



## **New Combined Degree Programs:**

## Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM) Program & Honours Bachelor of Science and Honours Bachelor of Arts, UTM Geography

We are pleased to announce the approval of a series of closely related Combined Degree Programs between the Institute for Management & Innovation's (IMI) Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM) Program, and the Department of Geography undergraduate programs at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM). The undergraduate and graduate programs are combined to enhance the undergraduate learning experience by offering students the opportunity to take graduate level courses while completing their undergraduate degree. There is a strong intellectual synergy between IMI's MScSM program and the Department of Geography. As a result, the undergraduate programs offered by Geography, including the Hons. BA Specialist and Major in Environmental Management, and the Hons. BSc Specialist and Major in Environmental Science support a natural progression into the Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM) program offered by IMI.

The appeal of this program is twofold:

- It allows our strongest undergraduate students to apply early to the Master of Science in Sustainability Management for conditional admissions in April (upon completion of the third year of the HBSc/HBA) and,
- It allows students to complete 1.0 FCE of graduate courses in the fourth year of their undergraduate program.

In essence, the Combined Degree Programs provide eligible students with an opportunity for early planning of their career in the Master of Science in Sustainability Management Program (a professional Master's program) that follows upon a bachelor's degree (4 years + 20 months). The combination of the MScSM program with the combined HBSc/HBA in Environmental Management or Environmental Science is ideal for students looking to work in the sustainability sector.

The Combined Degree Programs will offer 5 spaces annually to undergraduate students with an annual GPA of 3.7 or higher who are currently enrolled in one of the 4 undergraduate programs (Environmental Science Specialist & Major, Environmental Management Specialist & Major).

The 1.0 FCE of graduate level courses to be completed in the 4th year of undergraduate study will count toward both the undergraduate degree requirements and the MScSM Program requirements.

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## **Admission Requirements:**

Students will apply to the Combined Degree Programs at the end of the third year of the HBSc/HBA program. Admission to one of the Combined Degree Programs requires the following:

- Current enrolment in one of the four undergraduate programs of Environmental Science Specialist, Environmental Science Major, Environmental Management Specialist, Environmental Management Major;
- Completion of 15.0 credits by the end of the academic year of program request;
- Annual GPA of 3.7 or higher in the academic year of program request (or 5.0 credits most recently completed);
- Ability to complete remaining undergraduate program requirements within following academic year while concurrently completing 1.0 FCE of MScSM graduate level courses (i.e. requires less than 4.0 FCE in undergraduate program requirements by the end of the academic year of program request); and

The early admission offer to the MScSM Program will be conditional upon the student achieving an annual GPA of 3.7 (or higher) in their final 5.0 credits of study and conferral of their undergraduate HBSc or HBA degree. After conferral of the undergraduate degree, conditional admission to the MScSM Program is removed. The 1.0 FCE graduate level MScSM courses previously completed will also be counted toward the program requirements of the MScSM degree as well as their undergraduate program (i.e. they will be double counted). Students will then begin their graduate studies in the MScSM

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