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 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.
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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Update your plan yearly.

1ST YEAR

Enroll in SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may take select 200-level courses. Refer to Department Academic Advising Notice.

Choose a program of study (Subject POSH) 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 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.

2ND YEAR

Enroll 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 Counsellor if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Employers often prefer candidates with a 4-year degree. Enhance your resume! Enroll in more than one senior seminar to develop your presentation skills. Pursue your own research project supervised by a Sociology faculty member in SOC439H6Y. Engage in faculty research through ROP courses SOC499H5/SOC499Y5.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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Personalize your degree! Discover how disability functions as a basis for exclusion from social, legal, political and economic institutions in SOC425H5. Investigate comparative Indigenous politics in SOC455H5. Consider a work-based experience through an internship in SOC480YS. Contact the Sociology Program Officer for details.

Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

NOW THAT I'M GRADUATING WHAT'S NEXT?

Examine gender in global contexts in SOC425H5. Apply for SOC480YS to travel to Cambodia and explore historical legacies and contemporary challenges related to genocide. Speak to the IEC for details on the application process and funding options.

Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I’m Graduating What’s Next?

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Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA), an organization with an active student subcommittee.

Go to a conference such as the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

What's your next step after undergrad?


Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).

Prepare for college applications for more post-secondary schooling. If you are interested in a graduate degree, consider attending a CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

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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

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)

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 SCO227H5. 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.

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