

# LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES (HBA)

*Department of Historical Studies*

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies** offers an exploration of Latin America and the Caribbean and their diasporas, drawing on a range of disciplinary approaches. Through diverse course offerings, students can study Latin American and Caribbean history, languages, politics, societies, cultures, religions and geographies. The program is geared toward building an engagement with the region(s) as well as with their communities in Canada and the United States. Students may take courses, offered by a number of departments, that focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. As a complement to the student's other chosen programs, the Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies can prepare students for careers in a competitive global context in which the greater part of the Western Hemisphere plays an increasingly important role.

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

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Minor Program ERMIN0562 (Arts)

#### Check out...

HIS290H5: Introduction to Latin American History — Most history courses start in the deep past and end in the present. This one is different. We start in our era and work backward to the year 1491. This reverse chronology is organized around crucial turning points in Latin American history, from Mexico to Argentina, Cuba to Brazil. We examine what happened as well as the other available options that were rejected at the time.

### 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:** Lawyer; Immigration services; Interpreter; Policy analyst; Public relations and Marketing coordinator; Teacher; Social worker; Human resources specialist; Journalist.

**Workplaces:** Education; Government; Non-profit agencies; Social Services organizations; Banks and financial institutions; Travel agencies; Immigration Services; Museums; Broadcast media companies.



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MINOR 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 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enroll in HIS290H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>.</p>	<p>Over the course of your degree, you will be required to take a total of 3.5 credits in at least two distinct disciplines from the list detailed in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</p> <p>Consider applying for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>.</p> <p>Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. 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 <b>Historical Studies Society (HSS)</b>. Go to the <b>HSS Meet &amp; Greet</b> to meet professors and fellow students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</p>	<p>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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the <b>Experiential Education Unit (EEU)</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the <b>Canada Eh?</b> day trips or <b>English Language Conversation Circles</b> to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE-IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Learn about and prepare for a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b> 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 <b>UTM Career Centre Model</b>—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support. Access <b>MyCareerCentre</b> 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an <b>Academic &amp; Career Planning Session</b> to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the <b>Student Services Hub</b> to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC's <b>Job Shadow Program, In the Field</b>, or a one-on-one with a <b>Career Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the <b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Fair</b>, 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 <b>CLNx</b>.</p>

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Remember to attain at least 1.0 300/400 level credits from the list of electives in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li><li>See the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Historical Studies Academic Advisor</b>.</li></ul>	<p>Earn at least 1.0 credits in the 300/400 level. See the <b>Academic Calendar</b> and select the remaining credits from the list of electives.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.</p>
<p>Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a <b>Social Innovation Project</b> through the CSE.</p> <p>Explore your interests. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the <b>CSE Student Outreach Assistant</b>.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider the CSE <b>Community Engagement Assistant</b> position which requires intercultural awareness.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in <b>Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM</b>.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Multicultural History Society of Canada</b> or the <b>Peel Multicultural Council</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</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><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE-OUT</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an <b>Employment Strategist</b> for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on <b>MyCareerCentre</b> and drop-in to chat with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> 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 <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Join the <b>Now That I'm Graduating, What's Next?</b> session to start building your job search plan. Attend the <b>Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference</b> and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the <b>Employment Strategist</b> team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> to create a career plan and attend a <b>Career Wellness</b> 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 Latin American & Caribbean Studies

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:

**Interpersonal & communication:** Develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas; communicate across cultures and languages; and mediate and negotiate conflict.

**Adaptability:** Understand global social problems; examine issues of migration and diasporic belonging; and recognize and adapt to cultural similarities and differences.

**Research & analytical:** Synthesize large amounts of information; logically interpret raw data and research findings; and analyze policy and proposals.

**Problem-solving:** Make decisions about social and political issues, as well as conceptualize and implement long term projects.

## Get involved

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

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- 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 by accessing the **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

**HIS290H5 Introduction to Latin American History:** This course surveys the history of Latin America from pre-conquest indigenous empires to the end of the 20th century. Lectures, films, readings, and tutorials explore a set of themes in historical context: nationalism, authoritarianism, religion, racism, patriarchy, and Latin America's multiple interactions with the outside world.

**HIS494H5: Reading and Writing about the Individual in History —** This course takes up the age-old question about the relationship between the individual and society. The instructor teaches each step in the process of conducting historical research, and students read outstanding biographies and write an original biography.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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