

# HISTORY (HBA)

## *Department of Historical Studies*

**History** is the study of the past and how it informs the present. Historical research fulfils the human need for information, and results in greater understanding of our contemporary world. The program is designed to give its students a wide-ranging perspective on Canada and the world through reflection on the past, both recent and distant. The department provides a diverse and global curriculum, with faculty offering a range of specialized expertise on Canada, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, the United States, and Medieval societies. The curriculum offers courses on important themes such as imperialism, colonialism and nationalism; war and politics; culture and society; religion; the environment; social issues involving class, gender, and ethnicity; capitalism and the economy; and migration and immigration.

## 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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0652 History (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0652 History (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0652 History (Arts)

### Check out...

Why not take a closer look at Canadian communities? Examine the intertwined social, cultural, economic, and political histories of Indigenous peoples and immigrants in Canada in HIS315H5.

### 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:** Historian; Archivist; Librarian; Foreign service officer; Lawyer; Museum curator; Teacher; Politician; Journalist; Documentarian; Social policy researcher.

**Workplaces:** Education; Government; Non-profit agencies; Museums; Legal 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 HIS101H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer Planner</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with <b>utmONE</b> and <b>LAUNCH</b> through the Office of Student Transition. Join a <b>RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Over the course of your degree, earn at least 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of 4 geographical areas of study. Earn 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of the 5 topical areas of study. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b> for details.</p> <p>Consider applying for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses HIS299Y, HIS399Y and HIS499Y. Visit the EEO website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>P.A.R.T.</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>
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 Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLN)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. 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 <b>Historical Studies Society (HSS)</b>. Go to the <b>HSS Meet &amp; Greet</b> to meet professors and fellow students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Office (EEO).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Attend events held by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b> to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p>	<p>Embark on a <b>UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience</b> to Peru through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and visit Machu Picchu and the Incan Citadel while learning about gender rights.</p> <p>Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC's <b>UTM Across Canada</b> program.</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.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Extern Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate and Professional Schools Fair</b>. 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 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Earn 3.0 credits at the 300 level.</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>see the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Historical Studies Academic Counsellor</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Earn 0.5 HIS credits at the 400 level.</p> <p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course HIS498Y5. Speak to the <b>Historical Studies Academic Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Interested in Traditional Aboriginal cultures? Take part in the <b>Waawaakte Northern Lights Initiative</b> through the Centre for Student Engagement. Want to increase awareness about gender and equality? Consider working with the UTM <b>Women's Centre</b>.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the IEC <b>Community Assistant</b>.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in <b>Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM</b> or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for <b>Future of History</b> undergraduate journal at UofT.</p>	<p>Join a professional or community organization. Check out the <b>Canadian Historical Association</b> or the <b>Streetsville Historical Society</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Canadian Historical Society Annual Meeting</b> or a <b>student-led conference</b> at the University of Toronto.</p>
<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including Akita International University (Japan) or Lund University (Sweden). Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b> and funding.</p>	<p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through <b>GoInGlobal</b>. Attend the <b>Go Global Expo</b>. See if you are eligible for <b>International Experience Canada</b>.</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>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p>

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## Skills developed in History

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:** clear and persuasive speaking and writing; the formulation and defence of an informed opinion; and adaptation to new cultural settings.

**Research:** finding and selecting good sources of information; develop attention to detail; evaluate ideas and opinions; analyze complex systems; understand how history has shaped people and their environments.

**Problem-solving:** critical thinking; evidence-based decision-making; logical reasoning; and a flexibility to take multiple perspectives.

**Organizational:** the ability to complete complex tasks; independent learning; team work; and leadership.

## Get involved

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

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- The Prandium seminar series
- 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

- 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 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 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

Gain a better understanding of the historical roots of contemporary Middle Eastern politics in HIS201H5 Introduction to Middle Eastern History. Learn the classic texts and recent scholarship on economic life in HIS212H5 The History of Capitalism. Challenge what you thought you knew about the European Middle Ages in HIS221H5 Themes in Medieval History.

In History, we offer our senior students an opportunity to apply their research skills in work settings outside the university such as at museums, historical societies and public archives (HIS498Y5). This internship opportunity is a chance for students to develop skills, contribute to the historical record and make contact with the local historical community.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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