

GEOGRAPHY (HBA)

Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment

The **Geography BA** brings together many subjects of interest, ranging from community health issues, urban form and globalization to electoral politics, transportation and economic development. The program emphasizes the development of quantitative and qualitative analytical skills, including cartography, analysis of spatial data, social theory and archival work, which it supplements with field work and collaborative research opportunities.

Our faculty are very successful and active researchers. They maintain research programs, laboratories, supervise graduate students at UTM, and involve undergraduate students in projects on topics such as urban development and migration studies. They are also outstanding teachers, with several of our faculty being recognized with teaching awards from both inside and outside the university.

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 ERSPE1666 Geography (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1666 Geography (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1666 Geography (Arts)

Check out...

Don't miss out on Health and Healthcare, GGR353H5! Study the links between health and place as well as models of health systems delivery and inequalities. Ever considered an internship? Apply for JEG400/401Y5 and gain hands on experience in leading organizations.

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: Urban planner, Public policy analyst, Teacher, Retail analyst, Public health inspector, Economic development officer, Community development coordinator, Real estate analyst, Public advocate/lobbyist.

Workplaces: Municipal, provincial and federal government, Urban planning firms, Consulting firms, Retail and real estate companies, Non-governmental organizations.



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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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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in courses GGR111H5 and GGR112H5. Acquire 6 field days by the end of your final year.</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 academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in GGR277H5. Attain 2.0 credits in GGR at the 200-level from a list of courses in the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <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 Geography Academic Advisor.
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the Experiential Education Fair.</p>	<p>Use the Career & Co-Curricular 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.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Student Association for Geography and Environment (SAGE).</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>
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>Where should you start your career journey? The Career Centre's model can help you identify things to consider. You can get started today by visiting My Career Centre to begin exploring on your own.</p> <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 CC.</p>	<p>Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a Career Counselling Appointment. Ask the Geography Academic Advisor about Professional Advancement for Geography and Environment Students (PAGES).</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, MCAT), and research funding options (OGS, NSERC).</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>During your upper years of study, attain 3.5 credits at the 300/400 level from a list of courses in the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course GGR399Y5 to gain hands-on research skills by working one-on-one with faculty. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites.</p> <p>Attend the RGASC's Program for Accessing Research Training (PART) to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Gain experience designing and executing an independent senior thesis by enrolling in JEG417Y5 Honours Thesis. Speak to the Geography Academic Advisor for details.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Explore your interests. Know a thing or two about computers? Work for UTM's Information & Instructional Technology Services. Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Social Innovation Project through the CSE.</p> <p>Learn techniques geographers use in the field! Apply for GGR389H5. Speak to the Geography Academic Advisor.</p>	<p>Gain internship experience by enrolling in JEG400Y5: Geography/ Environment Science Internship or JEG401Y5: Geography/ Environment Social Science Internship.</p> <p>Apply to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Internship Program as a recent graduate. Look at the MNRF website for eligibility and application details.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Attend department research seminars and participate in departmental networking events organized by SAGE.</p> <p>Thinking about life after UTM? Connect with a UTM alumnus through the CSE's Alumni Mentorship Program!</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Association of Geographers or the Canadian Cartographic Association and apply to be considered as a presenter.</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 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>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program or In the Field.</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 Geography

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:

Technical: use qualitative and quantitative methods, conduct surveys/focus groups; data analysis and presentation; and report writing.

Research: application of field methodologies; gather, organize, analyze and present data; use statistical and graphical methods; literature review and reporting; and group collaboration.

Communication: written and oral presentation; graphical communication of research outcomes; and group presentations.

Get involved

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

- Student Association for Geography and Environment (SAGE)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a full 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

Explore how cities are planned and function in GGR207H5. Investigate the connections between consumption and sustainability in GGR252H5. Travel to Montreal in GGR389H5 to practice your field skills in a vibrant urban landscape. Build professional experience through an internship work-placement.

Our department prides itself in being at the forefront of student experience at UTM. Our students use equipment satellite imagery, and state-of-the-art computers and software in the GIS laboratory. We also have an active weather station on campus monitoring local weather conditions. Students can run their own project related to weather monitoring using the latest data logging instruments. We think that the wonderful opportunities and support in our department will make your degree in Geography not only a meaningful and valuable learning experience, but also an exciting and fun one.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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