SOCIETY (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 Race and Ethnicity in Canada in SOC332H5. Delve into Global Sociology through diasporic networks, transnational corporations, and social movements in SOC354H5.

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.
**SOCIETY MAJOR Program Plan**

**1ST YEAR**
- **Enrol in SOC100H5:** upon successful completion, you may take select 200-level courses. Refer to Department Academic Advising Notice.
- **Choose a program of study (Subject POSI) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.**
- Start strong and get informed with utmoONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Use the RGASC for writing help and join one of their Peer Facilitated Study Groups.
- **Build Skills:** Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments. Attend the Get Experience Fair through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
- **Build a Network:** 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.
- **Build a Global Mindset:** Pay attention to the multicultural nature of the campus and region. Attend events hosted by the International Education Centre (IEC). Student Groups and others representing diverse cultural perspectives. Reflect on your experiences using the Experiential Education Unit (EEU) Tips on Reflection.
- **Plan for Your Future:** Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC. Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.

**2ND YEAR**
- **Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC222H5 and SOC231H5 to ensure you have the prerequisites for 300- and 400-level courses.**
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - Use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - Contact the Office of the Registrar and the Sociology Academic Counselor if you have any questions.
- **Build Skills:** Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support!
- **Build a Network:** Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the Work-study program.
- **Build a Global Mindset:** 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.
- **Plan for Your Future:** Visit the UTM Library and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.

**3RD YEAR**
- **Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, race and more. To fulfill program requirements, successfully complete 5.0 additional SOC credits of which 1.0 must be at the 300 level and 1.0 credit must be at the 400 level.**
- **Build Skills:** Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support!
- **Build a Network:** Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the Work-study program.
- **Build a Global Mindset:** Learn about cultural sociology in SOC202H5 and globalization in SOC236H5. Check out Peel Urbanscapes featured by the Peel Social Lab (PSL).
- **Plan for Your Future:** Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC. Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- **Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, race and more. To fulfill program requirements, successfully complete 5.0 additional SOC credits of which 1.0 must be at the 300 level and 1.0 credit must be at the 400 level.**
- **Build Skills:** Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support!
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*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.*

**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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) to create your own plan using My Program Plan.
Update your plan yearly.

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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

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**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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**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.

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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**

Explore how ideas, meanings, values and beliefs are implicated in inequality, identity, social change, and social organization in SOC202H5. Discover the sociology of work and occupations in SOC227H5. Learn how to “think like a Sociologist” through simulations and debates with visiting scholars in SOC230H5.

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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