



Preparing to Graduate in the Age of COVID19

Successful Strategies for Upper-Year Students
January 2022



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Reminders & Expectations

Please note, this session will be recorded

Tips for Attendees

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- Don't allow distractions by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and muting your smartphone.



Learning Objectives

- Understand how to confirm your degree and program completion
- Determine your next steps for graduation
- Identify possible options for after program completion during these uncertain times
 - Job search or further education



Degree and Program Completion

- Degree Check

Use Degree Explorer to monitor the status of your degree requirements

- Pending or Completed

- Program Check

Degree Explorer and Academic Calendar

Program Advisor

- Book an appointment with an Academic Advisor

- Contact your Program Advisor

- Make changes to course selection if necessary

Degree and Program Completion

- Degree Requirements – Pending or Complete

Code	Title	Start Session	Status	Estimated Progress	Result	Confirmed
ERPRGHBA	Honours Bachelor of Arts	Fall 2017	Active	<div><div></div></div>	Pending	

Evaluation of Requirements

Pending

(Req1) At least 20.0 Credits from ALL_COURSES "ALL_COURSES"

Pending

(Req2) At least 13.0 Credits from 200+ "200-level/ B-level courses, or higher"

Pending

(Req3) At least 6.0 Credits from 300+ "300-level/ C-level courses, or higher"

Complete

(Req4) No more than 1.0 Credit from 300+TRF "Transf Cred at the 300-level/ C-level, or higher" in Req3

Note

(Req5) Note: Credits earned through an official university exchange program are exempt from the 1.0 credit limit in Req4.

Complete

(Req6) Subject Area: No more than 15.0 Credits may have the same three-letter designator in Req1

Complete

(Req7) Distribution requirement of 1.0 Credit from HUMANITIES-DISTREQ "Humanities Courses"

Complete

(Req8) Distribution requirement of 1.0 Credit from SCIENCE-DISTREQ "Science Courses"

Complete

(Req9) Distribution requirement of 1.0 Credit from SOCIALSCIENCE-DISTREQ "Social Science Courses"

Pending

(Req10) Minimum CGPA of 1.85

Pending

(Req11) Major and Minor program requirements must include at least 12.0 distinct credits

N/A

(Req12) Courses may be reused to satisfy requirements Req1 and Req2 and Req3 and Req7 and Req8 and Req9

Pending

Each program within a valid combination must be completed

Show Only Incomplete Requirements

Geographical
Information Science
Major (Science)

+

Computer Science Minor
(Science)

+

Business, Science and
Entrepreneurship Minor
(Science)

HBSc

Criminology Major (Arts)

+

French Minor (Arts)

+

Economics Minor (Arts)

HBA

CCIT Major (Arts)

+

Computer Science Minor
(Science)

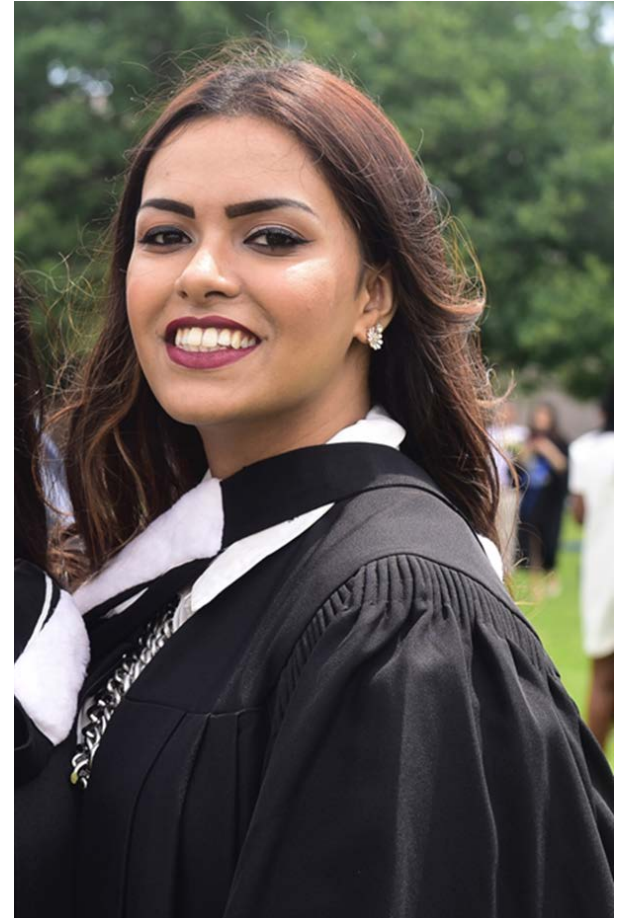
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Statistics Minor (Science)

HBA *or* HBSc

Requesting Graduation

- Request graduation on ACORN between November 23 – January 31
- Is your name correct on ACORN?
 - Personal Information Change Form
- Update your mailing address
- Clear outstanding fees and fines
- Grad photos through UTMSU



Caveats

- Missing a deferred exam
- An alleged academic offence (GWR)
- Outstanding fees

*These need to be resolved before you can be eligible to graduate



Other things to consider

- Delaying graduation

Can I take more courses to improve my CGPA?

- CGPA is below 1.85

Can I still graduate?

- Taking course after graduation

Non-degree student

- Graduation Information Letter

AskRegistrar

Online Resources

- Degree Explorer
- Academic Calendar
- UTM Office of the Registrar
utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/current-students/graduation-convocation
- U of T Office of Convocation
governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/convocation
- UTM Student Union
utmsu.ca/service/grad-photography/

Career Centre Services



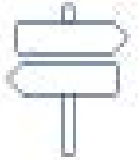
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Career Centre

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A CAREER



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What's Holding You Back?

We can help: book a
one-to-one
appointment to
discuss your future
plan



www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/

Now That You Are Graduating

What's Next?

- Not only is this a great question, it is also a **workshop!** –
Now That I'm Graduating What Next?
 - Identify your target area, learn to market yourself and help you identify a variety of job search methods
 - Learn about the mysterious hidden job market
 - Effectively match your skills to the needs of employers
 - Create a job search plan
 - Gain access to the Full Time Jobs posted on [CLNx](#) (attending this session is **mandatory** to gain access to full-time job postings)

Career and Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)

Welcome



The University of Toronto does not endorse or recommend employers, and employment or volunteer postings on the Career & Co-curricular Learning Network do not constitute endorsement practices of employers or conditions of off-campus employment opportunities. The University makes no representations or guarantees about the employment or volunteer postings or a graduates are responsible for researching organizations and verifying the employment terms and conditions with the employer before applying to or accepting opportunities.

Job Boards

Here you will find employment and volunteer opportunities posted by employers on-campus and from around the world.

- **Off-Campus Jobs:** These are paid positions posted by employers
- **On-Campus Jobs:** These are paid positions posted by U of T faculty and staff
- **Casual Jobs:** These are paid positions posted by individuals in the local community seeking to hire for work in their home. Work such as childcare, tutoring, home and lawn care etc.
 - Are you an experienced babysitter? If you are a current U of T student or the partner/spouse of a student, you can become a casual babysitter for current students, staff and faculty. For an application form, please email family.care@utoronto.ca.
- **Volunteer Positions:** These are on and off-campus part-time and short-term unpaid opportunities that may include a stipend.
- **Work Study Positions:** These are paid experiential learning opportunities with the University of Toronto staff and faculty. Please check for the program eligibility before applying.
Are you interested in volunteering or working with a **campus club or group**? Visit the clubs and groups website, [Ulife](#) and explore diverse opportunities to engage on and off campus.

Organization Profiles

Check out the [Organizational Profiles](#) on CLNx to view which organization have recruited at the University of Toronto, including their current and previous job postings.

Considering Further Education?

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/further-education>



There are many options:

graduate school
professional school
post diploma programs



How do you choose?



What do you need to know to apply & how to prepare?

[Path to Further Education tipsheet](#)



Where to get help?

Career Counsellors

- Meet with a Career Counsellor to discuss
 - Your career direction - gain career clarity
 - Options relating to employment and/or further education
 - Preparing documents for employment and further education applications
 - Personal statement critiques
- Call to make an appointment 905-828-5451

Employment Strategists

- Meet with an Employment Strategist to discuss
 - Job search planning
 - Interviewing skills
 - Networking (in person & online)
 - Preparing job search documents
 - Call to make an appointment 905-828-5451

Recent Graduate Opportunities Program

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/jobs/recent-graduate-opportunities-program>

RGOP - job preparation program for undergraduate students who have recently graduated (up to 2 years after graduation).

This program will help prepare you for your first job after graduation through group work and career coaching.

Not only will the program support you through your own job search but it will also present you with various employment opportunities that you can apply for.



We've Got Your Back!

Recent graduates are eligible to use Career Centre services for **2 years** after graduation.



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What will the future look like?



Some predictions from Future of Recruiting



- Virtually recruiting and remote workers will be the new norm for many.



- Companies invest in developing their staff for Internal mobility

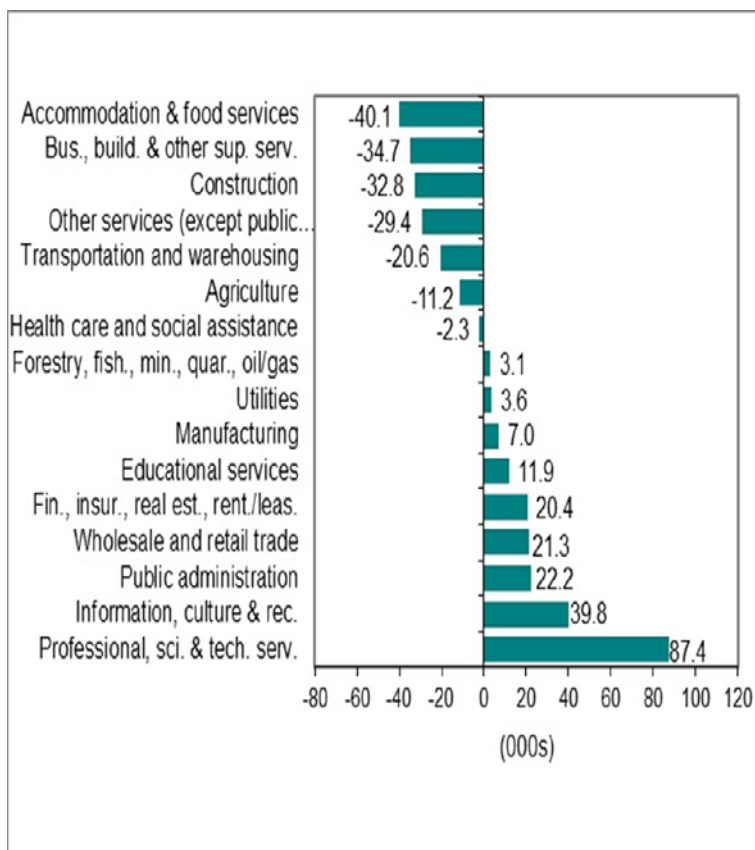


- Companies will move away from static jobs & toward project-based cross-functional work

Future of Jobs

- COVID-19 plus the recession, is creating a 'double-disruption' scenario for workers.
- Job creation is slowing while job destruction accelerates
- Skills gaps continue to be high as in-demand skills across jobs change in the next five years.
- Jobs held by lower wage workers, women and younger workers are more deeply impacted in the first phase of the economic contraction. Inequality is likely to be exacerbated by this dual impact of technology and the pandemic recession.
- Online learning and training is on the rise
- People will be required to reskill and upskill

Updated Labour Market Report (October 2021)



Job vacancies in Canada surged past 700,000 in the first half of 2021

Vacancies in the Canadian health care and social assistance industries rose by more than 200%

The number of vacant jobs requiring trade/apprenticeship certification grew by 175% from 2015 to mid-2021

In June 2021, 1 out of every 10 job vacancies in Canada required an employee to have trade or apprenticeship certification

Skills Post Pandemic

- Adaptability/flexibility
- Technology:
 - Data literacy, Digital and coding skills
 - Critical thinking
 - Creativity and Innovation
- Leadership
- EI
- The skill of life long learning



Selected Upcoming Events

- Registration is open - direct to webpage and website for logistical details to see all events
- Register via CLNx

Networking events and panels
Series schedule

Jan. 19, 2022; Health & Life
Sciences (UTM)

Feb. 10, 2022; Government &
Non-Profit (UTM)

Mar. 9, 2022; Communication
& Marketing (UTM)

Selected Upcoming Events

Register
via CLNx

Get Experience Week: January 24-28

Recruitment Event: On-Campus Opportunities – Monday, January 24

Recruitment Event: Health & Life Sciences – Tuesday, January 25

Recruitment Event: Summer Opportunities, Part 1 – Wednesday, January 26

Recruitment Event: Technology – Thursday, January 27

Recruitment Event: Summer Opportunities, Part 2 – Friday, January 28

Online Services

Career Centre

utm.utoronto.ca/careers

Office of the Registrar

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AskRegistrar – Submit a ticket for questions and appointment requests





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