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History and Political Science (HBA)

Departments of Historical Studies and Political Science

History and Political Science explores historical and conceptual thinking about the various ways that societies have organized and governed themselves from medieval times to the present. From History, students learn methods for historical study through surveys covering long periods in regions around the world, temporally-defined courses focused on everything from the medieval period through the early twenty-first century, to research-intensive seminars on themes such as partition in South Asia, colonialism in North America, or the Holocaust. From Political Science, students take foundational courses in political theory, Canadian politics and government, and research methods for political science. Building on these empirical and theoretical foundations, students continue to learn key skills and investigate core concepts like authority, legitimacy, liberty, equality, citizenship, governance, and justice by pursuing further coursework in comparative politics, international relations, public policy and public administration.

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

Public policy analyst; social policy program officer; foreign service officer; immigration and revenue officer; legislative analyst.

Workplaces

Education; government; non-profit agencies; museums; legal agencies; international organizations; law firms; private firms/business; research organizations.

Program of Study

- Specialist Program ERSPE1045
History and Political Science (Arts)

**Make the
most of your
time at UTM!**

We've pulled together the information you need to plan for how to maximize your university experience.

As you review the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. Investigate what appeals to you in the proposed yearly plans and then create your own plan using the **My Program Plan Template** form found on **page 6** of this booklet.

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Specialist Program Plan

Plan Your Academics*

Enrol in ISP100H5 and 1.0 credits of HIS and 1.0 credits of POL.

Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use **Degree Explorer** and the **Academic Calendar** to plan your degree.

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**.

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 POL344H5: Concepts, Actors, & Challenges in Global Governance, where we explore global governance within international relations and politics.

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 the **Language Exchange Program** 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.

First Year

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**.

Build a Network

Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the **Historical Studies Society (HSS)** and **Political Science Student Association (PSSA)**. Go to the HSS Meet & Greet and PSSA Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.

Visit the **UTM Library Reference Desk** to meet supportive staff and start building your academic network in first year.

Plan for Your Future

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.

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.

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

Plan Your Academics*

Over the course of your degree, earn at least 0.5 200+ level credits in 2 of 4 geographical areas of study and 2.5 additional credits of HIS at the 200+ level.

Enrol in POL200Y5, POL215H5, POL216H5, POL243H5 and POL244H5. Ensure 2.0 HIS credits correspond in region or field to the 2.0 POL credits. Contact the **Historical Studies Academic Advisor** for further information.

Attend the RGASC's **Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)** to enhance your research skills.

Build a Global Mindset

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!



Second Year

Build Skills

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.

Apply to become an Experiential Education Unit **Student Ambassador** and earn a CCR notation.

Build a Network

Connecting with faculty is an important part of your academic journey, so take time to visit a professor during office hours to ask questions, discuss assignments, and review lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn **Tips on How to Approach a Professor** available through the **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**.

Plan for Your Future

Explore your options with the CC's **Job Shadow Program, In the Field**, or a one-on-one with a **Career Counsellor**.

Thinking about grad school? Attend the **Graduate & Professional School Fair**, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.

Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on **CLNx**.

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Earn 2.0 HIS credits at the 300+ level and attain at least 1.0 POL credits at the 300-level.

Throughout your undergraduate degree, use **Degree Explorer** to track program requirements and connect with the **Office of the Registrar** or the **Historical Studies Academic Advisor** for guidance.

Build a Global Mindset

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.

Supplement your classroom learning with an international experience by participating in a trip to Morocco with our POL373H5: Politics of Middle East and North Africa course!

Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!

Plan for Your Future

Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an **Employment Strategist** for personalized guidance.

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.

Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let's Talk About events — Register on **CLNx**.

Third Year

Build Skills

Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a **Social Innovation Project** through the CSE.

Apply to become an **Experiential Education Student Ambassador** to earn Co Curricular Record (CCR) notation and LinkedIn badge.

Build a Network

Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).

Get published in **Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM**.



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Final Year

Build Skills

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**.

Plan Your Academics*

Earn 1.0 HIS credits at the 400-level and at least 1.0 POL credits at the 400-level.

Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.

Build a Network

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 in programs like **ISTEP** and **THRIVE-OUT** to support your transition out of the University!

Plan for Your Future

Attend the **Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference** and discover diverse career pathways.

Work with the **Employment Strategist** team to review your resume and prep for interviews.

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.

My Program Plan Template

Plan Your Academics*

Year:

Build a Network

Build a Global Mindset

Plan for Your Future

Build Skills

Notes:

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

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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 <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/admissions/requirements>.

NOTE

During the application process, applicants will select the Social Sciences admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Gain Hands-on Experience

Experiential learning at UTM empowers students to learn by doing, by taking what they study in the classroom and applying it in practical, hands-on settings. Build practical skills, explore career interests, and deepen your academic learning, giving you a strong advantage as you move toward your future goals.

- **Academic Internships**
Earn academic credit while completing a work placement.
- **Alternative Reading Week**
Three-day community impact experience.
- **Community Engaged Learning**
Learning with local communities.
- **Field Courses**
Applying classroom knowledge in the field.
- **Global Learning**
Learning across global contexts.
- **Research Opportunity Program**
Hands-on research with faculty.
- **Skills Accelerator**
Build skills with an employer.
- **Social Innovation Project**
Student teams solve local organizational challenges.
- **UTM Co-op Internship Program**
Learning through immersive paid Co-op jobs.
- **Work Study**
Part-time, paid work on campus.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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Sneak Peek

POL322H5: The Idea of Human Rights. We sometimes make claims about “human rights,” but why? Why do states engage in political violence, and how did the language of human rights emerge in response to that violence? Where did the concept of human rights originate, and how did it get written into law? Are human rights truly universal? After confronting these questions, the course will shift to theories of how the global human rights regime is meant to operate.

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.



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Skills developed in History and Political Science HBA

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 on campus. Here are a few:

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- Prandium Undergraduate Research Conference
- Political Science Student Association (PSSA)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)

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

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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)



This QR code leads to the online version of this Program Plan. Scan the code to gain access to all the live links.

