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When is the utmONE Scholars application deadline?

Monday, June 20, 2022 by 11:59 pm EDT

How do I apply to utmONE Scholars?

The application form is located at this link. You will be required to answer a short essay question related to being a scholar, and then one short essay question related to the seminar that you are applying for (250 words maximum each).

Can I apply for more than one utmONE Scholars seminar?

You can apply to your first-choice and second-choice of utmONE Scholars seminar. If you do apply for a second-choice, be sure to answer the related short essay question, a total of three questions.

We strive to place successful students into their first-choice of seminar and very rarely end up placing you in your second-choice, so be sure that you rank your choices appropriately.

What should I keep in mind when I write my utmONE Scholars application?

The faculty teaching your seminar will adjudicate your application with the support of the Academic Success Strategist (Rebecca Shaw).

Generally, we are looking for clear and thoughtful answers to the questions, an interest in critical thinking and research, an interest to learn more and engage in the course topic from multiple perspectives, and a strong reason for why you want to take the course. Be sure to describe how taking the course will support you to pursue your academic goals.

While you DO NOT have to do academic research to answer the application questions, be sure to cite any sources if you use any.

Are there any prerequisites for taking a utmONE Scholars seminar?

There are no prerequisites for the utmONE Scholars seminars. Any student who receives an invitation to apply is eligible to take one of the seminars. The seminars are interdisciplinary in nature, so students who are entering any program of study can take a utmONE Scholars seminar.

Do I need to know a lot about the theme/topic of the utmONE Scholars seminar that I apply for?

While you don't need to have extensive knowledge on the theme of the utmONE Scholars seminar that you apply for, you should have an interest in learning more about the theme and a willingness to engage and explore multiple perspectives and ideas. Your application should explain why you are interested in the theme and how you feel participating will expand your growth as a student.

I am a PSEP student. What does it mean that I get priority to participate in a utmONE Scholars seminar?

PSEP students have been offered the President's Scholar of Excellence scholarship and distinction. This information should be included in your offer to attend UTM. utmONE Scholars applicants who are PSEP students are given priority, but must provide a strong, thoughtful application. We reserve a small number of spaces in utmONE Scholars exclusively for PSEP students.

When will I know if my application to utmONE Scholars is successful?

We will contact applicants with the result of the utmONE Scholars application in early July before you need to enroll in your other first-year classes. Successful applicants will automatically be enrolled in their utmONE Scholars seminar so that they can plan the rest of their timetable around their seminar. Students are unable to enroll, change or drop their utmONE Scholars seminar in ACORN and must contact utm.one@utoronto.ca to make any changes.

You will also be contacted if you are placed on the waiting list for your utmONE Scholars seminar or if your application was unsuccessful. Being on the waiting list is not a guarantee that you will be placed in the course, but we do tend to have space open up as students adjust their timetables after first-year enrollment begins and as student adjust their schedule leading up to January.

If I have questions about my utmONE Scholars application, who should I contact?

Any questions about utmONE Scholars, including the application process, can be sent to Rebecca Shaw at utm.one@utoronto.ca.

Are the utmONE Scholars seminars hard?

This is a common question that we receive. utmONE Scholars seminars are designed to introduce you to higher level university research and communication skills to prepare you to be an active scholar. We want you to engage with the course deeply. This means that there will be assignments, projects and lots of participation. Due to the small size and seminar format, your professor will guide you through your work and you'll get a lot of support. We encourage all students to reach out if they need support with their assignments or workload. utmONE Scholars can be inspiring and fun while also guiding you to produce good scholarly work. Unlike other first-year courses, the term ends in a Scholars Symposium where you get the chance to share your projects, rather than write a typical exam.

The utmONE Scholars seminars aren't part of my program requirements, why should I consider taking one?

All students at UTM are encouraged to gain interdisciplinary experience outside of their program of study. You will be required to take distribution credits in Science, Social Science, and Humanities before you graduate. utmONE Scholars seminars count toward distribution requirements. Anecdotally, students report that some of their most engaging and transformative learning experiences have occurred when they took courses in other disciplines or interdisciplinary courses. Understanding the perspectives of other disciplines can benefit how you approach your studies.

It is important to note that you would take your utmONE Scholars seminar as part of your Winter Term course load. It is recommended that first-year students take up to 5 courses per term, and not more. Some students choose to take four courses a term. First-year is a year of change and can be stressful if you overload your course schedule. See below for advice on how to plan your schedule so that you can include your utmONE Scholars seminar in your regular course load.

Do I receive credit for taking a utmONE Scholars seminar?

Yes. The utmONE Scholars seminars provide 0.5 credits that can count toward the distribution requirements you need to graduate. In the course descriptions you will see HUM (Humanities), SSc (Social Science), and SCI (Science) which indicate which distribution requirements the course can apply toward. It is 0.5 credits because these are half-year courses offered in the Winter Term (January-April).

How many utmONE Scholars seminars can I take?

You can only take one utmONE Scholars seminar for credit. The seminars are exclusions to each other because their learning outcomes are similar. This also applies to our utmONE First-Year Foundation courses. Students cannot receive credit for both a utmONE Scholars seminar and a utmONE First-Year Foundations course. We know this means make for a difficult decision on what seminar to apply for. They all sound so interesting! Contact Rebecca at utm.one@utoronto.ca if you want to set up a meeting to talk about what seminar would be the best fit for you. Rest assured, they are all fantastic!

When will the utmONE Scholars seminars take place?

The 2022-23 course schedule was recently published. You can discover the days and times for all first-year courses by visiting the Timetable Builder, <https://ttb.utoronto.ca/>.

It can be difficult to identify the utmONE Scholars seminars in this tool, so we've included the details below for your reference, and instructions on how to find them in the Timetable Builder are below.

UTM190 LEC 0101	Writing in Place	Dr. Sheila Batacharya	Thursdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
UTM190 LEC 0102	Indigenous Films and Healing	Dr. Ken Derry	Fridays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
UTM192 LEC 0101	Thinking Badly: Misinformation in the Information Age	Dr. Michael deBraga	Tuesdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
UTM192 LEC 0102	AI Ethics	Dr. Avery Slater	Tuesdays 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

How will I know if my preferred utmONE Scholars seminar will fit in my schedule?

You can start planning your timetable now, using the new Timetable Builder, <https://ttb.utoronto.ca/>. Then, when first-year enrollment opens later in July you can enroll in your courses using [ACORN](#). If you are accepted to utmONE Scholars we will pre-enroll you in the seminar and it will automatically show up in your timetable in [ACORN](#).

How to find the utmONE Scholars seminars in the Timetable Builder

STEP 1

1. Faculty/Division, choose: University of Toronto Mississauga
2. Session, choose: Winter 2023 (S)

STEP 2

1. Course Code, Course Title, or Keyword, type UTM190 or UTM192
2. Select course as indicated in the chart above. They will have the official calendar titles, e.g. Special Topic at the Intersection of...
3. Click Search

RESULTS

You can add the course to your Timetable. Select the appropriate section based on the LEC codes as follows.

UTM190 LEC 0101	Writing in Place
UTM190 LEC 0102	Indigenous Films and Healing
UTM192 LEC 0101	Thinking Badly: Misinformation in the Information Age
UTM192 LEC 0102	AI Ethics

Disclaimer: The Timetable Builder is an explorative tool that lets you search for courses and build potential timetables. It does not connect to your ACORN account, does not check your eligibility enrolment times. For detailed information about course enrolment overall, or for instructions for specific courses, remember to check your division's Calendar, enrolment instructions and importa published information.

Search for Courses

Step 1: Select Faculty / Division and Session (Required)

Select one or more faculties or divisions from the list, as well as a session or specific terms you'd like to search for courses in.

If you remove a selected Faculty / Division or Session, any associated courses or departments selected in Step 2 will also be removed.

Faculty / Division (Required)

University of Toronto Mississauga X

Session (Required)

Winter 2023 (S) X

Step 2: Add More Filters (Optional)

Narrow down your search results by selecting a specific course, entering a keyword, or selecting departments. You may add additional filters (level, time, etc.) to narrow your results further.

Course Code, Course Title, or Keyword

UTM

UTM Search keyword(s)

UTM190H5 S utmONE Scholars: Special Topics at the Intersection of Social Science and Humanities

UTM192H5 S utmONE Scholars: Special Topics at the Intersection of Science and Humanities

UTM110H5 S utmONE: Special Topics at the Intersection of Social Science and Humanities

UTM111H5 S utmONE: Tools of the Trade

UTM118H5 S utmONE: Science of Learning
 University of Toronto, 27 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1

Department / Subject Area

Type Something

Results (1 courses)

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UTM190H5 S: utmONE Scholars: Special Topics at the Intersection of Social Science and Humanities

Campus: University of Toronto at Mississauga

Session: Winter 2023 (S)

[View University of Toronto Mississauga Legend](#)

[More Course Information](#)

Add Course to Plan

Lectures

LEC0101 [View Syllabus](#)

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Day/Time	Location	Instructor(s)	Availability	Waitlist	Enrolment Controls	Delivery Mode
Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	MN2170	TBA	25 of 25	0 Students	Yes (E) Show Explanat	In Person

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LEC0102 [View Syllabus](#)

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Day/Time	Location	Instructor(s)	Availability	Waitlist	Enrolment Controls	Delivery Mode
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If I am accepted to a utmONE Scholars seminar, how do I enroll/add it to my timetable?

If your application is successful, you will receive an acceptance email from utm.one@utoronto.ca in early July. The Academic Success Strategist (Rebecca) will provide you with next steps, but you do not need to enroll yourself in ACORN. We will pre-enroll you before you enroll in your other classes. As the seminars are application based, you are not able to add or drop the seminar through ACORN, but can contact utm.one@utoronto.ca if you need to make any changes.

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Is there a cost associated with participating in utmONE Scholars?

You will take your utmONE Scholars seminar as part of your course load in the Winter Term, so the cost will be included in your tuition as with any other course. All co-curricular events and programming are provided to utmONE Scholars free of charge with the exception of the Scholars Summer Book Club. Participants in the book club are responsible for buying their own book (approximately \$20), but can apply for a small bursary to cover the cost if they have financial barriers.

What co-curricular opportunities can I get involved in as a utmONE Scholar?

When you become a utmONE Scholar you join a community, not just with your fellow classmates but with your peers in the other utmONE Scholars seminars and our past utmONE Scholars.

If your application is successful, you will be invited to sign up for our **Scholars Summer Book Club**, and you can choose to be connected with an upper year mentor through our **Scholars Peer Mentorship program**. Through the year, we are planning a number of events for you to build community, connect with other students, and explore themes related to the student experience.

In the fall we will host **Conversation Circles** facilitated by faculty or upper-year students around interesting topics including perfectionism, imposter syndrome, and staying motivated. During the winter term, while you are taking your utmONE Scholars seminars, we'll host events related to getting involved in undergraduate research, conferences and journal publications.

After you've completed your utmONE Scholars seminar you will be invited to participate in the **Scholars Paper to Publication program**, a series of workshops and writing retreats meant to support you as you develop your final paper into a publishable article for the Writing for University and Beyond First-Year Writing Journal, or another undergraduate journal that interests you.