Grad Updates Autumn 2022

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Feng Qu, Grad Studies Chair, Plant Pathology
Tom Mitchell, Department Chair
Larry Madden, Associate Chair until Aug. 31
Pierce Paul, Associate Chair
You can access this presentation and all materials:
plantpath.osu.edu/grad-corner
Making the Most of your Graduate Experience
Welcome Autumn 2022

MS/PhD students (Advisor)

• Richard Gonzalez Aquino (Lopez-Nicora)
• Kirti Tyagi (Xia)
• Gustavo Garay (Benitez)
• Biu Khemsom (Qu)
• Doyeon Park (Ivey and Paul)
• Annika Pratt (Roth)
• Nina Ward (Ivey and Roth)
• Jorge Valle (Paul)
Welcome Autumn 2022

Master in Plant Health Management

- Noelle Barnes (OSU Extension Trumbull County)
- Frank Becker (OSU Extension IPM, Wayne County)
- Jayden Black (Jayden Black Landscaping)
- Alyssa Mills (Cleveland MetroParks)
- Richard Purdin (OSU Extension Adams County)
- Matthew Schmerge (OSU Extension Shelby County)
- Anastasia Sipes (Scotts Co.)
- Anna Williamson (HCS Chadwick Arboretum)
Graduate Program

• 6 MS Plant Pathology
• 25 PhD Plant Pathology
• 2 Translational Plant Sci PhD students
• 1 Environmental Science Grad Program students
• ≈25 Master in Plant Health Management students

Photos: Courtesy of PPGSA/Eric Hobson
Plant Pathology Undergraduate Program

20+ Undergraduate majors
Plant Pathology Minor
Mycology Minor
Today . . .

“The Hidden Curriculum”

Resources for you

Candidacy and Graduation Info
Registrar.osu.edu > “Important Dates”

Pay attention to e-mails (often auto-sent)
Check your **Class Schedule** on buckeyelink.osu.edu and verify you are indeed registered for the courses you think you are 😊

Carmen is not “official” registration –
Look for “Important Dates” to find a pdf file of deadlines etc.

cr://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkajhttps://registrar.osu.edu/registration/Important_dates/AU22_important%20dates.pdf
You can add courses

- Online: Through the **First Friday**
- w/ Course Enrollment Permission: Through **Second Friday**

**Be careful!**

After the fee payment deadline - you may incur late fees but check with Monica because Grad School may be able to facilitate your enrollment.
If you need to drop a course . . .

• Do not allow your credits to fall below the minimum credit hour requirement once we’ve passed the fee payment deadline

• You can drop online without receiving a “W” through 4th Friday (Sept. 16, 2022) – but check with your advisor, and check how this will affect your credit total

• You can drop a course without petitioning, deadline is the 10th Friday: Oct. 28, 2022
  (W on transcripts, but that does not factor into your GPA)

Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA
Grad students - Check your Statement of Account

buckeyelink.osu.edu
Your balance due now should be $0.00. If I have not contacted you already about your statement, please send me an e-mail.

Columbus, OH      USA

BALANCE DUE AS OF TODAY:  $0.00

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Subtotals                               $17,224.60  $17,224.60

TERM BALANCE: ($0.00)
Understand your paycheck

In Workday
> Pay
Payslip
How to read your Payslip

https://busfin.osu.edu/my-paycheck
The Financial Responsibility Statement must be accepted every semester.

Spring 2023 registration will open for grad students starting the end of October (The date will show up on your To Do list in Buckeyelink)
If you are planning to graduate sometime in the next year
Completing Your Degree

Dissertations & Theses
- Document Preparation
- Format Review and Submission
- Access & Distribution

Examinations
- Doctoral Examinations
- Professional Doctoral Exams
- Master’s Examinations

Final Semester
- Final Semester Procedures and Timelines
- Commencement

Alumni Resources

gradsch.osu.edu/completing-your-degree

Dissertation and Theses templates
__ Format Review and Submission
(done by the Graduate School)

Final Examinations

Submit Thesis or Dissertation

Final Semester Checklists
Application to Graduate    Due 3rd Fri. 9/19/2022

On the Gradform, “End of Semester” means you will finish after the graduation deadline but before first day of Spring semester.

The End-of-Semester deadline for the exam and thesis/dissertation is January 6, 2023.
Applications are initiated by grad students

If you are planning to graduate in Autumn 2022

• Application to Graduate: Due 3rd Fri. Sept. 9, 2022

Advisor and GSC chair (Dr. Qu) approval
(but you need to list entire committee on the form)
Communicate with your advisor and GSC Chair before submitting the Gradform.

Advisors and the GSC chair (Feng Qu) will get an e-mail with a link to the form (for approval).

Then, MONITOR the progress of your Gradform.
gradsch.osu.edu/calendar/graduation
Application to Graduate   Due 3rd Fri. 9/9/2022

Do not check √ End-of-Semester option unless you are planning for that option.

If it turns out that you can’t complete degree requirements by the graduation deadline, just contact the Grad School. You can still use the End-of-Semester option.
Steps to Graduation

Work with your committee to determine your final defense seminar date + oral exam.

For PhD students (but not required for M.S. students)
You must submit the Application for Final Exam on Gradforms.osu.edu at least 2 weeks before your Oral Defense date
For PhD students
___ Application for Final Exam (gradforms.osu.edu)
Need committee approval 2 weeks before Oral Defense

MS and PhD students
___ Give your committee members at least 2 weeks to go over your thesis/dissertation before the final exam.

For PhD students, that means you’ll need to have dissertation done 4 weeks before your planned Oral Defense.
Forms need to be *approved* (by all who need to approve it) by the DEADLINE!
If you are planning on taking the candidacy exam
If you are planning to take the candidacy exam this year
The purpose of the candidacy examination is to test a student’s comprehension of the field, allied areas of study, capacity to undertake independent research, and ability to think and express ideas clearly.

Grad School Handbook, Section 7
https://gradsch.osu.edu/handbook/all#7-3
Your input and format to be discussed at a future department meeting

- Written and Oral portions required (Grad School)
- Candidacy Exam Committee: 4 Graduate Faculty members
- In Plant Pathology, your advisor is the candidacy exam committee chair
1. “Exam” format –

Questions submitted by each committee member

2. “Proposal” format

The proposal should not be in an area directly related to the student's own dissertation topic, but can be in the same general area (e.g., physiology, disease resistance, bacterial genetics, virology, or epidemiology). The SAC and advisor should decide what is appropriate for each student. Specifically, the proposal should involve a significantly different biological (host/pathogen) system, and the student should avoid using essentially the same strategies and techniques that are part of his/her dissertation research. Plant Pathology Handbook p. 22+
PhD Candidacy Exam

• Work with your committee to establish a time frame, format (exam or proposal) and dates for the written exam and the oral exam
  • Typically Written Exam, and then 2-4 weeks later, the Oral Exam

• Gradform
  You must submit an Application for Candidacy Exam at least 2 weeks in advance of the oral (gradforms.osu.edu)
After you pass your candidacy exam:

You can file for an **MS in Plant Pathology** on the basis of passing your candidacy exam –

To do this, you must fill out an Application to Graduate (gradforms.osu.edu)
Resources for you
ombuds.osu.edu/

Graduate School

... an independent, confidential space where faculty members and graduate and professional students can discuss issues and receive informal counsel and advice.

Zoom and telephone
Trouble Getting Started? Try 3-2-1 – Go!

Getting started is half the battle. [Read more]
A sampling (Zoom)

- Dealing with Procrastination
- Drinking from a Firehose: Strategies for Reading in Graduate School
- First Generation Success
- Gearing Up for Higher Education
- Great Minds Work Together: Planning Effective Study Groups
- How to Take A+ Notes
- Keys to Strategic, Confident Test-Taking
- Preparing Papers
STUDENT ADVOCACY CENTER

CONNECT WITH AN ADVOCATE

We look forward to working with you and are often able to answer questions or provide guidance over the phone.

Connect with our office ➔
Our Services

- Exam Accommodations
- Note-Taking Assistance
- Attendance Modifications
- Assistive Technology
- Accessible Media
- Sign Language Interpreting / Transcribing
- Consultation and Advocacy
- Housing/Dining Accommodations
- Disability Parking / Adaptive Transportation
- Other Services
Making the Most of your Graduate Experience
Also Part of Your Graduate Program

- Personal Enrichment
- Professional Growth
- Social Engagement

Plant Pathology Graduate Students Association
Department and CFAES
CFAES Graduate Students Advisory Council
Ohio Union Activities Board
CFAES Graduate Research
grad.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/home

CFAES Graduate Student Advisory Council
grad.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/current-students/graduate-student-advisory-committee-gsac/gsac-officers
Some sites for student resources:

Columbus (some virtual events)
https://ouab.osu.edu/

Wooster
https://woostercampuslife.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/student-activities
OSU Plant Sciences Symposium (Spring 2023)
Now seeking applications/interest for the 2023 planning committee
Graduate Students’ Teaching Experiences Improve Their Methodological Research Skills

David F. Feldon,1+ James Peugh,2 Briana E. Timmerman,3 Michelle A. Maher,4,5 Denise Strickland,4 Joanna A. Gilmore,6 Cindy Stiegelmeyer7
... share your science; go back to your roots and discover ways to engage others in the wonder and fascination that first lured you into living, thinking, and doing science
Sept. 20-22
London, Ohio
(30 mi. west of Columbus)