

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (HBA)

*Department of Economics*

The **International Affairs** program provides background and training in the combination of analytical and linguistic skills demanded of individuals who wish to work in an increasingly globalized economy.

We offer a combination of courses that allow the student to acquire full interactive capability in a chosen language, while simultaneously studying institutional and theoretical issues pertaining to political, commercial and economic relationships between nations.

## 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)

### Program of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1384 International Affairs (Arts)

#### Check out...

Curious about International Development? Take ECO324H5 to learn about transformation of countries across the globe. Take a look back with Economic History - take ECO302H5 or ECO303H5 as your history course option. In ECO411H5 you will develop an analytical framework for thinking about human capital and education policy. Apply for the Economics Internship ECO400Y5 to gain valuable work experience.

### 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:** Customs broker; Environmental economist; Interpreter; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer; Lawyer; Economic development officer; Public policy analyst; Political aide; Border services officer; Foreign exchange trader; Mediator; International financial analyst.

**Workplaces:** Industrial corporations; Airlines/airports; International development; Government; Environmental organizations; Banks/ financial institutions; Translation and interpretation.



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## SPECIALIST 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 courses ECO100Y5 and MAT133Y5/ (MAT135H5, MAT136H5) and at least 1.0 in introductory language. During your degree, attain 4.0 language credits in the same discipline. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</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>Enrol in courses ECO200Y5/206Y5, 202Y5/ 208Y5, 220Y5/ 227Y5, and POL208Y5.</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>Economics Academic Counsellor</b> for assistance.</li> </ul>
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</b> 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 <b>Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)</b>. Follow them @uecutm.</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>Enroll in courses ECO364H5; ECO365H5.</p> <p>Attain 3.0 credits from courses ENV311H5; GGR325H5, 365H5; HIS311Y5/311H5; POL302Y5, 327Y5, 340Y5, 343Y5 and 475H5.</p> <p>Consider applying for the <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> course ECO399Y5. Visit the EEO website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>P.A.R.T.</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Enrol in a 400-level language course, or attain 1.0 credits from courses ECO400Y5, 412Y, 419H1, 433H5, 435H5, 436H5, 439Y5, 456H5, 459H1, 460H5, 461H5, 463H5 and POL454Y1, or a 400-level course in a cognate discipline approved by the Program Advisor.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Explore your interests. Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for <b>The Medium</b> — the source of news for UTM students. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the <b>Student Outreach Assistant</b> with the CSE.</p>	<p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course ECO400Y5. Visit the Economics department's <b>Experiential Education</b> webpage for details.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g. LinkedIn).</p> <p>Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE <b>Alternative Reading Week (ARW)</b> to become engaged with the local community.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>International Studies Association</b> or the <b>Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)</b>.</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 International Affairs

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:** build and maintain relationships; work as part of a team; and develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas.

**Communication:** convey information in a concise and persuasive manner; acquire knowledge of other languages; and understand the process of intercultural negotiation.

**Investigative:** gain knowledge of international trade, economics, other cultures and political variability, as well as understand global social and economic issues.

**Analytical:** analyze policy and proposals; examine and critically evaluate evidence; and make decisions about social and political problems.

## Get involved

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

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- 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 Grade 12 prerequisite for this program is Advanced Functions. 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 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.

### Sneak Peek

Why are some countries much richer than others? What are the consequences of opening up trade and investment with the rest of the world? Take ECO202Y5 to discuss these and similar questions. What causes war? Find out in POL208Y5 – a course that provides the tools to understand and study world affairs.

Economics is one of the most popular disciplines among students at UTM. Nearly 50 per cent of all incoming students at UTM take at least one course in economics during their undergraduate studies.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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