PHILOSOPHY (HBA)

Department of 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.

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 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.

Programs of Study (POSt)

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: Lawyer; Community organizer; Lobbyist; Legal researcher; Member of Parliament; Political aide; Speech writer; Intelligence officer; Foreign service officer; Public policy analyst; Bioethicist/ biomedical ethics researcher; Police officer; Paralegal assistant; Underwriter; Journalist; Technical writer; Editor; Librarian; Professor; Human resources specialist.

Workplaces: Law; Medicine; Journalism; Government; Technology; Business; Academia.
Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

**1ST YEAR**

Enroll in PHIL101H5 and/or PHIL102H5. 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 uBioNE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC-Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**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 credit in Ethics and Political Philosophy. View the Academic Calendar.

Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course PHL299YS. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.

**3RD YEAR**

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!)

Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).

Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE Alternative Reading Week (ARW) to become engaged with the local community.

Attend the tri-campus Philosophy talks and conferences held at the St. George campus. View the Events Calendar for more information.

Earn credits overseas! Study Philosophy for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the Australian National University and the University of Edinburgh. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

Apply to the Socrates Project (PHL488YS) 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.

Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

Skills are transferrable 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.

**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 to create your own plan using My Program Plan.

Update your plan yearly.

**VISIT**

www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.
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, as well as 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 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.

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 students in the values of intellectual perseverance, clarity of thought and communication, and creativity.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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