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Graduate Students Handbook

York University
Toronto, Canada





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Amazing things happen when diverse communities work together to tackle world issues. When York University students apply their knowledge, they have the power to make things right.

A place where knowledge is made.

Whether exploring the past, interrogating the present, or creating the future, every day can present something new. Hopefully self-discoveries happen too. Once energised in your graduate studies, your perception becomes more acute. Judgment seeks out balance. Imagination bristles with creativity. Good ideas multiply into complex, analytical, original solutions. Across the master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral levels of expertise, York graduate and postdoctoral fellows specialize in discerning the real issues, isolating the crucial problems, deconstructing the component pieces, and creating novel and truly necessary solutions.

Thomas Loebel
Dean & Associate Vice-President Graduate,
Faculty of Graduate Studies



York by the Numbers

- 100+** academic degree and diploma programs in FGS
- \$60M** given in funding dollars (inc. Fellowships & TAs)
- \$10.5M** awarded in Tri-councils + prestigious scholarships
- \$1M** provided towards research support (inc. Academic Excellence Fund)
- \$5.5M** created in graduate bursaries
- \$65.5M** bestowed in graduate awards



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Land Acknowledgment

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

A Space for Everyone

Our welcoming campuses are places where bold ideas take shape and lifelong connections are made. York is an accessible and inclusive space with 20+ community support partners to make your health, safety and sense of belonging our greatest priorities. go.yorku.ca/yorku-campuses

Our Campuses



Keele Campus



Glendon Campus



Markham Campus

Keele Campus: Walk the scenic paths of our **main campus**, a thriving community hub enhanced by its location in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), featuring athletic facilities, studios, labs, residences, restaurants and green spaces.

Glendon Campus: Located in the heart of Toronto, Glendon is our **founding campus** with a unique blend of modern and historic architecture where globally engaged programs and hands-on learning opportunities develop the changemakers of tomorrow.

Markham Campus: Opening in 2024, academic programs and research at our **newest campus** will revolve around the core themes of technology and entrepreneurship and how they are driving innovation.

Tour our campus virtually! go.yorku.ca/virtual-tour

“I am interested in the use of non-traditional mediums and unorthodox methods in the visual arts as a display of resilience, act of resistance, and way of learning and empowerment. I plan to use Arts-Based Research with racialized youth in my urban priority neighbourhood to engage with matters of mental health, emotional well-being, and identity.”

Shannon Hyatali,
BFA '18, BEd '18, MEd '20, PhD Candidate in Education



A Community of Changemakers

York students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners are united in our commitment to inclusion, community engagement, and social and economic justice.

Creating Positive Change

Great things happen when we work together to right the future. Learn more about how York is a driving force for positive change: go.yorku.ca/why-york



Suzanna Alsayed,
BA '16, MDEM '20
Founder and CEO, Evolutz Inc. and Hilt International Security Inc.



Sayjon Ariyaratnam,
BA '16, JD/MBA '20
Banking and Finance Lawyer; Board Member, Community Legal Clinic of York Region; Mentor



Elijah Bawuah,
BA '18, MES '21
Senior Public Consultant, City of Toronto; Co-Founder, Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous & Planners of Colour; Spacemaker



Jonathan Clodman,
BEd '19, BA '19, MEd '20
Elementary Teacher, Toronto District School Board; Public Health Advocate



Bri Darboh,
BA '15, MA '19
Health Equity Advocate; Predoctoral Resident, Neuropsychology; MBA Candidate; Co-President, Black Students in Psychology



Osman Naqvi,
MSTM '17
Advisor, Invest in Canada; former Advisor to Cabinet Ministers; Founder, YOUth Heroes



Jason Robinson,
BA '17, MES '19
Data Analyst, Rural Ontario Institute; Team Lead, Community Climate Council; Co-founder/Research Lead, Gradient Spaces



York University is strengthening its position as a leader in creating a sustainable and inclusive world.

- **#1 in Canada** for gender equity
- **Top 10 in the world** for sustainable cities and communities
- **Top 10 in the world** for peace, justice and strong institutions

Meet our Top 30 Changemakers Under 30

It takes a true leader to inspire positive change in the world. Meet York University's first-ever Top 30 Changemakers Under 30: inspiring and diverse alumni leaders who are making a meaningful difference. go.yorku.ca/grad-top30

Research with a Purpose

York's leading teaching and research are informed by our commitment to social justice, sustainability and the public good. Through our research, we strive to better understand and serve the world around us.

Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies continues to be a tremendously exciting place to study and work. We are proud to support those who will have an integral part in Canada's future. Graduate Studies is where the next generation of impactful careers and cutting-edge ideas are born.

- More than 6,000 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows
- More than 100 academic degrees and diplomas
- The largest body of active researchers on campus



How York is Creating a Better Future Through Research

yorku.ca/rightthefuture

27 Organized Research Units

studying intersectionality, bee ecology, refugee studies and more



Addressing Homelessness

through the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH)



Knowledge Now

showcasing our graduate scholars undertaking groundbreaking and socially engaged research



Tackling the Complexity of Urbanism

through the City Institute at York (CITY)



Experience-Led Learning



"I examined the power dynamics between international development programs and local people, and whether the incorporation of the rituals of traditional healers could promote community health and well-being. I presented my research in an invited seminar along with traditional healers at UFS."

Yumiko Kiuchi, MA '19, Development Studies

Supporting Your Success



Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate is an eLearning platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow you to explore career options and ways to apply skills acquired through your education. go.yorku.ca/aurora

Graduate Professional & Postdoctoral Skills (GPPS) helps you discover and prepare for your career by linking you to workshops, seminars and courses led by university and industry experts. go.yorku.ca/grad-gpps

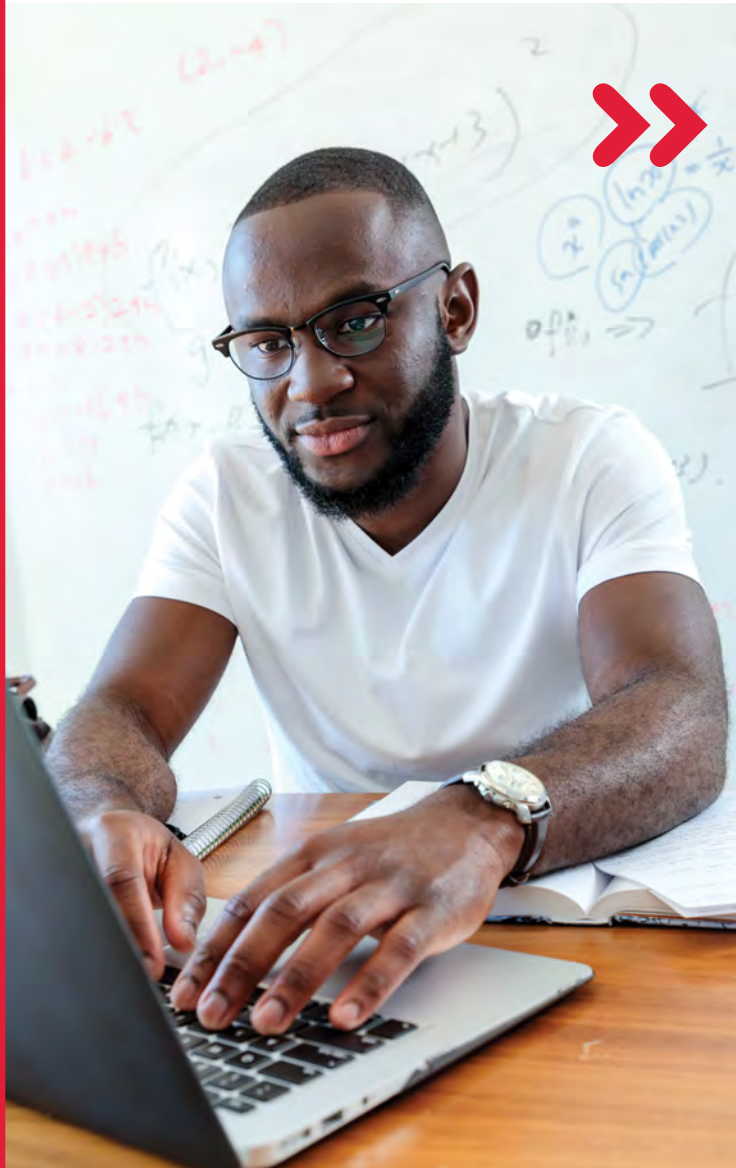
Individualized Development Plan (IDP) is designed to help you identify your professional skills and goals, as well as better understand the competencies needed to achieve them. go.yorku.ca/grad-idp

Teaching Commons supports the teaching work of graduate students at all levels by exploring and sharing teaching and learning innovation at York. go.yorku.ca/grad-teaching-commons

YorkSpace is an open-access institutional repository for digital objects. Post, organize and preserve your research online, and make it permanently available to the global scholarly community without restrictions. go.yorku.ca/grad-yorkspace

York University Libraries are the intellectual hub for innovative and diverse scholarship. Access a variety of in-person and online research and learning resources, support for teaching and instruction, and diverse study spaces for quiet or collaborative work, including a Graduate Student Reading Room. go.yorku.ca/grad-libraries

How to Apply



1. Review Admission Requirements

Make sure you know the requirements and deadlines for your program of choice. go.yorku.ca/grad-programs

2. Apply Online

Your application package consists of two parts:

- your application form; and
- your supporting documents.

Please be ready to submit your supporting documents within 14 days of the application deadline. go.yorku.ca/grad-apply

3. Upload Required Documentation

Required documentation may include, but is not limited to:

- transcripts;
- a statement of interest;
- a resume or CV;
- a sample of written work;
- a supplementary information form.

4. Submit Language Test Scores

If your first language is not English (or French, for programs taught in French) you may need to provide an English language proficiency test score. go.yorku.ca/grad-language

>> What You Need

Applying to a Master's program:
You must hold an Honours undergraduate degree (four years of study) or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution.

Applying to a PhD program:
You must hold a Master's degree or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution. Recommended grade point averages (GPAs) vary by program.

To view international equivalencies visit: go.yorku.ca/grad-equiv

Apply Now!

Tips to optimize your application:
go.yorku.ca/grad-app-guide

Applications are reviewed by individual graduate programs; decisions are made as soon as possible.

Unique Admits

Do you have significant professional or lived experience in your area of academic interest? You may qualify as a unique applicant. Email us at fgsnews@yorku.ca for more information.

Funding Your Degree

Competitive Funding

go.yorku.ca/grad-funding

York offers competitive funding to all qualified graduate students and is committed to promoting excellence in research and teaching.

Funding sources include:

- Fellowships
- Teaching Assistantships with Undergraduate Programs
- Scholarships and Awards

NOTE: All graduate applicants to non-professional programs are automatically considered for a graduate funding package during application review. Successful applicants receive funding package details in their letter of admission.

Fees and Expenses

Estimated Educational Costs	Domestic	International
Yearly compulsory fees & tuition: Based on full-time, non-professional graduate programs	MA \$5,145 PhD \$5,145	MA \$19,663 PhD \$18,838
Textbooks, equipment & supplies (lab supplies not included): May be higher in some disciplines	MA \$2,570–\$4,087 PhD \$3,416	MA \$2,570–\$4,087 PhD \$3,416
Health Plan	\$580	\$1,336
Total*	MA \$8,295–\$9,812 PhD \$9,141	MA \$23,569–\$25,086 PhD \$23,590

* The above figures are listed in Canadian dollars and subject to change. They serve only as a guide to help you plan for your graduate program. go.yorku.ca/grad-fees-faq



Applicants are welcome to apply for other funding supports: bursaries, research opportunities, York internal awards (donor-funded), external scholarships, and provincial, Tri-Council and other federal scholarships.

Stay on Track >>

- July**
Prepare your **statement of interest** early.
- August**
Reach out to your **references**.
- September**
Register for **Experience Grad** - York's Graduate Open House.
- October**
Submit your **application** early!
- November**
Look for updates on creative **York graduate research** and relevant **York graduate events**.
- January Onwards**
Check **MyFile** for updates on your application status.

Pursue Your Passion. Find Your Program.

York's Faculty of Graduate Studies offers more than 100 full- and part-time professional and academic degree programs to deepen your expertise and lead you to a fulfilling career.

Application requirements and deadlines vary by program. Visit go.yorku.ca/grad-programs for more information. Degree programs marked with * are available in a part-time study format. Diploma programs marked with a † are available as stand-alone programs. All other diplomas must be taken concurrently with a graduate degree program.

School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design

Creativity is your commodity. As you develop your passion with AMPD, benefit from superb training, rich industry connections, world-class facilities and access to an engaged, collaborative arts community.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Art History & Visual Culture	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Cinema & Media Studies	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Dance	MA* •	Course work only
	MFA •	Thesis
Dance Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Design	MDes	Thesis
Design Research	MA •	Major research paper OR Major research project
	MA*	Major research paper
Digital Media	MSc*	Major research paper & Course work
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

- MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.
- MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.
- Subject to Quality Council approval.



Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Film: Production and Screenwriting	MFA* •	Thesis
Music	MA* •	Major research paper
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Theatre	MFA •	Major research paper & Comprehensive examination(s) & Summer research project
Theatre & Performance Studies	MA •	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only (includes colloquium and internship)
	PhD	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Visual Arts	MFA •	Thesis exhibition & Support paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination exhibition & Dissertation exhibition

- MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.
- MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.
- Subject to Quality Council approval.

[Diplomas] Curatorial Studies in Visual Culture

Faculty of Education

Join a leading faculty in Canada that is reinventing education for a diverse, complex world. Become a powerful catalyst for change by contributing to and strengthening the communities where you live and work.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Education: Language, Culture & Teaching	MEd*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Leadership & Community Engagement	MLCE*	Community-based placement & Project

[Diplomas] Early Childhood Education† | Education in Urban Environments† | Environmental/Sustainability Education† | Language & Literacy Education† | Mathematics Education† | Postsecondary Education: Community, Culture & Policy†

Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change

Become a changemaker for a just and sustainable future. Join EUC in a call-to-action to respond to today's most pressing challenges facing people and the planet. Discover career paths that will create a better world.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Environmental Studies	MES •	Personal plan of study & Research Paper OR Project OR Portfolio OR Thesis
	PhD	Personal program plan & Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Geography	MA	Major research paper OR Thesis
	MSc	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

• JD/MES joint program also available for this subject.

[Diplomas] Business & the Environment | Environmental/Sustainability Education†



Glendon

Through small class sizes within a close-knit community, you will develop your global perspective, leadership capabilities and professional skills toolbox. Glendon's programs are enhanced with immersive language learning options that prepare you for an in-demand career.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Conference Interpreting	MCI	Entrance examination & Transition examination
Études françaises	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Études francophones	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Public & International Affairs	MPIA	Major research paper OR Course work only
	MPIA	Dual Degree with Strasbourg; Internship
Translation Studies	MA*	Thesis OR Major research paper OR Course work only

[Diplomas] General Interpreting

Faculty of Health

Become part of a growing, connected network that leads constructive change in health and healthcare across Canada and the globe — keeping more people healthier, longer. Students engage in experiential opportunities to build their learning in a range of settings beyond the classroom.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Critical Disability Studies	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Health	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Kinesiology & Health Science	MA	Thesis
	MFSc	Non-thesis peer-reviewed professional paper & Practica
	MSc	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Nursing	MScN*	Thesis OR Course work only
	Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) MScN*	Research proposal
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Practica & Thesis
Psychology	MA	Practica & Thesis
	PhD	Practica & Dissertation & Qualifying examination(s)

[Diplomas] Health Psychology | Neuroscience | Quantitative Methods



Lassonde School of Engineering

The Lassonde School of Engineering empowers students like you to put ideas into action that will push the world forward. We are shaping the next generation of creators who will tackle the world's biggest challenges and find creative solutions to global problems.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Civil Engineering	MASc*	Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Research proposal & Dissertation
Earth & Space Science	MSc*	Thesis & Oral examination OR Course work & research exercise
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral examination
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	MSc (Computer Science)	Thesis OR Project
	MASc (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Thesis
	PhD (Computer Science)	Qualifying examination(s) & Industrial internship OR Teaching practicum & Dissertation
Mechanical Engineering	MASc*	Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Respond to a call for cross-cultural communication and interpersonal skills by joining a faculty that's **ranked in the top 10 in Canada** across several disciplines. With highly flexible and interdisciplinary degree options, study what you love and learn what you need.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Anthropology – Social	MA	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Communication & Culture	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Project
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
Development Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis (Fieldwork is required for either option)
Disaster & Emergency Management	MDEM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Economics	MA	Course work only
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Major research paper & Dissertation
English	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Financial Accountability	MFAc*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
History	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Human Resources Management	MHRM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Humanities	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Information Systems & Technology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Interdisciplinary Studies	MA*	Thesis
Linguistics & Applied Linguistics	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation proposal & Dissertation
Management Practice	MSc*	Major research paper OR Applied research project

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Philosophy	MA*	Comprehensive examination(s) OR Thesis
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
Political Science	MA/JD	Course work & Major research paper
	MA*	Major research paper OR Designated research essay OR Thesis
Public Policy, Administration & Law	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
	MPPAL*	Major research paper OR Topics
Science & Technology Studies	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Competencies examination (oral and written) & Dissertation proposal & Dissertation
Social & Political Thought	MA*	Major research paper & Oral examination
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral & written) & Dissertation
Social Work	MSW (Advanced Standing)*	Practice-based research paper & Practica
	MSW (two-year)	Practice-based research paper & Two practica
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Socio-Legal Studies	MA	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Sociology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

[Diplomas] Advanced Hebrew & Jewish Studies | Asian Studies | Comparative Literature | Creative Writing | Democratic Administration | German & European Studies | International & Security Studies | Jewish Studies[†] | Justice System Administration | Latin American & Caribbean Studies | Management | Professional Accounting[†] | Refugee & Migration Studies | Value Theory & Applied Ethics | World Literature



Osgoode Hall Law School & Professional Development

Osgoode Hall Law School offers an innovative and experiential legal education delivered by the country's top legal minds.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Law	LLM-MRP	Thesis & Major research paper
	PhD	Dissertation proposal

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Administrative Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Canadian Common Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Constitutional Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Criminal Law and Procedure	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Dispute Resolution	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Energy and Infrastructure Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Financial Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
General Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Health Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Intellectual Property Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
International Business Law	Professional LLM	Major research paper
Labour Relations and Employment Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Securities Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Tax Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper

[Diplomas] Foundations of Canadian Law[†] | Law for Law Enforcement Professionals[†]

Schulich School of Business

Global, innovative and diverse, Schulich is rated among the world's leading business schools. With direct program access from day one, you will immerse yourself in a cutting-edge business education and discover creative business solutions that aren't defined by boundaries. Schulich develops responsible leaders who balance business and the public good.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Accounting	MAcc	Course work only
Administration	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MBA*	Course work only
	EMBA	Course work only
Business Administration	IMBA	Course work only
	Joint MBA/JD	Thesis
	MBA/JD	Course work only
	MBA/MFA	Course work only
	MBA/MA	Course work only
Business Analytics	MBAN	Course work only
Combined Program	MBA/MFA/MA	Course work & varying requirements
Finance	MF	Course work only
Management	MMgt	Course work only
Management in Artificial Intelligence	MMAI	Course work only
Marketing	MMKG	Course work only
Real Estate & Infrastructure	MREI	Course work only
Supply Chain Management	MSCM*	Course work only

[Diplomas] Advanced Accounting | Intermediate Accounting[†] | Post-MBA in Advanced Management[†] | Arts, Media and Entertainment Management | Culture, Communication and Leadership in Canadian Business | Financial Engineering[†] | Health Industry Management | Nonprofit Management

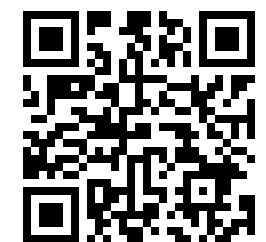
Faculty of Science

Develop a scientific mindset that's valued by employers in all sectors and join a collaborative community who share your curiosity and passion. Our researchers work together to enhance our academic excellence, diversity, and our capacity to build a better future for everyone.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Biology	MSc	Research progress evaluations & Thesis & Oral examination
	PhD*	Research progress evaluations & Preliminary examination & Dissertation & Oral examination
Chemistry	MSc*	Thesis (full time) OR Course work only (part time)
	PhD	Dissertation & Dissertation oral examination
Mathematics & Statistics	MA*	Thesis OR Survey paper OR Course work only
	MSc (Applied & Industrial)*	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Physics & Astronomy	MSc*	Project OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral exam

[Diplomas] Financial Engineering | Mathematics Education[†]

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Markham Campus Opening 2024

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