

ANTHROPOLOGY (HBA)

Department of Anthropology

Anthropology is the study of humankind from its beginnings to the present day. Many disciplines concern themselves with humans, but only anthropology seeks to understand the whole panorama of human existence — in geographic space and evolutionary time — through comparative and holistic study.

The research interests of our full-time faculty members reflect the broad mandate of anthropology as a discipline. We cover the traditional four subfields of anthropology: archaeology, biological anthropology, linguistic anthropology and sociocultural anthropology. Our strengths include political and environmental anthropology as well as the anthropology of health.

Anthropology is unique in its incorporation of biological science and social science to pursue a deeper understanding of human existence. In an increasingly technological and global world, having human-centred scientific and cultural knowledge is more important than ever, and applicable to a wide range of job markets.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started. 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 studies 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 ERSPE1775 Anthropology (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1775 Anthropology (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1775 Anthropology (Arts)

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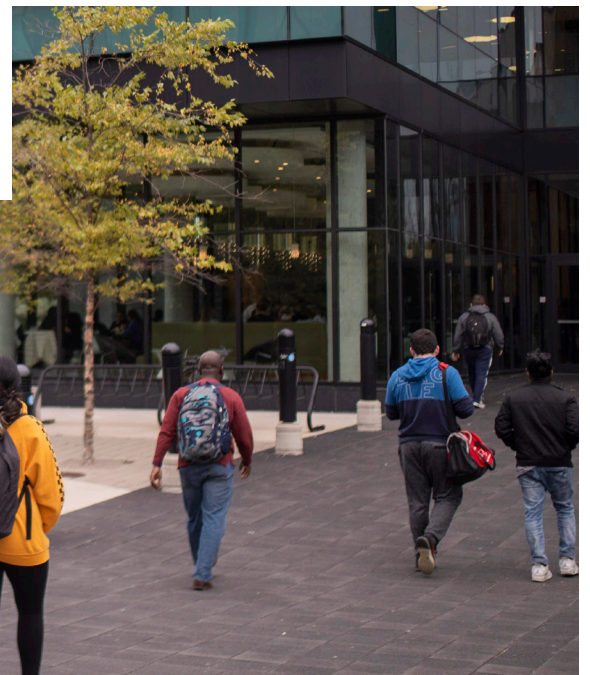
Are you interested in engaging with some of today's most pressing problems? Consider taking Anthropology HBA courses in political, legal and economic anthropology, which explore topics such as borders, racism and immigration, climate change and energy scarcity, conspiracies and populism, toxicity, digitally-mediated surveillance and settler colonialism.

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.

Anthropology Arts graduates find careers in a broad range of areas: business, consulting, development, education, foreign affairs, health care, human rights, journalism, law, museum curation, policy analysis, public & global health, public relations, social work, social services, among others. Visit [Alumni Profiles](#) to see what some of our HBA graduates are doing today.

Careers for Anthropology HBA graduates can be found across the private sector, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, and government – from museums to courtrooms to boardrooms, news desks to hospitals to overseas organizations and embassies.



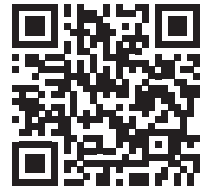
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HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in ANT101H5, ANT102H5 and ISP100H5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational writing skills and strategies for successful academic papers in ISP100H5 (Writing for University and Beyond). Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in ANT204H5, ANT206H5 and ANT207H5; and either (ANT200H5 and ANT201H5) or (1.0 credit from ANT202H5, ANT203H5 or ANT220H5).</p> <p>Speak to the Anthropology Academic Advisor & Undergraduate Program Administrator to tailor your studies to a particular field of Anthropology (linguistic, environment).</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Ace your studies by attending our academic and professionalism skills workshops for first- and second-year anthropology students.</p>	<p>Use the Career Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLNx. Gain hands-on experience in a field of your interest by participating in a Research Opportunity Program (ROP).</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the UTM Anthropology Society (UTMAS). Visit the Anthropology department's Events section for the latest departmental and UTMAS event listings.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like to 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).</p> <p>Apply to become an Experiential Education Unit Student Ambassador and earn a CCR notation.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE'IN, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Get ready to select your Program of Study (POST) by attending the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the Career Centre CC.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a Career Counselling appointment.</p> <p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program, In the Field or Anthropology Career Advisor.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>

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

3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Higher Years: 3.5 additional ANT credits of which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) At least 2.0 ANT credits must be ANT social science courses 2) At least 1.0 ANT credit must be at the 300 level 3) At least 1.0 ANT credit must be at the 400 level 4) At least 0.5 ANT credits must be at the 400 level and must be a social science ANT course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Anthropology Academic Advisor & Undergraduate Program Administrator 	<p>Higher Years 3.5 additional ANT credits of which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) At least 2.0 ANT credits must be ANT social science courses 2) At least 1.0 ANT credit must be at the 300 level 3) At least 1.0 ANT credit must be at the 400 level 4) At least 0.5 ANT credits must be at the 400 level and must be a social science ANT course <p>Speak to the Anthropology Academic Advisor & Undergraduate Program Administrator.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>In ANT355H5 (Disabled Cyborgs and Racist Robots: Bodies, Technologies, and Social Justice), use anthropological methods like interviews to imagine more equitable design futures.</p> <p>Consider submitting a course research paper, book review, or fieldwork report for publication with the Young Anthropology Journal.</p>	<p>Skills developed through the Anthropology HBA are transferable to about any job. To strengthen leadership skills, investigate the CSE Community Engagement Assistant.</p> <p>Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider taking EDS325H5 which allows you to earn a course credit in addition to a placement opportunity as a RGASC Facilitated Study Group Leader.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (i.e., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Curious about graduate school? Connect with a grad student through the CSE's Grad Connect to get the inside scoop.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) or the American Anthropological Association (AAA).</p> <p>Present at, or attend the UTMAS Anthropology Conference - a conference held annually at UTM for undergraduate students.</p>
<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p>Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE-OUT to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Attend CC workshops to learn the basics of creating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and creating a strong LinkedIn profile. To register, visit the UTM Events page on CLNx. You would also find exciting networking opportunities to connect with employers, industry professionals and alumni.</p> <p>Are you ready to take the next step in preparing for further education? Get started by checking out the Pursue Learning section of My Career Centre and attending a drop-in session with a Career Counsellor for best practices for grad school preparation.</p>	<p>Attend the CC workshop, Now That I'm Graduating What's Next to learn how to develop your job search plan.</p> <p>Ready for employment? Schedule an Employment Strategist Appointment to review your documents and practice your skills. If you are still unsure about the next steps in your career journey, schedule a Career Counsellor Appointment to gain support exploring career options and establishing a career plan.</p>

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Skills developed in Anthropology Arts HBA

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:

Understanding people: understanding and appreciating the social, political and cultural similarities and differences that make our world.

Oral and written communication: ability to construct arguments using empirical evidence; to employ varied forms of social and cultural analysis; to speak and write clearly and persuasively.

Technical: interviewing, participant observation, surveys, fieldnote taking, data coding, critical discourse analysis.

Research & analysis: ability to rapidly read, synthesize and analyze social science articles, reports and books; conduct field and archival research; use social, cultural and discourse analyses.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: ability to rethink today's world from many perspectives, and to employ anthropology's vast storehouse of knowledge to address contemporary social concerns.

Get involved

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

- UTM Anthropology Society (UTMAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the **Student Groups and Societies Directory**

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **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 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

How do languages intersect with cultural processes, worldviews, ideologies and identities? Find out what linguistic anthropologists have to say on the vital role of human communication in today's world.

How do we understand human similarities and differences in our changing world? By exploring the remarkable variety of social, cultural and political forms of life found across the globe, sociocultural anthropologists provide answers.

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