HISTORY (HBA)
Department of Historical Studies

History is the study of the past and how it informs the present. Historical research fulfills the human need for information, and results in greater understanding of our contemporary world. The program is designed to give its students a wide-ranging perspective on Canada and the world through reflection on the past, both recent and distant. The department provides a diverse and global curriculum, with faculty offering a range of specialized expertise on Canada, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, the United States, and Medieval societies. The curriculum offers courses on important themes such as imperialism, colonialism and nationalism; war and politics; culture and society; religion; the environment; social issues involving class, gender, and ethnicity; capitalism and the economy; and migration and immigration.

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 should 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 ERSPE0652 History (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0652 History (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0652 History (Arts)

Check out...

Why not take a closer look at Canadian communities? Examine the intertwined social, cultural, economic, and political histories of Indigenous peoples and immigrants in Canada in HIS315H5.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Historian; Archivist; Librarian; Foreign service officer; Lawyer; Museum curator; Teacher; Politician; Journalist; Documentarian; Social policy researcher.

Workplaces: Education; Government; Non-profit agencies; Museums; Legal agencies.
## History 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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Update your plan yearly.

### 1st Year
- **Enrol in HIS101H5.**
- Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) 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 [utone](http://www.utone.utoronto.ca/) and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.
- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sightseeing around the GTA.
- Start with the International Education Week.
- Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
- **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 Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
- Use the Career Learning Network (CLIN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
- Work on-campus through the Work-Study Program. View position descriptions on the CLIN.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair.
- Attend the RGASC's Employment Strategies appointment.

### 2nd Year
- **Build A Network**
- Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).
- Embark on a UTM Abroad Global Impact Project through the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.
- Interested in deepening your global perspective? Register for the Global Citizenship Certificate offered by the IEC.
- **Build A Global Mindset**
- 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.
- Explore careers through the CC's Extern Job Shadowing Program.
- Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

### 3rd Year
- **Plan for Your Future**
- Earn 3.0 credits at the 300 level.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - see the Office of the Registrar and the Historical Studies Academic Counsellor.
- Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Community Innovation Project through the CSE. Want to increase awareness about gender and equality? Consider working with the UTM Women and Gender Equity Centre.
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- Get published in *Prandium: the Journal of Historical Studies at UTM*.
- **All Year Round**
- Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses HIS290Y, HIS390Y and HIS490Y. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.
- Consider applying for the Global Citizenship Certificate.
- Access the resources provided by the Academic Calendar and the complete 4.0 credits.
- Get Experience Fair, Work-Study program.
- View position descriptions on the CLIN.

### 4th or Final Year
- Earn 0.5 HIS credits at the 400 level.
- Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course HIS488Y5. Speak to the Historical Studies Academic Counsellor.
- Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the IEC Community Assistant.
- **All Year Round**
- Consider applying for the Global Citizenship Certificate.
- Access the resources provided by the Academic Calendar and the complete 4.0 credits.
- Get Experience Fair, Work-Study program.
- View position descriptions on the CLIN.
- Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.
- Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?
- Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.
- **Plan for Your Future**
- What’s your next step after undergrad?
- Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Services appointment.
- Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.*
HISTORY

Skills developed in History

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: speak and write clearly and persuasively; formulate and defend an informed opinion; adapt to new cultural settings.

Research: find and select good sources of information; develop attention to detail; evaluate ideas and opinions; analyze complex systems; understand how historical forces have shaped people and their environments.

Problem-solving: think critically; make decisions based on evidence and reason; take multiple perspectives on complex issues.

Organizational: complete complex tasks; learn independently; collaborate in teams; take the lead.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- Prandium Undergraduate Research Conference
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit 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.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities 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

Gain a better understanding of the historical roots of contemporary Middle Eastern politics in HIS201H5 Introduction to Middle Eastern History. Learn the classic texts and recent scholarship on economic life in HIS212H5 The History of Capitalism. Challenge what you thought you knew about the European Middle Ages in HIS221H5 Themes in Medieval History.

In History, we offer our senior students an opportunity to apply their research skills in work settings outside the university such as at museums, historical societies and public archives (HIS498YS). This internship opportunity is a chance for students to develop skills, contribute to the historical record and make contact with the local historical community.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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