

HISTORY (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

History is the study of the human past. It seeks to answer not only questions about what happened, but also about how and why; it responds to a human curiosity about ourselves, and it leads to a greater understanding of our contemporary world. The History program in Historical Studies is designed to give its students a wide-ranging perspective through a reflection on the past and a consideration of how historical events have shaped the world today. The Department provides a diverse and global curriculum, with faculty offering a range of specialized expertise on the distant and recent past of Canada, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the United States. The curriculum also offers courses on important themes such as imperialism, colonialism and nationalism; war and politics; culture and society; religion; the environment; social issues involving class, gender, and ethnicity; and migration and immigration.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you make the most of 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)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0652 History (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0652 History (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0652 History (Arts)

Check out...

HIS105H5: A Brief History of Capitalism, in which we study nearly six hundred years of human history to better understand how the profit motive has reshaped lives, landscapes, and values. Or, why not take a closer look at extractivism and colonialism? Examine scientific inquiry and the development of diverse technologies in HIS200H5: Topics in History: History of Science and Technology.

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: Historian; Archivist; Librarian; Foreign service officer; Lawyer; Museum curator; Teacher; Politician; Journalist; Documentarian; Social policy researcher.

Workplaces: Education; Government; Non-profit agencies; Museums; Legal agencies.



HISTORY MAJOR Program Plan

PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*

1ST YEAR

Enrol in a first-year History course.
Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the **Degree Explorer** and the **Academic Calendar** to plan your degree.
Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a **utmONE** course. Build community and gain academic support through **LAUNCH**. Join a RGASC **Peer Facilitated Study Group**.

2ND YEAR

Over the course of your degree, earn at least 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of 4 geographical areas of study. Earn 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of the 5 topical areas of study. View the **Academic Calendar** for details.
Consider applying for **Research Opportunity Program (ROP)** courses HIS299Y5, HIS399Y5 and HIS499Y5. Visit the EEU website for **ROP Course Prerequisites**. Attend the RGASC's **PART** to enhance your research skills.

BUILD SKILLS

Use the **Co-Curricular Record (CCR)**. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
Attend the **Get Hired Fair** through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
Attend the **Experiential Education Fair**.

Use the **Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)** 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 CLNx.

BUILD A NETWORK

Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the **Historical Studies Society (HSS)**. Go to the **HSS Meet & Greet** to meet professors and fellow students.
Visit the UTM Library **Reference Desk**.

Do you have a professor you want 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)**.

BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET

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 **THRIVE'IN**, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.

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.
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!

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

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**. Considering **further education**? Attend the CC's **Graduate & Professional Schools Fair**. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

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.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using **My Program Plan**. Update your plan yearly.



	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	Enrol in a first-year History course. Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree. Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH . Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group .	Over the course of your degree, earn at least 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of 4 geographical areas of study. Earn 0.5 200+ level credits in 3 of the 5 topical areas of study. View the Academic Calendar for details. Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses HIS299Y5, HIS399Y5 and HIS499Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites . Attend the RGASC's PART to enhance your research skills.	Earn 3.0 HIS credits at the 300+ level. Throughout your undergraduate degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Historical Studies Academic Advisor. 	Earn 0.5 HIS credits at the 400 level. Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course HIS498Y5. Speak to the Historical Studies Academic Advisor . Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.
BUILD SKILLS	Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR) . Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments. Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities. Attend the Experiential Education Fair .	Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) 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 CLNx.	Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Social Innovation Project through the CSE.	Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the CSE Community Engagement Assistant .
BUILD A NETWORK	Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS) . Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk .	Do you have a professor you want 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) .	Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn). Get published in Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM .	Join a professional or community organization. Check out the Canadian Historical Association or the Streetsville Historical Society . Go to a conference such as the Canadian Historical Society Annual Meeting or a student-led conference at the University of Toronto.
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	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 THRIVE'IN , a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.	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. 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!	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!	Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE to support your transition out of the University!
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	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 . Considering further education ? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair . Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.	What's your next step after undergrad? Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment . Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment . Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).	Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. 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 .

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

Revised on: 10/16/2023

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.

HISTORY

Skills developed in History

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 and Networking: speak and write clearly and persuasively; formulate and defend an informed opinion; adapt to new cultural settings.

Research: find and select good sources of information; develop attention to detail; evaluate ideas and opinions; analyze complex systems; understand how historical forces have shaped people and their environments.

Problem-solving: think critically; make decisions based on evidence and reason; take multiple perspectives on complex issues.

Leadership: complete complex tasks; learn independently; collaborate in teams; take the lead.

Get involved

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

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- Prandium Undergraduate Research Conference
- 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)**
- **Indigenous Centre (IC)**
- **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)**

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 Humanities 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

Gain a better understanding of the historical roots of contemporary Middle Eastern politics in HIS201H5: Introduction to Middle Eastern History. Discover how our digital world is remaking the study of history in HIS210H5: Digital Humanities.

In History, we offer our senior students an opportunity to apply their research skills in work settings outside the university—at museums, historical societies, and public archives (HIS498Y5). This internship opportunity is a chance for students to develop skills, contribute to the historical record and make contact with the local historical community.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

Innovation Complex, Room 1270
University of Toronto Mississauga
3359 Mississauga Rd
Mississauga ON Canada L5L 1C6

905-828-5400
www.utm.utoronto.ca/future-students

