

Vision Science Program Requirements

Responsibilities	MSc	Accelerated PhD *for registered MSc students only (Request up to 3 full-time terms after MSc registration)	PhD
Time Limits	F/T = 6 terms (2 years) P/T = 15 terms (5 years)	F/T (from an Honours Bachelor's) = 18 terms (6 years)	F/T (from a Master's) = 12 terms (4 years) P/T (from Honours Bachelor's) = 21 terms (7 yrs) P/T (from a Master's) = 18 terms (6 years)
Extensions must be approved by the Associate Dean (Grad Studies). If the Petition is not approved, the student will be discontinued from their program.			
Course Work & Milestones	Min. of 4 x one-term grad courses (one course from Stream A* , one course from Stream B** and one from A* or B** . Seminar Milestone: See below.	Will have completed 2 x one-term grad courses as a MSc student Min. of 2 x one-term courses as PhD student (one course from Stream A* , one from Stream B** and one from A* or B** . Seminar Milestone: See below.	Min. of 2 x one-term grad courses (one from Stream A* & one from Stream B**) Seminar Milestone: See below.
Academic Integrity Tutorial & Workshop	Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term	Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term	Both University tutorial and Dept. of Science workshop within first term
Committee Appointment	Within first 12 months	Reconstitute PhD committee immediately after acceleration	Within first 12 months
First Committee Meeting	Within first 12 months, then once a year	Within first 12 months, then once a year	Within first 12 months, then once a year
Thesis Proposal Evaluation	By end of 3 rd term for FT By end of 6 th term for PT	MSc by end of 3 rd term PhD proposal by end of 5 th term of enrollment	By end of 4 th term for FT By end of 6 th term for PT
Comprehensive Exam	n/a	Comp Exam will be considered complete when students have successfully completed AQE by end of 4 th term	Complete within 16 months of beginning studies Approval from Grad Office of appropriate examining committee
Seminar Attendance & Presentation	Present at least one talk during program. Attend at least 10 seminars and/or defences and a one day research symposium throughout each year of enrollment.	Present at least two talks during program. Attend at least 10 seminars and/or defences and a one day research symposium throughout each year of enrollment.	Present at least two talks during program. Attend at least 10 seminars and/or defences and a one day research symposium throughout each year of enrollment.
	Presentation & symposium requirements can be fulfilled throughout the year and at the annual GSRC. If presenting a talk at the annual Grad Conference, then the talk + 8 others attended = symposium milestone Attend 9 talks at the GSRC = symposium milestone Attending for the full two days = 2 additional seminar credits and symposium milestone New students must attend 10 seminars/defences per year and a one day research symposium. When attending external seminars, proper proof of attendance must be provided. For internal seminars, sign-up sheets will be provided. Attendees must sign these sheets in order to receive credit. Attendance at a thesis defence can be counted, however one's own defence cannot. Invited presentations can be counted towards a seminar credit. One-hour seminar = 1 seminar credit. Three-hour seminar = 3 seminar credits.		

*Stream A (Courses 650 - 669) **Stream B (Courses 670 – 689) <http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/SA/GRAD/1415/GRDcourse-OPTOM.html>

Students who transfer to PhD must meet the new course requirements.