Earth Science is the discipline that studies our planet and all of its natural environments. Our program offers training in both critical streams of Earth Science: Resources & Tectonics and Earth, Climate & Life. Through our program, students become well equipped to understand the causes and consequences of radical shifts already underway in Earth’s climate system. Addressing modern climate change requires an understanding of the underlying physics and chemistry of the earth-climate system, as well as knowledge of how climate and life have co-evolved in the past. Our ancient fossil heritage archives the response of life to global perturbations providing rigorous data with which our students can test emerging climate models.

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, although there are many more! 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 ERSPE1465 Earth Science (Science)
- Major Program ERMAJ1465 Earth Science (Science)
- Minor Program ERMIN1465 Earth Science (Science)

Check out...

Where in the world are minerals? Learn exploration methods and mining practices in ERS401H5. Interpret ancient geological environments! Enrol in ERS325H5, a Field Camp held on the north shore of Lake Huron.

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: Mine geologist; Surveyor; Geological technician; Prospector; Technical sales representative; Minerals processing technician; Exploration geologist; Compliance officer; Survey technician; Hydrologist; Environmental technician; Cartographer; GIS Specialist; Meteorologist; Paleontologist.

Workplaces: Mineral and hydrocarbon sector; Environmental sector; Government; Financial institutions; Academic institutions; National/provincial parks.
### 1st Year

- Enroll in (ERS101H5 or ERS111H5 or ENV100Y5) or (MAT132H5, MAT134H5 or MAT136H5 or MAT137H5 or MAT139H5 or MAT142H5) or MAT135H5 or MAT137H5 or (CHM130H5 or CHM131H5 or CHM132H5) or (PHY136H5 and PHY137H5) or (PHY146H5 and PHY147H5). Enroll in courses ERS120H5 and ERS200H5, and (ERS121H5 or ERS224H5 or MAT135H5 or (GGR217H5 or GGR227H5) or GGR275H5 or GGR278H5).
- Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer to plan your degree.
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR) to search for opportunities beyond the classroom and to keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
- Attend the Experiential Education Fair.
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Tzu Wilson Club and follow the Facebook group UTM Earth Science. Go to the Erindale Chemical and Physical Sciences Society’s Meet the Prof Night.
- Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
- Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.
- First-year international students can also take advantage of THREVIEW, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.
- Participate in the International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own.
- Attend the Program Selection & 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.
- Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadow Program.
- Consider further education? Attend the OC’s Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

### 2nd Year

- Enroll in (ERS101H5 or ERS111H5 or ENV100Y5) or (MAT132H5, MAT134H5 or MAT136H5 or MAT137H5 or MAT139H5 or MAT142H5) or MAT135H5 or MAT137H5 or (CHM130H5 or CHM131H5 or CHM132H5) or (PHY136H5 and PHY137H5) or (PHY146H5 and PHY147H5). Enroll in courses ERS120H5 and ERS200H5.
- 0.5 credits from ERS211H5 or ERS224H5 or MAT135H5 or GGR217H5 or GGR227H5 or GGR275H5 or GGR278H5.
- Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses ERS299Y, ERS399Y and ERS499Y. Visit the EEE website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s PART to enhance your research skills.
- Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
- Work on-campus through the Work-study Program. View position descriptions on the CLN.
- Sign up to become an Experiential Education Unit Student Ambassador and earn a CCR notation.
- 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 Experiential Education Unit (EEU).

### 3rd Year

- In third and fourth year, enrol in 3.0 additional credits at the 300/400 level.
- Complete the Global Perspectives Requirement (GPR) with 3 credits from ERS111H5 or ERS300H5 or ERS311H5 or ERS312H5 or ERS325H5 or ERS381H5 or ERS401H5 or ERS402H5 or ERS403H5 or ERS404H5 or ERS411H5 or ERS412H5 or (ERS425H5 or PHYS314H5 or JG378H5 or CPS400Y5).
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - see the CPS Academic Counsellor and the Office of the Registrar.
  - Interpret ancient geological environments in the field. ERS325 is a Field Camp held on the north shore of Lake Huron in the summer. Speak to the CPS Academic Counsellor to learn more.

### 4th or Final Year

- In third and fourth year, enrol in 3.0 additional credits at the 300/400 level.
- Complete the Global Perspectives Requirement (GPR) with 3 credits from ERS111H5 or ERS300H5 or ERS311H5 or ERS312H5 or ERS325H5 or ERS381H5 or ERS401H5 or ERS402H5 or ERS403H5 or ERS404H5 or ERS411H5 or ERS412H5 or (ERS425H5 or PHYS314H5 or JG378H5 or CPS400Y5).
- Enrol in a course with hands-on experience such as ERS401H5 which includes weekly field trips. Speak to the CPS Academic Counsellor to learn more.
- Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your collaboration skills? Consider a role as a Waste Ambassador with the Sustainability Office.
- Apply to the CPS420 Internship Course. Speak to the CPS Academic Counselor for more details.
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- Attend a lecture presented by the E.A. Robinson Science Education Lectureship through the CPS’s department.
- Thinking about life after UTM? Connect with a UTM alumnus through the CSE’s Alumni Mentorship Program!
- Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.
- Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!
- What’s your next step after undergrad?
- Join a professional association. Check out the Geological Association of Canada or the Toronto Geological Discussion Group.
- Go to the Prospects & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention.
- Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE to support your transition out of the University!
- Expand your global network. Consider the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program (RGOP).
- Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CCE. 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.
- Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program (RGOP).

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Skills developed in Earth 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: read, critically evaluate and produce professional papers and geologic maps.

Investigative: knowledge of the origin, composition, and evolution of the Earth, and how the Earth system responds to internal and external forces, as well as understand spatial data and temporal geologic change.

Technical: identify, describe and classify earth materials and structures, as well as analyze quantitative geologic data.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: recognize bias and incompleteness in the geologic record; apply physics, chemistry, biology, statistics and mathematics to solve geologic problems; and apply geoscience knowledge to address problems affecting society.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- J. Tuzo Wilson Club
- Erindale Chemical and Physical Sciences Society (ECPS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the Student Groups and Societies Directory

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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 Grade 12 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions, Chemistry and Physics. 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 the Chemical & Physical 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

As citizens of the world, we are, and will increasingly be, required to make decisions about our relation with Earth: we need to be sufficiently informed to contribute to the ongoing debates. In ERS111H5 you’ll get the chance to focus on our relationship with Earth: how she supports us, how she affects us, and how we affect her. Curious about the materials that form the Earth? Get excited about ERS201H5. The course includes an optional field trip to the Algonquin-Bancroft area of eastern Ontario.

Our students have access to new, state-of-the-art teaching laboratories and are involved in cutting-edge research projects in our research labs.

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