Exceptionality in Human Learning (EHL) is an interdisciplinary program offered as a major or a specialist with a focus in human development, abnormal behaviour, and disability issues. This program provides a broad scholarly foundation for addressing issues concerning children and adults who have disabilities and/or are gifted. Interested students might include:

- those who at a later stage may wish to pursue more advanced work in psychology, special education, rehabilitation, social work, group home management, adult retraining, or study in areas related to hearing or visual impairment, learning disabilities, developmental delay, physical disability
- those wanting to know more about the psychology, sociology and biology of exceptional individuals, particularly as these become issues of public policy.

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)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1883 Exceptionality in Human Learning (Science)
- Major Program ERMAJ1883 Exceptionality in Human Learning (Science)

Check out...

What was your first word? Ever wondered why? Find out in PSY315H5. Topics include the acquisition of speech sounds and conversational abilities. How do we develop socially? Take PSY311H5 to learn factors that influence social development during infancy and childhood.

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: Behaviour therapist; Psychologist; Rehabilitation counsellor; Speech-language pathologist; Child and youth worker; Community worker; Crisis worker; Animal assisted therapist; Audiometric technician; Biological technician; Special education teacher; Social worker.

Workplaces: Educational institutions; Medical/health organizations; Not-for-profit agencies; Government; Correction and rehabilitation facilities; Behavioural health clinics; Community services.
**EXCEPTIONALITY IN HUMAN LEARNING**

**MAJOR Program Plan**

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### 1ST YEAR

**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**
- Enroll in PSY100YS. Choose first year Biology, Anthropology or Sociology courses appropriate to your program. View the Academic Calendar for course selection.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete between 4.0 and 8 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 KASA/Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**SKILLS**
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- 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.

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
- 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.

### 2ND YEAR

**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**
- Attain a minimum of 1.5 credits at the 200 level from a list of options in the Academic Calendar. Considering a specialist in psychology? Speak to the Psychology Academic Counsellor about entry requirements.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Psychology Association of Undergraduate Students of Erindale (P.A.U.S.E). Make sure to go to P.A.U.S.E.'s Professors Meet & Greet.
- Visit the Psychology Undergraduate Meeting Place (P.U.M.P. Room) in Duthie Hall, room 2038. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
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### 3RD YEAR

**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**
- For third year and higher, attain 3.5 credits from an extensive list of courses outlined 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 Psychology Academic Counsellor.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- 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 (IEO).

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
- Attend the Psychology department’s Colloquium Series or the Human Communication Laboratory Research Talk Series to mingle and learn about new psychological discoveries.

**PLAN YOUR FUTURE**
- What’s your next step after undergrad?

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**
- Dig deeper into studying psychology and enroll in an independent study course such as PSY403H5, 404H5, 405H5 and 406H5. Speak to the Psychology Academic Counsellor for details.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- Attend the Psychology department’s Colloquium Series or the Human Communication Laboratory Research Talk Series to mingle and learn about new psychological discoveries.

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
- Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience to India through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and decipher how gender, socioeconomic status, ability and caste impact access to education.

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Skills developed in Exceptionality in Human Learning

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:** formulate and defend positions; good listening, clarifying, questioning, and responding skills; and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity.

**Research:** use criteria to evaluate and make decisions, as well as carry out tasks with thoroughness and precision.

**Critical thinking & problem-solving:** understand complex problems and identify potential solutions, as well as approach problems from a variety of perspectives.

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

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Services (AS)
- 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)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- 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 on campus. Here are a few:

- Psychology Association of Undergraduate Students of Erindale (P.A.U.S.E.)
- 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).

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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 Grade 12 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions and Biology. 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 Psychology admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Major, and/or Minor) until after first year or after second year (Specialist).

Sneak Peek

How different is a 3 year-old from a 5 year-old? Take PSY210H5 and get introduced to developmental psychology. Topics include historical and philosophical perspectives as well as empirical research on age-related changes in perceptual, cognitive, and social processes. What is abnormal adult behaviour? Take PSY240H5 and learn about the causes and treatment of disorders, diagnosis and assessment, biological and psychological interventions, prevention, as well as legal and ethical issues.

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