Welcome!

You are about to begin your studies with us as a new UTM student. We recognize that you have department specific questions and so we deliver this week a special edition just for students aiming for the Mathematical & Computational Sciences track: welcome to NEXT STOP: Mathematical & Computational Sciences @ UTM. In this issue, we address some of the most frequently asked student questions regarding course registration, introduce you to your department advisors, and deliver valuable Mathematical & Computational Sciences specific content. Also, you won’t want to miss the inspiring welcome from UTM’s Principal!

We are excited to have you join us here at UTM and are eager to help you succeed! Stick with us over the summer and we'll help you get to your NEXT STOP!

-The Department of Mathematical & Computational Sciences, the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of Student Transition
Getting Prepared: Head Start, Orientation, & LAUNCH

At the Department of Mathematical & Computational Sciences, we want to encourage you to participate in three opportunities created specifically for YOU: Head Start, Mathematical & Computational Sciences Orientation @ O-Week, and LAUNCH! We have seen how these programs have benefited our students in the past and cannot recommend them more. Be sure to register soon to reserve your spots.

Head Start:

Date: Tuesday, August 23
Time: 9am – 12pm
Room: TBD

Join the faculty, TAs and senior students as you experience a typical first-year mock lecture that will provide you with an opportunity to review skills required for success. You will speak with senior students and faculty to ask questions and share experiences.

Registration is open here: http://utm.utoronto.ca/asc/new2utm

Mathematical & Computational Sciences Orientation @ O-Week:

Date: Wednesday, August 31
Time: 9 am – 11 am
Room: KN 137
Register: uoft.me/O-Week

Everyone is encouraged to attend this important orientation. Meet other new students, first year faculty, and learn about academic expectations. Registration is not required, but guarantees your spot in other Orientation Week events with limited space.
utm102H5F LAUNCH: Science, Mathematics and Psychology

Date: Weekly during the Fall term
Time and room: There are 10 sections to choose from!
Register: Register for utm102H5F on ACORN.

Did you know that there is a hanging speech bubble at UTM? Do you know how to study effectively? Did you know that you can use up to 6GB of internet bandwidth per day while on campus?

Whenever starting a new journey, there are always tips and tricks to making that journey easier and more fun. Who’s better at providing these tips and tricks than someone who has already been through the entire experience?

LAUNCH pairs you with a successful upper-year mentor in your academic discipline to assist you in transitioning successfully to UTM.

Here’s how LAUNCH can help you as a Mathematical & Computational Sciences student:

- Are you interested in research?
- Do you want to meet people studying in your field?
- Would you like to learn how to be academically successful?
- Do you want to find out about campus resources available to students?
- Do you want make friends and learn about ways to relax and have fun on campus?

LAUNCH is not-for-credit - there is no homework, assignments, or tests! Instead, earn a notation on your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) for completing, in addition to learning some valuable skills, making friends, and having a good time!

Don’t miss out on all the fun! LAUNCH into your UTM experience with us!

Choosing Programs: Program Entry Requirements

Enrollment criteria are listed in the Academic Calendar in the yellow box under the program name. You cannot request your programs if you have completed less than 4.0 credits, so please consider this when deciding how many courses to take. Each program has different enrollment criteria, our programs and their enrollment criteria and program requirements can be found in the Academic Calendar.
What other programs? In order to complete an HBSc degree students must complete the correct combination of programs. Unless you are planning to complete a Specialist program, you will need to select at least one other program to complement your program. A full list of MCS programs can be found here. You can find a list of UTM programs organized by discipline here. I also recommend that you review the UTM Viewbook and the Registration Guide for New Students.

Program Advising: Department Contact Information

Help is available, in the MCS (Mathematical & Computational Sciences) Department! If you would like to speak to an advisor please feel free to email us with your questions or to arrange an appointment.
Department Academic Advisor: Yvette Ye (yvette.ye@utoronto.ca)

Welcome to UTM!
On behalf of everyone at UTM and the University as a whole, Dr. Ulli Krull, your Vice-President and Principal, would like to welcome you to the UTM family. In this week’s special edition of NEXT STOP, we look to inspire you with Dr. Krull’s useful tips and insightful comparisons about getting the most out of your university education.

Click here to watch!
What should I do if the course I want is full?

If a course is full, put yourself on the wait list. Make sure you select other courses as a Plan B or Plan C, while you wait for movement in wait lists (as students add and drop courses or as class sizes potentially get adjusted). Be a little flexible in building an alternate timetable. Think about other courses that you can take this year.

I have a course conflict, what should I do?

It is the responsibility of the student to resolve a conflict by finding another section or course option. If you are finding it difficult to build a conflict-free timetable, come speak with an Academic Advisor at the Office of the Registrar.

How many courses should I take in my first year?

3.0 credits or more categorizes you a full time student. Note that you need to complete at least 4.0 credits to be considered for entry into Program(s) of Study. You also need to consider taking on average 5.0 credits per year to complete your degree in 4 years.

Why can’t I add a course listed on the timetable?

You may not be able to add a course due to enrolment controls. Please check the timetable: (https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/timetable/) for more details.

What if my tutorial or practical is closed? Are they required?

Tutorials and practicals are required. If you are unable to get into a corresponding tutorial or practical, please speak with your Department Advisor.

How do I select my Program of Study (POSt)?

Students request their programs at the end of their first year, as all UofT students are admitted to a general first year program (such as Life Sciences or Humanities). You need to complete a minimum of 4.0 credits as well as any other program enrollment criteria (such as CGPA) before you can be considered for entry into a program. Please refer to the Subject POST Guide for more information.
Involvement in MCSS and Math Help

The UTM Mathematical & Computational Sciences Society (MCSS) is very involved on campus, hosting everything from hackathons, welcome events and socials, resume critiques and networking sessions, and more. Follow them on the MCSS website for updates, and stay tuned for their welcome events!

Students enrolled in MAT134, 135, 137, and 102 can seek assistance in the Math Help Room, located in Deerfield Hall (DH) room 2027. Teaching assistants (TAs) are scheduled to be in the room to help you with your questions throughout the Fall and Winter terms. Check out the schedule when classes begin!

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You are receiving this newsletter as a new UTM student. Please note that this newsletter will stop when classes start in the fall.

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