Diaspora & Transnational Studies (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

Where is home? Need it be in one place? Is it always attached to territory? Diaspora and Transnational Studies examines the historical and contemporary movements of peoples and the complex problems of identity and experience to which these movements give rise as well as the creative possibilities that flow from movement. The program is comparative and interdisciplinary, drawing from the social sciences, history, religion and the arts.

Students are required to take two linked half-courses that offer an introduction to a broad array of themes and disciplinary methodologies. The program offers a wide selection of additional courses, giving students the opportunity to learn about a range of diasporic communities as well as key debates in the field.

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. 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 should 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.

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMA1407 Diaspora and Transnational Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1407 Diaspora and Transnational Studies (Arts)

Check out...

How have diasporic women rebuilt lives and shaped Canadian communities? Find out in WGS335H5. What is the impact of public policy on immigration and crime? Learn about the intersection between immigration and crime control in SOC330H5.

What can I do with my degree?

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

Careers for Graduates: Multicultural education specialist; Immigration officer; Child and youth worker; Lobbyist; Mediator; Public policy analyst; Settlement worker; Campaign & advocacy manager; Foreign service officer; Political aide; Community program coordinator; Journalist; Importer/exporter; Press secretary; Refugee services coordinator.

Workplaces: Non-profit; Public relations; Public policy research; Social advocacy groups; Government; Legal agencies; Newspapers/magazines; Community/cultural development organizations.
# Diaspora & Transnational Studies Major Program Plan

**1st Year**
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**Build Skills**
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

**Build a Network**
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.
- Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.

**Build a Global Mindset**
- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.
- Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.
- Prefer travelling in Canada? Check out the IEC’s UTM Across Canada program.

**Plan for your Future**
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.
- Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.
- Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professionals School Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

**2nd Year**
- Enrol in courses DST201H5 and 202H5. Over the course of your degree, you need to attain 5.0 credits from a list of electives of which 2.0 must be at the 300/400 level. View the Academic Calendar for the list of electives.
- Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
- Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don’t be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Office (EOO).

**3rd Year**
- Remember to attain at least 2.0 300/400 level credits from the list of electives in the Academic Calendar.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree: use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. See the Office of the Registrar and the Historical Studies Academic Counsellor.
- Explore your interests. Interested in Traditional Aboriginal cultures? Take part in the Waawaahte Northern Lights Initiative through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the IEC Outreach Assistant.

**4th or Final Year**
- Enrol in 1.0 400-level credits of which 0.5 must be from the following list of St. George courses: DT5401H, 402H1, 403H1, 404H1, 405H1 and 406H1. See the Academic Calendar and select the remaining 0.5 400 level credits from the list of electives.
- Skills are transferable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider the CSE Community Engagement Activity Assistant position which requires intercultural awareness.
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- Get published in Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UofT or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for the Future of History undergraduate journal at UofT.

**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. Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

**Visit**
Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.

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

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DIASPORA & TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES

Skills developed in Diaspora & Transnational Studies

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.

Interpersonal & communication: develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas; communicate across cultures and languages; and mediate and negotiate conflict.

Adaptability: understand global social problems; understand issues in migration and diaspora; and recognize and adapt to cultural similarities and differences.

Research & analytical: synthesize large amounts of information; logically interpret raw data and research findings; and analyze policy and proposals.

Problem-solving: make decisions about social and political issues, as well as conceptualize and implement long term projects.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
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- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

Get involved

Check out student organizations and history-related activities. Here are a few:

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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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.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities 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

What does diaspora mean? Get introduced to the field in DTS201H5. You’ll learn about diaspora in relation to questions of history, globalization, cultural production and the creative imagination. Material is drawn from Toronto as well as from diasporic communities in other times and places.

With the critical analytical skills, cultural sensitivity and broader outlook of life acquired in the program, graduates thrive in government ministries and offices (eg public policy, foreign ministry, citizenship and immigration, social services, labour), human rights, media industry, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), teaching and other fields.

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