

# 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](http://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.



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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 SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may enroll in select 200-level courses.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer Planner</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). Use the RGASC for <b>writing help</b> and join one of their <b>Peer Facilitated Study Groups</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC231H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the pre-requisites for 300- and -400-level courses.</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>contact the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Sociology Academic Counsellor</b> if you have any questions.</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 CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLN)</b> to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the <b>Work-Study program</b>.</p> <p>Develop your writing skills in SOC221H5, with extra writing support!</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)</b> and attend their <b>Meet Your Prof</b> event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b> 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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Pay attention to the multicultural nature of the campus and region. Attend events hosted by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, <b>Student Groups</b> and others representing diverse cultural perspectives. Reflect on your experiences using the Experiential Education Unit (EEU) <b>Tips on Reflection</b>.</p>	<p>Learn about cultural sociology in SOC202H5 and globalization in SOC236H5. Check out <b>Peel Urbanscapes</b> featured by the <b>Peel Social Lab (PSL)</b>.</p> <p>Interested in deepening your global perspective? Register for the <b>Global Citizenship Certificate</b> offered by the IEC.</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 and consider if further education is required.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Extern 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 may write your reference letter for further education.</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>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.</p>	<p>Delve into your favourite topics! Consider our new research seminar SOC439H5Y, where you will undertake an independent research project supervised by a sociology faculty member. Explore a work-based experience through an internship in SOC480Y5. Contact the <b>Sociology Program Officer</b> for details.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Want to engage in faculty research? Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses SOC399Y5 and SOC499Y5. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>P.A.R.T.</b> to develop your research skills.</p>	<p>Advance your data-analysis and communications skills in SOC467H5. Want to improve your presentation skills? Enrol in more than one senior seminar!</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal <b>"The Society"</b> or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend <b>SCS events</b> such as Coffee &amp; Conversations.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)</b>, an organization with an active student subcommittee.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</p>
<p>Apply for SOC382H5 to explore genocide and memory, and travel to Germany and Poland for the fall study break. Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details on the application process and funding options.</p> <p>Earn credits and study abroad for a summer, term or year. Choose from over 120 universities, including preferred partners in Australia, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore and South Korea. Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details about <b>Course-Based Exchange</b> and funding options.</p>	<p>Explore why genocides occur around the world in SOC432HS. Examine empire, imperialism and colonization for insight on global inequality in SOC454HS.</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>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 <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p>

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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](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 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 created and implicated in inequality, identity, social change, and social organization in SOC202H5. Investigate the role of education and how it sorts students by race, class and gender in SOC224H5. Examine how characteristics such as gender, age, ethnicity and race manifest in social, political and economic inequalities in SOC263H5.

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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