

SOCIOLOGY (HBA)

Department of Sociology

Sociology is the systematic study of the social world. Sociologists focus on: health and disability; global inequality; social class; sexuality and gender; race and ethnicity; culture; education; crime and deviance; immigration; and power and politics.

Our teaching and research expertise covers diverse topics central to understanding and explaining the state of society and social change. Students develop critical thinking, writing, and numeracy skills and learn how to analyze, understand and address real life issues all in preparation for further education and employment.

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 can 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)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1013 Sociology (Arts)

Check out...

Explore the intersections of gender, sex and sexuality in relation to masculinity in SOC347H5. Discover the interrelationship between human population and societal issues such as aging, reproductive health, gender, environment, and social policy in SOC356H5. Examine indigeneity and race in SOC388H5. The choice is yours!

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre (CC) to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Analyst; Behaviour therapist; Communications specialist; Diversity coordinator; Marketing coordinator; Political aide; Post-secondary education administrator; Policy advisor; Researcher; Settlement worker; Social program officer; Teacher; Youth outreach worker.

Workplaces: Community organizations; Government; Non-profit organizations; Research and policy institutions; Social service 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 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may take select 200-level courses. Refer to the Department Academic Advising Notice periodically.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits (8.0 credits for the Sociology Specialist program). Use the Degree Explorer 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). Use the RGASC for writing help and join one of their Peer Facilitated Study Groups.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC222H5 and SOC231H5 to ensure you have the prerequisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Interested in an intensive program of study? Submit a Sociology Specialist Subject POST request after completion of 8.0 credits.</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. contact the Office of the Registrar and the Sociology Academic Counsellor if you have any questions. 	<p>Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, indigenous studies, race and more. To fulfill the remaining program requirements, successfully complete: 1.0 SOC credit at the 300 level; 1.0 SOC credit at the 400 level; 1.0 SOC credit at the 300/400 level; and 2.0 additional SOC credits. View the Academic Calendar for details.</p>	<p>Personalize your degree! Engage with classic and contemporary views on power and its relation to the social bases of politics and social movements in SOC433H5. Discover the social context, factors and consequences of climate change in SOC465H5. Explore historical and contemporary manifestations of anti-Muslim racism through a transnational lens in SOC408H5.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</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 CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support! Enhance your communication and interpersonal skills with classroom debates and boardroom simulations in SOC230H5.</p> <p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the Work-Study program.</p>	<p>Participate in the RGASC's Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.) to develop your research skills. Apply for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses SOC399H5/SOC399Y5 to engage directly in faculty research. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Practice designing a qualitative interview, coding data and data analysis in SOC452H5. Pursue your own research project supervised by a Sociology faculty member in SOC439Y5. Engage in faculty research through ROP courses SOC499H5/SOC499Y5.</p> <p>Contact the Sociology Program Officer for details on experiential learning opportunities.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS) and attend their Meet Your Prof event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.</p>	<p>Connect with your professors! Ask them a question during office hours. Enquire about their research and career path. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Read the EEU's Tips On How to Approach a Professor.</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal "The Society" or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend SCS events such as Coffee & Conversations.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA), an organization with an active student subcommittee.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.</p>	<p>Take an in-depth look at why genocides occur in SOC206H5 and discover the interdisciplinary field of Indigenous Studies in SOC228H5.</p> <p>Check out Peel Urbanscapes featured by the Peel Social Lab.</p>	<p>Explore Global Sociology through diasporic networks, transnational corporations and social movements in SOC354H5. Analyze the Sociology of International Migration and the dynamics of race, ethnicity, class, and gender in structuring international growth in SOC375H5.</p> <p>Learn about a future UTM Abroad Experience. Travel with a UTM faculty member and peers to locations like Germany and Cambodia to expand your learning outside fieldwork and connections with local community members.</p>	<p>The world is your oyster! Delve into the causes and consequences of empire, imperialism, and colonization to help better understand contemporary inequalities across the globe in SOC454H5. Explore the intersection of citizenship status and class by examining migrant labour in North America, Europe and other regions in SOC460H5. Discover the social, economic, political, and cultural factors shaping the nature and meaning of social change in China in SOC407H5.</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 and consider if further education is required.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's 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 may write your reference letter for further education.</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>Thinking about grad school? Check application deadlines and give professors at least 3 weeks to write a letter of reference. To prepare a strong application for further education, attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p>

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

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Skills developed in Sociology

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: develop and write research papers; articulate concepts and ideas; present data using graphs, tables and diagrams; summarize findings; public speaking; and actively listen and engage in discussions

Research & technical: plan and conduct research using appropriate methodologies; collect data ethically; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; and use statistical software packages

Critical thinking & problem-solving: analyze social phenomena and structures; evaluate major sociological concepts, theories and debates; reflect on historical and contemporary social issues; and synthesize information; identify problems and develop solutions, including policy, recommendations and change orientation

Organizational: identify goals; manage time; multitask; and work independently and collaboratively with others

Get involved

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

- UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)
- 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 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

Discover our Indigenous Studies offerings: SOC228H5 Introduction to Indigenous Studies; SOC302H5 Indigenous-Canada Relations; SOC348H5 Indigenous Rights, Resistance, and Resurgence; SOC358H5 Indigenous People: Legal Orders and Law; SOC388H5 Race and Indigeneity; SOC415H5 Senior Seminar in Indigenous Studies; and SOC455H5 Comparative Indigenous Politics.

Our department spearheads the Peel Social Lab (PSL): a lab dedicated to gathering, storing, analyzing and sharing data on the UTM and broader Peel region, which fosters experiential learning opportunities for students. By incorporating data-gathering efforts into undergraduate sociology classes, the PSL gives students hands-on experience in research design and analysis conducted on Peel region society. Such work provides students with valuable research skills, while also helping students establish contacts within the wider Peel region.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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