

GEOLOGY (HBSc)

Department of Chemical & Physical Sciences

Geology is the discipline that studies our planet and all of its natural environments with an emphasis on the field and laboratory study of the Earth. This program is recommended for students wishing to pursue careers in the resource industries or graduate studies in Geology. The extraction of Canada's mineral and petroleum wealth contributes billions to the Canadian economy, directly employing nearly a million workers. Our department has longstanding relationships with these industries. The key to managing Canada's resources is the ability to efficiently find resources, and to extract them in environmentally and socially responsible ways.

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)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0509 Geology (Science)

Check out...

Why not interpret ancient geological environments? Enrol in ERS325H5, a Field Camp held on the north shore of Lake Huron. Dive into the evolutionary history of the world's oceans in ERS312H5. Discover how oceans have come to cover approximately 70 percent of the Earth's surface through the study of the geological and geophysical processes that form and shape ocean basins and continental margins.

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: Mine geologist; Geological technician; Minerals processing technician; Exploration geologist; Climatologist; Survey technician; Geologist; Hydrologist; Environmental technician; Surveyor; Paleontologist; Cartographer.

Workplaces: Mineral and hydrocarbon sector; Environmental sector; Government; Financial institutions; Academic institutions; National/provincial parks.



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SPECIALIST 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.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#). Update your plan yearly.



	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in courses (CHM110H5,120H5); ENV100Y5/ (ERS103H5, 120H5); MAT134Y5/ 135Y5/ 137Y5 and (PHY136H5, 137H5)/ (146H5, 147H5).</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in courses ERS201H5, 202H5, 203H5. Attain 0.5 credits from GGR217H5/ 214H5/ BIO356H5/ ESS261H1(G); 1.0 credit from CHM211H5/ 231H5/ ESS211H1(G)/ JCP221H5; and 1.0 credit from MAT212H5/ 223H5; STA220H5/ 221H5.</p> <p>Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses ERS299Y, ERS399Y and ERS499Y. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the J. Tuzo Wilson Club and follow the Facebook group UTM Earth Science. Go to the Erindale Chemical & Physical Sciences Society's Meet the Profs Night.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>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 (EEO).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>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.</p>	<p>Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience to Guatemala through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and hike up one of Central America's highest volcanic peaks.</p> <p>Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC's UTM Across Canada program.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>

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

3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Enrol in courses ERS313H5, 325H5. Attain 1.5 credits from ERS312H5/ 315H5/ 321H5/ 381H5/ ESS322H1/ 311H1.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the CPS Academic Counsellor. 	<p>Enrol in ESS420H1(G). Attain 3.0 credits from 400 level courses in ERS or ESS(G) or (JCB487Y5/ERI398H5).</p> <p>What is Experiential Education? It means learn by doing! Enrol in a course with hands on experience such as ERS419H5 which includes weekly field trips. Speak to the CPS Academic Counsellor to learn more.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Explore your interests. Interested in engaging with Traditional Aboriginal cultures? Take part in the Waawaahte Northern Lights Initiative through the Centre for Student Engagement.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your collaboration skills? Consider a role as a Green Ambassador with the Environmental Affairs Office.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Attend a lecture presented by the E.A. Robinson Science Education Lectureship through the CPS department.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Geological Association of Canada or the Toronto Geological Discussion Group.</p> <p>Go to the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention.</p>
<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities. The CPS department has identified 9 partners which are most relevant to our students. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</p>	<p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoInGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT), and research funding options (OGS, NSERC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p>

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Skills developed in Geology

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: read, critically evaluate and produce professional papers and geologic maps.

Investigative: knowledge of the origin, composition, and evolution of the Earth, and how the Earth system responds to internal and external forces, as well as understand spatial data and temporal geologic change.

Technical: identify, describe and classify earth materials and structures, as well as analyze quantitative geologic data.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: recognize bias and incompleteness in the geologic record; apply physics, chemistry, biology, statistics and mathematics to solve geologic problems; and apply geoscience knowledge to address problems affecting society.

Get involved

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

- J. Tuzo Wilson Club
- Erindale Chemical and Physical Sciences Society (ECPS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

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

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)

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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, Chemistry and Physics. 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 Chemical & Physical 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

How many different types of rocks can be found in and on the Earth? Find out in ERS203H5! You'll get to examine rocks in the field. Curious about the materials that form the Earth? Get excited about ERS201H5. The course includes an optional field trip to the Algonquin-Bancroft area of eastern Ontario.

Our students use satellite imagery equipment and state-of-the-art computers and software in the GIS laboratory. We also have an active weather station on campus monitoring local weather conditions. Students can run their own projects related to weather monitoring using the latest data logging instruments. We think that the wonderful opportunities and support in our department will make your degree in Geology a meaningful and valuable learning experience.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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