Welcome to the Department of Soil Science and the University of Manitoba

Welcome to graduate studies in the Department of Soil Science. This department is one of seventy-eight graduate departments within the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) at the University of Manitoba. Throughout your academic journey as graduate students within the department, there are several amenities that will be made available to you, in order to enhance your experience and support your educational success. This Graduate Student Handbook will provide you with information to help you better understand and access those services and resources.

**Administrative Office**
The Department of Soil Science administrative office is in 362 Ellis Building.

A map of the Fort Garry campus can be found at: [https://umanitoba.ca/map/](https://umanitoba.ca/map/)

**Administrative Staff & Faculty Members**

**Soil Science Academic Advisor**
Martha.Blouw@umanitoba.ca; (204-474-8223)

**Department Graduate Programs**

Please familiarize yourself with the Department of Soil Science Orientation Handbook: [http://umanitoba.ca/agricultural-food-sciences/department-soil-science](http://umanitoba.ca/agricultural-food-sciences/department-soil-science)

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Orientation

Orientations are offered to both new and returning graduate students. To help you with your academic journey, it’s important that you attend orientations.

**Departmental Orientation:**
- Including an overview of:
  - Program information
  - Course requirements
  - Registration

For information, please contact Martha.Blouw@umanitoba.ca.

**University of Manitoba Graduate Student Association Orientation**
- UMGSA presents an overview of all services available to graduate students.
- For information, please contact gsa@umgsa.org; http://www.umgsa.org/

**International Student Orientation:**
Studying in a new country can be both exciting and overwhelming. To help international students with their transition to Canada and the University of Manitoba, the International Centre offers orientation and welcome programming at the beginning of each term. Get the information you need and connect with other international students going through the same experience. http://umanitoba.ca/current-students/international/orientation

**The Indigenous Community at U of M**
The Indigenous campus community works together to build and expand their presence and visibility at UM while creating a safe environment for students and staff to work and learn. http://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/
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(Items may occur simultaneously)

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Registration

Student Photo ID Card
Multi-use card granting access to services such as libraries, recreational facilities, computer labs, Winnipeg transit services, and printers and photocopiers on campus.
http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/pii/photo_id.html

Activate U of M accounts
- All U of M communications will be through your myumanitoba.ca account. It’s essential that you monitor this email account on a regular basis.
- Students can activate their umnetID 48 hours after they accept their offer of admission. Your student number is at the top of your letter of admission.
For information on JUMP, Aurora, U of M e-mails:
http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/accounts/claimid.html

Course Approval:
- All courses must be approved prior to registration by your advisor. Courses delivered by other departments will require approval from those departments.
- Martha.Blouw@umanitoba.ca will provide you with the approval form.

Register for Courses using Aurora Student
- http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/registration/steps/step1.html
- Aurora Student: https://aurora.umanitoba.ca/
- Locate when you can begin registering for courses in the Aurora “Registration Time and Status” section.

Academic Integrity Tutorial; Research Integrity Tutorial:
- All graduate students must register for and complete GRAD 7500 Academic Integrity Tutorial and GRAD 7300 Research Integrity Tutorial in their first term of registration.
- http://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements

Paying Tuition Fees
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/financial_services/revcap/StudentAccounts.htm

Progress Report
- Progress reports must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by June 1st.
- Report form: http://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms
- Failure to submit this report will result in the denial of registration through Aurora.
- Students should be aware of progress reports deadlines for renewable scholarships.

Locate List of Course Textbooks
- 1) Login to Aurora Student, 2) Select 'Enrollment & Academic Records', 3) Select 'Student Records', 4) Select 'Booklist'.
- http://umanitoba.ca/bookstore/

Register with Student Accessibility Services for needed accommodations
For information, visit http://umanitoba.ca/student/accessibility/.

Completing the Advisor/Student Guidelines
- Complete the “Advisor/Student Guidelines” which provide a framework for discussion between advisors and graduate students and to establish guidelines to govern their relationship:
  http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/media/ASG_Instructions.pdf
- It may be revisited at any stage of the student’s graduate program to accommodate for changes in the student-advisor relationship.
Declaring Graduation
Once you’ve submitted your final thesis to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by their deadline, you are automatically put on the graduation list.

Information Services and Technology

JUMP Portal
- Log in using your UMnetID and password developed in signUM.

UM Learn (U of M online learning environment)
http://intranet.umanitoba.ca/academic_support/catl/resources/umlearn.html

Connecting to the Internet
www.umanitoba.ca/ist/connect/wireless or http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/connect/index.html

For information about your e-mail, general computing, password resets, supported software, wired & wireless network and more, contact the IST Help & Solutions Centre:
http://umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/help/index.html

Financial Support

Teaching Assistant Positions
For information about teaching assistant or grader/marker positions, go to:
http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/employment/

Funding and Awards
- Contact FGS for information on internal awards, external awards, or needs-based funding: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/funding/index.html
- Awards Database: http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/gradawards/
- For Department of Soil Science and Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences awards, visit http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/awards/index.html

Academic Travel/Conference Grants (funds to assist graduate students with costs for travel to present papers, posters)
- FGS Travel Award:
  https://universityofmanitoba.formstack.com/forms/travel_award

Emergency Loans
- FGS Emergency Fund: http://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms
- UMGSA Emergency Grant: http://www.umgsa.org/emergency-grant/
U of M Food Bank

Transportation

Parking

- www.umanitoba.ca/parking.
- Register early for parking passes

Buses and Bicycles

- http://umanitoba.ca/campus/transportation/
- For information on the U-Pass (included in tuition) visit https://umsu.ca/services-and-support/u-pass/

U of M Shuttle Bus
Free shuttle service around campus:
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/smartpark/bus.html

Safe Walk / Safe Ride Programs
Security Services is always available to accompany an individual from one U of M location to another, or to their vehicle/bus stop on University property on both campuses:
http://umanitoba.ca/campus/security/programs/safewalk.html; 423 University Crescent, Welcome Centre: 204-474-9312 (Fort Garry); 204-789-3330 (Bannatyne);
emergency_response@umanitoba.ca

Additional Resources

Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)

- FGS Academic Guide: For information about regulations and policies governing your graduate program:
  http://crscalprod.ad.umanitoba.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx
- FGS Workshops: These are plentiful, varied and worthwhile. You are strongly encouraged to attend.
  http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/workshops/schedule.html

Important Dates and Deadlines
Academic Calendar:

University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association (UMGSA)
UMGSA is the official voice of graduate students. Their mission focuses on graduate student advocacy, student involvement, providing services and benefits, financial assistance, and support
to students: gsa@umgsa.org; www.umgsa.org

Academic Learning Centre
For more information on assistance with study skills, writing support (i.e., developing ideas, organizing research projects, synthesizing research, citing sources, preparing thesis proposals, meeting thesis or dissertation deadlines, producing and delivering presentation, editing strategies), or online tutoring for graduate students visit: http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/

Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning
The Centre works with graduate students to provide leadership, expertise, and support in fulfilling their teaching positions, such as teaching assistants or sessional instructors. http://intranet.umanitoba.ca/academic_support/catl/index.html

Library Workshops
Sample topics: literature searches, reference management, thesis writing: https://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/c.php?g=298169

English Language Centre
For more information on programs to help students improve their English: http://umanitoba.ca/student/elc/

Statistics
- Free library workshops: http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/c.php?g=298169

Ethics Approval
The approval from a U of M Research Ethics Board (REB) may be required prior to the student proceeding with the information gathering procedures for the thesis or practicum: http://umanitoba.ca/research/orec/index.html

iThenticate
Plagiarism detection software designed for researchers to ensure the originality of written work before publication: http://umanitoba.ca/research/integrity/iThenticate%20.html

Thesis Information
- Thesis Toolkit: Gateway to information and learning resources for Graduate Students: http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/thesis

Printing, Photocopying, Scanning
Libraries: http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/services/c_p_s_equipment.html
Poster Printing
- CADlab: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/cadlab/cadlab_wide_printing.html
- Media and Production: http://umanitoba.ca/ist/service_catalogue/index.html#

Professional Presentations:
Students have access to audiovisual and production services. www.umanitoba.ca/computing/ist/teaching/classtech

Child Care Services
http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/childcareservices.html

Career Services
For resources related to resume and cover letters, job searches, interviews, career fairs, career decision-making, research occupations, education resources, career mentor program, co-operative education and internship programs, contact http://umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices/

Health and Wellness

Health and Dental Insurance
All full time graduate students are automatically members of the UMSU Health & Dental Plan, and are assessed the fee on their Aurora tuition fee statements in the fall term. You have the option to opt-out of this plan with alternate coverage. https://umsu.ca/services-and-support/health-dental/

Health Services
To learn about on-site appointments with physicians, consultant psychiatrists, immunizations, and other health services contact University Health Services at: 104 University Centre; www.umanitoba.ca/student/health

Recreation Services
For information about gym memberships, personal training and fitness assessment, programs, training and certifications, leagues, intramurals and much more contact Recreation Services at: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/kinrec/recreationservices/index.html

Student Counseling Centre
Sometimes, when talking with your friends or family isn’t possible or isn’t enough, it helps to talk with a professional. The U of M offers students a variety of on-campus and off-campus counselling supports. 474 University Centre; http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/counselling-resources-students

Case Management
If anything in your personal or academic life is affecting your studies, contact their confidential intake assistant. Everything you tell them is kept completely confidential. http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy/case-management
**Sexual Harassment/Violence**  
Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management: 201 Allen Building;  

**Chaplains’ Association**  
Offers support to all students regardless of their religion;  

**IN AN EMERGENCY:**  
[https://umanitoba.ca/emergency.html](https://umanitoba.ca/emergency.html)

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**NON EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

| SECURITY SERVICES (24hrs) | Fort Garry: (204) 474-9312  
Bannatyne Campus: (204) 789-3330  
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<td>(204) 474-8721</td>
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<td>(204) 474-8592</td>
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Get Involved

Explore ways to get involved with community on campus, locally or globally. Curricular and co-curricular experiential learning provides practical experience and skill development. 
http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/get-involved

UMCommunityLINK
https://communitylink.umanitoba.ca/

University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association (UMGSA)
Offering opportunities to get involved with student governance. www.umgsa.org

Department Involvement

Graduate students are selected or elected to represent students on departmental committees. The graduate student representative attends meetings to represent the view of graduate students, votes on issues discussed, and informs students about issues reviewed that are relevant to them. Committees include:

- **Department Council**: Made up of faculty members and a support staff member, as well as a student representative who meet to deal with departmental issues.
- **Soil Science Graduate Student Association (SSGSA)**: The SSGSA is the departmental student organization. Consider joining the executive.

Conclusion

Faculty and staff members within Plant Science, as well as offices at the U of M are here to support you through your program of study. We hope this handbook will be of use to you. Should you have any questions regarding your program please don’t hesitate to contact your department or the Faculty of Graduate Studies.