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.

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Workplaces: Law; Medicine; Journalism; Government; Technology; Business; Academia.

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0231 Philosophy (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0231 Philosophy (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0231 Philosophy (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1618 Ethics, Law and Society (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1370 Philosophy of Science (Arts)

Check out...

Learn about the best philosophical work on justice, rights, welfare and political authority in PHL365H5: issues in Political Philosophy.

What is knowledge? What is justice? When is war justified? What am I? Am I a physical thing, or something more? What makes me me? What sort of thing is an artwork? What makes an artwork good or bad? Where is the line between art and propaganda? In philosophy, we ask and try to answer some of the deepest questions confronting us as human beings. Our philosophical reflections are guided by critical engagement with the views of great thinkers like Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, Quine, Kripke, and many others.

PHILOSOPHY (HBA)

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**FUTURE FOR YOUR PLAN**

**MINDSET**

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**PHILOSOPHY MAJOR Program Plan**

### 1ST YEAR

- Enroll in PHL101H5 and/or PHL102H5. Set up a meeting with the Philosophy Undergraduate Advisor.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) 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 RGASC 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 Philosophy Academic Society (PAS). Go to the PAS Philosophy Department Meet & Greet. 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.
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Career Prospects: What Can I Do with a Philosophy Degree? and the CC's Careers by Major to see potential career options.

### 2ND YEAR

- For second year and higher, attain 2.5 credits in the History of Philosophy; 0.5 credits in Logic (PHL245H5); 1.0 credits in Metaphysics and Epistemology; and 1.0 credits in Ethics and Political Philosophy. View the Academic Calendar.
- Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course PHL299H5. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.
- 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 through the Experiential Education Office (EEO). Your Philosophy profs want to hear from you!
- Embark on a UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.
- Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC’s UTM Across Canada program.
- Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.
- Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professionals School Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

### 3RD YEAR

- Attain at least 3.0 credits at the 300/400 level. Go to the UTM Philosophy Essay Clinic to improve your academic writing.
- 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 Philosophy Undergraduate Advisor.
- Explore your interests. Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM Library Ambassador Program.
- Look into summer jobs & internships in local law firms, government, political organizations and news media. (Let them know you are a Philosophy major!)
- Earn credits overseas! Study philosophy for a summer, term or year at over 120 universities including the Australian National University and the University of Edinburgh. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.
- What’s your next step after undergrad?
  - Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GRE, MCAT), and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC). Visit the Philosophy department’s website for statistics on Philosophy student test scores.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- Apply to the Socrates Project (PHL488P) to work as a TA and study advanced topics in philosophy. Speak to the Philosophy Undergraduate Advisor.
- Attend or participate in the UTM/St. George Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Socrates Project students present a talk at this conference.
- Skills are transferable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your organizational skills? Consider a role as the IEC Community Assistant.
- Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy or the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA).
- Go to a conference such as the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, or the CPA’s Annual Congress.
- 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.
- Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I’m Graduating What’s Next?
- Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC’s Mastering the Personal Statement workshop and the Philosophy Grad School workshop.

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**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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.
Skills developed in Philosophy

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.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: learn to read critically; reason logically; synthesize ideas; identify key issues in decision-making or problem solving; and weigh alternatives and identify solutions.

Communication: develop cultural sensitivity; present and defend a position; and summarize results.

Information gathering: interpret data/relationships, as well as read and analyze complex texts.

Research: work independently and identify problems and needs.

Ethics & values: identify and clarify values; reflect on own values in a disciplined way.

Get involved

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

- Philosophy Academic Society (PAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)
- UTM Debating Club (Philosophy Department team)

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

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- 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.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select 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

Can machines think and feel? Are human beings simply very complicated organic machines? These questions are discussed in the light of recent work on the simulation of intelligence and intentional behaviour in PHL240H5 Mind and Machines.

Canadian and American university courses in the philosophy of religion typically focus on Christianity and/or Judaism; but East Asian religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism are among the most widely practiced faiths in the world. In 2017-18, PHL235: Philosophy of Religion will take up an Eastern perspective and focus on Buddhism.

UTM Philosophy aims to inculcate in students the values of intellectual perseverance, clarity of thought and communication, and creativity.

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