Rural Studies: PhD

The Rural Studies PhD Program offers advanced studies on the socio-cultural and biophysical sustainability of rural communities and regions. Faculty engage in research and applied work in Canada and internationally and represent a range of disciplines including: planning, landscape architecture, political science, public administration, geography, adult education, and communications.

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Program

Successful students are awarded a PhD. We aim for students to complete in 12 semesters. Students must complete 2.75 graduate course credits, they must write and publicly defend a qualifying examination paper and then write and publicly defend a dissertation.

Research Fields

■ Sustainable Rural Communities
■ Sustainable Landscape Systems

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a master’s degree (or the equivalent) from a recognized university in the humanities, social-science, or applied-science disciplines.

Admission to the doctoral program requires a satisfactory baccalaureate and a B- average in a recognized master’s program.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to communicate with a potential faculty advisor before applying. Entry to the program is in the fall semester. All applicants are expected to submit a completed background questionnaire.

Application Deadline:
March 1, 2021

Recent Dissertations

■ Linking Precaution to Adaptive Co-Management to Adapt Rural Water Resources to Climate Change in Ghana
■ Career and Community Possible Selves: How do Small-town Youth Envision their Futures
■ Innovation Systems in Agriculture: Managing Stakeholder Interaction for Learning and Innovation in the 21st Century
■ Exploring The Sustainability of Place: A Case Study of Community-Based Nature Tourism
■ A Unique Rurality: Exploring the Role of the Horse Farm in the Post-Productivist Rural Landscape
■ Social Enterprises as Agents of Technological Change: Case Studies from Tanzania
■ Re-Imagining Food Systems in Mexico: A Case Study of the Mexican Network of Local Organic Markets
■ Lament for the Land: On the Impacts of Climate Change on Mental and Emotional Health and Well-Being in Rigolet, Nunatsiavut, Canada
■ Planning for Change in the Ontario Countryside: Using Visual Q-methodology to Explore Landscape Preference

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

■ Community Development
■ Sustainable Landscapes
■ Social Enterprises
■ Food Systems
■ Rural Policy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Academic positions
■ Public sector industry
■ Non-govermental organizations in Canada and internationally

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