

# SOCIOLOGY (HBA)

## Department of Sociology

**Sociology** is the systematic study of the social world. Sociologists focus on: health and disability; global inequality; social class; sexuality and gender; race and ethnicity; culture; education; crime and deviance; immigration; and power and politics.

Our teaching and research expertise covers diverse topics central to understanding and explaining the state of society and social change. Students develop critical thinking, writing, and numeracy skills and learn how to analyze, understand and address real life issues all in preparation for further education and employment.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience can occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1013 Sociology (Arts)

### Check out...

Explore the intersections of gender, sex and sexuality in relation to masculinity in SOC347H5. Investigate the social construction of racial and ethnic categories in the Canadian context in SOC332H5. Discover the sociology of consumption, consumerism and shopping in SOC317H5. The choice is yours!

### What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre (CC) to explore your career options.

**Careers for graduates:** Analyst; Behaviour therapist; Communications specialist; Diversity coordinator; Marketing coordinator; Political aide; Post-secondary education administrator; Policy advisor; Researcher; Settlement worker; Social program officer; Teacher; Youth outreach worker.

**Workplaces:** Community organizations; Government; Non-profit organizations; Research and policy institutions; Social service agencies.



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## MAJOR Program Plan

## HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may take select 200-level courses. Refer to the <b>Department Academic Advising Notice</b> periodically.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits (8.0 credits for the Sociology Specialist program). Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Use the RGASC for <b>writing help</b> and join one of their <b>Peer Facilitated Study Groups</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC222H5 and SOC231H5 to ensure you have the prerequisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Interested in an intensive program of study? Submit a Sociology Specialist Subject POST request after completion of 8.0 credits.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li><li>• contact the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Sociology Academic Counsellor</b> if you have any questions.</li></ul>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Experience Fair</b> through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support. Learn how to measure concepts such as social characteristics, social attitudes and social actions in SOC222H5.</p> <p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the <b>Work-Study program</b>.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)</b> and attend their <b>Meet Your Prof</b> event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b> and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.</p>	<p>Connect with your professors! Ask them a question during office hours. Enquire about their research and career path. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Read the EEU's <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p><b>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, <b>Language Conversation Circles</b>, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.</p>	<p>Take an in-depth look at why genocides occur in SOC206H5 and discover the interdisciplinary field of Indigenous Studies in SOC228H5.</p> <p>Check out <b>Peel Urbanscapes</b> featured by the <b>Peel Social Lab</b>.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Further Education Showcase</b>. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and may write your reference letter for further education.</p>

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, indigenous studies, race and more. To fulfill the remaining program requirements, please reference your record in <b>Degree Explorer</b> and remember that you are following program requirements as outlined in the <b>Academic Calendar</b> the year you joined the program.</p>	<p>Personalize your degree! Explore the politics of indigeneity in settler colonial contexts in Canada, the USA, New Zealand and Australia in SOC455H5. Discover how disability serves as a basis for exclusion from social, legal, economic and political institutions in SOC429H5. Investigate the sociological approaches to understanding human action in SOC402H5.</p> <p>Log on to <b>ACORN</b> and request graduation.</p>
<p>Participate in the RGASC's <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.)</b> to develop your research skills. Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses SOC399H5/SOC399Y5 to engage directly in faculty research. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Enrol in more than one senior seminar to develop your presentation skills. Pursue your own research project supervised by a Sociology faculty member in SOC439Y5. Engage in faculty research through ROP courses SOC499H5/SOC499Y5.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal <b>"The Society"</b> or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend <b>SCS events</b> such as Coffee &amp; Conversations.</p> <p>Participate in the <b>Community Leadership Development Program</b> as a community leader and gain skills on various competencies while giving back to the community.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)</b>, an organization with an active student subcommittee.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</p>
<p>Explore Global Sociology through diasporic networks, transnational corporations and social movements in SOC354H5. Engage in sociological analysis of food in global, regional and intimate contexts in SOC349H5.</p> <p>Learn about a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b>. Travel with a UTM faculty member and peers to locations like Germany and Cambodia to expand your learning outside fieldwork and connections with local community members.</p>	<p>The world is your oyster! Delve into the causes and consequences of empire, imperialism, and colonization to help better understand contemporary inequalities across the globe in SOC454H5. Examine gender in global contexts in SOC425H5. Apply for SOC485H5 to travel abroad and explore historical legacies and contemporary challenges related to genocide. Explore the sociology of large-scale disasters throughout the globe in SOC463H5.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a CC <b>Employment Strategies appointment</b>.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Check application deadlines and give professors at least 3 weeks to write a letter of reference. To prepare a strong application for further education, attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p>

\*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.



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## Skills developed in Sociology

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

**Communication:** develop and write research papers; articulate concepts and ideas; present data using graphs, tables and diagrams; summarize findings; public speaking; and actively listen and engage in discussions

**Research & technical:** plan and conduct research using appropriate methodologies; collect data ethically; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; and use statistical software packages

**Critical thinking & problem-solving:** analyze social phenomena and structures; evaluate major sociological concepts, theories and debates; reflect on historical and contemporary social issues; and synthesize information; identify problems and develop solutions, including policy, recommendations and change orientation

**Organizational:** identify goals; manage time; multitask; and work independently and collaboratively with others

## Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs).

## Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMAC)

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## FUTURE STUDENTS

### Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at [utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook](http://utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook).

**NOTE:** During the application process, applicants will select Social Sciences admissions category but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

### Sneak Peek

Discover our Indigenous Studies offerings: SOC228H5 Introduction to Indigenous Studies; SOC302H5 Indigenous-Canada Relations; SOC348H5 Indigenous Rights, Resistance, and Resurgence; SOC358H5 Indigenous People: Legal Orders and Law; SOC388H5 Race and Indigeneity; SOC415H5 Senior Seminar in Indigenous Studies; and SOC455H5 Comparative Indigenous Politics.

Our department spearheads the Peel Social Lab (PSL): a lab dedicated to gathering, storing, analyzing and sharing data on the UTM and broader Peel region, which fosters experiential learning opportunities for students. By incorporating data-gathering efforts into undergraduate sociology classes, the PSL gives students hands-on experience in research design and analysis conducted on Peel region society. Such work provides students with valuable research skills, while also helping students establish contacts within the wider Peel region.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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