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.

HISTORY OF RELIGIONS (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

History of Religions explores the importance of religion in our world. It situates religion in the historical, cultural, and socio-political contexts that together constitute the story of humanity, and acknowledges how religion shapes and is shaped by this story. The program’s approach involves (but is not limited to) the study of particular religious traditions, the comparative study of religion, and the study of the religious dimension of human experience and of common historical phenomena. Its subject includes ancient and indigenous religions as well as the present-day world religions.

Programs of Study (POST)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0151 History of Religions (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0151 History of Religions (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0151 History of Religions (Arts)

Check out...

How does the study of religion enhance your understanding of horror and sci-fi films? Find out in RLG332H5, Reel Religion - a course that examines the narrative and visual aspects of films that are not explicitly religious.

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: Interfaith minister; Mediator; Religious worker; Settlement worker; Journalist; Archivist; Community outreach worker; Communications specialist; Equity officer; Immigration officer; Legal assistant; Museum technician; Political aide; Social policy researcher; Student life/residence coordinator.

Workplaces: Museums; Shelters; Community centres; Preservation boards; Historical societies; Newspapers/magazines; Government; Legal agencies; Non-profit agencies; Inter-religious dialogue organizations; Mediation firms.
## History of Religions
### Major Program Plan

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<td>Enrol in RLG101H5. Choose a program of study (Subject POSI) 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 RASAC Peer Facilitated Study Group. 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. Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet &amp; Greet to meet professors and fellow students. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk. 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.</td>
<td>Attain 1.5 200-level credits. Majors in the History of Religions must select a Primary concentration and a Secondary concentration. View the Academic Calendar for details. Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses RLC299Y, RLG399Y and RLG499Y. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills. Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities. Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN. 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).</td>
<td>Enrol in RLG312H5. Attain 3.0 300-level credits (1.5 in Primary Concentration; 1.0 in Secondary Concentration; 0.5 Comparative). 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. Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn). Get published in Prandum: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for Future of History undergraduate journal at UofT. Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including Tel Aviv University International or the University of Otago (New Zealand). Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</td>
<td>Enrol in RLG312H5. Attain 3.0 300-level credits (1.5 in Primary Concentration; 1.0 in Secondary Concentration; 0.5 Comparative). 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. Repeat 1.0 300-level credit and 0.5 additional RLG credit at any level. Why not undertake an ethnographic field project by enrolling in RLG452H5 Anthropology of Islam? Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion or the American Academy of Religion. Go to a conference such as the Graduate Conference on South Asian Religions (GCASAR) at UTM. 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.</td>
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### Plan Your Academics*

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

### Build Skills

### Build a Network

### Build a Global Mindset

### Plan for Your Future

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

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Skills developed in History of Religions

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: understanding of history and development as it applies to nations/groups of people; understanding of cultural diversity; formulate and defend positions; mediate in disputes and conflicts; listen objectively; and adapt in cross-cultural setting.

Problem-solving: decision-making; reason logically; and think critically.

Organizational: application of theoretical knowledge in practical settings (e.g., via internships).

Research: attention to detail; examine evidence; evaluate ideas and research; gather information and data; and interpret research and data.

Services that support you
- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Centre for South Asian Civilizations (CSAC)
- 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 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.

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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
How does religion shape popular culture? How does popular culture shape religion? Trace the history of these questions from the early modern period through the twenty-first century in RLG211H5. Learn about the vast array of global Indigenous religions, with a focus on North American traditions in RLG209H5.

History of Religions is excellent preparation for living and working in a cosmopolitan and multiconfessional world.

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