

DIASPORA & TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

Where is home? Need it be in one place? Is it always attached to territory? Diaspora and Transnational Studies examines the historical and contemporary movements of peoples and the complex problems of identity and experience to which these movements give rise, as well as the creative possibilities that flow from movement. The program is comparative and interdisciplinary, drawing from the social sciences, history, religion and the arts.

Students are required to take two linked half-courses that offer an introduction to a broad array of themes and disciplinary methodologies. The program offers a wide selection of additional courses, giving students the opportunity to learn about a range of diasporic communities, as well as key debates in the field.

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

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ1407 Diaspora and Transnational Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1407 Diaspora and Transnational Studies (Arts)

Check out...

How have diasporic women rebuilt lives and shaped Canadian communities? Find out in WGS335H5. What is the impact of public policy on immigration and crime? Learn about the intersection between immigration and crime control in SOC330H5.

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: Multicultural education specialist; Immigration officer; Child and youth worker; Lobbyist; Mediator; Public policy analyst; Settlement worker; Campaign & advocacy manager; Foreign service officer; Political aide; Community program coordinator; Journalist; Importer/ exporter; Press secretary; Refugee services coordinator.

Workplaces: Non-profit; Public relations; Public policy research; Social advocacy groups; Government; Legal agencies; Newspapers/ magazines; Community/cultural development organizations.



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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 to create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#). Update your plan yearly.



	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in courses DST201H5 and 202H5. Over the course of your degree, you need to attain 5.0 credits from a list of electives of which 2.0 must be at the 300/400 level. View the Academic Calendar for the list of electives.</p>
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 Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) 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 CLN.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>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.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you really like or 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>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p> <p>Start with the International Education Week events and learn about the diversity, culture, and international opportunities on campus!</p>	<p>Embark on a UTM Abroad Global Impact Project through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.</p> <p>Interested in deepening your global perspective? Register for the Global Citizenship Certificate offered by the IEC.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>

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

3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Remember to attain at least 2.0 300/400 level credits from the list of electives in the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <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 Counsellor. 	<p>Enrol in 1.0 400-level credits of which 0.5 must be from the following list of St. George courses: DTS401H1, 402H1, 403H1, 404H1, 405H1 and 406H1. See the Academic Calendar and select the remaining 0.5 400 level credits from the list of electives.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Community Innovation Project through the CSE.</p> <p>Explore your interests. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the IEC Outreach Assistant.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider the CSE Community Engagement Activity Assistant position which requires intercultural awareness.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Multicultural History Society of Canada or the Peel Multicultural Council.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, or the UofT Historical Students Association Conference.</p>
<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the University College London (UCL) or the University of the West Indies (Jamaica). Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange and funding.</p>	<p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoInGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p>

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Skills developed in Diaspora & Transnational 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; understand issues in migration and diaspora; 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 on campus. Here are a few:

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- 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

What does diaspora mean? Get introduced to the field in DTS201H5. You'll learn about diaspora in relation to questions of history, globalization, cultural production and the creative imagination. Material is drawn from Toronto as well as from diasporic communities in other times and places.

With the critical analytical skills, cultural sensitivity and broader outlook of life acquired in the program, graduates thrive in government ministries and offices (e.g. public policy, foreign ministry, citizenship and immigration, social services, labour), human rights, media industry, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), teaching and other fields.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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