



Department of Biology – Enrolling Into Programs

Welcome Biology Students! We look forward to having you join us for the next four years in the UTM department of Biology. The department of Biology Mississauga is a first class-undergraduate department. The department offers a wide range of options to students in Molecular, Ecology/Evolution, Biotechnology, Physiology and Palentology fields. This brochure will give you some **guidance for enrollment into programs**, and help you navigate some of the services offered on campus. We hope you enjoy learning about Biology at UTM. All the best in your future years ahead.

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Diane Matias
Biology Undergraduate Advisor



Biology Advising

The Biology department offers individualized academic advising to all of the undergraduate Biology students. Students should seek advice from the Biology Undergraduate Advisor if students require specific information regarding a Biology course, a Biology program, different program combinations, or questions in general regarding your Biology academics. At this time we are not offering in-person advising, but the advisor is available for Zoom meetings and by email.

Biology Advising contacts:

Diane Matias

Biology Undergraduate Academic Advisor:

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Students may contact the Undergrad Advisor by email regarding Biology courses and programs. There are also drop in zoom advising sessions or students can request a zoom meeting at a time that suits their schedules. Drop in Zoom Meetings are Tues & Thurs 4-5pm
<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/92758510246>

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Students may also contact the Undergrad/Chair's Assistant for questions regarding Biology dept, Biology scholarships, prerequisites for courses, NSERC, the BIO481 Research course and Biopath program.



Counselling Centre

UTM offers students personal advising through the Health and Counselling Centre. Counselling services are free of charge for all UTM students and all counselling is strictly confidential. All counsellors are professionally trained and are here to help students who are dealing with depression, exam anxiety, experiencing family conflicts, struggling with managing personal and academic life, as well as international students dealing with transitioning in a new country.

Health and Counselling Centre also offers medical care and personal one on one counselling to all UTM students.

Health and Counselling may be contacted at:

www.utm.utoronto.ca/health/our-services

Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office provides information and advising to students on things such as university rules and regulations, degree requirements, final exams, transcripts, financial aid, interpreting the academic calendar, petitions, graduation requests, as well as scholarships and grants. Registrar Advisors are available for zoom meetings or chats.

The Registrar's Office may be contacted at:

www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/services

How to Enrol Into A Program

Students enrol into a program through ACORN.

<https://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/>

1.) Click on **Programs**.

2.) Search for a UTM program by name or by program code (check calendar for program code). Results will start appearing as you type.

3.) Click **Enrol** (for Type 1 programs), or **Request to Enrol** (for Type 2 and 3 programs).

4.) Once departments review enrolment requests they will send either an INVIT (invite status) or REF (refusal) status to your enrolment request through ACORN. Students can accept or refuse the INVIT status through ACORN.

Program Types

There are three different program types.

A.) **Type one programs:** students can enrol into these programs at any time throughout the year, no academic requirements, no department approval.

B.) **Type two programs:** these programs have '**limited enrolment**'. Students can enrol into these programs but the enrolment status will be INT (interim) until the department approves your request for enrolment. Type 2 programs require students to have completed certain academic requirements and require department approval before students can be approved into the program. * All programs in the department of Biology are type 2.

C.) **Type three programs:** these programs have '**limited enrolment**'. Type three programs can be requested through ACORN or sometimes require contacting departments directly (may require letter of intent etc).

** See next page on information regarding **limited enrolment** programs



Program Enrolment

Biology students enrol into their programs after their first year of study, and before the beginning of their second year. The Registrar's Office will send all students a reminder email of the dates for program enrolment (approx 2nd week of March).

There are two enrolment rounds for students: first round is in March - April, and the second round takes place in June - August. If students do not meet the requirements of the first round, students may apply in the second application round. Students may also apply in future years or change programs throughout their careers.

Before students can apply to a program, you must fulfill the 'Limited Enrolment' program requirements.

These requirements can be found in the Academic calendar in the blue box under program titles. Review right of page.

utm.calendar.utoronto.ca

Specialist Program ERSPE1237 Molecular Biology (Science)

15.0 credits are required.

Limited Enrolment – Enrolment in this program is limited. Students wishing to enrol at the end of first year (4.0 credits) must obtain a grade of at least 'C' (63%) in both CHM110H5 and CHM120H5 and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 to qualify. Students who do not meet these criteria can apply to enter the Specialist at the end of second year (8.0 credits) with the following new criteria: a grade of at least 70% in BIO206H5 and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50. All students (including transfer students) must complete 4.0 UTM credits before requesting this program. **Note:** CGPA for enrolment in this program is calculated based on a minimum of 4.0 credits completed at UTM with final percentage grades (i.e. CR/ NCR courses are not applicable).

First Year: BIO152H5, BIO153H5; CHM110H5, CHM120H5; (MAT132H5, MAT134H5)* / MAT134Y5/ (MAT135H5, MAT136H5)/ MAT135Y5/ MAT137Y5; plus 1.0 of CLA201H5; ENV100Y5; ERS101H5/ ERS120H5; PHY136H5, PHY137H5; PSY100Y5; WRI203H5, WRI307H5

Example of Program Enrolment:

If we look at the **Molecular Specialist Program** at left, you will see in the **blue Limited Enrolment** box the requirements needed to request the program. At the end of their first year students must have completed a minimum of 4.0 UTM credits, obtain a minimum grade of 63% in CHM110H5 & CHM120H5 plus have a CGPA (cumulative grade point average) of 2.5. If students do not meet those requirements at the end of their first academic year, students can take a summer course and apply in the second round of program enrolment in June. If students are not able to request enrolment after their first year, there are a second set of requirements (complete 8.0 credits, 70% in BIO206H5 etc), which students would need to meet before re-applying to the program.





Program Combinations

Degrees at the University of Toronto require one of the following program combinations in order to graduate:

One Specialist or

One Major and two Minors or

Two Majors

The Biology department at UTM offers students ten different programs which can be found in the academic calendar. The minimum CGPA to enrol into a Biology program is 2.0 or 2.5 depending of the program requirements. The specialist programs are either 13.5 – 15.5 credits, the Majors are 8.0 – 8.5 credits, and the minors are 4.0. – 4.5 credits. In order for students to complete the minimum 20 credits for your degree, students will need to take some courses out of interest that are not required for your programs.

Examples of program combinations are :

Molecular Specialist

Biology Major, Chemistry Major

Psychology Major, Biology Minor, Sociology Minor

** Biology students cannot complete a Biology Major program with a Biology Minor (ERMIN2364) program for their degrees. Students can graduate with one specialist program, however students can also complete a minor or major with a specialist program if they wish.



Degree Types

The University of Toronto has four degree types. The degree type is determined by what type of programs students enrol into. Students need a minimum of 20 credits and 1.85 CGPA to graduate. Most specialist programs require 13.0 – 15.5 credits, major programs require 8.0 – 8.5 credits to complete, and minor programs require 4.0 – 4.5 credits to complete. The remaining credits for the degree can be fulfilled by completing courses of interest.

The four degree types are:

Honours Bachelor of Science - this degree must have:

- one specialist program in science or
- one major program in science and major program in arts or
- one major and two minors (at least one major or both minors must be science programs).

Honours Bachelor of Arts - this degree must have:

- one specialist program in arts or
- two major programs in arts or
- one major program in art and one major program in science or
- one major and two minors (at least one major or both minors must be arts programs).

Bachelor of Commerce – this degree must have one specialist program in Commerce

Bachelor of Business Administration – this degree must have one specialist program in Management

Information on degree and program types can be found in the academic calendar: <https://utm.calendar.utoronto.ca/>

Degree Explorer

<https://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/degree-explorer/>

Degree Explorer is the University of Toronto's degree planning tool, and is available to all undergraduate students. The tool helps students navigate their way through their degree, review your academic history, degree requirements or use the planner to determine how future course choices and different programs will meet program and degree requirements. You can find Degree Explorer on **ACORN**.

<https://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/degree-explorer/>

Degree Explorer shows you the progress of your courses and your programs :

CURRENT STATUS | **PLANNER** | **ACADEMIC HISTORY** | **CONTACT US** | **HELP**

Current Status - Student, A.J. [PDF Report](#)

Degree Explorer is a tool designed to help students and advisors evaluate academic progress towards completion of requirements for graduation. Your assessment will be considered official only if confirmed by your department/division. If you think your assessment is inaccurate, please contact the relevant department listed in the [Contact Us](#) section.

Degree Program of Study

| Code | Title | Start Session | Status | Estimated Progress | Result: | Confirmed |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--|------------|-----------|
| + ASPRGHBA | Honours Bachelor of Arts | Fall 2011 | Active | <div><div style="width: 20%;"></div></div> | Incomplete | |

Subject Programs of Study

| Code | Title | Start Session | Status | Estimated Progress | Result: | Confirmed |
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| + ASMAJ1645 | MAJOR - ENGLISH | Summer 2011 | Active | <div><div style="width: 20%;"></div></div> | Incomplete | |
| + ASMIN1013 | MINOR - SOCIOLOGY | Fall 2011 | Active | <div><div style="width: 20%;"></div></div> | Incomplete | |
| + ASMIN1165 | MINOR - MATHEMATICS | Summer 2011 | Active | | Incomplete | |

Helpful Links

The Office of the Registrar has additional information on program enrolment which can be found here:

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/programs>

The Career Centre identifies some potential career fields, related to your academic program of choice. You can check out the information through their office at:

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/career-planning/careers-major>



Timetable

The timetable is a good tool to review available space in sections of a course, instructor and syllabus information, and for enrolment controls and course notes regarding enrolment that is not listed in ACORN enrolmnet screens. The timetable can be found here.

<https://student.utm.utoronto.ca/timetable/>

Important Dates

The Registrar's Office has a list of important enrolment dates students should be aware of. Students can find these dates on the website at:

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/registrar/important-dates>

