Numbers are all around us. From the thickness of the ozone layer to infant mortality rates, from the cost of beer to the chances of contracting AIDS, the world is permeated with quantity. Most of the quantitative information we have is incomplete, or an estimate, or an average, or the result of inexact measurement. This does not mean the information is useless. What it means is that to consider ourselves well educated, we must be able to extract knowledge from numerical data that are subject to random error.

Statisticians do things as diverse as setting insurance rates, testing new drugs, estimating levels of air and water pollution, monitoring the quality of industrial products, and predicting the outcomes of national elections.

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 ERSPE1540 Statistics, Applied (Science)
- Major Program ERMAJ1540 Statistics, Applied (Science)
- Minor Program ERMIN1540 Statistics, Applied (Science)

Check out...

What’s a strange attractor? Take MAT332H5 to learn about stability in nonlinear systems of bifurcation theory, chaos, and fractals. Crack that code! Embark on a journey through the methods of algebra and number theory in cryptography in CSC322H5.

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: Actuary; Budget analyst; Insurance underwriter; Logistics specialist; Market research analyst; Mathematical technician; Numerical analyst; Operations research analyst; Statistician; Systems operation analyst; Data entry clerk; Epidemiologist.

Workplaces: Government Agencies; Banks; Investment firms; Insurance companies; Research and development firms.
**Statistics, Applied Specialist Program Plan**

### 1st Year

- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) 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.
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS). Follow them on LinkedIn.
- Get to know your TA. View the Math Help Room Schedule on the MCS departmental website. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
- 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 sight-seeing around the GTA.
- Start with the International Education Week events and learn about the diversity, culture, and international opportunities on campus!
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
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- 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.

### 2nd Year

- 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 MCS Undergraduate Counsellor.
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Skills developed in Statistics, Applied

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Research: design projects, experiments and other studies; analyze, summarize, make inferences and interpret the information collected; and write effective technical reports.

Technical: understand statistical concepts and the rules of logic, as well as use a range of specialized software to analyze large quantities of numerical data.

Problem-solving: approach problems from different angles to identify key issues and apply statistical theories and methods to solve problems.

Critical thinking & communication: effectively communicate ideas and abstract concepts and construct sound arguments.

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)

Get involved

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

- Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

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 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions and Calculus. The approximate average required for admission is high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Computer Science, Mathematics & Statistics 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

What is statistical modeling? In STA256H5, you’ll learn about probability distributions, expectation, continuous and discrete random variables and vectors, distribution functions and probability’s role in statistical modeling. Why not learn some bootstrapping? Enrol in STA258H5 and learn about statistical methodology with emphasis on the relationship between data analysis and probability theory.

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