

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—a course covering the five-hundred-year sweep from the European invasion that began in 1492 to our current era. Geographically, we will move between Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Cuba, and the borderlands between the United States and Mexico. Through lectures, primary source documents, a textbook, and feature films, this course explores the historical processes of conquest, colonization, cultural hybridity, independence movements, nation-state formation, revolution, neoliberalism, the recent Latin American turn to the Left, and outward migration.

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. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</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>
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>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</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 to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p> <p>Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program.</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)**
- **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)**

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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

Step into the sounds and rhythms of Latin American, Caribbean, and Spanish musical styles and their accompanied dance forms. See the historical evolution of these genres of music and dance in SPA235H5.

Why did people struggle to overthrow military dictatorships in Central America? How do we know about what happened there? And how best to tell the stories of those who envisioned more free and equal societies but had their dreams violently taken from them? Develop your own answers to these questions in HIS494H5: Advanced Topics in the History of the Americas.

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