SOCIOLGY (HBA)

Department of Sociology

Sociology is the systematic study of the social world. Sociologists focus on: health and disability; global inequality; social class; sexuality and gender; race and ethnicity; culture; education; crime and deviance; immigration; and power and politics.

Our teaching and research expertise covers diverse topics central to understanding and explaining the state of society and social change. Students develop critical thinking, writing, and numeracy skills and learn how to analyze, understand and address real life issues all in preparation for further education and employment.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and 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 can 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 ERSPE1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1013 Sociology (Arts)

Check out...

Examine food as an “intimate commodity” and make direct connections between academic research and daily life in SOC349H5. Explore how global capitalism, and the feminization of labour shape migration in SOC375H5. The choice is yours!

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre (CC) to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Analyst; Behaviour therapist; Communication specialist; Diversity coordinator; Marketing coordinator; Political aide; Post-secondary education administrator; Policy advisor; Researcher; Settlement worker; Social program officer; Teacher; Youth outreach worker.

Workplaces: Community organizations; Government; Non-profit organizations; Research and policy institutions; Social service agencies.
# 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.

Visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) for the online version and links.

---

## 1st Year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Plan Your Academics*</th>
<th>Build Skills</th>
<th>Build a Global Mindset</th>
<th>Plan for Your Future</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Enrol in SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may enroll in select 200-level courses. 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. Use the RGASC for writing help and join one of their Peer Facilitated Study Groups.</td>
<td>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 CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</td>
<td>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS) and attend their Meet Your Prof event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.</td>
<td>Attend the Program Selection &amp; 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 and consider if further education is required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC233H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the pre-requisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Throughout your undergraduate degree:</td>
<td>Use the Career Learning Network (CLIN) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the Work-Study program.</td>
<td>Learn about multicultural sociology in SOC202H5 and SOC203H5. Would you like to see more of Canada? Check out the IEC's UTMS Across Canada program.</td>
<td>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. • contact the Office of the Registrar and the Sociology Academic Counsellor if you have any questions.</td>
<td>Connect with your professors! Ask them a question during office hours. Enquire about their research and career path. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Read the EEO’s Tips On How to Approach a Professor.</td>
<td>Learn about cultural sociology in SOC202H5 and globalization in SOC236H5. Attend Professor Schwartzman’s research talk on multiculturalism at UTM and check out Peel Urbanscapes featured by the Peel Social Lab (PSL).</td>
<td>Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and may write your reference letter for further education.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>2nd Year</strong></td>
<td><strong>3rd Year</strong></td>
<td><strong>4th or Final Year</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC233H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the pre-requisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Throughout your undergraduate degree:

- use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
- contact the Office of the Registrar and the Sociology Academic Counsellor if you have any questions.

Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, race and more. To fulfill program requirements, successfully complete 5.0 additional SOC credits of which 1.0 must be at the 300 level and 1.0 credit must be at the 400 level.

Want to engage in faculty research? Apply for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses SOC399Y5 and SOC499Y5. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to develop your research skills.

Earn credits and study abroad for a summer, term or year. Choose from over 120 universities, including preferred partners in Australia, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore and South Korea. Speak to the IEC for details about Course-Based Exchange and funding options.

What's your next step after undergrad?

Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Careers by Major at the CC to see potential mentors and may write your reference letter for further education. Create a job search strategy — look for jobs online or in your local area. Make a plan to keep track of opportunities.

Examine the student subcommittee. Apply for SOC485H5 Investigation through Study Abroad. Travel to Cambodia for the fall study break to explore historical legacies and contemporary challenges related to genocide. Speak to the IEC for details on the application process and funding options.

Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next? Consider a career in education, government, non-profit, or private sector. Consider writing a personal statement for graduate school.

What would you like to do after graduating?

Thinking about grad school? Check application deadlines and give professors at least 3 weeks to write a letter of reference. To prepare a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.
Skills developed in Sociology

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:** develop and write research papers; articulate concepts and ideas; present data using graphs, tables and diagrams; summarize findings; public speaking; and actively listen and engage in discussions

**Research & technical:** plan and conduct research using appropriate methodologies; collect data ethically; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; and use statistical software packages

**Critical thinking & problem-solving:** analyze social phenomena and structures; evaluate major sociological concepts, theories and debates; reflect on historical and contemporary social issues; and synthesize information; identify problems and develop solutions, including policy, recommendations and change orientation

**Organizational:** identify goals; manage time; multitask; and work independently and collaboratively with others

Get involved

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

- UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)
- 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)

Department of Sociology

William G. Davis Building, Room DV3217
University of Toronto Mississauga
3359 Mississauga Road
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5L 1C6

Academic Counsellor: 905-569-4288
Program Officer: 905-828-3937
www.utm.utoronto.ca/sociology

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 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

Investigate the role of education and how it sorts students by race, class and gender in SOC224H5. Examine how characteristics such as gender, age, ethnicity and race manifest in social, political and economic inequalities in SOC263H5. Explore how ideas, meanings, values and beliefs are created and implicated in inequality, identity, social change, and social organization in SOC202H5.

Our department spearheads the Peel Social Lab (PSL): a lab dedicated to gathering, storing, analyzing and sharing data on the UTM and broader Peel region, which fosters experiential learning opportunities for students. By incorporating data-gathering efforts into undergraduate sociology classes, the PSL gives students hands-on experience in research design and analysis conducted on Peel region society. Such work provides students with valuable research skills, while also helping students establish contacts within the wider Peel region.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

Innovation Complex, Room 1270
University of Toronto Mississauga
3359 Mississauga Rd
Mississauga ON Canada L5L 1C6

905-828-5400
www.utm.utoronto.ca/future-students