The International Affairs program provides background and training in the combination of analytical and linguistic skills demanded of individuals who wish to work in an increasingly globalized economy. We offer a combination of courses that allow the student to acquire full interactive capability in a chosen language, while simultaneously studying institutional and theoretical issues pertaining to political, commercial and economic relationships between nations.

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

Program of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1384 International Affairs (Arts)

Check out...

Curious about international trade? Take ECO364H5 and analyze the nature, effects and policy implications of international trade theory, the theories of comparative costs and reciprocal demands, factor reward equalization, international tariffs and customs unions. Ever considered an internship? Why not apply for ECO400Y5? You will have the opportunity to apply the economics expertise and knowledge you have gained in class through a part-time unpaid work commitment.

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: Customs broker; Environmental economist; Interpreter; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer; Lawyer; Economic development officer; Public policy analyst; Political aide; Border services officer; Foreign exchange trader; Mediator; International financial analyst.

Workplaces: Industrial corporations; Airlines/airports; International development; Government; Environmental organizations; Banks/financial institutions; Translation and interpretation.
# International Affairs Specialist Program Plan

## 1st Year
- Enrol in courses ECO100Y5 and MAT133Y5/135Y5 and at least 1.0 in introductory language. During your degree, attain 4.0 language credits in the same discipline. View the Academic Calendar.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POSI) 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). Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.
- Complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
- Use the Office of the Registrar and the Economics Academic Counsellor for assistance.

## 2nd Year
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - Use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - Use the Office of the Registrar and the Economics Academic Counsellor for assistance.

## 3rd Year
- Enroll in courses ECO364H5, ECO365H5.
- Enroll in a 4.00-level language course. Attain 1.0 credits from courses ECO400Y5, 412Y, 419H1, 433H5, 436H5, 439Y5, 456H5, 459H1, 460H5, 461H5, 465H5 and POL454Y1, or a 400-level course in a cognate discipline approved by the Program Advisor.
- Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course ECO399Y5. Visit the website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.
- Explore your interests. Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for The Medium — the source of news for UTMs students. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the IEC Outreach Assistant.
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g. LinkedIn). Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE Alternative Reading Week (ARW) to become engaged with the local community.
- Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the University of Singapore or the University of Mannheim (Germany). Speak to the IEC. Take advantage of this opportunity to travel with a faculty member and learn about a topic of interest in a unique location.

## 4th or Final Year
- Enrol in a 400-level language course. Attain 1.0 credits from courses ECO400Y5, 412Y, 419H1, 433H5, 436H5, 439Y5, 456H5, 459H1, 460H5, 461H5, 465H5 and POL454Y1, or a 400-level course in a cognate discipline approved by the Program Advisor.
- Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course ECO400Y5. Visit the Economics department’s Experiential Education webpage for details.
- Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoinGlobal. Attend the So Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.

## Tips On How to Approach a Professor
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.

## 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.
- Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

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

Skills developed in International Affairs

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:

**Interpersonal:** build and maintain relationships; work as part of a team; and develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas.

**Communication:** convey information in a concise and persuasive manner; acquire knowledge of other languages; and understand the process of intercultural negotiation.

**Investigative:** gain knowledge of international trade, economics, other cultures and political variability, as well as understand global social and economic issues.

**Analytical:** analyze policy and proposals; examine and critically evaluate evidence; and make decisions about social and political problems.

Get involved

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

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- 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 Grade 12 prerequisite for this program is Advanced Functions. 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 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

Why are some countries much richer than others? What are the consequences of opening up trade and investment with the rest of the world? Take ECO202Y5 to discuss these and similar questions. What causes war? Find out in POL208Y5 – a course that provides the tools to understand and study world affairs.

Economics is one of the most popular disciplines among students at UTM. Nearly 50 per cent of all incoming students at UTM take at least one course in economics during their undergraduate studies.

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