

# 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** found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0652 History (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0652 History (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMINO652 History (Arts)

### Check out...

Why not take a closer look at Canadian communities? Examine the intertwined social, cultural, economic, and political histories of Indigenous peoples and immigrants in Canada in HIS315H5.

### 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.



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## MAJOR 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>Enrol in a first-year History course.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with <b>utmONE</b> and <b>LAUNCH</b> through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>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 <b>Academic Calendar</b> for details.</p> <p>Consider applying for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses HIS299Y, HIS399Y and HIS499Y. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>P.A.R.T.</b> to enhance your research skills.</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 Experience Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career 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 really like or 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 Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p><b>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, <b>Language Conversation Circles</b>, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.</p>	<p>Engage in programs like the <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> or 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>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate and Professional Schools Fair</b>. 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 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Earn 3.0 credits at the 300 level.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use the <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 Counsellor</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Earn 0.5 HIS credits at the 400 level.</p> <p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course HIS498Y5. Speak to the <b>Historical Studies Academic Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a <b>Social Innovation Project</b> through the CSE. Want to increase awareness about gender and equality? Consider working with the <b>UTM Women and Gender Equity Centre</b>.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the <b>CSE Community Engagement Assistant</b>.</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 or community organization. Check out the <b>Canadian Historical Association</b> or the <b>Streetsville Historical Society</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Canadian Historical Society Annual Meeting</b> or a <b>student-led conference</b> at the University of Toronto.</p>
<p><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer, term or year at one of 140+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety.</p>	<p>Learn about working abroad. Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through <b>GoInGlobal</b>. Attend the <b>Go Global Expo</b>. See if you are eligible for <b>International Experience Canada</b>.</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a CC <b>Employment Strategies appointment</b>.</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 <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p>

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## 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 listing of clubs on campus visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://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](http://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. Learn the classic texts and recent scholarship on economic life in HIS212H5 The History of Capitalism. Challenge what you thought you knew about the European Middle Ages in HIS221H5 Themes in Medieval History.

In History, we offer our senior students an opportunity to apply their research skills in work settings outside the university such as 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

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