

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.

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 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.



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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 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in RLG101H5.</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>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.</p> <p>Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses RLG299Y, RLG399Y and RLG499Y. 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 Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.</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 Thailand through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and visit the sacred spaces of this unique location.</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 RLG312H5. Attain 3.0 300-level credits (1.5 in Primary Concentration; 1.0 in Secondary Concentration; 0.5 Comparative).</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 Historical Studies Academic Counsellor. <p>Community Engaged Service Learning combines academics with meaningful service in the community. Enrol in ANT369H5 (Religious Violence and Nonviolence) or ANT368H5 (World Religions and Ecology) — courses that offer a 10-hour volunteer immersion experience with a local organization. The prerequisite is RLG101H5.</p>	<p>Attain 1.0 400-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?</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM or volunteer as an editor or reviewer for Future of History undergraduate journal at UofT.</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 CSE Multi-Faith Activity Assistant.</p> <p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion or the American Academy of Religion.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the Graduate Conference on South Asian Religions (GCSAR) at UTM.</p>
<p>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.</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, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC's 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 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: gain 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: apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings (e.g., via internships).

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

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. 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.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Services (AS)
- 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)

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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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