

TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

The School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management offers programs of study leading to the MSc degree and Graduate Diploma. Graduates will appreciate how their practical knowledge, competencies and analytical skills can be applied through research to the identification of optimal solutions and justifiable recommendations for employers or customers.

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MSc Program

Admission Requirements

All students entering the MSc are required to hold an undergraduate honour's degree with a minimum B+ or equivalent, from a recognized post-secondary institution (see also Graduate Diploma in Tourism Research (GDip) for alternate admission requirements). In addition, they should have a GMAT score of 550 or in the 55th percentile or higher across all sections.

Applicants also need to have an academic or industry background in tourism, the social sciences, humanities or professional/business related programs in allied areas such as hospitality, travel, human resources, sports management, food management, marketing or consumer studies. For applicants who did not major in these areas in their undergraduate degree or diploma, additional prerequisites may be required.

MSc applicants who believe their experiential learning may compensate for a lack of academic standing and thus not meet the University's minimum requirements may contact the Graduate Program Coordinator regarding alternative admissions criteria, which normally would require at least 5 years in a research or equivalent position in industry.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the MSc in Tourism and Hospitality, students should be able to:

1. Show their understanding of major concepts, theories, empirical findings, and research trends in tourism and hospitality through the planning and execution of independent research.
2. Select and apply research methods—quantitative, qualitative, or mixed—that are most appropriate for a research project.
3. Analyze and evaluate both primary and secondary data, using various statistical tools and techniques.
4. Draw practical and theoretical meaning from research results and apply to current phenomena in tourism and hospitality.
5. Identify and address ethical considerations associated with a research project.
6. Communicate research findings to academic and professional audiences in the form of clear, well-organized documents and presentations.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the global nature of the tourism and hospitality sectors and their diverse constituents (e.g., workforces, communities, businesses, NGOs, governments).
8. Behave responsibly and act with integrity in the professional and academic societies of tourism and hospitality.

Program Requirements

The objective of the program is to develop a solid academic background and underpinning in the field of tourism, alongside research, critical reasoning, problem solving and data analysis skills. The intention is to equip students with the necessary skills to identify optimal solutions and justifiable recommendations for employers or customers. In so doing, graduates will develop demonstrable competence in the assessment of existing literature, research conceptualization and design, quantitative

and qualitative research methods and data analysis techniques. Completion of the program can serve as a foundation for the pursuit of a PhD.

All students will complete six courses (three core courses and three restricted electives), plus the thesis proposal and defence. The thesis is expected to be sufficiently meritorious to warrant publication in reputable refereed journals within the student's field and area of specialization. The three core courses cover topics dealing with the theories, contemporary issues, and research applications in tourism and hospitality. The three restricted electives include: one quantitative methods course; one qualitative methods course; and one topic course. All are to be chosen in consultation with the School's Graduate Program Coordinator. It is intended that the topic will be related to and/or lead to the student's thesis proposal and subsequent research.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
TRMH*6100	Foundations of Tourism and Hospitality	0.50
TRMH*6200	Contemporary Issues in Tourism	0.50
TRMH*6310	Research Applications in Tourism and Hospitality	0.50
TRMH*6400	Thesis Research Proposal	1.00

Restricted Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following quantitative research method courses:		
TRMH*6290	Research Methods for Tourism and Hospitality	0.50
SOC*6130	Data Science for Social and Applied Research	0.50
PSYC*6060	Research Design and Statistics	0.50
GEOG*6090	Seminar in Geographic Thought (with permission)	0.50
Select one of the following qualitative research method courses:		
TRMH*6080	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
MCS*6080	Qualitative Methods: Consumer Research	0.50
ANTH*6140	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
SOC*6140	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
FRAN*6020	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
Select one of the following topic courses:		
TRMH*6110	Foundations of Food Industry Management	0.50
TRMH*6250	Tourism and Sustainable Development	0.50
TRMH*6270	Data Mining Practicum	0.50
TRMH*6630	Special Topics in Tourism	0.50

Or other courses as appropriate depending on availability

Note: Students in the MSc Tourism and Hospitality who successfully complete at least 2.5 credits of course work, with a minimum 70% overall average, and no less than a grade of 65% in any single course within the 2.5 credits, may be eligible to receive a Graduate Diploma in Tourism Studies, if they choose to withdraw from the MSc program.

Courses

TRMH*6080 Qualitative Research Methods Winter Only [0.50]

This course examines qualitative research methods used in food, tourism, and sport, as well as related hospitality and service management areas. Topics include types of qualitative methods, their theoretical foundations, project design, data collection, and analysis procedures and strategies, as well as appropriate communication of results.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6290

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TRMH*6100 Foundations of Tourism and Hospitality Fall Only [0.50]

The course is designed to discuss theoretical concepts and theories which provide an understanding of societal, managerial and strategic aspects of tourism and hospitality. An emphasis will also be placed on key theories and concepts of relevant disciplines which may affect tourism and hospitality research.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Tourism Research Graduate Diploma, Tourism and Hospitality MSc and Management PhD students.

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TRMH*6110 Foundations of Food Industry Management Fall Only [0.50]

This course introduces students to the theories and practices of the food industry, including global and regional food system, with an examination of food policies that frame supply chains. Students discuss topics that influence food systems such as ethics, supply chains, food product marketing, consumer choice, food literacy, and the food service sector.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Tourism and Hospitality MSc students.

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TRMH*6200 Contemporary Issues in Tourism Winter Only [0.50]

The course will acquaint students with the tourism industry. An overview of the scale and scope, involved stakeholders, and the organization of the industry will be examined and critiqued. An emphasis will be placed on the sustainable development and management of tourism resources and organizations.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6100

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TRMH*6240 Hospitality and Tourism Revenue Management Winter Only [0.50]

This course is an advanced exploration of revenue management concepts, tools and application. The objective of the course is to provide a solid foundation in revenue management for careers in tourism, services and hospitality management. Offered in conjunction with HTM*4250. Extra work is required for graduate students.

Restriction(s): Credit may only be obtained for one of TRMH*6240 or HTM*4250.

Department(s): Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management

Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6250 Tourism and Sustainable Development Fall Only [0.50]

The course introduces students to the issues affecting planning and development of tourism by understanding tourism planning and sustainable development. Core elements include a discussion on tourism impacts (economic, social, cultural and environmental), issues of sustainability, carrying capacity, 'eco-tourism' and other 'alternative forms' of tourism.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Graduate Diploma Tourism Research, MSc Tourism and Hospitality and PhD Management students.

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TRMH*6270 Data Mining Practicum Winter Only [0.50]

An applied course introducing popular concepts, methods and applications of data mining utilizing data warehoused at the government agencies and user friendly software and cases. This course covers various topics in data mining association rule, clustering, logistic regression, decision tree and artificial neural network.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6100 and PSYC*6060

Restriction(s): Restricted to Graduate Diploma Tourism Research, MSc Tourism and Hospitality.

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Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6290 Research Methods for Tourism and Hospitality Fall Only [0.50]

This course looks at selected analytical techniques in tourism and hospitality research, both empirical and subjective, as well the nature of research questions and theory. The course is intended to help students make informed judgements about selected research tools and designs, and draw logical and substantive conclusions.

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Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6310 Research Applications in Tourism and Hospitality Winter Only [0.50]

This course is designed to enhance the student's analytical capability, using both basic and advanced analytical techniques and tools of tourism and hospitality research. They learn to critically evaluate, enabling them to make effective judgments, choose proper statistical techniques, and draw logical and substantive conclusions.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6100 and one of TRMH*6290, MCS*6050, SOC*6130 or PSYC*6060

Restriction(s): Restricted to Graduate Diploma Tourism Research, MSc Tourism and Hospitality and PhD Management students.

Department(s): School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management

Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6400 Thesis Research Proposal Summer, Fall, and Winter [0.00]

The students engage in seminars to share experiences and reflections on the research process. This course is a development of the proposal: framing a research question, developing a methodological plan within a challenging interdisciplinary area such as tourism and hospitality, data planning and more.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6100, TRMH*6200, and TRMH*6290

Restriction(s): Restricted to MSc Tourism and Hospitality students in the thesis option.

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Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6410 Major Research Project Unspecified [1.00]

This course is available to individuals or groups of graduate students registered in MSc Tourism and Hospitality - MRP option. Students complete a set of readings and an associated paper as approved by designated faculty.

Prerequisite(s): TRMH*6100, TRMH*6200 and TRMH*6290

Restriction(s): Restricted to MSc Tourism and Hospitality students in the coursework/MRP option.

Department(s): Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management

Location(s): Guelph

TRMH*6630 Special Topics in Tourism Unspecified [0.50]

Advanced course for those specializing in tourism. Deals with theories of tourism generators, multi-markets, tourism multipliers, current and future trends, regulatory environments, and distributions systems.

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Location(s): Guelph