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 ERSPE2015 Political Science (Arts)
• Major Program ERMAJ2015 Political Science (Arts)
• Minor Program ERMIN2015 Political Science (Arts)

Check out...
Why does the European Union exist, anyway? Find out in POL302Y5, a course that studies the political institutions and processes in Western Europe, with special reference to Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

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: Public policy analyst; Social policy program officer; Foreign service officer; Immigration and revenue officer; Legislative analyst; Political aide; Lobbyist; Editor; Press officer; Public relations specialist; Communications officer; Human resources specialist; Public opinion analyst; Lawyer.

Workplaces: Government; International organizations; Law firms; Private firms/business; Research organizations.
# POLITICAL SCIENCE
## MAJOR
### Program Plan

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<td><strong>PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS</strong>*</td>
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<td>Courses offered include POL111H5, 112H5, 113H5 and 114H5. 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 utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</td>
<td>Enrol in courses POL200Y5 and POL214Y5. Over the course of your degree, attain 1.0 credits from two of three fields of study in Political Science. View the Academic Calendar for additional degree requirements. Throughout your undergraduate degree:</td>
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<td>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Political Science &amp; Pre-Law Association (PSLA) and attend PSLA Professor Meet &amp; Greet. Get to know your TA. View the TA Schedule on the Political Science website. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</td>
<td>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 Experimental Education Office (EEO).</td>
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<td>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>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.</td>
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<td><strong>What’s your next step after undergrad?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities. The Political Science department has identified 7 partners who are most relevant to their students. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Consider further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professionals School Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</strong></td>
<td><strong>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.</strong></td>
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*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

**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.
Skills developed in Political Science

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**: present ideas and data clearly; mediate and negotiate conflicts; public speaking; and listen critically.

**Research & quantitative methods**: interpret data; develop research designs and models; program and systems analysis; utilize survey research methods; and compare/contrast ideas and information.

**Analysis**: interpret issues and data; understand components of complex problems; offer relevant perspectives; and synthesize themes from complex issues.

**Planning & development**: make projections; organize people/equipment/ideas; logistical thinking; conceptualize and implement projects; and decision making.

Get involved

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

- UTM Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs).

Services that support you

- Academic Counsellor, Department of Political Science
- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AAC)
- 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)

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](http://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

What causes war? How can peace be achieved and sustained? Learn the conceptual and theoretical tools needed to address international relations through POL208Y5. Ever wondered how “politics” is constructed and practiced in different countries? Compare the politics of countries and world regions through POL218Y5.

Our faculty members have a diverse and exciting range of research interests and specializations, from international relations to political economy and from environmental politics to the study of conflict and genocide. We pride ourselves on the broad and stimulating range of courses we offer our students.

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