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Graduate Students Handbook



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York by the Numbers

\$100.3M in research grants and awards	39 Canada Research Chairs	347 international university partners	350,000 global alumni network
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Amazing things happen when diverse communities work together to create positive change. Together, we are making things right for our communities, our planet and our future.

Graduate school changes everything.

It catalyses the educational investment that you’ve made with demonstrable results. Perception becomes more acute. Judgment seeks out balance. Imagination bristles with creativity. Good ideas multiply into complex, analytical, original solutions. Whether in pursuit of a graduate diploma or degree, and across the master’s, doctorate, and postdoctorate levels of expertise, York graduate students specialize in discerning the real issues, isolating the crucial problems, deconstructing the component pieces, and creating not just novel, but also truly necessary solutions.

Thomas Loebel
Dean & Associate Vice-President Graduate,
Graduate Studies



Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

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A Community of Changemakers

York students, faculty and alumni are united in our commitment to inclusion, community engagement, and social and economic justice. Learn how York is creating positive change at: go.yorku.ca/why-york.



“I’m currently working in a Visual Perception Research lab, studying how the brain processes information. I use robotics kits to create apparatuses for my human participant research and develop immersive 3D environments to study behavioural responses. I envision a future where virtual reality (VR) technology is widely used in training, education and patient recovery.”

Khushbu Patel, BSc '16, MSc '18, Doctoral Candidate, Psychology

“I examined the power dynamics between international development programs and local people, and whether the incorporation of the rituals of traditional healers could promote community health and well-being. I presented my research in an invited seminar along with traditional healers at UFS.”

Yumiko Kiuchi, MA '19, Development Studies



Meet our Top 30 Changemakers Under 30

It takes a true leader to inspire positive change in the world. Meet York University’s first-ever Top 30 Changemakers Under 30: inspiring and diverse alumni leaders who are making a meaningful difference. go.yorku.ca/top30



Nicole Doray,
IBA '17, MES '19

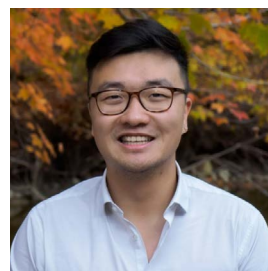
Manager, Social Impact, Innovation and Transition Leadership at Academy for Sustainable Innovation

Senior Researcher, ASI International



Mikhaela Gray-Beerman,
BA '14, MED '18

Anti-trafficking advocate, researcher and educator



David (Xiaoyu) Wang,
MSCM '20

Committee Member, Environmental and Accessibility Advisory Committees, East Gwillimbury

New Ways of Teaching and Learning

York’s leading teaching and research are informed by our commitment to social justice, sustainability and the public good. Through our research, we strive to better understand and serve the world around us.

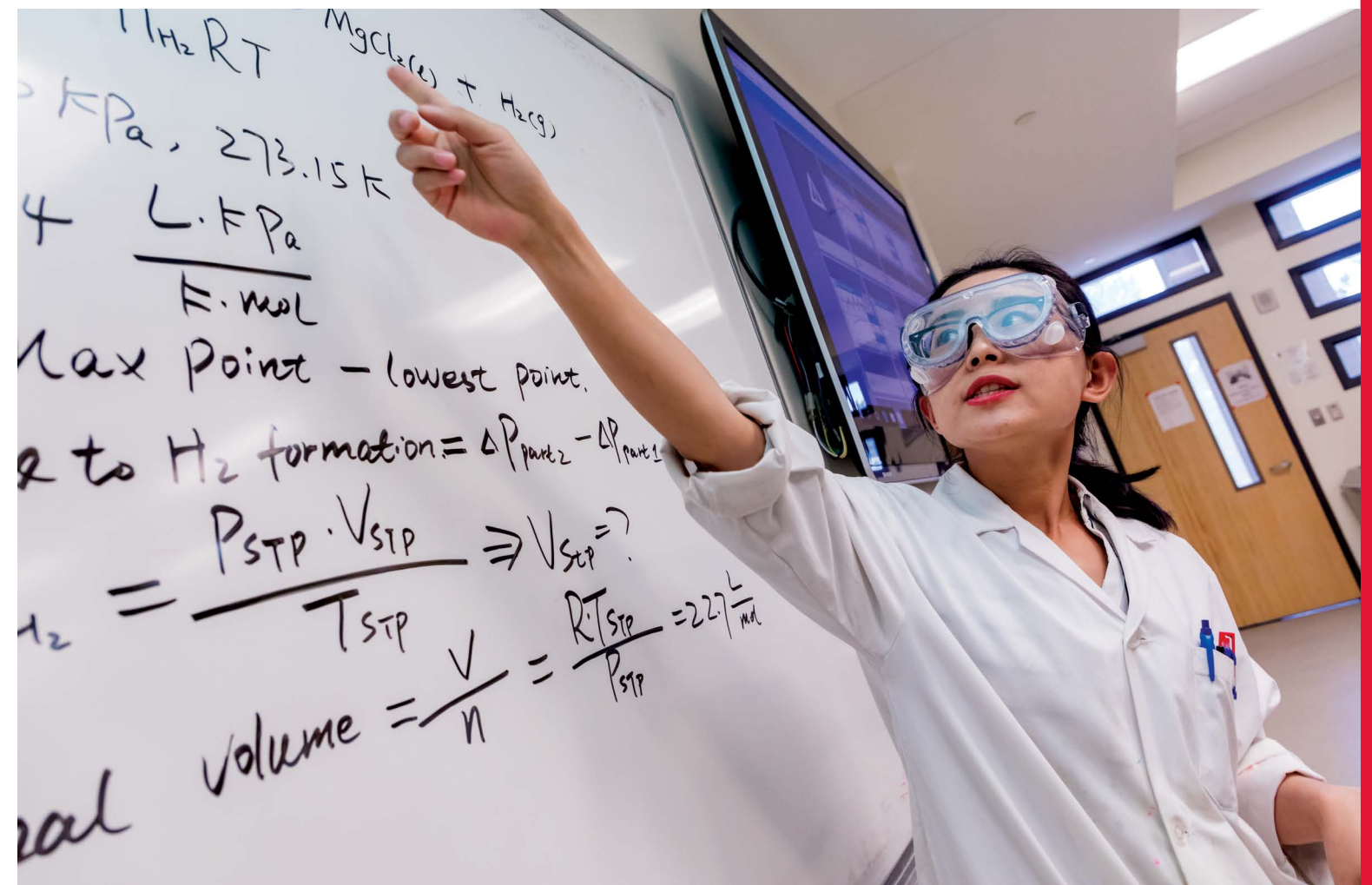
Ideas for a Better Future

- **Home to 27 organized research units** studying feminist research, bee ecology, refugee studies, earth and space science, digital literacy and more.
- **Knowledge Now** showcases our graduate scholars undertaking ground-breaking and socially engaged research. From stories highlighting our students to video-recorded interviews and live panel discussions on pressing social issues, Knowledge Now presents new ideas and technologies in development for a better future! go.yorku.ca/knowledge-now
- **Canadian Observatory on Homelessness**: the largest national research institute dedicated to homelessness in Canada.

Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies continues to be a tremendously exciting place to study and work. We are proud to support those who will have an integral part in Canada’s future. Graduate Studies is where the next generation of impactful careers and cutting-edge ideas are born.

- More than 6,000 graduate students
- Close to 100 graduate programs and diplomas
- The largest body of active researchers on campus



Experience-Led Learning

“I won the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, where I had 180 seconds to explain my dissertation research to a panel of non-specialists. 3MT offered me an unparalleled chance to speak to a broader audience, to network and to develop public speaking skills.”

Annalise LaPlume, Psychology PhD '20



Supporting Your Success

Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate is an eLearning platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow you to explore career options and ways to apply skills acquired through your education. go.yorku.ca/aurora

Graduate Professional & Postdoctoral Skills (GPPS) helps you discover and prepare for your career by linking you to workshops, seminars and courses led by university and industry experts. go.yorku.ca/grad-gpps

Individualized Development Plan (IDP) is designed to help you identify your professional skills and goals, as well as better understand the competencies needed to achieve them. go.yorku.ca/grad-idp

Teaching Commons supports the teaching work of graduate students at all levels by exploring and sharing teaching and learning innovation at York. go.yorku.ca/grad-teaching-commons

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition is an opportunity to present your research and its impact in less than three minutes to a panel of nonspecialists. Develop vital professional skills in communication, presentation and synthesis. go.yorku.ca/grad-3mt

York University Libraries are the intellectual hub for innovative and diverse scholarship. Access a variety of in-person and online research and learning resources, support for teaching and instruction, and diverse study spaces for quiet or collaborative work, including a Graduate Student Reading Room. go.yorku.ca/grad-libraries

YorkSpace is an open-access institutional repository for digital objects. Post, organize and preserve your research online, and make it permanently available to the global scholarly community without restrictions. go.yorku.ca/grad-yorkspace

How to Apply



Tips to optimize your application:
go.yorku.ca/grad-app-guide

Applications are reviewed by individual graduate programs; decisions are made as soon as possible.

1. Review Admission Requirements

Make sure you know the requirements and deadlines for your program of choice. go.yorku.ca/grad-programs

2. Apply Online

Your application package consists of two parts:

- your application form; and
- your supporting documents.

Please be ready to submit your supporting documents within 14 days of the application deadline. go.yorku.ca/grad-apply

3. Upload Required Documentation

Required documentation may include, but is not limited to:

- transcripts;
- a statement of interest;
- a resume or CV;
- a sample of written work;
- a supplementary information form.

4. Submit Language Test Scores

If your first language is not English (or French, for programs taught in French) you may need to provide an English language proficiency test score. go.yorku.ca/grad-language

>> What You Need

Applying to a Master’s program:

You must hold an Honours degree (four years of study) or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution.

Applying to a PhD program:

You must hold a Master’s degree or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution. Recommended grade point averages (GPAs) vary by program.

To view international equivalencies visit: go.yorku.ca/grad-equiv.

[Apply Now!](#)

Funding Your Degree

Competitive Funding

go.yorku.ca/grad-funding

York offers competitive funding to all qualified graduate students and is committed to promoting excellence in research and teaching.

Funding sources include:

- Fellowships
- Teaching Assistantships with Undergraduate Programs
- Scholarships and Awards

NOTE: All graduate applicants to non-professional programs are automatically considered for a graduate funding package during application review. Successful applicants receive funding package details in their letter of admission.

Fees and Expenses

Estimated Educational Costs	Domestic	International
Yearly compulsory fees & tuition: Based on full-time, non-professional graduate programs	MA \$5,135 PhD \$5,135	MA \$19,653 PhD \$18,828
Textbooks, equipment & supplies: May be higher in some disciplines	MA \$2,056–\$3,270 PhD \$2,733	MA \$2,056–\$3,270 PhD \$2,733
Health Plan	\$500	\$1,256
Total*	MA \$7,691–\$8,905 PhD \$8,368	MA \$22,965–\$24,179 PhD \$22,817

* The above figures are listed in Canadian dollars and subject to change. They serve only as a guide to help you plan for your graduate program.
go.yorku.ca/grad-fees-faq

Stay on Track >>

July

Prepare your [statement of interest](#) early.

August

Reach out to your [references](#).

September

Register for [Experience Grad York](#).

October

Submit your [application](#) early!

November

Look for updates on [creative York graduate research](#) and relevant [York graduate events](#).

January Onwards

Check [MyFile](#) for updates on your application status.

Pursue Your Passion. Find Your Program.

York's Faculty of Graduate Studies offers more than 60 full- and part-time professional and academic degree programs to deepen your expertise and lead you to a fulfilling career.

Application requirements and deadlines vary by program. Visit go.yorku.ca/grad-programs for more information. Degree programs marked with * are available in a part-time study format. Diploma programs marked with a † are available as stand-alone programs. All other diplomas must be taken concurrently with a graduate degree program.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD)		
Art History & Visual Culture	MA* [•]	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Cinema & Media Studies	MA* [•]	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Dance	MA* [•]	Course work only
	MFA* [•]	Thesis
Dance Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Design	MDes	Thesis
Design Research	MA [•]	Major Research Paper OR Major Research Project
	MA*	Major research paper
Digital Media	MSc*	Major research paper AND Course work
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Film: Production and Screenwriting	MFA* [•]	Thesis
Music	MA* [•]	Major research paper
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Theatre	MFA* [•]	Major research paper AND Comprehensive examination(s) AND Summer Research Project
Theatre & Performance Studies	MA	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only (includes colloquium and internship)
	PhD	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) AND Dissertation
Visual Arts	MFA* [•]	Thesis exhibition AND Support paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination exhibition AND Dissertation exhibition
[•] MA/MBA joint program also available for this subject. [•] MFA/MBA joint program also available for this subject. [•] Subject to Quality Council approval.		

[Diploma] Curatorial Studies in Visual Culture

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Faculty of Education (Our graduate programs do not lead to teaching certification.)		
Education: Language, Culture & Teaching	MEd*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Leadership & Community Engagement	MLCE*	Community-based placement AND Project
[Diploma] Early Childhood Education† Education in Urban Environments† Environmental/Sustainability Education† Language & Literacy Education† Mathematics Education† Postsecondary Education: Community, Culture & Policy†		
Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change		
Environmental Studies	MES [•]	Personal plan of study AND Research Paper OR Project OR Portfolio OR Thesis
	PhD	Personal program plan AND Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Geography	MA	Major research paper OR Thesis
	MSc	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
[•] JD/MES joint program also available for this subject.		
[Diploma] Business & the Environment Environmental/Sustainability Education†		
Glendon Campus		
Conference Interpreting	MCI	Entrance examination AND Transition examination
Études françaises	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Études francophones	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) AND Dissertation
Public & International Affairs	MPIA	Major research paper OR Course work only
Translation Studies	MA*	Thesis OR Major research paper OR Course work only

[Diploma] General Interpreting

Applicants are welcome to apply for other funding supports: bursaries, research opportunities, York internal awards (donor-funded), external scholarships, and provincial, Tri-Council and other federal scholarships.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Faculty of Health		
Critical Disability Studies	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Health	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Kinesiology & Health Science	MA	Thesis
	MFSc	Non-thesis peer-reviewed professional paper AND Practica
	MSc	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Nursing	MScN*	Thesis OR Course work only
	Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) MScN*	Research proposal
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Psychology	MA	Practica AND Thesis
	PhD	Practica AND Dissertation AND Qualifying examination(s)

[Diploma] Health Psychology | Neuroscience Quantitative Methods

Lassonde School of Engineering		
Civil Engineering	MASc*	Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Research Proposal AND Dissertation
Earth & Space Science	MSc*	Thesis AND Oral examination OR Course work AND research exercise
	PhD*	Dissertation AND Oral examination
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	MSc (Computer Science)	Thesis OR Project
	MASc (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Thesis
	PhD (Computer Science)	Qualifying examination(s) AND Industrial internship OR Teaching practicum AND Dissertation
Mechanical Engineering	MASc*	Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies		
Anthropology – Social	MA	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Communication & Culture	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Project
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) AND Dissertation

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (continued)		
Development Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis (Fieldwork is required for either option)
Disaster & Emergency Management	MDEM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Economics	MA	Course work only
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Major research paper AND Dissertation
English	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Financial Accountability	MFAC*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Gender, Feminist & Women’s Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
History	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Human Resources Management	MHRM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Humanities	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Information Systems & Technology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Interdisciplinary Studies	MA*	Thesis
Linguistics & Applied Linguistics	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD	Qualifying examination(s) AND Dissertation proposal AND Dissertation
Management Practice	MSc*	Major Research Paper OR Applied Research Project
Philosophy	MA*	Comprehensive examination(s) OR Thesis
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) AND Dissertation
	MA/JD	Major research paper
Political Science	MA*	Major research paper OR Designated research essay OR Thesis
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) AND Dissertation
Public Policy, Administration & Law	MPPAL*	Major research paper OR Topics
Science & Technology Studies	MA*	Major research paper
	PhD	Competencies examination (oral and written) AND Dissertation proposal AND Dissertation

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (continued)		
Social & Political Thought	MA*	Major research paper AND Oral examination
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) AND Dissertation
Social Work	MSW (Advanced Standing)*	Practice-based research paper AND Practica
	MSW (two-year)	Practice-based research paper AND Two practica
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Socio-Legal Studies	MA	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Sociology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation

[Diploma] Advanced Hebrew & Jewish Studies | Asian Studies | Comparative Literature | Creative Writing | Democratic Administration | German & European Studies | International & Security Studies | Jewish Studies[†] | Justice System Administration | Latin American & Caribbean Studies | Management | Professional Accounting[†] | Refugee & Migration Studies | Value Theory & Applied Ethics | World Literature

Osgoode Hall Law School		
Law	LLM-MRP	Thesis AND Major research paper
	PhD	Dissertation proposal

Osgoode Professional Development		
Administrative Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Canadian Common Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Constitutional Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Criminal Law and Procedure	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Dispute Resolution	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Energy and Infrastructure Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Financial Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
General Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Health Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Intellectual Property Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
International Business Law	Professional LLM	Major research paper
Labour Relations and Employment Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Osgoode Professional Development (continued)		
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Securities Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Tax Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper

[Diploma] Foundations of Canadian Law[†] | Law for Law Enforcement Professionals[†]

Schulich School of Business		
Accounting	MAcc	Course work only
Business Administration	MBA*	Course work only
	EMBA	Course work only
	IMBA	Course work only
	MBA/JD	Course work only
	MBA/MFA	Course work only
	MBA/MA	Course work only
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Business Analytics	MBAN	Course work only
Finance	MF	Course work only
Management	MMgt	Course work only
Management in Artificial Intelligence	MMAI	Course work only
Marketing	MMKG	Course work only
Real Estate & Infrastructure	MREI	Course work only
Supply Chain Management	MSCM*	Course work only

[Diploma] Accounting (Advanced, Intermediate[†]) | Post-MBA in Advanced Management[†] | Arts, Media and Entertainment Management | Culture, Communication and Leadership in Canadian Business | Financial Engineering[†] | Health Industry Management | Nonprofit Management

Faculty of Science		
Biology	MSc	Research Progress Evaluations AND Thesis AND Oral examination
	PhD*	Research Progress Evaluations AND Preliminary examination AND Dissertation AND Oral examination
Chemistry	MSc*	Thesis (full time) OR Course work only (part time)
	PhD	Dissertation AND Dissertation oral examination
Mathematics & Statistics	MA*	Thesis OR Survey paper OR Course work only
	MSc (Applied & Industrial)*	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) AND Dissertation
Physics & Astronomy	MSc*	Project OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Dissertation AND Oral exam

[Diploma] Financial Engineering | Mathematics Education[†]

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