

# Graduate Program Requirements

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## ***MAG or MSc course-based program***

- Complete 24 units of course weight from graduate level courses recommended by the supervisor.
- Complete AFNS 900 research project OR AFNS 598 OR WKEXP 986 for Food Safety and Quality or Meat Quality specializations. For AFNS 900 the student will be required to submit a report and present a seminar on this project which will be evaluated by the student's supervisor plus one additional faculty member.
- Maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 to continue in the program.
- Complete AFNS 601 seminar requirement (presentation of 1 seminar and 75%+ attendance).
- Complete the Ethics and Academic Citizenship Requirement (INT D 710 and CORE).
- Complete 8 hours of Professional Development activities and an Individual Development Plan.

## ***MSc thesis-based program***

- Complete a minimum of nine units of course weight as recommended by the supervisor and the supervisory committee.
- Complete the Ethics and Academic Citizenship Requirement (INT D 710 and CORE).
- Complete 8 hours of Professional Development activities and an Individual Development Plan.
- Complete AFNS 601 Seminar requirement once in your program (presentation of 1 seminar and 75%+ attendance).
- Complete Lab Skills 101 in the first term of your program.
- Present a public thesis seminar as part of the final oral examination.
- Students admitted prior to Fall 2021 must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 to continue in the program.
- Students admitted Fall 2021 and later must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 to continue in the program.
- Students normally register full-time for the duration of their graduate program at the University of Alberta. Register in THES 909 every Fall and Winter term plus additional courses (as determined by the supervisor/supervisory committee) up to a maximum of 3 courses per term. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) will register students in THES 906 for Spring and Summer terms only.

## ***Doctoral program***

- Complete a minimum of nine units of course weight as recommended by the supervisor and the supervisory committee.
- Complete the Ethics and Academic Citizenship Requirement (INT D 710, 720, and CORE).
- Complete 8 hours of Professional Development activities and an Individual Development Plan.
- Complete AFNS 601 Seminar requirement **twice** in your program (presentation of 1 seminar and 75%+ attendance per registration).
- Complete Lab Skills 101 in the first term of your program.
- Complete the candidacy examination normally within two years of the start of the PhD program.
- Present a public thesis seminar as part of the final oral examination.
- Students admitted prior to Fall 2021 must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 to continue in the program.
- Students admitted Fall 2021 and later must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 to continue in the program.

- Students normally register full-time for the duration of their graduate program at the University of Alberta. Register in THES 909 every Fall and Winter term plus additional courses (as determined by the supervisor/supervisory committee) up to a maximum of 3 courses per term. FGSR will register students in THES 906 for Spring and Summer terms only.

### ***Specializations***

Thesis-based students specialize in one of the following areas. The area of specialization is normally listed on the title page of the thesis:

- Animal Science
- Bioresource and Food Engineering
- Bioresource Technology
- Food Science and Technology
- Nutrition and Metabolism
- Plant Science
- Rangeland and Wildlife Resources

### ***Maximum time for graduate programs***

Special permission from the Department/FGSR is required for extensions of graduate programs beyond four years for the MSc thesis-based, six years for the MAg and MSc course-based, and six years for a PhD. MSc thesis-based students who transfer to the PhD program count back to the start of their MSc program to determine if an extension is required. Beyond these limits, students normally submit a completed thesis to the supervisory committee and reapply for admission to FGSR. PhD students may have to repeat their candidacy examination if their program extends beyond six years.