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 Social Sciences track: welcome to NEXT STOP: Social 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 Social Science-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 Social Science Departments, the Office of the Registrar, and the Office of Student Transition

Getting Prepared: Orientation & LAUNCH

At the Social Science Departments, we want to encourage you to participate in two opportunities created specifically for YOU: Social 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.
Social Sciences Orientation @ O-Week:

Date: Wednesday, August 31
Time: 9 am – 11 am
Room: DV 2074
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.

utm103H5F LAUNCH: Humanities and Social Science

Date: Weekly during the Fall term
Time and room: There are 6 sections to choose from!
Register: Register for utm103H5F 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 Social Sciences student:

- Are you interested in meeting people studying in your field?
- Do you want to develop your critical and creative thinking?
- 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!
**What Courses to Take:** Take a look at the Academic Calendar to see the large variety of programs that we offer. [https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl](https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl)

Consider your strengths, your interests and your long term goals. Then select the first year recommended courses towards those programs. Make sure you have the pre-requisites if there are any. If you have no idea, then choose a variety of different first year courses to get a feel of what you might want to select as a program after completing 4.0 credits. Make sure to look out for enrolment controls on the online timetable; some courses have priority or may be restricted. [https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/timetable/](https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/timetable/)

**Choosing Programs:** Once you have or expect to complete at least 4.0 credits, you need to select your programs. [http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/sites/files/registrar/public/shared/pdfs/subjectposts/SubjectPOSTGuideMarch2016.pdf](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/sites/files/registrar/public/shared/pdfs/subjectposts/SubjectPOSTGuideMarch2016.pdf)

You may choose any minimum program combination of your choice and this means if you were admitted to social sciences, you are not limited to selecting social science programs. It is up to you which programs you choose and yes, you can combine a social science program with a humanities program, or humanities with a science program. Or if you decide your interests have changed and you want to change programs altogether, that is fine too. Just make sure you have the pre-requisite courses for the programs you want; you can find this information in the Academic Calendar. [https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl](https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl)

**Program Advising: Department Contact Information**

Do you have questions about the program or programs you are considering? Are there program entry issues, or do you have questions about pre-requisites? Or maybe you just want to make sure you are on track for your program. Each department has an undergraduate advisor/counsellor/administrative assistant you can contact. You can find their contact information in the Academic Calendar under each program section. Again, see the Academic Calendar. [https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl](https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/calendar//calendar.pl)
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!

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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/](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.

Opportunities in the Social Sciences and Beyond

Through the Professional Writing and Communication (PWC) Program, UTM students from any faculty can submit their narrative and creative non-fiction pieces to Mindwaves, PWC`s journal. UTM students can also submit research-based journalistic articles to Compass, their research-focussed journal. Get published and show what you’ve accomplished to your friends and family! Find Mindwaves & Compass on Facebook.

The Medium, UTM’s student newspaper, is always looking for volunteers to write articles or take photos. Learn more about getting involved with The Medium at their website: [http://themedium.ca/](http://themedium.ca/)

More journals! Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at University of Toronto Mississauga welcomes scholarly submissions from undergraduate students on subjects relative to Historical Studies and its related disciplines. Read the latest issue and learn more at: [http://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/prandium/index](http://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/prandium/index)

There are also many other opportunities through your student societies: the Political Science & Pre-Law Association (PSLA) run a practise LSAT in October in addition to many social events, the Undergraduate Economics Society (UEC, page currently unavailable) hosts case competitions and networking events, the Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE) hosts many social events and workshops, and the Sociology and Criminology Society has an annual lecture series, panels of legal professionals, and film screenings. Get involved with other student organizations at: [https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/student-life/recognized-groups/recognized-clubsgroup](https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/student-life/recognized-groups/recognized-clubsgroup)
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