School of Nursing realizes these missions through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our constitutional core principles—Innovate, Engage, Lead, Excel—inform the creation of our strategic planning initiatives, tactics, and metrics.

School-Level Graduate Awards
- The Eleanor Hall Award
- The Elizabeth Clinger Young Award
- The George Spencer Terry, Jr. B’49 Fund in Nursing Entrepreneurship Award
- The Leadership Faculty Award for Excellence in Leadership
- The Loretta C. Ford Fellowship
- The Louise Wilson Haller Memorial Prize
- The Michele Unger Memorial Award
- The MNE Faculty Student Recognition Award
- The Sarah and Ernest Taylor Memorial Nursing Award
- Student Diversity Engagement Award
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

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Mission Statement
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Strategic Goals
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The program develops
- Providers who base clinical care, decision making, and clinical services on scientific evidence that is grounded in careful analysis of the unique needs of the individual, group, or population
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Joint Appointment(s): URMC Urgent Care
Admissions
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Applying to Master’s Programs
Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited school or equivalent master’s RN license-qualifying degree in nursing
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Minimum grade of C in statistics

Applying to Advanced Certificate Programs
Requirement
- Master’s degree as an APRN from an accredited school of nursing

Academics
Advanced Certificates and Master’s Degrees
Requirements
The Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program prepares students to diagnose and manage common primary care problems for older adolescents, adults, and older adults. As adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioners, graduates deliver advanced nursing care to promote health and prevent disease by working closely with adult/older adult patients over time to optimize health, function, and quality of life.

Nurse practitioners in this specialty diagnose and manage common acute and chronic primary health care problems for older adolescents, adults, and older adults. The adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner practices in a wide variety of settings, including community health clinics, nursing homes, private medical practices, emergency departments, occupational health, and palliative care.

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Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

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- Providers who maintain competence in their specialty through formal and informal educational opportunities, specialty certification, and the ongoing education of others.

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Joint Appointment(s): Nursing Practice

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Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

Eligibility
· Bachelor’s degree in nursing from an accredited school or equivalent master’s RN license-qualifying degree in nursing
· Minimum GPA of 3.0
· Minimum grade of C in statistics
· One-year RN experience in acute care

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Eligibility
· Master’s degree as an APRN from an accredited school of nursing.

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Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

Master's Degrees and Requirements

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program prepares master’s degree and advanced certificate students to diagnose and treat adult and older adult patients in acute care settings. As adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners, graduates will deliver advanced nursing care to adult/older adult patients to help restore health, prevent complications, and navigate patients and their families across acute care settings. Nurse practitioners in this specialty care for adult or older adult patients who are acutely ill or have conditions requiring complex chronic specialty care. Adult-gerontology acute care NPs typically practice in ICUs (cardiac, medical, surgical, trauma, neuromedicine), hospital inpatient floors, and outpatient specialty care clinics.

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NUR 414. Nurse Practitioner Procedure Lab
NUR 419. Advanced Pharmacology
NUR 424. Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I
NUR 425. Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II
Clinical Nurse Leader

Maria A. Marconi, EdD, RN, CNE
Program Director

Overview

The Clinical Nurse Leader program prepares nurses to better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by the broader patient base and health care system. Students learn how to put evidence-based practice into action and expand their role as a leader. Graduates of this program will be prepared to sit for the national certification exam with the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC) to earn professional certification as a CNL.

Mission Statement

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Strategic Goals

- Prepare clinical nurse leaders to provide strategic and sustained direction, clear and visible values, and organizational environments that foster continuous improvement
- Prepare clinical nurse leaders to support evidence-based practice and inquiry relevant to improving health and complex health care systems
- Prepare clinical nurse leaders to create environments that foster innovation and continuous learning
- Prepare clinical nurse leaders to lead and support interprofessional practices that focus on quality and safety at all organizational levels.

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Ying Xue, DNSc, RN, Tianjin Medical University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs and Advanced Certificates

Eligibility

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited school
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 from the relevant degree
- Minimum grade of C in statistics

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- Transcripts of all prior college-level work
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**Academics**

**Advanced Certificates and Master’s Degrees Requirements**

The Clinical Nurse Leader program is designed for experienced registered nurses. The purpose of the program is to prepare nurses for the clinical management of comprehensive client care for individuals and clinical populations across the continuum of care and in multiple settings. The CNL is a master’s-prepared nurse advanced generalist educated to direct and coordinate care at the unit and system levels and to address the critical need to improve the quality of patient care outcomes. These clinical leaders are responsible for the coordination and planning of care team activities and functions for a specific group of clients within a unit, setting, or organization through the application of evidence-based information to design, implement, and evaluate clinical systems. Courses and precepted experiential learning are organized to provide students with both theoretical foundations and practical experiences. Graduates are prepared for successful completion of the CNL exam as managed by the Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC).

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**NLX 421. Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology for Nurse Leaders and Educators**

**NLX 422. Health Assessment for Nurse Leaders and Educators**

**NLX 464. Quality and Safety for the Health Care Leader**

**NLX 466. Epidemiology**

**NLX 467. Population Health**

**NLX 470. Foundations of Health Care Leadership**

**NLX 475. Leadership in Clinical Nursing**

**NLX 476. CNL Immersion Experience**

**NLX 485. CNL Capstone**

**NUR 401. Foundations of Scholarly Writing in the Health Professions**

**NUR 400. Research Principles for Evidence-Based Practice**

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**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Lydia Rotondo, DNP, RN, CNS, FNAP
Program Director

**Overview**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the University of Rochester School of Nursing is designed to prepare nurses at the highest level for advanced clinical practice. The program develops leaders who can critically evaluate the evidence base for care and facilitate the translation and integration of research into clinical practice, deliver such care, position health care policy, manage clinical health care systems, solve health care dilemmas, work skillfully as members of interdisciplinary teams, and reduce disparities in health care. This program is designed to facilitate students’ full engagement in the learning process and their pursuit of clinical excellence. It is designed as a post-baccalaureate program; however, students may also enroll after earning a master’s; their master’s courses will be transferred into the program.

**Mission Statement**

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**Strategic Goals**

The goal of the DNP program is to prepare clinical scholars and practice leaders who transform health care delivery, optimize health outcomes for diverse populations, and generate practice knowledge to advance the discipline of nursing.

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Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing
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Admissions

Applying to Doctoral Programs

Eligibility

- Bachelor’s or master’s degree in nursing from an accredited school with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from any undergraduate-level work and 3.5 from any graduate-level work
- National certification in your advanced practice nursing (APRN) specialty (post-MS, if applicable)
- Minimum grade of C in statistics
- The School of Nursing uses an online, self-managed application process.

Required Application Materials

- Current resume or CV
- Transcripts of all prior college-level work
- Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. Preferably, at least one recommendation should be from a former professor.
- At least two letters are required for master’s applicants and three for doctoral applicants. Letters of recommendation are managed on the online application.
- Current RN license (except PhD and MS in Leadership program)
- English proficiency scores (for non-native English speakers)
- Application fee
- APRN certification (if applicable)

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Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The DNP program is the terminal degree for advanced nursing practice. Students complete coursework in the theoretical foundations of scholarship, evidence-based practice and translational research, quality improvement methodologies, clinical data management, informatics, population health, health care finance, health systems innovation, project management, interprofessional collaboration, and health policy. During clinical practicum coursework, students develop, implement, and evaluate a scholarly project designed to optimize health care delivery and outcomes. Students may enter the DNP program at the post-baccalaureate or post-master’s level. Students admitted to the post-baccalaureate DNP program also receive an MS degree in a specific advanced nursing specialty before completing the DNP practicum courses.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

NLX 467. Population Health
NLX 473. Health Care Financial Management
NUR 509. Clinical Data Management (CDM) for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
NUR 564. Quality, Safety, and Informatics
NUR 571. Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations for Clinical Scholarship
NUR 572. Appraisal and Application of Evidence in Health Care
NUR 573. Interprofessional Partnerships
NUR 574. Project Management for Systems Innovation
NUR 575. Health Policy Development and Political Change
NUR 576. DNP Practicum I
NUR 577. DNP Practicum II
NUR 578. DNP Practicum III
Family Nurse Practitioner

Lynne Massaro, DNP, RN, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FAANP
MS Program Director and Specialty Director

Overview
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- Providers who maintain competence in their specialty through formal and informal educational opportunities, specialty certification, and the ongoing education of others.

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Graduate Faculty Information

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Current RN license (except PhD and MS in Leadership program)
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Application fee
Short answer responses

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Academics
Advanced Certificates and Master’s Degrees
Requirements
The family nurse practitioner program prepares students to provide primary health care for patients from infancy through older adulthood, in addition to women’s health care. Family nurse practitioner graduates manage acute and chronic health problems, refer and coordinate care with specialists when needed, and counsel about healthy lifestyles. Nurse practitioners in this specialty approach individuals as part of a family system in the context of the community and are particularly skilled at improving access to high-quality care for medically underserved populations. They practice in a wide variety of settings, including community health centers, private practices, school-based health clinics, emergency departments, and urgent care centers.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
NUR 400. Research Principles for Evidence-Based Practice
NUR 401. Foundations of Scholarly Writing in the Health Professions
NUR 403. Ethics and Public Policy in the Health Care System
NUR 407. Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
NUR 410. Advanced Health Assessment
NUR 411. Evaluation and Management of Common Health Problems
NUR 413. Family Theoretical Frameworks and Application to Nursing Care of Families
NUR 414. Nurse Practitioner Procedure Lab
NUR 419. Advanced Pharmacology
NUR 437. Pediatric Primary Care I
NUR 444. Primary Care NP I
NUR 445. Primary Care NP II
NUR 449. Women’s Health Care for Primary Care Generalists
Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

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Program Director
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Specialty Director

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Joint Appointment(s): Nursing Practice

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Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing

Caroline S. Nestro, PhD, MS, RN, University of Rochester
Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing
Admissions

The School of Nursing uses an online self-managed application process. Applicants are required to complete all portions of the online application and submit the following documents:

- Current Resume or CV
- Transcripts of all prior college-level work
- Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. Preferably, at least one recommendation should be from a former professor. At least two letters are required for master's and advanced certificate applicants and three for doctoral applicants. Letters of recommendation are managed on the online application.
- Current RN license (except PhD and MS in Leadership program)
- English proficiency scores for non-native English speakers
- Application fee
- Short answer responses and essay

After the application is reviewed, the candidate will be contacted to schedule an interview with a School of Nursing faculty member. Program faculty conduct a holistic review of each application.

Applying to Master’s Programs

Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited school or equivalent master’s RN license-qualifying degree in nursing
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Minimum grade of C in statistics

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Requirements

- Master’s degree as an APRN from an accredited school of nursing

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Masters Degrees Requirements

The online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program prepares students to provide mental health care to individuals of all ages. Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners are prepared to provide access to vital mental health services across the health care continuum. They develop expertise in assessment, diagnosis, psychotherapy, and psychopharmacology management of mental health challenges and psychiatric disorders.

Nurse practitioners in this specialty provide mental health services in acute and community-based settings, including inpatient and outpatient settings, chemical dependency programs, schools, and private practice. In addition to traditional psychiatric settings, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners work in primary care and acute medical settings to expand the efforts of behavioral health integration.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

NUR 400. Research Principles for Evidence-Based Practice
NUR 401. Foundations of Scholarly Writing in the Health Professions
NUR 403. Ethics and Public Policy in the Health Care System
NUR 407. Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
NUR 415. Advanced Health Assessment—Lifespan
NUR 419. Advanced Pharmacology
NUR 450. Psychopathology and Psychiatric Assessment and Diagnosis Across the Lifespan
NUR 451. Individual Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan I
NUR 452. Pathophysiology and Psychopharmacology of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan I
NUR 453. Pathophysiology and Psychopharmacology of Mental Health Disorders Across the Lifespan II
NUR 454. Group and Family Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan
NUR 455. Theoretical Frameworks for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice
NUR 456. Practicum in Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Role I
NUR 457. Practicum in Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Role II
NUR 458. Practicum in Advanced Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Role III
NUR 459. Individual Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan II
Leadership in Health Care Systems

Maria A. Marconi, EdD, RN, CNE
Program Director

Overview
The leadership in health care systems master’s degree is designed for working professionals from health care–related back-
grounds. Students sharpen their skills as a manager or leader and pursue new opportunities in health care. The curriculum is broadly interdisciplinary with a focus on big-picture opportuni-
ties and challenges facing health care systems. Through hybrid coursework and a hands-on capstone project, students learn best practices to ensure efficient, quality, and safe patient care delivery systems. The program also features 224 hours of mentored field placement with health care leaders across Western New York. Graduates gain real-world management experience and forge invaluable professional relationships.

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Strategic Goals
- Prepare health care leaders to provide strategic and sus-
tained direction, clear and visible values, and organizational environments that foster continuous improvement
- Prepare health care leaders to support evidence-based prac-
tice and inquiry relevant to improving health and complex health care systems
- Prepare health care leaders to create environments that fos-
ter innovation and continuous learning
- Prepare health care leaders to lead and support interprofes-
sional practices that focus on quality and safety at all organ-
zational levels

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leadership-health-care-systems-program

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Rebecca R. Wolf, EdD, University of Southern California
Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing

Admissions
Applying to Master’s Programs

Eligibility
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited school or equivalent master’s RN license-qualifying degree in nursing
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Minimum grade of C in statistics
- One year of experience in the health care industry

The School of Nursing uses an online self-managed application process.

Required Application Materials
- Current Resume or CV
- Transcripts of all prior college-level work
- Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. Preferably, at least one recommendation should be from a former professor. At least two letters are required for master’s and advanced certificate applicants and three for doctoral applicants. Letters of recommendation are managed on the online application.
- Current RN license (except PhD and MS in Leadership program)
- English proficiency scores for non-native English speakers
- Application fee
- Short answer responses

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ted to schedule an interview with a School of Nursing faculty member. Program faculty conduct a holistic review of each application.
Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Leadership in Health Care Systems program is an interdisciplinary program specifically designed to align with national and international health care standards, focusing on evidence-based practices to improve patient and organizational outcomes. The goal of interprofessional education in health care systems is to increase team learning among professionals from different backgrounds for the purpose of improving health care for individuals and populations. The distinct feature of the LHCS program is core leadership knowledge and emphasis on leadership theory, principles, and practices, and on formal management tools. The LHCS program has been developed for health professionals seeking career advancement and for professionals transitioning to a health care career from other fields.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

NLX 464. Quality and Safety for the Health Care Leader
NLX 466. Epidemiology
NLX 467. Population Health
NLX 469. Project Management in Health Care
NLX 470. Foundations of Health Care Leadership
NLX 471. Trends in Health Economics, Policy, and Regulations
NLX 473. Health Care Financial Management
NLX 474. Human Resource Management
NLX 486. Leadership Capstone
NUR 401. Foundations of Scholarly Writing in the Health Professions

Nursing Education

Maria A. Marconi, EdD, RN, CNE
Program Director

Overview
This program is designed to prepare nurse educators for practice and leadership positions in both clinical and academic settings. Grounded in the National League for Nursing’s competencies for academic and clinical educators, graduates are prepared for successful completion of the CNE or CNEcl national certification exam. Experiential learning is the cornerstone of the program; all students complete 392 hours of precepted experiential learning, which includes student teaching, direct clinical practice, assessment and curriculum work, and nurse educator role immersion.

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Strategic Goals

- Prepare educational leaders who will model evidence-based practices in teaching and learning and interprofessional practice in academic, clinical, and community settings.
- Prepare educational leaders who apply organizational and systems leadership to academic, clinical, and community settings.
- Prepare educational leaders who are actively engaged in the scholarship of teaching and learning.
- Prepare educational leaders who will lead with integrity, demonstrating attainment of national nurse educator and graduate nursing education competencies.

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nursing-education-program
Graduate Faculty Information

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Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing

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Academics

Advanced Certificates and Master’s Degrees Requirements

The MNE program is designed to prepare experienced registered nurses for nurse educator roles in a variety of settings. Students identify a clinical practice focus area as well as an academic or clinical teaching focus upon program application. Courses and precepted experiential learning are organized to provide students with both theoretical foundations and practical experiences in classroom, clinical, and online teaching to be successful in a variety of educational settings.

This practice-based program is based on the NLN’s National Nurse Educator competencies, the AACN Vision for Academic Nursing, and the AACN Essentials. Interprofessional courses are taught in conjunction with the Warner School of Education. All courses in the MNE program provide experiential learning opportunities to apply educational theory and evidence to teach effectively, work in diverse teams, lead change, use technology to inspire learning, and engage in scholarly inquiry. An elective is also required in the program, providing students with an opportunity to explore educational topics of interest and relevance to individual professional goals. Graduates are prepared for successful completion of the CNEcl (clinical nurse educator) certification exam. Courses are organized to provide students with theoretical foundations and practical experiences that ensure success in both academic and clinical nurse educator roles.

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs and Advanced Certificates

Eligibility
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited school
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 from the relevant degree
- One year of clinical experience
- Minimum grade of C in statistics
GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

**NLX 417. Teaching and Learning in Nursing**

**NLX 420. Theory and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing Education**

**NLX 421. Physiology, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology for Nurse Leaders and Educators**

**NLX 422. Health Assessment for Nurse Leaders and Educators**

**NLX 426. Curriculum Development and Course Design**

**NLX 427. Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education**

**NLX 430. Integrating Technology in Nursing Education**

**NLX 487. MNE Capstone**

**NUR 401. Foundations of Scholarly Writing in the Health Professions**

**EDU 497. Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**

**EDU 581. Clinical Teaching in Health Care Professions Education: Teaching and Instructional Methods**

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**Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**

Lynne Massaro, DNP, RN, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FAANP, NP
Program Director

Julie A. Gottfried, DNP, RN, CNS, CPNP-PC/AC
Specialty Director

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Graduate Faculty Information
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University of Rochester
Assistant Professor
Specialty Director
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing

Admissions
Applying to Advanced Certificates
Eligibility
- Bachelor’s degree in nursing from an accredited school or equivalent master’s RN license-qualifying degree in nursing
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

NP Advanced Certificates Eligibility
- Master’s degree as an APRN from an accredited school of nursing

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- Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. Preferably, at least one recommendation should be from a former professor. At least two letters are required for master’s and advanced certificate applicants and three for doctoral applicants. Letters of recommendation are managed on the online application.
- Current RN license (except PhD and MS in Leadership program)
- English proficiency scores for non-native English speakers
- Application fee
- Short answer responses

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Academics
Advanced Certificates and Requirements
The pediatric nurse practitioner acute care advanced certificate prepares pediatric nurse practitioners to care for children with acute, complex, critical, and chronic illnesses, disabilities, or injuries. Students who pursue this two-semester post-master’s certificate will be well-prepared to work in a variety of pediatric acute care settings, such as pediatric intensive care units, inpatient units, emergency rooms, urgent care centers, and trauma centers, and pediatric specialties such as cardiology, pulmonology, and neurology.

The program focuses on caring for children of all ages and prepares students to deliver high-quality advanced nursing care that restores health, prevents complications, and assists patients and families in navigating rapidly changing acute health care environments.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES
NUR 433. Pediatric Acute Care NP I
NUR 434. Pediatric Acute Care NP II
Pediatric Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Lynne Massaro, DNP, RN, FNP-C, ANP-BC, FAANP, MS  
Program Director

Patrick Hopkins, DNP, APRN, C-PNP, NNP  
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Mission Statement
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Strategic Goals
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The program develops
- Providers who are actively engaged in scholarship through the clinical application of existing knowledge and the generation and dissemination of new clinical knowledge
- Providers who maintain competence in their specialty through formal and informal educational opportunities, specialty certification, and the ongoing education of others.

https://son.rochester.edu/academics/masters/nurse-practitioner-programs/pediatric-neonatal.html

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Applying to Master’s Programs

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Academics

Advanced Certificates and Master’s Degrees

Requirements

The Pediatric Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program prepares master’s degree and advanced certificate students to provide advanced nursing care for low- and high-risk neonates and infants. The program combines pediatric and neonatal nurse practitioner specialties, preparing graduates to provide both primary and acute care to infants in a variety of settings. Nurse practitioners in the pediatric and neonatal specialties will be able to practice in all levels of neonatal inpatient care, transport, acute and chronic care; delivery rooms, and outpatient settings, with the majority practicing in neonatal intensive care units (NICU) across the country.

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NUR 435. Pediatric Psychopharmacology
NUR 436. Nursing Care of the High-Risk Neonate
NUR 437. Pediatric Primary Care I
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Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing  
Primary Appointment(s): School of Nursing  
Joint Appointment(s): Nursing Practice

Rebecca R. Wolf, EdD, *University of Southern California*  
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**Academics**

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The pediatric nurse practitioner program prepares students to provide advanced care to children of all ages. As pediatric nurse practitioners, our graduates care for children across the health continuum, from healthy children to those with acute and chronic health problems. They perform well-child care and developmental screening, treat common childhood illnesses, and provide anticipatory guidance for children and parents.

Nurse practitioners in this specialty provide health care to children across all health care settings, including primary care offices, school-based health centers, hospital and specialty practices, and pediatric emergency departments. Pediatric nurse practitioners are also prepared to address the many behavioral health issues found in pediatric primary care, including ADHD, bullying, and risk-taking behaviors.

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Committee on Graduate Studies

The PhD Committee (composed of faculty from the major areas of the school) is responsible for all aspects of the PhD program. These duties include admissions, annual review of each student’s progress, awarding of fellowships and assistantships, and program evaluation (curriculum, core exams, qualifying exams, second-year paper, third- and fourth-year seminars).

The Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) consists of about faculty members (tenure-track and clinical) from the major areas of the school, plus as ex-officio members, the senior associate dean of faculty and research, the senior associate dean of education and innovation, and other administrative representatives. The GCC oversees Simon’s full-time and part-time MBA programs, as well as specialized master’s degree programs in finance, accountancy, medical management, business analytics, and marketing analytics. It is as an umbrella committee for the individual program committees for the MBA and MS programs. Its primary responsibility is to evaluate proposals made by program committees regarding possible negative or positive impacts on other programs.

School Mission Statement

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Administrative Officers

Sevin Yetkin
Dean
Jim Brickley
Senior Associate Dean of Faculty and Research
Mitch Lovett
Senior Associate Dean of Education and Innovation

School-Level Graduate Awards

PhD Program

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We do not have any teaching awards for our PhD students.

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Executive MBA

Ravi Mantena
EMBA Faculty Director

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Hana Choi, PhD, Duke University
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Roberto Colangelo, MA, State University of New York
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Ramona Dagostino, PhD, London Business School
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Paul Ellickson, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor
Michael and Diane Jones Professor of Business Administration

Shelby George, JD, University of California
Clinical Assistant Professor

Harry Groenevelt, PhD, Columbia University
Associate Professor

Avery Haviv, PhD, University of Toronto
Associate Professor

Yufeng Huang, PhD, Tilberg University
Associate Professor

Glenn Huels, MBA, Rochester Institute of Technology
Clinical Associate Professor
Prema Iyer, MBA, *St. Louis University*
  Clinical Assistant Professor

Sudarshan Jayaraman, PhD, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
  Professor
  Westray Professor of Business Administration

Roy Jones, PhD, *Stanford University*
  Clinical Professor

Joseph Kalmenovitz, PhD, *New York University*
  Assistant Professor

Ron Kaniel, PhD, *University of Pennsylvania*
  Professor
  Jay S. and Jeanne P. Benet Professor of Finance

Dennis Kessler, JD, *Northwestern Law School*
  Clinical Professor

Narayana Kocherlakota, PhD, *University of Chicago*
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  Lionel W. McKenzie Professor of Economics
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Alexandr Kopytov, PhD, *University of Pennsylvania*
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Yukun Liu, PhD, *Yale University*
  Assistant Professor
  William H. Meckling Assistant Professor of Business Administration

Mitchell Lovett, PhD, *Duke University*
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  Assistant Professor

Ravindra N. Mantena, PhD, *New York University*
  Clinical Professor
  MBA Faculty Director

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  Clinical Associate Professor

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  Fred H. Gowen Professor of Economics and Management

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James Prinzi, PhD, *California Coast University*
  Executive Professor

Michael Raith, PhD, *London School of Economics*
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Heikki Rantakari, PhD, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
  Associate Professor

Ricky Roet-Green, PhD, *Tel Aviv University*
  Associate Professor

Zach Roth, MBA, *University of Rochester*
  Clinical Assistant Professor
Admissions

Required Application Materials
- Online application form
- Resume and work history
- Three required essays (250–500 words)
- College transcripts
- Letter of recommendation

Preferred Candidate Profile
The ideal candidates are managers preparing for the next phase of their career, promoting change in their organization, increasing their business performance, or redefining their personal goals. Ten to 15 years of experience are preferred. Simon’s Executive MBA is not a visa-sponsoring program.

GMAT/GRE
Simon offers the option to apply without a GMAT/GRE/Executive Assessment score.

Tuition and Scholarships
The program is $2,072 per credit hour plus program fees, which cover required course material, software, meals, events, and other expenses associated with the program.

Merit scholarships are available for all qualified candidates. We offer scholarships for military active duty and veterans, nonprofit professionals, and University of Rochester employees and alumni. In addition, candidates may earn a scholarship to the EMBA program by participating virtually in our annual case competition and Simon Games scholarship competition.

Academics

Master’s Degree and Requirements
The Simon Executive MBA has been specifically designed to help you, the working professional, no matter what your career objectives may be. The unique lockstep curriculum sequence moves you through the initial foundational tools and functional knowledge before culminating in strategic application. There are 15 required courses, three electives, plus two complementary courses available to customize your study. Executive MBA students meet each Wednesday and two Saturdays per month.
**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**EMBA Core Courses**
- ACC 401. Corporate Financial Accounting
- *ACC 410. Managerial Accounting and Performance Measurement*
- *CIS 401. Information Systems for Management*
- EXP 420. Managerial Decision Analysis
- EXP 422. Managerial Data Analysis
- EXP 476. Contemporary Marketing Strategy
- EXP 485. New Venture Development
- *FIN 402. Capital Budgeting and Corporate Objectives*
- *FIN 413. Corporate Finance*
- MKT 402. Marketing Management
- *OMG 402. Operations Management*
- STR 401. Managerial Economics
- STR 403. Organization and Strategy
- STR 421. Competitive Strategy
- *STR 422. Game Theory for Managers*

**Other MBA Courses**
- *ACC 411. Applied Financial Statement Analysis with Data Analytics*
- *ACC 417. Auditing*
- *ACC 418. Taxes and Business Strategy*
- *ACC 419. Positive Accounting Research Concepts and Empirical Analysis Tools*
- ACC 423. Financial Reporting I
- ACC 424. Financial Reporting II
- ACC 436. Research into Professional Accounting Standards
- ACC 437. Basic Federal Income Tax Accounting
- *ACC 438. Auditing II - Auditing and Information Systems*
- *ACC 439. Accounting Analytics for Forensics*
- ACC 440. Basic Income Tax-Business Entities and Gift/Estate Taxes
- *ACC 447. Reporting Analytics in Financial Markets*
- *BPP426. Macroeconomics*
- *BPP432. Basic Business Law*
- *CIS413. Managing Digital Products and Platforms*
- CIS 414. Digital Business Strategy
- *CIS415. Business Process Analysis and Design*
- *CIS417. Introduction to Business Analytics*
- *CIS418. Advanced Business Modeling and Analysis Using Spreadsheets*
- *CIS432. Advanced Predictive Analytics Using Python*
- *CIS434P. Social Media and Text Analytics*
- *CIS442F. Big Data*
- ENT 422. Generating and Screening Entrepreneurial Ideas
- ENT 425. Technical Entrepreneurship
- ENT 442C. Practicum in Urban Entrepreneurship
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- *FIN411. Investments*
- *FIN418. Quantitative Finance with Python*
- *FIN424. Options and Futures Markets*
- *FIN430. Risk Management*
- *FIN434. Investments and Trading Strategy*
- *FIN438. Mergers and Acquisitions*
- *FIN441A. Special Topics in Finance: Real Estate*
- *FIN441B. Special Topics in Finance: Private Equity*
- *FIN441F. Corporate Restructuring*
- FIN 441G. Asset Management
- *FIN441H. ESG and Sustainable Investing*
- FIN 442X. International Finance-Swiss Immersion
- *FIN444. Entrepreneurial Finance*
- *FIN446. Financial Technology*
- *FIN448. Fixed Income Securities*
- GBA 43. Negotiation Theory and Practice: Bargaining for Value
- *GBA436R. Predictive and Causal Analytics*
- GBA 441. Business Ethics and Causal Analytics
- GBA 442A. Special Topics: Deal Making
- GBA 442C. Elements of Leadership
- GBA 442X. Doing Business in South Africa
- GBA 443. Diversity Equity and Inclusion
- *GBA445. Python Analytics for R Programmers*
- *HSM420. Business Economics of the Health Care Industry*
- HSM 430. Health Sciences Management and Strategy
- HSM 437. Managing Health Care Operations
- HSM 440. Evolving Medical Markets
- HSM 45. Health Care Accounting and Finance
- HSM 454. Leading Health Care Organizations
- HSM 464. Health IT and Analytics
- MGC 401. Professional Communication
- MGC 402. Interpersonal Persuasion
- *MKT412. Marketing Research*
- *MKT414/STR423. Pricing Policies*
- *MKT421. Advanced Marketing Strategy*
- MKT 431. Consumer Behavior
- MKT 432. New Product Strategy
- MKT 433. Advertising Strategy
- *MKT437. Digital Marketing Strategy*
- MKT 438. B2B Pricing
- *MKT439/STR439. Advanced Pricing*
- *MKT440. Pricing Analytics*
- MKT 442. Applied Product Management
- MKT 448. Brand Strategy Workshop
- MKT 449. Global Marketing Strategy
- *MKT451. Consumer and Brand Research*
- MSM 49. Math for Management
- *OMG411. Supply Chain Analytics*
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- OMG 413. Operations Strategy
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- Attended three or more academic years (at least 6 semesters/9 quarters/9 trimesters, not including summers) of post-secondary education taught solely in English and received a bachelor’s or master’s degree from a college or university where English was the language of instruction.

If you qualify for the waiver, please indicate that in your application. You will be required to upload supporting documentation stating “I meet the English Language Proficiency waiver requirements.”

Academics

Master’s Degree and Requirements
To earn the Master of Business Administration degree, a full-time student must complete 68 credit hours of study with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average. Students take nine required core courses, GBA 401, 14 electives including a required project course, and the MGC course sequence. Additional requirements to complete the degree include a required internship or approved alternative and two managerial breadth electives. Much of the academic work in the MBA program will rely on computer-based analysis and computer-assisted presentations.

Faculty expect students to have a working knowledge of spreadsheet, presentation, and word-processing software. The programs most widely used are Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word. Students may complete a specialization or minor, though it’s not required. They also can earn a STEM designation for their MBA if 50 percent or more of their total credits earned come from STEM-designated courses.

Students have the option to choose one or more specializations. These provide opportunities for students to tailor curriculum to meet job market needs. The specializations are focused on entry-level MBA positions, and they have curricular and co-curricular content. Students work closely with the Office of Student Engagement and Career Management Center for consistent guidance for success in academic coursework, co-curricular activities, and career goals.

Students also have the option to complete a minor consisting of four courses in areas that are either cross-functional or functional. Most functional minors are contained in one or more specializations. Students fulfilling a specialization (such as banking) do not in addition earn the minor for the respective function (finance). Thus, except for Accounting, functional minors are intended for students who do not complete a specialization in the same functional area.

Consulting Specializations
- Strategy
- Pricing
- Technology
- Operations

Finance Specializations
- Banking
- Asset Management
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Corporate Finance

Marketing Specializations
- Brand Management
- Product Management

Cross-Functional Minors
- Analytics
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Global Business
- Health Sciences Management

Functional Minors
- Accounting
- Finance
- Marketing
- Consulting: Strategy and Pricing
- Consulting: Operations and Technology

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

MBA Core Courses
ACC 401. Corporate Financial Accounting
*CIS 401. Information Systems for Management
*FIN 402. Capital Budgeting and Corporate Objectives
GBA 401. Structured Problem Solving
*GBA 411. Business Modeling
*GBA 412. Data Analytics
MKT 402. Marketing Management
*OMG 402. Operations Management
*STR 401. Managerial Economics
STR 421. Competitive Strategy
MGC 401. Professional Communication: Persuasion and Influence
MGC 402. Interpersonal Persuasion: Influence in Dynamic Interaction
Electives and Other Courses

*ACC 410. Managerial Accounting and Performance Measurement
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*ACC 417. Auditing
*ACC 418. Taxes and Business Strategy
*ACC 419. Positive Accounting Research Concepts and Empirical Analysis Tools
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*ACC 439. Accounting Analytics for Forensics
ACC 440. Basic Income Tax—Business Entities and Gift/Estate Taxes
*ACC 447. Reporting Analytics in Financial Markets
*BPP 426. Macroeconomics
BPP 432. Basic Business Law
*CIS 413. Managing Digital Products and Platforms
CIS 414. Digital Business Strategy
*CIS 415. Business Process Analysis and Design
*CIS 417. Introduction to Business Analytics
*CIS 418. Advanced Business Modeling and Analysis Using Spreadsheets
*CIS 432. Advanced Predictive Analytics Using Python
*CIS 434P. Social Media and Text Analytics
*CIS 442F. Big Data
CIS 461. Strategy and Business Systems Consulting Practicum
*ENT 422. Generating and Screening Entrepreneurial Ideas
ENT 423. New Venture Development
*ENT 425. Technical Entrepreneurship
ENT 442C. Practicum in Urban Entrepreneurship
ENT 442X. International Business Practicum/Israel Immersion
*FIN 411. Investments
*FIN 413. Corporate Finance
*FIN 418. Quantitative Finance with Python
*FIN 424. Options and Futures Markets
*FIN 430. Risk Management
*FIN 434. Investments and Trading Strategy
*FIN 438. Mergers & Acquisitions
*FIN 441A. Special Topics in Finance: Real Estate
*FIN 441B. Special Topics in Finance: Private Equity
*FIN 441F. Corporate Restructuring
FIN 441G. Asset Management
*FIN 441H. ESG and Sustainable Investing
FIN 442X. International Finance–Swiss Immersion
*FIN 444. Entrepreneurial Finance
*FIN 446. Financial Technology
*FIN 448. Fixed Income Securities
FIN 450. Finance Project

GBA 419. Leading Teams
GBA 435. Negotiation Theory and Practice: Bargaining for Value
*GBA 436R. Predictive and Causal Analytics
GBA 441. Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
GBA 442A. Special Topics: Deal Making
GBA 442C. Elements of Leadership
GBA 442X. Doing Business in South Africa
GBA 443. Diversity Equity and Inclusion
*GBA 465. Python Analytics for R Programmers
*HSM 420. Business Economics of the Health Care Industry
HSM 430. Health Sciences Management and Strategy
HSM 437. Managing Health Care Operations
HSM 440. Evolving Medical Markets
HSM 452. Health Care Accounting and Finance
HSM 454. Leading Health Care Organizations
HSM 464. Health IT and Analytics
*MKT 412. Marketing Research
*MKT 414/STR 423. Pricing Policies
*MKT 421. Advanced Marketing Strategy
MKT 431. Consumer Behavior
MKT 432. New Product Strategy
MKT 433. Advertising Strategy
*MKT 437. Digital Marketing Strategy
MKT 438. B2B Pricing
*MKT 439/STR 439. Advanced Pricing
*MKT 440. Pricing Analytics
*MKT 441. Brand Management Workshop
MKT 442G. Applied Product Management
MKT 448. Brand Strategy Workshop
MKT 449. Global Marketing Strategy
MKT 450. Product Management Workshop
*MKT 451. Consumer and Brand Research
MSM 491. Math for Management
*OMG 411. Supply Chain Analytics
*OMG 412. Service Management
OMG 413. Operations Strategy
*OMG 415. Process Improvement
*OMG 416. Project Management
STR 403. Organization and Strategy
*STR 422. Game Theory for Managers
STR 424. Human Resource Strategy
STR 425. Innovation Strategy
STR 427. Organizational Behavior
STR 428. Strategy Beyond Markets
STR 440. Corporate Governance
STR 442G. Leading a Culture of Innovation
STR 442X. Political Risk and the Global Firm–Singapore Immersion

* STEM-designated courses
MS in Medical Management

Sam Ogie
MMM Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Simon offers a Master of Science in Medical Management to provide physicians, hospital administrators, and medical professionals with management tools and an understanding of the key business issues that confront health care providers.

https://www.simon.rochester.edu/programs/medical-management

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Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs
The MS in Medical Management degree is designed to fit your lifestyle and your career goals. It’s important to choose a program that prepares you for your future professional life without getting in the way of current professional demands. Our admissions team can work with you to determine how Simon can best help you achieve your aspirations in health care management.

Our selection process is based on your business experience, academic achievement, professional growth potential, and motivation and drive to succeed in an analytically rigorous, growth-minded program. No GMAT/GRE is required; Simon offers the option to apply without a GMAT/GRE score.

Who should apply?
Patient care providers, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, advanced practice providers, and therapists.

Non-clinical staff, including researchers, technicians, administrators, technology staff, human resources staff, marketing staff, and finance professionals.

Tuition and Scholarships
The program is $2,274 per credit hour plus program fees, which cover required course material, software, meals, events, and other expenses associated with the program.

Merit scholarships are available for all qualified candidates. We provide scholarships for active duty and veteran military and University of Rochester employees and alumni.

Application Requirements
- Online application form
- Current resume/CV
- Three required essays (500-word limit)
- College transcripts
- One letter of recommendation
- A $150 application fee

Academics

Master’s Degree and Requirements
The part-time structure of the Master of Science in Medical Management program allows health care professionals to maintain their career and personal commitments while earning the degree. The program focuses on developing health care managers and leaders who will be confident in making key financial, operational, and strategic decisions for their organizations.

The degree is specifically designed to accommodate the busy schedules of physicians and medical professionals. The program consists of 31 credits and is offered on a part-time basis only. The medical management student enrolls in a health care-specific class that meets one night per week. During the same term, the student also takes a class on two separate weekends to cover core business concepts.

The curriculum is built around four core areas of management that are especially relevant to health care:

- Developing marketing and business plans
- Quantifying strategy through financial analysis
- Implementing strategy by efficiently managing operations, and
- Building efficient organizations for the long run, through intelligent work design, performance assessment, and employee incentives.

Faculty present the curriculum in a unique format that delivers the necessary depth of core business material while simultaneously applying that material to the health care industry. This is accomplished by pairing Simon’s core courses with health care management courses that develop applications of the core material.
GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

HSM 420. Business Economics of the Health Care Industry
HSM 425. Managerial Accounting for Health Care Organizations
HSM 430. Health Sciences Management and Strategy
HSM 437. Managing Health Care Processes
HSM 450. Accounting, Economics, and Finance for MS Students
HSM 451. Health Care Marketing and Business Plan Development
HSM 452. Health Care Accounting and Finance
HSM 454. Leading Health Care Organizations
HSM 455. Health Care Practicum I
HSM 456. Health Care Practicum II
HSM 464. Health IT and Analytics
STR 403. Organization and Strategy

Full-Time MS in Accountancy

Heidi Tribunella
MSA Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The MS in Accountancy goes beyond the numbers. Led by some of the world’s best professors, our 150-credit-hour-compliant program is much more than ordinary test preparation and educationally qualifies you to sit for the New York State CPA exam.

https://www.simon.rochester.edu/programs/full-time-ms-in-accountancy

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- InitialView (international students, optional)

**Academics**

**Master’s Degree and Requirements**

The program of study for the Master of Science in Accountancy is a lockstep program that meets all the requirements for a STEM-designated degree. Students take 13 core courses, one elective, and the MGC course sequence. STEM-designated courses are indicated with an asterisk (*). A minimum 3.0 grade point average is required for graduation. Assuming that students have met certain undergraduate prerequisites, this program has been designated by the New York State Education Department as fulfilling the 150-credit-hour requirement for professional education programs in public accountancy.

Students whose undergraduate programs do not satisfy all the assumed prerequisites will be advised of additional courses they must complete following a review of their undergraduate transcript. The New York State Education Department will have final approval upon application for licensure.

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

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*ACC 438. Auditing II–Auditing and Information Systems*

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*ACC 447. Reporting Analytics in Financial Markets*

**BPP 432. Basic Business Law**

*GBA 462R. Core Statistics for MS Students Using R*

*GBA 464. Programming for Analytics*

**MGC 461. Professional Communication**

**Elective Courses**

*ACC 418. Taxes and Business Strategy*

*ACC 439. Accounting Analytics for Forensics*

* STEM-designated courses
Full-Time MS in Business Analytics

Liza Mohr  
Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Simon is renowned for its rigorously analytical curriculum. In our STEM-designated MS in Business Analytics program, we pair our analytical bias with our economics-based curriculum to equip students with the theories and practical frameworks that will make them sought-after analysts. We provide an understanding of analytic tools such as Python and R to leverage the big-data insights that drive business strategy forward.

https://www.simon.rochester.edu/programs/full-time-ms-in-business-analytics

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Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

Core Courses
- *CIS 434. Social Media and Text Analytics
- *CIS 465. Business Analytics Project
- *CIS 467. Data Management, Warehousing and Visualization
- *GBA 424. Analytics Design and Applications
- *GBA 436R. Causal and Predictive Analytics
- *GBA 462R. Core Statistics for MS Students Using R
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- *GBA 468P. Prescriptive Analytics with Python
- MGC 461. Professional Communication

Elective Options
- *CIS 432. Advanced Predictive Analytics with Python
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* STEM-designated courses
Full-Time MS in Finance

Dan Burnside
MSF Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The challenging world of global finance is exciting and fast-paced, and it demands the best you have to offer. The MS in Finance program at Simon Business School provides an analytically rigorous, acclaimed curriculum that will provide you with both the tools and the confidence you’ll need to succeed in this field.

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

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†Students with sufficient prior coursework in accountancy can petition to substitute ACC 401. Corporate Financial Accounting with ACC 423. Financial Reporting I.
Full-Time MS in Marketing Analytics

Paul Nelson
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Mission Statement and Strategic Goals
Lead, don’t follow. Every decision that drives the digital marketplace is rooted in data generated by the consumer journey. In Simon’s STEM-designated MS in Marketing Analytics program, you’ll learn strategies to make you the go-to person for evidence-based information, insights, and answers.

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Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs
At Simon, we value well-developed communication skills in our applicants. We seek self-motivated individuals who believe that graduate study will significantly enhance both their technical and personal skills. Additionally, we seek evidence of team experiences and leadership skills, shown through extracurricular experience and/or on-the-job projects.

We use the admission interview, combined with your resume, essays, and references, to assess these qualitative aspects of your application.

When making admission decisions, we consider work experience to include both internships and/or post-baccalaureate experience. The quality and quantity of experience, combined with career goals, are equally evaluated. Your decision to pursue graduate study should be consistent with the career goals typically offered for a business master’s program.

We seek candidates committed to academic excellence. We review GMAT or GRE exam scores and consider the overall results, as well as your quantitative and verbal distribution on the exam. Additionally, we evaluate all undergraduate and graduate coursework that has been completed before applying. Business, accounting, and math grades are considered in addition to your cumulative GPA. Applicant concerns on any dimension of the academic profile should be briefly addressed in the required essay.

The MS class of 2021 came from 19 countries. Fifty-six percent were women. They had an average of one year of work experience, with GMAT scores of 610 to 710 and GPA scores of 3.0 to 3.8.

Information for International Applicants

Every enrolling MS student must successfully demonstrate excellent English communication skills. We highly recommend a minimum TOEFL score of 100 with subscores in the mid-20s, a minimum IELTS score of 7.5 with subscores of at least 7, or a minimum Duolingo English Test score of 125 with subcores of at least 120.
In addition to required ESL test scores, Simon applicants have the opportunity to provide an InitialView interview and writing sample to demonstrate their English proficiency. Visit the InitialView website to sign up for an interview, and send your results to Simon Business School. The admissions committee will then use this as part of the holistic review of your application. While this is not a required component, it is an excellent way to add another dimension to your candidacy.

**Required Application Materials**
- Resume and work history
- Two required essays (250–500 words)
- College transcripts
- GMAT or GRE scores (can be waived)
- References
- A $90 application fee (waived for qualifying candidates)
- TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores (international applicants)
- Online application form
- Video essay (optional)
- InitialView (international students, optional)

**Academics**

**Master's Degree and Requirements**
The program of study for the Master of Science in Marketing Analytics degree is a lockstep program that meets all the requirements for a STEM-designated degree. It is a complex, highly focused program designed to equip students with the skills and experience necessary to excel in marketing jobs. Students are likely to take a job related to one of the program's four main emphases: marketing research, consumer insights, pricing, and digital marketing. Students take seven core courses, five electives, one project course, and the MGC course sequence. A minimum 3.0 grade point average is required for graduation.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**Core Courses**
*CIS 467. Data Management, Warehousing and Visualization
*GBA 424. Analytics Design and Applications
*GBA 436R. Causal and Predictive Analytics
*GBA 462R. Core Statistics for MS Students Using R
GBA 463. Economics and Marketing Strategy for MS Students
*GBA 464. Programming for Analytics
MGC 461. Professional Communication
*MKT 414. Pricing Policies
*MKT 465. Marketing Analytics Projects

**Elective Options**
*CIS 432. Advanced Predictive Analytics with Python
*CIS 434. Social Media and Text Analytics
GBA 465. Python Analytics for R Programmers
*GBA 468R. Prescriptive Analytics with R
MKT 431. Consumer Behavior
*MKT 437. Digital Marketing Strategy
*MKT 439. Advanced Pricing
*MKT 440. Pricing Analytics
*MKT 451. Consumer and Brand Research

* STEM-designated courses
Online MS in Business Analytics for Managers

Liza Mohr
OMSBA Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The Online MS in Business Analytics for Managers provides the technical and management skills needed to lead your organization at the next level. This program focuses on teaching students how to evaluate investments in analytics—which tools, data, and skills are most critical—and how to manage these investments by managing analytics teams, communicating analytics content, and leading with data.

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Applying to Master’s Programs

The Online MS in Business Analytics for Managers program is a part-time, lockstep program for people who are working full time while studying.

It is designed for candidates with three to 15 years of work experience, but to be considered, you do not need a minimum or maximum level of work experience. We expect to enroll candidates who are currently managers, as well as individuals who are in line to move into manager roles as they advance in their career. You do not need to already be a manager to apply for the online MSBA program.

Most applicants will have successfully completed at least one undergraduate or higher statistics course, as well as basic college math. For individuals with limited college-level math, we may require MBAmath.com, a non-matriculated undergraduate course, or other demonstrated proficiency as a part of the application process.

The Online MSBA does not require prior computer programming courses or experience. Having an understanding of these concepts is helpful, but the degree is designed to provide training so that you can manage or supervise individuals who may be responsible for programming and technical analytics.

The total cost of the program is $53,500. This cost covers tuition, course software and materials, e-textbooks, and events associated with the program. It does not include airfare or transportation costs incurred for in-person experiences or immersions. Scholarships and financial aid are available for all qualified candidates.

Required Application Materials

- Online application form
- Resume and work history
- Two required essays (250-500 words)
- College transcripts
- Letter of recommendation
- A $100 application fee (waivers available)

Simon offers the option to apply without a GMAT/GRE/Executive Assessment score.
Academics

Master’s Degree and Requirements

The Online MSBA is a 14-month program targeted to managers and aspiring managers with three to 15 years of work experience. The degree is offered on a part-time basis, primarily through online evening classes, along with in-person immersion experiences. In-person events complement online coursework and help build meaningful relationships with your classmates and faculty. These residencies enrich team interactions and leadership; augment the learning through company visits, professional and career workshops, and guest lectures from industry experts; and provide valuable networking opportunities.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

CIS 414. Digital Business Strategy
CIS 467. Data Management, Warehousing and Visualization
GBA 444. Ethics and Policy in Tech
GBA 471. Probability and Descriptive Analytics
GBA 472. Causal and Predictive Analytics
GBA 473. Data-Driven Decision Making
GBA 474. Advanced Analytics-Driven Decisions
GBA 475. Online Business Analytics Capstone Project
GBA 478. AI and Business
MGC 473. Communication and Leadership for Business Analytics
MKT 472. Marketing Management Analytics
OMG 472. Operations and Supply Chain Analytics

PhD in Business Administration

Christian Opp
PhD Faculty Director

The Simon Business School PhD in Business Administration is a rigorous full-time, five-year program. Our students are known for their strong analytical skills and research performance. We require students to be in residency for the duration of their doctoral studies so they can engage fully in the research culture of the school. In some circumstances, a student may waive their residency requirement after close consultation with faculty and program staff.

Simon provides generous financial support to all our PhD students and encourages them not to work outside of the University. The annual fellowship offer is $35,500. This fellowship requires no service for the first year, when coursework is most demanding. For the second through fourth years, students are required to complete three teaching assistantships per academic year to gain experience teaching.

During the five years of support, we also cover the cost of student-only health insurance with the University-sponsored health insurance plan. PhD students receive a full tuition waiver scholarship for all courses approved for their curriculum while enrolled, a research budget account that accrues annually, as well as dedicated PhD spaces, including offices and computer lab.

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The PhD Program at the Simon Business School is designed to equip students with the necessary analytical skills to carry out high-quality teaching and research in various fields of management.

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Applying to Doctoral Programs
Simon's doctoral program accepts full-time students only. Admissions decisions are made in early spring.

Our approach is to develop each student's unique potential, so all of an applicant's abilities are considered in admittance decisions. Each applicant is evaluated individually based on their full application. The GMAT and/or GRE is a requirement of the Simon School PhD application that cannot be waived. We do not have minimum requirements for test scores or GPA. Admitted students typically have GMAT scores around 700 or higher and GRE scores around 317 or higher.

We look for students with the best chance of success after reviewing all applicants for any given year.

Requirements
- Prospective students should demonstrate a set of clearly defined career objectives.
- A strong quantitative background is essential.
- Your ability to communicate in English is heavily factored into admissions decisions.
- Recommendations that provide a good assessment of your abilities are helpful to the faculty admissions committee when evaluating your application.
- Any additional materials (optional) that you submit with your application should reflect your fit for the program.

Academics

The Simon School's PhD in Business Administration includes five major fields of study: Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Information Systems, and Operations Management. PhD students are also eligible to earn one of the two possible en passant master's degrees: Master of Science in Business Fundamentals or Master of Science in Business Research.

Students build a firm foundation in economics, statistics, and their specific fields of study. Deeper specialization in coursework occurs in the second year, when students begin concentration on their major fields of study. The PhD program is full time only and consists of at least 90 credit hours of both coursework and research.

Master's Degrees and Requirements

Master of Science in Business Fundamentals
- 1 to 1.5-year curriculum
- Minimum of 30 credits of area-specific concentration requirements
- PhD students must enroll in the capstone experience courses to earn the MSBF degree:
  - GBA 548. Capstone Experience for Accounting or Finance — the preliminary exam
  - GBA 549. Capstone Experience for Marketing, Information Systems or Operations Management — the first-year paper and presentation.

  The MSBF is not automatically awarded to PhD students. They must apply to be eligible to earn this degree at the time of the capstone experience. If not, they cannot earn it a later date because it is based on the date of the capstone.

Master of Science in Business Research
- 2.5-year curriculum, 60 credits, with each area having concentration requirements
- Capstone Experience is required for the MSBR degree.
- The PhD student must be enrolled in GBA 579: Master’s Research Thesis.
- This course requires submission and oral defense of a substantial original research paper.
- This degree is automatically awarded by the Simon PhD office after the student has passed the comprehensive exam, unless the student has already chosen to receive the MSBF.
- If the Simon PhD student has been awarded the MSBF, they are not eligible to receive the MSBR.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

PhD program requirements vary by field of study, except for the thesis proposal and thesis defense.

Accounting
17 required courses
The Accounting preliminary exam is given in June at the end of the first year and consists of two parts. The exam is based on questions from the following courses:
- FIN 505. Theory of Finance
- AEC 511. Price Theory
- AEC 514. Game Theory

First-Year Paper: Each student must complete and successfully pass a research-oriented first-year paper. For Accounting students, the paper is due September 15 of the second year. The paper will then be presented in AEC 510 or in an Accounting Workshop by the end of the fall term of the student's second year.

Qualifying Exam and Second-Year Paper: For the Accounting qualifying exam, the student must pass an examination on the second-year paper by the end of the fall term of the third year. The paper is due September 15 of the third year for Accounting students. This paper should be an original contribution to the literature in the specific major area. Students present their paper to a selected faculty committee in AEC 510 that fall.
Finance

13 required courses

The Finance preliminary exam is given in June at the end of the first year and consists of two parts. The exam is written and evaluated by a faculty committee. The committee will assign a combined grade to the exam for all parts.

The exam is based on questions from FIN 505, Theory of Finance as well as one of the following series, based on what courses are offered the first year:

- FIN 511. Continuous Time Theory and FIN 512. Empirical Asset Pricing
- OR

First-Year Paper: Each student must complete and successfully pass a research-oriented first-year paper. The paper is due October 15 of the second year for Finance students. The paper will then be presented in AEC 510 by the end of the fall term of the student's second year.

Qualifying Exam and Second-Year Paper: The Finance qualifying exam is an examination on the second-year paper by the end of the fall term of the third year. The paper is due September 15 of the third year for Finance students. This paper should be an original contribution to the literature in the specific major area. Students present their paper to a selected faculty committee in AEC 510 that fall.

Marketing

12 required courses

Preliminary Requirement: First-year Marketing PhD students must demonstrate proficiency in the topics covered in a specific set of required courses. These courses fall into two categories, Econometrics and Marketing.

The sequence of Econometrics core courses is taken through the University of Rochester Economics Department.

- ECO 484. Intro to Math Statistics/Intro to Econometrics
- ECO 485. Introduction to Econometrics

For these courses, students need to obtain a 3.3 (B+) GPA average. Failure to meet this average GPA indicates not meeting the milestones of the program and can result in being asked to leave the program, retake the courses, or demonstrate sufficient knowledge through other courses or means.

The Marketing core sequence comprises four required classes:

- AEC 520. Advanced Causal Inference plus Machine Learning
- MKT 511. 1st Year Core Research Topics in Quantitative Marketing
- MKT 512. 2nd Year Core Research Topics in Quantitative Marketing
- AEC 523 or AEC 524. Microeconometrics Static (or Dynamic) Approaches. At least one of these courses must be taken to demonstrate depth of skills in microeconometrics.

First-Year Paper: Each student must complete and successfully pass a research-oriented first-year paper. For Marketing students, the paper is due by October 15 of the second year. Students present the paper in a Marketing Seminar by the end of the fall term of their second year.

Qualifying Exam and Second-Year Paper: The Marketing qualifying exam consists of passing an examination on the second-year paper by the end of the fall term of the third year. For Marketing students, the paper is due September 15 of the third year. This paper should be an original contribution to the literature in the specific major area. Students present their papers to a selected faculty committee in a Marketing Seminar that fall.

Information Systems

12 required courses

Preliminary Requirement: First-year IS PhD students are required to demonstrate proficiency in the topics covered in these required classes:

- CIS 511. Research Topics and Methods in Information Systems
- MSM 504. Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes I
- MSM 522. Optimization
- AEC 511. Advanced Price Theory

For these courses, students need to obtain a 3.3 (B+) GPA average.

First-Year Paper: Each student must complete and pass a first-year paper requirement, due by the end of the summer term (August 31) of their first year. The student must identify two topics of interest in the area of research (business analytics, information systems, or operations). The topic must have the scope for original research. The student is expected to research the literature to find the state of the art in these areas and to properly place the problem in the context. Problem identification and some effort at originality is sufficient for the first-year paper. The work for the paper is to be done independently by the student, but the student may seek guidance and feedback from faculty. The student will present the work to a committee of IS faculty, to be selected by the PhD Faculty Committee, that will grade the first-year paper using the PhD standard evaluation grading.

Second-Year Paper: For the Information Systems second-year paper, the student works on two individual research topics in conjunction with the faculty to write two research papers. These papers are due May 31 of the end of the second year. The student will present the work to a committee of IS Faculty, to be selected by the PhD Faculty Committee, that will evaluate the papers using the PhD standard evaluation grading.

Candidacy Qualifying Exam: The Information Systems qualifying exam is due November 10 of the third year. This paper should be an original contribution to the literature in the specific major area and is usually a more in-depth version of one of the two papers used for the second-year papers. It should be presented by January 15 to a committee (formed before the second-year paper) that will evaluate the paper and presentation.
Operations Management
12 required courses
Preliminary Requirement: A committee of OM faculty reviews students after the first year in early June. The expectation is that students would receive B+ or higher in all of their courses. In addition, the expectation is that students would receive A- or higher in the following courses:
- AEC 511. Price Theory
- AEC 514. Game Theory
- MSM 504. Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes I
- MSM 505. Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes II
- MSM 522. Optimization

First-Year Paper: By the end of spring term of their first year (May 31), students should pick two research questions. By the end of summer term (August 31) of their first year, students should deliver initial drafts of the papers based on the two research questions, which would include a problem statement, initial problem formulation, and a literature review. The student will present the work to a committee of OM faculty, to be selected by the PhD Faculty Committee, that will grade the first-year paper using the PhD standard evaluation grading. Successful completion of the initial drafts and presentation constitutes passing the preliminary requirement and first-year paper.

Second-Year Paper: The OM second-year papers are based on the student's work on two individual research topics. These two papers are due by May 31 of the end of the second year. The student will present the work to a committee of OM faculty, to be selected by the PhD Faculty Committee, that will evaluate the papers and the presentation.

Candidacy Qualifying Exam: The OM qualifying exam is due November 30 of the third year. This paper should be an original contribution to the literature in the specific major area and is usually a more in-depth version of one of the two papers used for the second-year papers. The paper should be presented to the committee (formed before the second-year paper) by January 15 and will be evaluated using the PhD Standard Evaluation Grading.

Dissertation Proposal: Students are expected to submit a thesis proposal paper, along with a faculty advisor and committee. The exact form and timing of this proposal are defined by area requirements.

Dissertation Defense Seminar: The University of Rochester Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs Office oversees all thesis defense submissions. They have strict deadlines and policies that must be followed. See the University’s booklet, Regulations and University Policies Concerning Graduate Studies, for a detailed description of the final oral examination.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ACC 501. Accounting Seminar
ACC 510. Accounting Research I
ACC 511. Accounting Research II
ACC 512. Advanced Topics in Accounting Research
ACC 513. Contemporary Topics in Accounting Research
AEC 505. Real Analysis
AEC 506. Probability Theory
AEC 510. PhD Workshop in Applied Economics
AEC 511. Advanced Price Theory I
AEC 513. Industrial Organization Theory
AEC 514. Game Theory
AEC 520. Causal Inference
AEC 523. Micro-Econometric Modeling: Static
AEC 524. Micro-Econometric Modeling: Dynamic Approaches
CIS 511. Research Topics and Methods in Information Systems
CIS 512. Advanced Topics in Information Systems
FIN 505. Theory of Finance
FIN 511. Continuous Time Theory in Finance
FIN 512. Empirical Asset Pricing
FIN 513. Agency Theory
FIN 514. Empirical Corporate
FIN 522. Advanced Empirical Asset Pricing
FIN 523. Advanced Agency Theory
FIN 524. Financial and Economic Networks
MG C501. PhD Communication Workshop
MKT 505. Marketing Workshop
MKT 511. Core Research Topics in Quantitative Marketing
MKT 512. Advanced Topics/Quantitative Marketing Research
MSM 502. Linear Algebra
MSM 503. Optimization
MSM 504. Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes I
MSM 505. Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes II
MSM 511. Advanced Topics in Operations Management
MSM 512. Operations Management: Business Problem Context
MSM 518. Advanced Business Modeling
MSM 522. Optimization
MSM 532. Predictive Analytics Using Python
MSM 542. Queuing Theory and Applications
Professional MBA

Ravi Mantena
MBA Faculty Director

Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

To develop business leaders who have an exceptional level of clarity about business and about themselves. We achieve this through research and teaching focused on analytics and economics, and by being home to a tight-knit community that is among the most diverse of any business school.

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Christian Opp, PhD, University of Chicago  
Associate Professor

Vivek Pandey, PhD, University of Southern California  
Assistant Professor

Elena Prager, PhD, University of Pennsylvania  
Assistant Professor

Alex Priest, PhD, University of Texas  
Assistant Professor

David Primo, PhD, Stanford University  
Associate Professor  
Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professor  
Joint Appointment(s): School of Arts & Sciences

James Prinzi, PhD, California Coast University  
Executive Professor

Michael Raith, PhD, London School of Economics  
Associate Professor

Heikki Rantakari, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Associate Professor

Ricky Roet-Green, PhD, Tel Aviv University  
Associate Professor

Zach Roth, MBA, University of Rochester  
Clinical Assistant Professor

Huaxia Rui, PhD, The University of Texas at Austin  
Professor  
Xerox Professor of Computers and Information Systems

John Schloff, MBA, Pepperdine University  
Executive Professor

Ronald Schmidt, MA, The Ohio State University  
Clinical Professor

Greg Shaffer, PhD, Princeton University  
Professor  
Olin Professor

Yaron Shaposhnik, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Assistant Professor

Thomas Shaw, MFA, Emerson College  
Executive Professor

Takeaki Sunada, PhD, University of Pennsylvania  
Assistant Professor

David Tilson, PhD, Case Western Reserve University  
Clinical Professor

Vera Tilson, PhD, Case Western Reserve University  
Associate Professor

Heidi Tribunella, MS, SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
Clinical Professor

Giulio Trigilia, PhD, Warwick University  
Assistant Professor

Weiguang Wang, PhD, University of Maryland  
Assistant Professor

Charles Wasley, PhD, University of Iowa  
Professor  
Joseph and Janice Willett Distinguished Scholar

Gerard Wedig, PhD, Harvard University  
Associate Professor

Kurt Wodjat, PhD, University at Buffalo  
Clinical Assistant Professor
Joanna Wu, PhD, Tulane University  
Professor  
Susanna and Evans Y. Lam Professor

Billy Xu, PhD, Rice University  
Assistant Professor

Sevin Yeltekin, PhD, Stanford University  
Professor  
Dean, Frontier Communications/Rochester Telephone  
Professor of Business Administration

Pavel Zryumov, PhD, Stanford University  
Assistant Professor

Admissions

Applying to Master’s Programs

Required application materials
- Online application form
- Resume and work history
- Two required essays (500 words)
- College transcripts
- Letter of recommendation
- $150 application fee

The Professional MBA program is interested in professionals looking for growth and advancement opportunities and a well-rounded business acumen, and those interested in sharpening their business knowledge in a particular area of specialization. A minimum of five years of experience is preferred. Simon’s Professional MBA is not a visa-sponsoring program. If you have more experience or prefer online study, explore Simon’s Executive MBA program.

GMAT/GRE
Simon offers the option to apply without a GMAT/GRE/Executive Assessment score.

Tuition and Scholarships
The program is $2,229 per credit hour plus program fees, which cover required course material, software, meals, events, and other expenses associated with the program.

Merit scholarships are available for all qualified candidates. We provide scholarships for active duty and veteran military, nonprofit professionals, and University of Rochester employees and alumni. In addition, candidates may earn a scholarship to the PMBA program by participating virtually in our annual case competition and Simon Games scholarship competition.

Academics

Master’s Degree and Requirements
To earn the Master of Business Administration degree, students in Simon’s PMBA program take nine core courses, GBA 401, and 11 electives, one of which must be a project course, with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average to complete the degree. Students can choose one or more specializations, which provide opportunities to tailor the curriculum to meet job market needs.

Students will also have the option to complete a minor consisting of four courses in areas that are either cross-functional or functional. Most functional minors are contained in one or more specializations. Students fulfilling a specialization (such as banking) do not in addition earn the minor for the respective function (finance). Thus, except for accounting, functional minors are intended for students who do not complete a specialization in the same functional area.

Consulting Specializations
- Strategy
- Pricing
- Technology
- Operations

Finance Specializations
- Banking
- Asset Management
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Corporate Finance

Marketing Specializations
- Brand Management
- Product Management

Cross-Functional Minors
- Analytics
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Global Business
- Health Sciences Management

Functional Minors
- Accounting
- Finance
- Marketing
- Consulting: Strategy and Pricing
- Consulting: Operations and Technology
### GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

#### Core Courses
- **ACC 401.** Corporate Financial Accounting
- *CIS 401.** Information Systems for Management
- *FIN 402.** Capital Budgeting and Corporate Objectives
- *GBA 411.** Business Modeling
- *GBA 412.** Data Analytics
- MKT 402. Marketing Management
- *OMG 402.** Operations Management
- *STR 401.** Managerial Economics
- **STR 421.** Competitive Strategy

#### Elective and Other Courses
- *ACC 410.** Managerial Accounting and Performance Measurement
- *ACC 411.** Applied Financial Statement Analysis with Data Analytics
- *ACC 417.** Auditing
- *ACC 418.** Taxes and Business Strategy
- *ACC 419.** Positive Accounting Research Concepts and Empirical Analysis Tools
- **ACC 423.** Financial Reporting I
- **ACC 424.** Financial Reporting II
- **ACC 436.** Research into Professional Accounting Standards
- **ACC 437.** Basic Federal Income Tax Accounting
- *ACC 438.** Auditing II—Auditing and Information Systems
- *ACC 439.** Accounting Analytics for Forensics
- **ACC 440.** Basic Income Tax—Business Entities and Gift/Estate Taxes
- *ACC 447.** Reporting Analytics in Financial Markets
- *BPP 426.** Macroeconomics
- **BPP 432.** Basic Business Law
- *CIS 413.** Managing Digital Products and Platforms
- **CIS 414.** Digital Business Strategy
- *CIS 415.** Business Process Analysis and Design
- *CIS 417.** Introduction to Business Analytics
- *CIS 418.** Advanced Business Modeling and Analysis Using Spreadsheets
- *CIS 432.** Advanced Predictive Analytics Using Python
- *CIS 434P.** Social Media and Text Analytics
- *CIS 442F.** Big Data
- **CIS 461.** Strategy and Business Systems Consulting Practicum
- *ENT 422.** Generating and Screening Entrepreneurial Ideas
- **ENT 423.** New Venture Development
- *ENT 425.** Technical Entrepreneurship
- **ENT 442C.** Practicum in Urban Entrepreneurship
- **ENT 442X.** International Business Practicum/Israel Immersion
- *FIN 411.** Investments
- *FIN 413.** Corporate Finance
- *FIN 418.** Quantitative Finance with Python
- *FIN 424.** Options and Futures Markets
- *FIN 430.** Risk Management
- *FIN 434.** Investments and Trading Strategy
- *FIN 438.** Mergers and Acquisitions
- *FIN 441A.** Special Topics in Finance: Real Estate
- *FIN 441B.** Special Topics in Finance: Private Equity
- *FIN 441F.** Corporate Restructuring
- **FIN 441G.** Asset Management
- *FIN 441H.** ESG and Sustainable Investing
- **FIN 442X.** International Finance—Swiss Immersion
- *FIN 444.** Entrepreneurial Finance
- *FIN 446.** Financial Technology
- *FIN 448.** Fixed Income Securities
- **FIN 450.** Finance Project
- **GBA 401.** Structured Problem Solving
- **GBA 419.** Leading Teams
- **GBA 435.** Negotiation Theory and Practice: Bargaining for Value
- *GBA 436R.** Predictive and Causal Analytics
- **GBA 441.** Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility
- **GBA 442A.** Special Topics: Deal Making
- **GBA 442C.** Elements of Leadership
- **GBA 442X.** Doing Business in South Africa
- **GBA 443.** Diversity Equity and Inclusion
- *GBA 465.** Python Analytics for R Programmers
- **HSM 420.** Business Economics of the Health Care Industry
- **HSM 430.** Health Sciences Management and Strategy
- **HSM 437.** Managing Health Care Operations
- **HSM 440.** Evolving Medical Markets
- **HSM 452.** Health Care Accounting and Finance
- **HSM 454.** Leading Health Care Organizations
- **HSM 464.** Health IT and Analytics
- **MGC 401.** Professional Communication
- **MGC 402.** Interpersonal Persuasion
- *MKT 412.** Marketing Research
- *MKT 414/STR 423.** Pricing Policies
- *MKT 421.** Advanced Marketing Strategy
- **MKT 431.** Consumer Behavior
- **MKT 432.** New Product Strategy
- **MKT 433.** Advertising Strategy
- *MKT 437.** Digital Marketing Strategy
- **MKT 438.** B2B Pricing
- *MKT 439/STR 439.** Advanced Pricing
- *MKT 440.** Pricing Analytics
- **MKT 441.** Brand Management Workshop
- **MKT 442G.** Applied Product Management
- **MKT 448.** Brand Strategy Workshop
- **MKT 449.** Global Marketing Strategy
MKT 450. Product Management Workshop
*MKT 451. Consumer and Brand Research
MSM 491. Math for Management
*OMG 411. Supply Chain Analytics
*OMG 412. Service Management
OMG 413. Operations Strategy
*OMG 415. Process Improvement
*OMG 416. Project Management
STR 403. Organization and Strategy
*STR 422. Game Theory for Managers
STR 424. Human Resource Strategy
STR 425. Innovation Strategy
STR 427. Organizational Behavior
STR 428. Strategy Beyond Markets
STR 440. Corporate Governance
STR 442G. Leading a Culture of Innovation
STR 442X. Political Risk and the Global Firm–Singapore Immersion

* STEM-designated courses
Committee on Graduate Studies

Warner School Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC): Silvia Sorensen, Tricia Shalka, Carol St. George, Doug Guiffrida, Pam Black-Colton

The Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC) comprises representatives from each of the three program areas (Counseling and Human Development, Educational Leadership, and Teaching and Curriculum) as well as the executive director of admissions. The committee reviews all applicants in a given application cycle, reviewing both the individual faculty ranking as well as the program ranking. The charge is to review for consistency within and among the departments regarding the ranking of applicants. AFAC also reviews faculty and program recommendations for merit-based financial aid.

School Mission Statement

At the Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development, we believe that education can transform lives and make the world more just and humane. Our purpose is integral to the University of Rochester’s mission of Meliora—to make the world Ever Better. This vision informs our teaching, research, and service as a research school of education, as we strive to:

- Prepare practitioners and researchers who are knowledgeable, reflective, skilled, and caring educators, who can make a difference in individual lives as well as in their fields, and who are leaders and agents of change
- Generate and disseminate knowledge leading to new understandings of education and human development, on which more effective educational policies and practices can be grounded
- Collaborate across disciplines, professions, and constituencies to promote change that can significantly improve education and support positive human development.
Our diverse work in each of these domains is informed by the following underlying beliefs: the improvement of education is in pursuit of social justice; development and learning shape and are shaped by the contexts in which they occur; the complexity of educational problems requires an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach; and best practices are grounded in research and theory, just as useful theory and research are informed by practice.

School-Level Graduate Awards
- Scandling Fellowship
- Doctoral Conference Presentation Awards
- Doctoral Student Dissertation Funding Support Award
- Logan R. Hazen Award for Educational Leadership
- Eleanore F. Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Harold L. Munson Counseling and Human Development Award
- Mary Ellen Burris Award
- Tyll van Geel Award
- Galloway Family George Eastman Circle Scholarship
- Alice Gosnall Sanford George Eastman Circle Scholarship
- George LaVie Schultz George Eastman Circle Scholarship
- Phyllis Vollert Wettermann George Eastman Circle Scholarship
- Kathy and James Farrar George Eastman Scholarship
- Thomas and Ellen Rusling George Eastman Scholarship
- John and Jeanine Cushman Current Use Scholarship
- Nancy J. Wendt Lang GEC Scholarship
- Dorothea Scheible McConnell Memorial Scholarship
- Cushman Scholars in Education Fund
- Allison B. Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Loretta and William Ford Scholarship Fund
- Nancy Gelberg Kaplan ’67 Scholarship Fund
- Herbert R. Miller Scholarship Fund
- Dan Fichtner-Anna Grum Scholarship
- Joy F. Moss Education Scholarship
- Bernice Butzer Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Honorable Robert J. and Mary M. Stevenson Scholarship Fund
- Patricia Wheeler Endowed Scholarship
- Henry Pierson French Jr. Education Fund
- William M. and Mary C. Carpenter Scholarship Fund

Addictions Counseling

Advanced Certificate
Doug Guiffrida
Program Director

Overview
The addictions counseling advanced certificate program offers additional training for substance use disorders and addictions treatment to health care and mental health professionals and students pursuing CASAC (Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor) recognition.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/certificate/addictions-counseling

Graduate Faculty Information
Doug Guiffrida, PhD, Syracuse University
Professor
Director, Addictions Counseling Advanced Certificate Program
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Martin Lynch, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Andre Marquis, PhD, North Texas University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Amanda McLeroy, PhD, North Carolina A&T State University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Bonnie Rubenstein, EdD, University of Rochester
Professor (clinical)
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Admissions
The Warner School uses an online self-managed application process.

Required application materials
- A completed online application
- Current resume or CV
- Transcripts of all prior college level work. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the admissions process; however,
Adolescence Education

Kevin Meuwissen
Program Chair

Overview

We prepare teachers and curricular leaders for K–12 schools and other educational settings, as well as scholars of teaching, curriculum, and change. We offer two master’s degree programs (MAT/MS) and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/programs/degree/english-teacher-education-ny-certification-ms

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/programs/degree/foreign-languages-latin-teacher-education-ny-certification-ms

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/programs/degree/math-teachers-education-nys-certification-masters

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/programs/degree/socialstudies-teacher-education-ny-certification-ms

Graduate Faculty Information

Raffaella Borasi, PhD, University at Buffalo
Professor
Frederica Warner Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Jeffrey Choppin, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Mary Jane Curry, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

David Hursh, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Joanne Larson, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Professor
Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

April Luehmann, PhD, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Applying to Advanced Certificates

Applications are accepted to Warner advanced certificate programs in any of the application cycles.

Academics

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

EDE 496. Advanced Ethics in Addictions Counseling
PSI 461. Advanced Substance Use and Addictions Treatment
PSI 465. Contemporary Trends in Substance Use
EDF 458. Supervised Internship in Mental Health Counseling
EDU 553. Counselor Supervision

official transcripts of all previous postsecondary education are required if admitted to the program.

- Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. We prefer at least one recommendation to come from a former professor. At least two letters are required for master’s and advanced certificate applicants and three for doctoral applicants. Letters of recommendation are submitted with the online application.

- A statement of purpose describing your academic or professional background and your interest in pursuing graduate study at Warner. The statement of purpose is two to four pages long, double-spaced. You can upload a file or copy/paste into the online application.

- An academic writing sample. This must be written in English. It may be a term paper from your earlier academic work or a five- or six-page commentary on an issue in education that you have written for this purpose only. The paper should support an academic argument, reference citations, and use a research style sheet.

- $70 application fee

After your application is reviewed, you may be contacted to schedule an interview with a Warner faculty member. Faculty in the program conduct a holistic review of each application. Applicants typically receive a decision within four to six weeks of the application deadline.
Kevin Meuwissen, PhD, University of Maryland
Associate Professor (clinical)
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Admissions

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Applying to Master’s Programs

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Applying to Advanced Certificates

Applications are accepted to Warner advanced certificate programs in any of the application cycles. Advanced certificate applications require two letters of recommendation.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements

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- Teacher preparation programs in early childhood education, elementary education, English, foreign languages, inclusion, mathematics, science, social studies, and TESOL
- Reading and literacies
- School administration preparation for both the building and district levels

All master’s degrees require completion of at least 30 credit hours of coursework, although many MS degree programs require additional credit hours (as indicated for each program listed in this section).

Transfer credit pertains to graduate coursework from another institution or another school or college within the University of Rochester that is completed before the student matriculates into a degree program at the Warner School. Retroactive credit pertains to coursework completed at the Warner School before matriculation into a degree program. No more than 10 credit hours may be accepted as transfer credit into a master’s degree. A combination of transfer and retroactive credit may exceed 10 credit hours. Transfer credit and retroactive credit are permitted only when they meet the following criteria: (1) have been taken within five years of the date of matriculation, (2) have received a grade of B or higher, and (3) meet the approval of the faculty advisor, program chair, and the associate dean of graduate studies. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation in the master’s degree program may not be used toward the master’s degree.

The total time limit for completing a master’s degree is five years. Requests for extension of this deadline must be submitted in writing to the associate dean of graduate studies. Such extensions, if granted, will be of limited duration and may require additional coursework.

Students may pursue the MS degree full time or part time. In cases that require a field placement (student teaching, practicum, or internship), however, it may be necessary to spend one or two semesters in full-time residence. Policies regarding conditions for fulfillment of field placement responsibilities vary from program to program. All master’s programs require a culminating assessment, although the nature of this assessment varies across programs (master’s essay, thesis, portfolio, or
comprehensive exam). Students must maintain continuous registration throughout the program: For part-time students, this means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during any fall or spring semester must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the degree program is completed.

Advanced Certificates and Requirements

Students who already hold a master’s degree and are seeking additional New York State certifications can enroll in one of the Warner School’s non-degree programs leading to a specific certification (registered with the state Education Department). Some advanced certificates that do not lead to NYS certification require only a bachelor’s degree. The number of credit hours necessary to complete each of these certification programs depends on the student’s background.

GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ED 400. Topics in Teaching and Schooling Part 1
ED 400A. Topics in Teaching and Schooling Part 2
ED 404. Teaching, Curriculum, and Change
ED 406. Master’s Research Methods
ED 409. Language and Literacy in Education
ED 415. Adolescent Development and Youth Culture (Ages 10 to 20)
ED 440. Urban Teaching and Leadership Seminar 1A
ED 441. Urban Teaching and Leadership Seminar 1B
ED 446. Collaborative Teaching Partnerships in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 447. Disability and Schools
ED 451. Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 480. Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism
EDE 413. Seminar in Teaching Chinese (0 credits)
EDE 446. Introduction to Urban Education
EDE 476. Teaching English Learners in Content Classrooms
EDE 484. Online Teaching and Learning
EDE 484A. Digitally Rich Teaching and Learning in K–12 Schools
EDF 416E. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools (English)
EDF 416F. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools (Foreign Languages and Latin)
EDF 416H. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools (Social Studies)
EDF 416M. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools (Math)
EDF 416S. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools (Science)
EDF 417E. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (English)
EDF 417F. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (Foreign Languages and Latin)
EDF 417H. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (Social Studies)
EDF 417M. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (Math)
EDF 417S. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (Science)
EDF 418E. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools A (English)
EDF 418F. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools A (Foreign Languages and and Latin)
EDF 418H. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools A (Social Studies)
EDF 418M. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools A (Math)
EDF 418S. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools A (Science)
EDF 419E. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings A (English)
EDF 419F. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings A (Foreign Languages and Latin)
EDF 419H. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings A (Social Studies)
EDF 419M. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings A (Math)
EDF 419S. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings A (Science)
EDF 420E. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools B (English)
EDF 420F. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools B (Foreign Languages and Latin)
EDF 420H. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools B (Social Studies)
EDF 420M. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools B (Math)
EDF 420S. Student Teaching in Secondary Schools B (Science)
EDF 421E. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings B (English)
EDF 421F. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings B (Foreign Languages and Latin)
EDF 421H. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings B (Social Studies)
EDF 421M. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings B (Math)
EDF 421S. Student Teaching in Inclusive Secondary School Settings B (Science)
EDU 427. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Literacy in School
EDU 428. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Social Studies in Elementary School
EDU 429. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Science in Elementary School
EDU 430. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Mathematics in Elementary School
EDU 431. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning English
EDU 432. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Social Studies
EDU 433. Integrating Social Studies and Literacy
EDU 434. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Science
EDU 435. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Foreign Languages and ESOL
Applied Behavior Analysis and Human Development

David McAdam  
Program Director

Overview

The University of Rochester’s programs in applied behavior analysis (ABA) will prepare you to be a skilled and innovative professional. ABA is the science of human behavior. The synthesis of the principles of ABA and the framework of human development are individually powerful and generate a strong synergy. The Warner School provides a unique opportunity for the study of both disciplines.

Our ABA program prepares students to design intervention programs and to practice effective and ethically sound behavior analysis. Further, it prepares students to work with individuals with autism in schools, community agencies, and in their homes, as part of an interdisciplinary team. Finally, students receive the educational foundation to seek admission to doctoral studies, should they choose to further their education. The program offers a Master of Arts degree and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/applied-behavior-analysis

Graduate Faculty Information

Samantha Daley, EdD, Harvard University  
Associate Professor  
Associate Dean for Research  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

David McAdam, PhD, University of Kansas  
Associate Professor (clinical)  
Program Director  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Silvia Sörensen, PhD, Pennsylvania State University  
Associate Professor  
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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**ED 419. Life Course Studies**
**ED 429. Theories of Human Development**
**ED 453. Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis**
**ED 457. Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics and Educational Issues**
**ED 458. Methods and Applications in Applied Behavior Analysis**
**EDE 450. Applied Leadership**
**EDE 454. Assessment and Treatment of Challenging Behaviors**
**EDE 455. Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis**
**EDE 456. Ethical and Professional Conduct for Behavior Analysts**
**EDE 457. Staff Training and Performance Management**
**EDF 453. Practicum in Applied Behavioral Analysis**
**EDU 455. Policy and Practice in Developmental Differences**
**EDU 466. Problem Identification and Intervention in Counseling I**

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**Early Childhood Education**

Kristen Love  
*Program Director*

**Overview**

Our early childhood program prepares students to work with children from birth to age eight and to play a key role during the formative years in determining their future. Interdisciplinary in both content and process, coursework and field experiences prepare our students to have a deep understanding and strong foundation of early childhood development in the areas of language, cognitive, social/emotional, and physical development. Throughout the program, they explore current research on early childhood curriculum in the areas of literacy, science, mathematics, and social studies. They gain a deep understanding of the subjects they teach and the skills and understanding of teaching, learning, and development needed to help all children develop to their fullest potential. They gain a strong understanding of how children develop within the context of a family, community, and society and what impact this has on development, as well as an in-depth analysis of human development during the early childhood years. These experiences prepare dedicated, creative, and motivated teachers who are capable of supporting the learning and growth of young children at whatever rate they are developing. The program offers a master of science degree and an advanced certificate.

[https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching/early-childhood](https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching/early-childhood)

**Graduate Faculty Information**

Jeffrey Choppin, PhD, *University of Wisconsin–Madison*  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Kristen Love, PhD, *University of Rochester*  
Assistant Professor (clinical)  
Director, Childhood Education Program  
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

**Admissions**

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Applying to Advanced Certificates
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Academics

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**ED 400.** Topics in Teaching and Schooling Part 1  
**ED 400A.** Topics in Teaching and Schooling Part 2  
**ED 404.** Teaching, Curriculum, and Change  
**ED 405.** Assessment in Instructional Contexts  
**ED 406.** Master’s Research Methods  
**ED 407.** Development, Learning, and Teaching for Children Ages 3 to 5  
**ED 408.** Development, Learning, and Teaching for Children Ages Birth to 3  
**ED 409.** Language and Literacy in Education  
**ED 437.** Diversity and Equity in Higher Education  
**ED 446.** Collaborative Teaching Partnerships in Inclusive Classrooms  
**ED 447.** Disability and Schools  
**ED 451.** Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Classrooms  
**ED 457.** Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics and Educational Issues  
**ED 491.** Independent Study in Education–Master’s Level (variable credits)  
**ED 516.** Designing and Evaluating Professional Development  
**ED 582.** Critical Literacy  
**EDE 422.** Motivation in Human Development  
**EDE 436.** Diversity and Equity in Education  
**EDE 476.** Teaching English Learners in Content Classrooms  
**EDE 477.** Teaching and Learning in the Content Areas  
**EDE 484.** Online Teaching and Learning  
**EDF 404.** Field Experiences in Elementary Schools  
**EDF 405.** Field Experiences in Inclusive Elementary School Settings  
**EDF 406.** Student Teaching in Elementary Schools A  
**EDF 407.** Student Teaching in Inclusive Elementary School Settings A  
**EDF 408.** Student Teaching in Elementary Schools B  
**EDF 409.** Student Teaching in Inclusive Elementary School Settings B  
**EDF 440.** Field Experiences with Children Ages Birth to 3  
**EDF 441.** Field Experiences with Children Ages Birth to 3 in Inclusive Settings  
**EDF 442.** Student Teaching with Preschool Children  
**EDF 443.** Student Teaching with Preschool Children in Inclusive Settings  
**EDU 414.** American Educational and Linguistic Practices  
**EDU 427.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Literacy in School  
**EDU 428.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Social Studies in Elementary School  
**EDU 429.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Science in Elementary School  
**EDU 430.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Mathematics in Elementary School  
**EDU 440.** Children’s Literature and Literacy Learning  
**EDU 442.** Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education  
**EDU 464.** Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)  
**EDU 467.** Language, Literacy, and Cognitive Development  
**EDU 475.** Early Interventions for Children with Disabilities (Ages 3 to 5)  
**EDU 476.** Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities (Ages birth to 3)  
**EDU 480.** Theory and Practice Teaching Arts Elementary  
**EDU 497.** Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and Health Care Settings  
**EDU 498.** Literacy Learning as Social Practice
Counseling and Human Development

Bonnie Rubenstein
Program Chair

Overview

The counseling and human development program develops and advances school and mental health counselors, behavior analysts, counselor educators, researchers, and change agents in community and health care contexts. The program focuses on promoting well-being and growth across the lifespan among individuals, families, and communities. The doctoral degree (EdD) is offered.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/doctorate/counseling

Graduate Faculty Information

Doug Guiffrida, PhD, Syracuse University
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Martin Lynch, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Andre Marquis, PhD, North Texas University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Amanda McLeroy, PhD, North Carolina A&T State University
Assistant Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Bonnie Rubenstein, EdD, University of Rochester
Professor (clinical)
Chair, Counseling and Human Development Program
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Admissions

The Warner School uses an online self-managed application process. Applicants are required to complete all portions of the online application and upload the following documents:

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- Transcripts of all prior college level work. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the admissions process; however, official transcripts of all previous postsecondary education are required if admitted to the program.
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Applying to Doctoral Programs

Applications are accepted to the PhD program only once a year, during our December cycle. Applications are accepted to the EdD program in any of our cycles. Applications to the doctoral programs are required to submit all of the materials described above. Doctoral applications require three letters of recommendation.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The Warner School offers two types of doctoral programs: doctor of philosophy (PhD) and doctor of education (EdD). The PhD program is designed specifically to prepare students for careers devoted to research and scholarship, particularly in a university environment. The EdD is designed to enable outstanding professionals to apply research to their field of practice.

Both degree programs require 90 credit hours (96 for students specializing in counseling). Students who have already undertaken relevant graduate-level coursework may be allowed to transfer it to their program (up to 30 credits for PhD students
and 36 credits for EdD students) provided that: (1) courses were taken within 10 years of the date of matriculation; (2) a grade of “B” or higher was earned; (3) they are approved by the student’s advisor, program chair, and associate dean of graduate studies. If the courses were completed more than 10 years ago, students must submit a CV and written narrative describing how they have remained involved in their field of study, to help the advisor, chair, and associate dean to determine whether exceptions could be made. Transfer credit decisions are made at the time of approving each student’s program of study. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation into the doctoral program may not be used toward the doctoral degree.

In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation.

All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the program degree is completed.

### PhD in Education

The Warner School offers several areas of study within the PhD in education. Students may concentrate in one of the following areas: counseling and counselor education; educational policy and theory; higher education; human development; and teaching, curriculum, and change. PhD dissertations should provide an original and scholarly contribution to research in the student’s major field. A minimum of one year of full- or part-time residency is required of all PhD students.

### Doctor of Education

The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.

### GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

- **ED 406.** Master’s Research Methods
- **ED 418.** The Family and Social Dynamics
- **ED 419.** Life Course Studies
- **ED 425.** Minority Youth Development in Urban Contexts
- **ED 429.** Theories of Human Development
- **ED 462.** Managing School Resources
- **ED 465.** School Governance and the Rights of Students and Teachers
- **ED 469.** Leadership and Organizational Dynamics
- **ED 481.** School, Family, and Community Relations
- **ED 504.** Quantitative Research Methods
- **ED 506.** Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research
- **ED 507.** Qualitative Research Methods
- **ED 520.** Program Evaluation
- **ED 528.** Using Quantitative Data Analysis Software (1 credit)
ED 561A. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1A
ED 561B. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1B
ED 561C. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1C
ED 562A. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2A
ED 562B. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2B
ED 562C. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2C
ED 563. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Proposal Seminar
ED 564. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Seminar I
ED 565. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Seminar II
ED 593. EdD Research (Dissertation) (variable credits)
ED 596. Research Apprenticeship—Doctoral Level (variable credits)
EDE 417. Crisis Counseling and Disaster Mental Health
EDE 422. Motivation in Human Development
EDE 423. Spirituality, Religion, and Healing in Counseling
EDE 556. Comprehensive Exam Research: Counseling and Human Development EdD
EDE 562. Portfolio Review: Counseling and Human Development
EDF 450. Practicum in Counseling
EDF 451. Supervised Internship in School Counseling I
EDF 452. Supervised Internship in School Counseling II
EDF 558. Supervised Internship in Counselor Education I (Doctoral)
EDF 559. Supervised Internship in Counselor Education II (Doctoral)
EDU 407. Curricular and Instructional Leadership
EDU 416. Understanding and Managing Conflict in Professional Organizations
EDU 442. Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education
EDU 446. Entrepreneurial Skills for Educators
EDU 447. Grant Writing and Other Funding Strategies for Educators
EDU 450. Introduction to School Counseling
EDU 453. Counseling and Facilitating in Small Groups
EDU 454. Career Counseling and Development
EDU 455. Policy and Practice in Developmental Differences
EDU 457. Counseling Theory and Practice I
EDU 459. Contemporary Issues in School Counseling
EDU 460. Counseling Theory and Practice II
EDU 464. Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)
EDU 465. Assessment and Appraisal
EDU 468. Data-Driven School Improvement
EDU 470. Multicultural Perspectives in Counseling
EDU 471. Counselor as Systems Consultant
EDU 479. Promoting Mental Health in Midlife and Old Age
EDU 494. Adult Development and Aging
EDU 510. Working with Clients Defenses: Psychodynamic and other Emotion-Focused Approaches
EDU 514. Mind/Body Approaches to Healing Chronic Pain
EDU 552. Counselor Education
EDU 553. Counselor Supervision
EDU 554. Advanced Theory, Research, and Practice in Group Work
EDU 555. Advanced Counseling Theory, Research, and Practice
EDU 557. Selected Theories of Human Development
EDU 560. Research in Cognitive Development
EDU 563. Advocacy, Consulting, and Systems Change as Counseling and Human Development Practice
EDU 564. Contemporary Trends in Mental Health, Appraisal, Intervention, and Research
EDU 565. Research in Life Course Studies
EDU 572. Development of Selves
Digitally Rich Teaching in K–12 Schools

David Miller  
*Program Director*

**Overview**  
Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, schools around the world were starting to incorporate tablets and other devices into the classroom to transform teaching practices and deliver more engaging, interactive learning. Since the pandemic, online learning has become a necessity in most K–12 schools—at least for some of the time. Learn how to leverage digital technologies both within a K–12 classroom and remotely by pursuing Warner’s advanced certificate in digitally rich teaching in K–12 schools—one of only a few programs of its kind in the country. This can be taken as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with other Warner degree programs.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/certificate/digitally-rich-teaching

**Graduate Faculty Information**

Raffaella Borasi, PhD, *University at Buffalo*
Professor  
Frederica Warner Professor of Education  
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

David Miller, EdD, *University of Rochester*
Associate Professor (clinical)  
Director, Digitally Rich Teaching in K–12 Schools Program  
Primary Appointment(s): Learning in the Digital Age

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**Academics**

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**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

**EDE 484A.** Digitally Rich Teaching and Learning in K–12 Schools  
**EDU 581.** Clinical Teaching in Health Care Professions  
Education: Teaching and Instructional Methods  
**EDE 477.** Teaching and Learning in the Content Areas  
**EDU 430.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Mathematics in Elementary School  
**EDU 427A.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Literacy (for Non-Elementary Teaching Candidates)  
**EDU 431.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
English  
**EDU 432.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Social Studies  
**EDU 434.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Science  
**EDU 435.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Foreign Languages and ESOL  
**EDU 436.** Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning  
Mathematics
Education, Education Policy, Educational Administration, Higher Education

Andrea Barrett  
Program Co-Chair

Brian Brent  
Program Co-Chair

Overview

Preparing and advancing innovative leaders for K–12 schools and educational organizations, including New York State certification programs for school and building leaders. The program offers doctoral degrees (PhD and EdD) and a master's degree (MS).

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https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/school-building-district-leaders

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Graduate Faculty Information

Andrea Barrett, EdD, University of Rochester  
Assistant Professor (clinical)  
Program Co-Chair, Educational Leadership  
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership

Brian Brent, PhD, Cornell University  
Professor  
Earl B. Taylor Professor of Education, Program Co-Chair, Educational Leadership  
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership
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Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The Warner School offers two types of doctoral programs: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Education (EdD). The PhD program is designed specifically to prepare students for careers devoted to research and scholarship, particularly in a university environment. The EdD is designed to enable outstanding professionals to apply research to their field of practice.

Both degree programs require 90 credit hours (96 for students specializing in counseling). Students who have already undertaken relevant graduate-level coursework may be allowed to transfer it to their program (up to 30 credits for PhD students and 36 credits for EdD students) provided that: (1) courses were taken within 10 years of the date of matriculation; (2) a grade of “B” or higher was earned; (3) they are approved by the student’s advisor, program chair, and associate dean of graduate studies. If the courses were completed more than 10 years ago, students must submit a CV and written narrative describing how they have remained involved in their field of study, to help the advisor, chair, and associate dean to determine whether exceptions could be made. Transfer credit decisions are made at the time of approving each student’s program of study. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation into the doctoral program may not be used toward the doctoral degree.

In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation.

All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the program degree is completed.

PhD in Education
The Warner School offers several areas of study within the PhD in education. Students may concentrate in one of the following areas: counseling and counselor education; educational policy and theory; higher education; human development; and teaching, curriculum, and change. PhD dissertations should provide an original and scholarly contribution to research in the student’s major field. A minimum of one year of full- or part-time residency is required of all PhD students.

Doctor of Education
The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.
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EDU 564. Contemporary Trends in Mental Health, Appraisal, Intervention, and Research
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EDU 576. Contemporary Issues in Higher Education

Elementary Education

Kristen Love  
Program Director

Overview

The Elementary Education Program prepares teachers and curricular leaders for grades 1–6 and other educational settings, as well as scholars of teaching, curriculum, and change. We offer a master of science degree (MS).

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching/elementary

Graduate Faculty Information

Jeffrey Choppin, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

David Hursh, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Joanne Larson, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Kristen Love, PhD, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor (clinical)
Director, Elementary Education Program
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Admissions

The Warner School uses an online self-managed application process.

Required application materials

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- Current resume or CV
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An academic writing sample. This must be written in English. It may be a term paper from your earlier academic work or a five- or six-page commentary on an issue in education that you have written for this purpose only. The paper should support an academic argument, reference citations, and use a research style sheet.

A $70 application fee

After your application is reviewed, you may be contacted to schedule an interview with a Warner faculty member. Faculty in the program conduct a holistic review of each application. Applicants typically receive a decision within four to six weeks of the application deadline.

Applying to Master’s Programs
Applications are accepted to Warner master’s programs in any of the application cycles.

Academics

Master’s Degrees and Requirements
The Warner School is committed to excellence in pre-service and in-service preparation of education professionals at the master’s level. It maintains programs that prepare students to undertake a wide variety of professional roles in schools and other educational settings. Several of these programs also enable students to satisfy all the academic requirements needed to obtain initial and/or professional certification from New York State or become eligible for licensure. All these programs combine strong emphasis on professional excellence with the University’s commitment to sound scholarship and are nationally accredited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) and/or CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs). We are working toward an upcoming national accreditation by AAQEP (Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation) for the following programs:

- Teacher preparation programs in early childhood education, elementary education, English, foreign languages, inclusion, mathematics, science, social studies, and TESOL
- Reading and literacies
- School administration preparation for both the building and district levels

All master’s degrees require completion of at least 30 credit hours of coursework, although many MS degree programs require additional credit hours (as indicated for each program listed in this section).

Transfer credit pertains to coursework completed at the Warner School before matriculation into a degree program. No more than 10 credit hours may be accepted as transfer credit into a master’s degree. A combination of transfer and retroactive credit may exceed 10 credit hours. Transfer credit and retroactive credit are permitted only when they meet the following criteria: (1) have been taken within five years of the date of matriculation, (2) have received a grade of B or higher, and (3) meet the approval of the faculty advisor, program chair, and the associate dean of graduate studies. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation in the master’s degree program may not be used toward the master’s degree.

The total time limit for completing a master’s degree is five years. Requests for extension of this deadline must be submitted in writing to the associate dean of graduate studies. Such extensions, if granted, will be of limited duration and may require additional coursework.

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ED 405. Assessment in Instructional Contexts
ED 409. Language and Literacy in Education
ED 446. Collaborative Teaching Partnerships in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 447. Disability and Schools
ED 451. Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 457. Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics and Educational Issues
ED 516. Designing and Evaluating Professional Development
ED 582. Critical Literacy
EDE 422. Motivation in Human Development
EDE 476. Teaching English Learners in Content Classrooms
EDE 477. Teaching and Learning in the Content Areas
EDE 484. Online Teaching and Learning
EDU 433. Integrating Social Studies and Literacy
EDU 464. Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)
Health Professions Education

Raffaella Borasi
Program Director

Overview

These innovative, interdisciplinary, and interprofessional programs—a collaboration of the University of Rochester Schools of Education, Nursing, and Medicine and Dentistry—offer health care professionals unique opportunities to leverage their clinical experience and perspectives and to gain education skills, with the ultimate goal of improving patient care.

Graduates of our health professions education programs emerge as aspiring and inspiring leaders in an ever-changing health care environment. They are positioned for ever-expanding roles and careers within traditional and emerging health care education, training, and delivery settings.

These programs are designed to prepare the best and the brightest health profession educators, leveraging state-of-the-art research and best practices at the intersection of health and education to significantly influence the future of health care. We offer a master’s degree (MS) in health professions education and an advanced certificate in education for health professionals.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/health-professions-education

Graduate Faculty Information

Raffaella Borasi, PhD, University at Buffalo
Professor
Frederica Warner Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Sarah Peyre, EdD, University of Southern California
Professor
Dean

Tricia Shalka, PhD, The Ohio State University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership

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**Applying to Master’s Programs**

Applications are accepted to Warner master’s programs in any of the application cycles.

**Applying to Advanced Certificates**

Applications are accepted to Warner advanced certificate programs in any of the application cycles.

**Academics**

**Advanced Certificates and Requirements**

Students who already hold a master’s degree but are seeking additional New York State certifications can enroll in one of the Warner School’s non-degree programs leading to a specific certification (registered with the NYS Education Department). Some advanced certificates that do not lead to NY certification require only a bachelor’s degree. The number of credit hours necessary to complete each of these certifications depends on the student’s background.

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

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ED 406. Master’s Research Methods
EDE 436. Diversity and Equity in Education
EDE 437. Diversity and Equity in Health Professions Education
EDU 497. Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and Health Care Settings
EDU 580. Foundations of Health Professions Education
EDU 581. Clinical Teaching in Health Care Professions Education: Teaching and Instructional Methods

Human Development

Silvia Sörensen
Program Director

Overview

The counseling and human development program develops and advances school and mental health counselors, behavior analysts, counselor educators, researchers, and change agents in community and health care contexts. The program focuses on promoting well-being and growth across the lifespan among individuals, families, and communities. We offer a doctoral degree (EdD) and a master’s degree (MS).

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/doctorate/human-development

Graduate Faculty Information

Samantha Daley, EdD, Harvard University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Martin Lynch, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Silvia Sörensen, PhD, Pennsylvania State University
Associate Professor
Director, Human Development Program
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

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**Applying to Doctoral Programs**

Applications are accepted to the PhD program once a year, in our December cycle. Applications are accepted to the EdD program in any of our cycles. Doctoral applicants must submit all of the materials described above.

**Applying to Master’s Programs**

Applications are accepted to Warner master’s programs in any of the application cycles.

**Academics**

**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

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**Doctoral Degrees and Requirements**

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In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation.

All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the program degree is completed.

**PhD in Education**

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**Doctor of Education**

The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.

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ED 506. Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research
ED 507. Qualitative Research Methods
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ED 561B. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1B
ED 561C. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1C
ED 562A. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2A
ED 562B. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2B
ED 562C. Counseling and Human Development Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2C
ED 563. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Proposal Seminar
ED 564. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Seminar I
ED 565. Counseling and Human Development Dissertation Seminar II
ED 593. EdD Research (Dissertation) (variable credits)
ED 596. Research Apprenticeship–Doctoral Level (variable credits)
EDE 422. Motivation in Human Development
EDE 423. Spirituality, Religion, and Healing in Counseling
EDE 450. Applied Leadership
EDE 454. Assessment and Treatment of Challenging Behaviors
EDE 455. Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis
EDE 456. Ethical and Professional Conduct for Behavior Analysts
EDE 457. Staff Training and Performance Management
EDE 475. Infant Mental Health
EDE 556. Comprehensive Exam Research: Counseling and Human Development EdD
EDE 562. Portfolio Review: Counseling and Human Development
EDF 453. Practicum in Applied Behavioral Analysis
EDF 558. Supervised Internship in Counselor Education I (Doctoral)
EDU 439. Interpersonal Systems in Counseling and Human Development
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EDU 446. Entrepreneurial Skills for Educators
EDU 453. Counseling and Facilitating in Small Groups
EDU 455. Policy and Practice in Developmental Differences
EDU 457. Counseling Theory and Practice I
EDU 464. Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)
EDU 466. Problem Identification and Intervention in Counseling I
EDU 467. Language, Literacy, and Cognitive Development
EDU 470. Multicultural Perspectives in Counseling
EDU 471. Counselor as Systems Consultant
EDU 475. Early Interventions for Children with Disabilities (Ages 3 to 5)
EDU 476. Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities (Ages Birth to 3)
EDU 479. Promoting Mental Health in Midlife and Old Age
EDU 494. Adult Development and Aging
EDU 510. Working with Clients Defenses: Psychodynamic and other Emotion-Focused Approaches
EDU 514. Mind/Body Approaches to Healing Chronic Pain
EDU 552. Counselor Education
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EDU 554. Advanced Theory, Research, and Practice in Group Work
EDU 555. Advanced Counseling Theory, Research, and Practice
EDU 557. Selected Theories of Human Development
EDU 560. Research in Cognitive Development
EDU 563. Advocacy, Consulting, and Systems Change as Counseling and Human Development Practice
EDU 564. Contemporary Trends in Mental Health, Appraisal, Intervention, and Research
EDU 565. Research in Life Course Studies
EDU 572. Development of Selves
Inclusion Education

Kristen Love
Program Director

Overview

We prepare innovative inclusion teachers to become committed and able to help students with disabilities succeed. We offer a master’s degree (MS) and an advanced certificate.

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Graduate Faculty Information

Samantha Daley, EdD, Harvard University
Associate Professor
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Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

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ED 451. Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 452A. Instructional Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms A
ED 452B. Instructional Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms B
ED 452C. Instructional Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms C
ED 457. Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics and Educational Issues
EDE 445. Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities
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EDF 407. Student Teaching in Inclusive Elementary School Settings A
EDF 417D. Field Experiences in Inclusive Secondary School Settings (Generalist)
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EDU 475. Early Interventions for Children with Disabilities (Ages 3 to 5)
EDU 476. Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities (Ages Birth to 3)

Literacy Education
(Non-teacher certification), Reading and Literacies

Carol St. George
Program Director

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EDU 414. American Educational and Linguistic Practices
EDU 427. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Literacy in School
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EDU 431. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning English
EDU 433. Integrating Social Studies and Literacy
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Mathematics Education

Non-teacher certification

Zenon Borys
Program Director

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Graduate Faculty Information

Raffaella Borasi, PhD, University at Buffalo
Professor
Frederica Warner Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Zenon Borys, PhD candidate, University of Rochester
Assistant Professor
Director, Mathematics Education Program
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

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Professor
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- **EDE 484. Online Teaching and Learning**
- **EDU 414. American Educational and Linguistic Practices**
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EDU 436. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Mathematics
EDU 442. Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education
EDU 444. Implementing Innovation in Mathematics Education
EDU 464. Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)
EDU 482. Integrating Mathematics and Literacy
EDU 483. Integrating Mathematics and Technology
EDU 497. Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and Health Care Settings
EDU 498. Literacy Learning as Social Practice

Mental Health Counseling and Mental Health Counseling Supervision

Doug Guiffrida
Program Director

Overview
Our program in mental health counseling is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. It prepares students to become effective mental health counselors and counseling professionals who can help to greatly improve the quality of life of the clients they serve. We offer doctoral degrees (PhD/EdD), a master’s degree (MS), and an advanced certificate.

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Applying to Master’s Programs

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Applying to Advanced Certificates

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Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The Warner School offers two types of doctoral programs: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Education (EdD). The PhD program is designed specifically to prepare students for careers devoted to research and scholarship, particularly in a university environment. The EdD is designed to enable outstanding professionals to apply research to their field of practice.

Both degree programs require 90 credit hours (96 for students specializing in counseling). Students who have already undertaken relevant graduate-level coursework may be allowed to transfer it to their program (up to 30 credits for PhD students and 36 credits for EdD students) provided that: (1) courses were taken within 10 years of the date of matriculation; (2) a grade of “B” or higher was earned; (3) they are approved by the student’s advisor, program chair, and associate dean of graduate studies. If the courses were completed more than 10 years ago, students must submit a CV and written narrative describing how they have remained involved in their field of study, to help the advisor, chair, and associate dean to determine whether exceptions could be made. Transfer credit decisions are made at the time of approving each student’s program of study. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation into the doctoral program may not be used toward the doctoral degree.

In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation. All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the degree program is completed.

PhD in Education

The Warner School offers several areas of study within the PhD in education. Students may concentrate in one of the following areas: counseling and counselor education; educational policy and theory; higher education; human development; and teaching, curriculum, and change. PhD dissertations should provide an original and scholarly contribution to research in the student’s major field. A minimum of one year of full- or part-time residency is required of all PhD students.

Doctor of Education

The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.
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Middle Child Education

Kristen Love
Program Director

Overview

We prepare teachers and curricular leaders for K–12 schools and other educational settings, as well as scholars of teaching, curriculum, and change. We offer a master’s degree (MS) and an advanced certificate.

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Online Teaching and Learning, Teaching Computer Science, Teaching Computer Science K–12

Eric Fredericksen  
Program Director

Overview
Before the COVID-19 pandemic, online courses were already growing in the United States and around the world, yet during the pandemic they became a necessity for most institutions. It’s not likely we will ever fully go back to the previous situation, as we can expect the demand for online courses to dramatically increase now that most students have experienced this modality and many institutions have invested in it. As we move forward to a “new normal” in education, we need teachers, specialized staff, and instructional leaders who can ensure quality delivery of online and digitally rich instruction. This program offers a master’s degree (MS) and advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/online-teaching

Graduate Faculty Information
Raffaella Borasi, PhD, University at Buffalo  
Professor  
Frederica Warner Professor of Education  
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Eric Fredericksen, EdD, University of Rochester  
Professor (clinical)  
Associate Vice President for Online Learning, Program Director  
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership

Admissions
The Warner School uses an online self-managed application process.

Required application materials
• A completed online application
• Current resume or CV
• Transcripts of all prior college level work. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the admissions process; however, official transcripts of all previous postsecondary education are required if admitted to the program.
• Letters of recommendation from members of the academic community and/or workplace professionals who know your qualifications for graduate study. We prefer at least one
A statement of purpose describing your academic or professional background and your interest in pursuing graduate study at Warner. The statement of purpose is two to four pages long, double-spaced. You can upload a file or copy/paste into the online application.

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- A $70 application fee

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**Applying to Master’s Programs**

Applications are accepted to Warner master’s programs in any of the application cycles.

**Applying to Advanced Certificates**

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**Academics**

**Advanced Certificates and Requirements**

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**Master’s Degrees and Requirements**

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Professional Studies in Adolescent Education

Kevin Meuwissen  
Program Chair

Overview

We prepare teachers and curricular leaders for K–12 schools and other educational settings, as well as scholars of teaching, curriculum, and change. The program offers two master’s degrees (MAT/MS).

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching/
initial-certification

Graduate Faculty Information

April Luehmann, PhD, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Kevin Meuwissen, PhD, University of Maryland  
Associate Professor (clinical)  
Program Chair  
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Program Evaluation

Nahoko Kawakyu-O’Connor
Program Director

Overview

As schools, colleges and universities, not-for-profit organizations, government entities, and even private and public companies, seek to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of their projects, policies, and programs, the need for credentialed program evaluation specialists will continue to increase.

The theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired in our program evaluation program can be applied to a wide range of educational, social services, and business contexts. Graduates can serve as staff or consultant evaluators for assessment or accreditation bodies; support the effective, efficient management of not-for-profit institutions; evaluate government programs; and inform practice and policy decisions in any educational institution—from K–12 to higher education—they may be working in. The program offers a master’s degree (MS) and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/program-evaluation

Graduate Faculty Information

Karen DeAngelis, PhD, Stanford University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership

Nahoko Kawakyu O’Connor, PhD, University of Rochester
Associate Professor (clinical)
Director, Program Evaluation
Primary Appointment(s): Educational Leadership

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

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ED 432. Professional Writing and Communications  
ED 437. Diversity and Equity in Higher Education  
ED 439. Policy Analysis in Education  
ED 482. Technology and Higher Education  
ED 483. Communication and Counseling Skills for Teachers, Administrators, and Other Helping Professionals  
ED 504. Quantitative Research Methods  
ED 505. Advanced Quantitative Research Methods  
ED 506. Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research  
ED 507. Qualitative Research Methods  
ED 516. Designing and Evaluating Professional Development  
ED 520. Program Evaluation  
ED 521. Advanced Program Evaluation  
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ED 524. Survey Design (1 credit)  
ED 525. Interview and Focus Group Techniques (1 credit)  
ED 527. Advanced Qualitative Research Methods  
ED 528. Using Quantitative Data Analysis Software (1 credit)  
ED 529. Using Qualitative Data Analysis Software (1 credit)  
ED 545. Program Evaluation Practicum  
EDE 404. Basics in Applied Quantitative Analysis  
EDE 436. Diversity and Equity in Education  
EDE 479. Assessment, Accreditation, and Accountability in Higher Education  
EDU 442. Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education  
EDU 446. Entrepreneurial Skills for Educators  
EDU 447. Grant Writing and Other Funding Strategies for Educators

School Building Leadership

Patricia Vaughan-Brogan  
Program Director

Overview

The program prepares capable, visionary administrators to lead increasingly diverse schools in our ever-changing world and become effective agents of change that make a lasting impact on future generations. We offer a doctoral degree (EdD), a master’s degree (MS), and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/doctorate/educational-leadership

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/school-building-district-leaders

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/certificate/school-building-district-leaders

Graduate Faculty Information:

Brian Brent, PhD, Cornell University  
Professor  
Earl B. Taylor Professor of Education

Patricia Vaughan-Brogan, EdD, University of Rochester  
Assistant Professor (clinical)

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Applying to Doctoral Programs
Applications are accepted to the PhD program only once a year, in our December cycle. Applications are accepted to the EdD program in any of our cycles. Doctoral applicants must submit all of the materials described above.

Applying to Master’s Programs
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Applying to Advanced Certificates
Applications are accepted to Warner advanced certificate programs in any of the application cycles.

Academics

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements
The Warner School offers two types of doctoral programs: doctor of philosophy (PhD) and doctor of education (EdD). The PhD program is designed specifically to prepare students for careers devoted to research and scholarship, particularly in a university environment. The EdD is designed to enable outstanding professionals to apply research to their field of practice.

Both degree programs require 90 credit hours (96 for students specializing in counseling). Students who have already undertaken relevant graduate-level coursework may be allowed to transfer it to their program (up to 30 credits for PhD students and 16 credits for EdD students) provided that: (1) courses were taken within 10 years of the date of matriculation; (2) a grade of “B” or higher was earned; (3) they are approved by the student’s advisor, program chair, and associate dean of graduate studies. If the courses were completed more than 10 years ago, students must submit a CV and written narrative describing how they have remained involved in their field of study, to help the advisor, chair, and associate dean to determine whether exceptions could be made. Transfer credit decisions are made at the time of approving each student’s program of study. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation into the doctoral program may not be used toward the doctoral degree.

In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation.

All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the program degree is completed.

PhD in Education
The Warner School offers several areas of study within the PhD in education. Students may concentrate in one of the following areas: counseling and counselor education; educational policy and theory; higher education; human development; and teaching, curriculum, and change. PhD dissertations should provide an original and scholarly contribution to research in the student’s major field. A minimum of one year of full- or part-time residency is required of all PhD students.

Doctor of Education
The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling
and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.

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- **EDU 421.** Human Resource Management
- **EDU 468.** Data-Driven School Improvement
School Counseling

Bonnie Rubenstein  
*Program Chair/Director*

**Overview**

Our school counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. We prepare individuals to pursue leadership roles in schools as facilitators of healthy human development and advocates for change, positively impacting the success of individual students and school systems at large. The program offers a master’s degree (MS) and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/school-counseling

**Graduate Faculty Information**

Doug Guiffrida, PhD, Syracuse University  
Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Martin Lynch, PhD, University of Rochester  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Andre Marquis, PhD, North Texas University  
Associate Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Amanda McLeroy, PhD, North Carolina A&T State University  
Assistant Professor  
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

Bonnie Rubenstein, EdD, University of Rochester, Warner School of Education  
Professor (clinical)  
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Non-Teacher Certification
April Luehmann
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Non-Teacher Certification

Kevin Meuwissen
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Graduate Faculty Information

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Professor
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Teacher Leadership

Cindy Callard  
Program Director

Overview

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

ED 516. Designing and Evaluating Professional Development
EDE 536A. Coaching and Guiding K–12 Teachers
EDE 536B. Using Data to Lead Teams
EDE 536C. Understanding and Leading Instructional Change in K–12 Schools
EDE 477. Teaching and Learning in the Content Areas
EDE 546. Teaching and Learning STEM
EDU 523. Theory and Research in Teaching
EDU 407. Curricular and Instructional Leadership
ED 469. Leadership and Organizational Dynamics
Teaching and Curriculum

Kevin Meuwissen
Program Chair

Overview
This program prepares teachers and curricular leaders for K–12 schools and other educational settings, as well as scholars of teaching, curriculum, and change. We offer a doctoral degree (EdD) and a master’s degree (MS).

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/doctorate/teaching
https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching

Graduate Faculty Information
Raffaella Borasi, PhD, University at Buffalo
Professor
Frederica Warner Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Jeffrey Choppin, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Mary Jane Curry, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Samantha Daley, EdD, Harvard University
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

David Hursh, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Joanne Larson, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles
Professor
Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

April Luehmann, PhD, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Kevin Meuwissen, PhD, University of Maryland
Associate Professor (clinical)
Program Chair
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

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Applying to Doctoral Programs
Applications are accepted to the PhD program only once a year, in our December cycle. Applications are accepted to the EdD program in any of our cycles. Doctoral applicants must submit all of the materials described above.

Applying to Master’s Programs
Applications are accepted to Warner master’s programs in any of the application cycles.

Academics
Master’s Degrees and Requirements
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The total time limit for completing a master’s degree is five years. Requests for extension of this deadline must be submitted in writing to the associate dean of graduate studies. Such extensions, if granted, will be of limited duration and may require additional coursework.

Students may pursue the MS degree full time or part time. In cases that require a field placement (student teaching, practicum, or internship), however, it may be necessary to spend one or two semesters in full-time residence. Policies regarding conditions for fulfillment of field placement responsibilities vary from program to program. All master’s programs require a culminating assessment, although the nature of this assessment varies across programs (master’s essay, thesis, portfolio, or comprehensive exam). Students must maintain continuous registration throughout the program: For part-time students, this means registration for a total of nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during any fall or spring semester must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the degree program is completed.

Doctoral Degrees and Requirements

The Warner School offers two types of doctoral programs: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Education (EdD). The PhD program is designed specifically to prepare students for careers devoted to research and scholarship, particularly in a university environment. The EdD is designed to enable outstanding professionals to apply research to their field of practice.

Both degree programs require 90 credit hours (96 for students specializing in counseling). Students who have already undertaken relevant graduate-level coursework may be allowed to transfer it to their program (up to 30 credits for PhD students and 36 credits for EdD students) provided that: (1) courses were taken within 10 years of the date of matriculation; (2) a grade of “B” or higher was earned; (3) they are approved by the student’s advisor, program chair, and associate dean of graduate studies. If the courses were completed more than 10 years ago, students must submit a CV and written narrative describing how they have remained involved in their field of study, to help the advisor, chair, and associate dean to determine whether exceptions could be made. Transfer credit decisions are made at the time of approving each student’s program of study. Courses taken at institutions other than the University of Rochester after matriculation into the doctoral program may not be used toward the doctoral degree.

In addition to coursework, doctoral students also need to successfully complete a set of milestone experiences. First, after completing at least 18 credits in the program, all doctoral students must submit a portfolio for review. The review is evaluative, with feedback by faculty intended to nurture developing research expertise and intellectual and professional development. After passing the portfolio assessment and completing most of the coursework for the degree, all doctoral students undertake an individualized comprehensive exam. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exam vary by program area. All doctoral programs culminate in the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

Advancement to candidacy for the PhD or EdD degree occurs upon successful defense of the dissertation proposal. The degree is awarded after completion of all degree requirements, and upon successful oral defense and acceptance of the doctoral dissertation.

All work for the doctoral degree, including the final oral exam on the dissertation, must be completed within seven years of the date of initial registration. Students with 30 to 36 credit hours accepted in the doctoral program must complete all work within six years from the date of matriculation in the program. Students who for good reason have been unable to complete a program within the above stated limits may, upon recommendation by the faculty advisor and the program chair, petition the associate dean of graduate studies for more time to complete it. Such extension, if granted, will be of limited duration, must be reapproved at least biannually, and may require additional coursework.

Students must maintain continuous registration through the program. Full-time students must register for at least nine credit hours during every fall and spring semester (summer session) until the degree program is completed. Continuous registration for part-time students means registration for a total of
nine credit hours every academic year sequence of summer-fall-spring semesters until the degree program is completed. Students who do not register for coursework during the fall or spring must register for continuation of enrollment for that semester. Students have to register either for courses or for continuation of enrollment every fall and spring semester until the program degree is completed.

**PhD in Education**

The Warner School offers several areas of study within the PhD in education. Students may concentrate in one of the following areas: counseling and counselor education; educational policy and theory; higher education; human development; and teaching, curriculum, and change. PhD dissertations should provide an original and scholarly contribution to research in the student’s major field. A minimum of one year of full- or part-time residency is required of all PhD students.

**Doctor of Education**

The Warner School offers four EdD programs with additional concentrations in the following areas: K–12 educational administration; higher education; teaching and curriculum; mental health counseling and supervision; counseling; and human development. There is no minimum residency requirement for this program, although students are strongly encouraged to make arrangements so that they can devote the necessary time to their dissertation.

Students completing the EdD in mental health counseling and supervision are automatically eligible for the New York State mental health counseling license. Students graduating from this program are eligible for a New York State limited permit and need to complete 3,000 postgraduation supervised practice hours and pass the state exam to become a fully licensed mental health counselor (LMHC).

The Warner School offers an accelerated option. This is for EdD students who are experienced practitioners in their field of specialization and want to pursue the degree part time while holding a professional job in the same field, with a specially structured and supported yearlong dissertation cohort process. This option makes it possible for eligible students to earn a doctorate in education in as few as three years on a part-time basis for most EdD programs. Additional admission criteria and program requirements must be met by students choosing the accelerated option.

**GRADUATE COURSE TITLES**

- **ED 404.** Teaching, Curriculum, and Change
- **ED 406.** Master’s Research Methods
- **ED 504.** Quantitative Research Methods
- **ED 506.** Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research
- **ED 507.** Qualitative Research Methods
- **ED 513.** Research Writing: The Literature Review
- **ED 520.** Program Evaluation
- **ED 532.** Action Research Methods (1 credit)
- **ED 551A.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1A
- **ED 551B.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1B
- **ED 551C.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 1C
- **ED 552A.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2A
- **ED 552B.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2B
- **ED 552C.** Teaching and Curriculum Doctoral Cohort Seminar 2C
- **ED 553.** Teaching and Curriculum Dissertation Proposal Seminar
- **ED 554.** Action Research Dissertation Seminar I
- **ED 555.** Action Research Dissertation Seminar II
- **ED 593.** EdD Research (Dissertation) (variable credits)
- **EDE 558.** Comprehensive Exam Research: Teaching and Curriculum EdD
- **EDE 561.** Portfolio Review: Teaching and Curriculum
- **EDU 442.** Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education
- **EDU 522.** Theory and Research in Learning
- **EDU 523.** Theory and Research in Teaching
- **EDU 526.** Theory and Research in Curriculum and Change
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Nicole King
Program Director

Overview
This program prepares innovative TESOL teachers, committed and able to help all students succeed. We offer a master’s degree (MS) and an advanced certificate.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/masters/teaching/tesol

Graduate Faculty Information
Mary Jane Curry, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Associate Professor
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

Nicole King, PhD, Ohio State University
Assistant Professor (clinical)
Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Teaching and Curriculum

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GRADUATE COURSE TITLES

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ED 400A. Topics in Teaching and Schooling Part 2
ED 404. Teaching, Curriculum, and Change
ED 406. Master’s Research Methods
ED 409. Language and Literacy in Education
ED 415. Adolescent Development and Youth Culture (Ages 10 to 20)
ED 429. Theories of Human Development
ED 432. Professional Writing and Communications
ED 437. Diversity and Equity in Higher Education

ED 440. Urban Teaching and Leadership Seminar 1A
ED 441. Urban Teaching and Leadership Seminar 1B
ED 447. Disability and Schools
ED 451. Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Classrooms
ED 480. Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism
ED 436. Diversity and Equity in Education
ED 446. Introduction to Urban Education
ED 465. Master’s Essay: TESOL
ED 477. Teaching and Learning in the Content Areas
ED 484A. Digitally Rich Teaching and Learning in K–12 Schools
ED 426. Field Experiences in ESOL
ED 427. Field Experiences in ESOL in Inclusive School Settings
ED 428. Student Teaching in ESOL in Elementary Schools
ED 429. Student Teaching in ESOL in Inclusive School Settings A
ED 430. Student Teaching in ESOL in Secondary Schools
ED 432. Student Teaching in ESOL
ED 433. Student Teaching in ESOL in Inclusive School Settings B
ED 414. American Educational and Linguistic Practices
ED 435. Theory and Practice in Teaching and Learning Foreign Languages and ESOL
ED 442. Race, Class, Gender, and Disability in American Education
ED 463. Implementing Innovation in Foreign Languages and ESOL Education
ED 464. Child Development and Learning in Context (Ages 5 to 12)
ED 467. Language, Literacy, and Cognitive Development
ED 498. Literacy Learning as Social Practice
Urban Teaching and Leadership

Bonnie Rubenstein
Program Director

Overview
This program leads to an advanced certificate in urban teaching and leadership. Students work with an advisor to complete a detailed program plan consisting of nine credit hours.

https://www.warner.rochester.edu/degree/certificate/urban-teaching-leadership

Graduate Faculty Information
Bonnie Rubenstein, EdD, University of Rochester
Professor (clinical)
Program Director
Primary Appointment(s): Counseling and Human Development

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