

GEOSPATIAL DATA SCIENCE (HBSc)

Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment

Geospatial Data Science (GDS) BSc offers an analytical perspective on geographical information. What you learn in the GDS program is applicable to employment in public and private sectors including public health and healthcare, urban transportation planning, natural resource management, and conservation agencies. In-depth studies — beyond basic geography — include mapping, spatial analysis, digital databases with specializations in modelling, statistical analysis and remote sensing.

Our Department prides itself in being at the forefront of the student experience at UTM. Our Faculty are very successful and active researchers who maintain research programs, laboratories, and supervise graduate students at UTM. They are also outstanding teachers, with several of our faculty being recognized with teaching awards from both inside and outside the university. We think that the wonderful opportunities and support in our Department will make your degree in GDS not only a meaningful and valuable learning experience, but also an exciting and fun one, while preparing you for a career.

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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ0305 Geospatial Data Science (Science)
- Minor Program ERMINO305 Geospatial Data Science (Science)

Check out...

What's the connection between GDS and population health? Use GDS to map and study health information such as the spatial patterns of disease in GGR322H5. Ever considered an internship? Apply for JEG400/401 and gain hands on experience.

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: GIS/Remote sensing analyst/specialist; Spatial data analyst/ scientist; Industrial/academic research; Transportation planning.

Workplaces: Data processing; Remote sensing; Map and atlas publishers; Transportation consulting firms; Environmental research agencies; Health care; Survey firms and land developers; Mining.



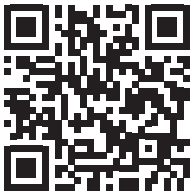
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MAJOR Program Plan

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.

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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in any 100-level 1.0 credit.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in GGR276H5 or STA256H5 and GGR278H5 and 1.0 credit from any other 200-level GGR or ENV courses.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.See the Office of the Registrar and the GDS Academic Advisor for support.
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the Experiential Education Fair.</p>	<p>Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLNx.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Student Association for Geography and Environment (SAGE).</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like to 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).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>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.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE-IN, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>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!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Start by exploring the UTM Career Centre Model—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support. Access MyCareerCentre 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an Academic & Career Planning Session to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the Student Services Hub to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC's Job Shadow Program, In the Field, or a one-on-one with a Career Counsellor.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the Graduate & Professional School Fair, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.</p> <p>Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on CLNx.</p>

3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Enrol in GGR321H5, GGR337H5 and GGR382H5. Attain 2.5 credits from (limited to 1.0 credit from ERS and CSC courses): CSC311H5, CSC343H5, CSC413H5, CSC477H5, ERS304H5, GGR311H5, GGR322H5, GGR335H5, GGR370H5, GGR372H5, GGR376H5, GGR437H5, GGR440H5, GGR442H5, GGR444H5, GGR463H5, GGR494H5 as well as 0.5 credit from any 300-level GGR or ENV course.</p> <p>Apply to the ROP course GGR399Y. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's PART to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>What is Experiential Education? It means learn by doing! Gain experience designing and executing an independent senior thesis by enrolling in JEG417Y5 Honours Thesis. Speak to the GDS Academic Advisor about enrolling in a course with hands on experience such GGR437H5 (Advanced Remote Sensing).</p> <p>Enroll in GGR442: GDS Capstone Project.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Explore your interests. Know a thing or two about computers? Work for UTM's Information & Instructional Technology Services.</p> <p>Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM Library Ambassador Program.</p>	<p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course JEG400/401. Speak to the GDS Academic Advisor for details.</p> <p>Apply to become an Experiential Education Unit Student Ambassador and earn a CCR notation.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Attend department research seminars and participate in departmental networking events organized by SAGE.</p> <p>Thinking about life after UTM? Connect with a UTM alumnus through the CSE's Alumni Mentorship Program!</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Institute of Geomatics. Go to the Canadian Cartographic Association Conference or the GIScience Conference.</p>
<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE-OUT to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an Employment Strategist for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on MyCareerCentre and drop-in to chat with a Career Counsellor about grad school prep tips.</p> <p>Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let's Talk About events — Register on CLNx.</p>	<p>Join the Now That I'm Graduating, What's Next? session to start building your job search plan. Attend the Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the Employment Strategist team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a Career Counsellor to create a career plan and attend a Career Wellness session to support your well-being along the way.</p>

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

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Skills developed in Geospatial Data Science

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can communicate your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Technical: Use specialized field equipment, satellite imagery and GIS and remote sensing software and programming packages, including ArcGIS, QGIS, ErDAS, ENVI, R and Python; and gain experience with computer modelling; conduct surveying and sampling; and conduct field studies.

Research: Use spatial and non-spatial statistics, data management, big data applications and analysis.

Communication: Data visualizations (spatial & non-spatial), with maps and graphs, summarize results of experiments; communicate across cultures; and maintain records.

Get involved

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

- Student Association for Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

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

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **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)**

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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 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

Make maps using GDS! In GGR278H5 students explore map rendering in the digital and mobile worlds. What are the natural and anthropogenic origins of environmental change? Find out in the physical geography course GGR112H5.

Our department prides itself in being at the forefront of student experience at UTM. Our students use equipment satellite imagery, and state-of-the-art computers and software in the GDS laboratory. We also have an active weather station on campus monitoring local weather conditions. Students can run their own project related to weather monitoring using the latest data logging instruments.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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