

Masters in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: MFARE

The MFARE is a professional graduate program focused on economic, policy and business analysis for a complex world. Students develop skills in economic and quantitative analysis of policy and business problems, and then have the opportunity to apply these skills to real-world problems impacting the agri-food and/or natural resource sectors.

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PROGRAM

The MFARE program consists of core courses in economic and quantitative analysis and a series of applied courses that enable students to tailor their studies to their own interests. Students can apply their skills to a major research paper, or complete an internship with a private or public sector employer engaging in a consultancy project for a real-world client. Students can choose to specialize their studies in two applied areas: agri-food sector and policy analysis or management analysis.

PROGRAM DURATION

Typically completed in three to four semesters, with most students finishing within one year.

PROGRAM STRENGTHS

The MFARE program is offered by one of Canada's foremost university departments in food, agricultural and natural resource economics. Faculty members are recognized internationally for their expertise and experience, and frequently called to advise government, private sector and civil society, both in Canada and globally. A major strength of the program is the experiential opportunities it provides that prepare graduates for employment in Canada or internationally. These opportunities enable students to apply their skills in the real-world and also to establish links with potential employers.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a minimum 70% (B-) average over the past two years in a four-year honours degree in Food, Agriculture or Resource Economics, or another program with a significant economics content. Applicants should have successfully completed, at a minimum, courses in:

- Intermediate microeconomic theory (equivalent to ECON*2310 at the University of Guelph.)
- Mathematics, especially calculus and matrix algebra with applications to economics (equivalent to ECON*2770 at the University of Guelph.)
- Intermediate statistics (equivalent to ECON*3740 at the University of Guelph.)

Further, it is strongly recommended that applicants have completed a course in advanced microeconomic theory (equivalent to ECON*3710 at the University of Guelph.)

Application Deadlines:

International – January 31, 2026

Domestic – June 30, 2026

Entry: Fall 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Food safety balanced with trade and business competitiveness.
- Consumer concerns about food and agri-food business performance.
- Climate change and agri-food /natural resource sectors.
- Impact of government policies on the structure, conduct and performance of agri-food markets

Students develop the analytical skills to address these issues, and the ability to communicate such complicated issues to diverse audiences.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Policy analyst or consultant in government, private sector, civil society and/or within an international organization.
- Business analyst in the private sector.

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