The International Affairs program provides background and training in the combination of analytical and linguistic skills demanded of individuals who wish to work in an increasingly globalized economy. We offer a combination of courses that allow the student to acquire full interactive capability in a chosen language, while simultaneously studying institutional and theoretical issues pertaining to political, commercial and economic relationships between nations.

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 ERSPE1384 International Affairs (Arts)

Check out...
Curious about international trade? Take ECO364H5 and analyze the nature, effects and policy implications of international trade theory, the theories of comparative costs and reciprocal demands, factor reward equalization, international tariffs and customs unions. Ever considered an internship? Why not apply for ECO400Y5? You will have the opportunity to apply the economics expertise and knowledge you have gained in class through a part-time unpaid work commitment.

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: Customs broker; Environmental economist; Interpreter; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer; Lawyer; Economic development officer; Public policy analyst; Political aide; Border services officer; Foreign exchange trader; Mediator; International financial analyst.

Workplaces: Industrial corporations; Airlines/airports; International development; Government; Environmental organizations; Banks/financial institutions; Translation and interpretation.
# International Affairs Specialist Program Plan

**1st Year**

- Enrol in courses ECO100YS and MAT133Y5/134Y5/135Y5 and at least 1.0 in introductory language. During your degree, attain 4.0 language credits in the same discipline. View the Academic Calendar.
- 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.
- Start strong and get informed with uTM ONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**Build Skills**

- 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.

**Build a Network**

- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC). Follow them @uec.utm.
- 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.

**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.
- Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.
- Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors — they are potential mentors and references.

**Plan for your Future**

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

## 2nd Year

- 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 Economics Academic Counsellor for assistance.

## 3rd Year

- Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course ECO399YS. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.
- Explore your interests. Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for The Medium — the source of news for UTM students. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the IEC Outreach Assistant.
- Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the University of Singapore or the University of Mannheim (Germany). Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.

## 4th or Final Year

- Enrol in a 400-level language course. Attain 1.0 credits from courses ECO400YS, 412Y, 433H5, 435H5, 436H5, 439Y5, 456H5, 460H5, 461H5 and 463H5.
- Log on to ACORN and request graduation.
- Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course ECO400YS. Visit the Economics department’s Experiential Education webpage for details.
- Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through Go Global. Attend the So Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.
Skills developed in International Affairs

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:

Interpersonal: build and maintain relationships; work as part of a team; and develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas.

Communication: convey information in a concise and persuasive manner; acquire knowledge of other languages; and understand the process of intercultural negotiation.

Investigative: gain knowledge of international trade, economics, other cultures and political variability, as well as understand global social and economic issues.

Analytical: analyze policy and proposals; examine and critically evaluate evidence; and make decisions about social and political problems.

Get involved

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

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- 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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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 prerequisite for this program is Advanced Functions. 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 Social 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

Why are some countries much richer than others? What are the consequences of opening up trade and investment with the rest of the world? Take ECO202Y5 to discuss these and similar questions. What causes war? Find out in POL208Y5 – a course that provides the tools to understand and study world affairs.

Economics is one of the most popular disciplines among students at UTM. Nearly 50 per cent of all incoming students at UTM take at least one course in economics during their undergraduate studies.

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