

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES (HBA)

Department of Historical Studies

Latin American and Caribbean Studies offers an exploration of Latin America and the Caribbean and their diasporas, drawing on a range of disciplinary approaches. Through diverse course offerings, students can study Latin American and Caribbean history, languages, politics, societies, cultures, religions and geographies. The program is geared toward building an engagement with the region(s) as well as with their communities in Canada and the United States. Students may take courses, offered by a number of departments, that focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. As a complement to the student's other chosen programs, the Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies can prepare students for careers in a competitive global context in which the greater part of the Western Hemisphere plays an increasingly important role.

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)

- Minor Program ERMIN0562 (Arts)

Check out...

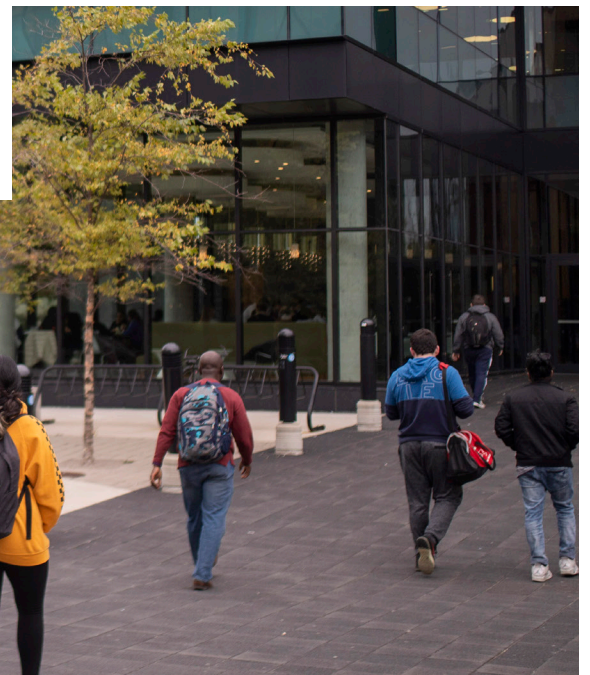
HIS290H5: Introduction to Latin American History — Most history courses start in the deep past and end in the present. This one is different. We start in our era and work backward to the year 1491. This reverse chronology is organized around crucial turning points in Latin American history, from Mexico to Argentina, Cuba to Brazil. We examine what happened as well as the other available options that were rejected at the time.

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: Lawyer; Immigration services; Interpreter; Policy analyst; Public relations and Marketing coordinator; Teacher; Social worker; Human resources specialist; Journalist.

Workplaces: Education; Government; Non-profit agencies; Social Services organizations; Banks and financial institutions; Travel agencies; Immigration Services; Museums; Broadcast media companies.



LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES MINOR 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.

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



	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enroll in HIS290H5.</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.</p>	<p>Over the course of your degree, you will be required to take a total of 3.5 credits in at least two distinct disciplines from the list detailed in the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>
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 Historical Studies Society (HSS). Go to the HSS Meet & Greet to meet professors and fellow students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you want 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.</p> <p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program or In the Field.</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>Remember to attain at least 1.0 300/400 level credits from the list of electives 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 Historical Studies Academic Advisor. 	<p>Earn at least 1.0 credits in the 300/400 level. See the Academic Calendar and select the remaining credits from the list of electives.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.</p>
<p>Sharpen your problem solving and design skills by getting involved in a Social Innovation Project through the CSE.</p> <p>Explore your interests. Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the CSE Student Outreach Assistant.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider the CSE Community Engagement Assistant position which requires intercultural awareness.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Multicultural History Society of Canada or the Peel Multicultural Council.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences.</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 Latin American & Caribbean Studies

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 & communication: develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas; communicate across cultures and languages; and mediate and negotiate conflict.

Adaptability: understand global social problems; examine issues of migration and diasporic belonging; and recognize and adapt to cultural similarities and differences.

Research & analytical: synthesize large amounts of information; logically interpret raw data and research findings; and analyze policy and proposals.

Problem-solving: make decisions about social and political issues, as well as conceptualize and implement long term projects.

Get involved

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

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- 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 by accessing the [Viewbook](#).

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities 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

SPA235H5: Music and Dance in Hispanic Culture — This course explores the heritage and modern manifestations of various Latin American, Caribbean, and Spanish musical styles and their accompanying dance forms. The course is organized thematically and geographically and is taught in English.

HIS494H5: Reading and Writing about the Individual in History — This course takes up the age-old question about the relationship between the individual and society. The instructor teaches each step in the process of conducting historical research, and students read outstanding biographies and write an original biography.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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