South Asian Humanities offers a comprehensive exploration of South Asia and the South Asian diaspora, drawing on a range of disciplinary approaches. Through diverse course offerings, students can study South Asian history, religion, politics, languages, societies, and cultures. The program is geared toward building an engagement with the South Asian region as well as with South Asian diasporic contexts. Students may take courses in a number of departments that focus on South Asia. As a complement to the students other chosen programs, the Minor in South Asian Humanities can prepare students for careers in a competitive global context in which South Asia plays an important role.

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 found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)
• Minor Program ERMIN1333 (Arts)

Check out...
Are you interested in knowing more about cultural expressions in South Asia and their relationship to South Asia’s many religions? Examine religion and aesthetics in South Asia through poetry, visual culture, music, performance and more in RLG461H5F.

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

Workplaces: Cultural organizations; Education; Government; Legal agencies Museums; Non-profit/ NGO agencies.
**SOUTH ASIAN HUMANITIES MINOR Program Plan**

**1st YEAR**

- **Enroll in 1.0 credits from courses ANTI102H5 or any 1.0+/-level course or POL114H5 or RLG101H5 or SOC100H5 or WOC101H5.**
  - Choose a program of study (Subject POS) 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 uTOne course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC-Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**2nd YEAR**

- **Enroll in SAH200H5: Being Human in South Asia. Earn 1.0 credits from CIN213H5 or HIS2B2H5 or RLG205H5 or RLG207H5 or RUG215H5 or RUG303H5 or POL204Y5 or HIN211H5 or HIN212H5 or ULR212Y5 or PUN212Y5 or SAN21Y5. View the Academic Calendar for details.**
  - Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses RUG299Y5, RUG399Y5, RLG499Y5. Visit the LSU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s PART to enhance your research skills.

**3rd YEAR**

- **Earn at least 1.0 credits from the list of Electives in the Academic Calendar.**
  - Throughout your undergraduate degree:
    - 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.

**4th OR FINAL YEAR**

- **Earn at least 1.0 credits in the 300/400 level.**
  - Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.
  - Skills are transferable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the CSE Community Engagement Assistant.

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**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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

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**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**

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<td>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 Experimental Education Fair.</td>
<td>Use the Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNs) 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 CLNs.</td>
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**BUILD A NETWORK**

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<td>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet &amp; Greet to meet professors and fellow students. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</td>
<td>Do you have a professor you want to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an appointment. Go over lecture material. Don’t be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</td>
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**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**

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<td>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, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</td>
<td>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! Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadow Program.</td>
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**PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE**

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

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Skills developed in South Asian Humanities

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:** 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; 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.

**Organizational:** 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 South Asian Critical Humanities
- 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)

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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 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

South Asia is a place where many external cultural traditions mixed with indigenous traditions create new socioeconomic and sociopolitical entities and sequences. Learn about the relationships between religious ideologies, saints, and state power in ancient, medieval, and precolonial Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Muslim states in South Asia in RLG464H5S.

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