

# SOCIOLOGY (HBA)

## Department of Sociology

**Sociology** is the systematic study of the social world. Sociologists focus on: health and disability; global inequality; social class; sexuality and gender; race and ethnicity; culture; education; crime and deviance; immigration; and power and politics.

Our teaching and research expertise covers diverse topics central to understanding and explaining the state of society and social change. Students develop critical thinking, writing, and numeracy skills and learn how to analyze, understand and address real life issues all in preparation for further education and employment.

## 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 can occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using [My Program Plan](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1013 Sociology (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1013 Sociology (Arts)

### Check out...

Examine the sociology of mental health and mental illness in SOC318H5. Study human/nature interactions in SOC304H5, and learn about the social processes that threaten the environment. Discover the sociology of consumption and consumerism in SOC317H5.

### What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre (CC) to explore your career options.

**Careers for graduates:** Analyst; Behaviour therapist; Communications specialist; Diversity coordinator; Marketing coordinator; Political aide; Post-secondary education administrator; Policy advisor; Researcher; Settlement worker; Social program officer; Teacher; Youth outreach worker.

**Workplaces:** Community organizations; Government; Non-profit organizations; Research and policy institutions; Social service agencies.



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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 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR	3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enroll in SOC100H5 and ISP100H5. Refer to the <b>Program Entry Requirements</b> website periodically.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Use the RGASC for <b>writing help</b> and join one of their <b>Peer Facilitated Study Groups</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC221H5, SOC222H5 and SOC231H5 to ensure you have the prerequisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Interested in an intensive program of study? Submit a Sociology Specialist Subject POST request after completion of 8.0 credits.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li> <li>contact the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Sociology Academic Counsellor</b> if you have any questions.</li> </ul>	<p>Now you can pursue advanced courses in culture, education, gender, health, immigration, indigenous studies, race and more. To fulfill the remaining program requirements, please reference your record in <b>Degree Explorer</b> and remember that you are following program requirements as outlined in the <b>Academic Calendar</b> the year you joined the program.</p>	<p>Personalize your program experience in 4th year by exploring advanced topics that fit your interests! Examine masculinity and the internet, including the “manosphere”, incels, and representations of masculinity on social media in SOC409H5. Investigate the sociological approaches to understanding human action in SOC402H5.</p> <p>Earn degree and program credit while gaining valuable workplace experience in SOC480Y5, a full-year course that includes a part-time 200-hour internship.</p> <p>Log on to <b>ACORN</b> and request graduation.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Develop your research skills in SOC221H5. Learn how to measure concepts such as social characteristics, social attitudes and social actions in SOC222H5.</p> <p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the <b>Work-Study program</b>.</p>	<p>Participate in the RGASC’s <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)</b> to develop your research skills. Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses SOC399H5/SOC399Y5 to engage directly in faculty research. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Enrol in more than one senior seminar to develop your presentation skills. Earn credit while building your research skills via the Research Opportunity Program courses, SOC499H5 and SOC499Y5.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)</b>, follow them on IG @utm.scs and attend their events.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b> and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.</p>	<p>Connect with your professors! Ask them a question during office hours. Enquire about their research and career path. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Read the EEU’s <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b>.</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal “<b>The Society</b>” or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend <b>SCS events</b> such as Coffee &amp; Conversations.</p> <p>Participate in the <b>Community Leadership Development Program</b> as a community leader and gain skills on various competencies while giving back to the community.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)</b>, an organization with an active student subcommittee.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider adding the <b>Minor in Global Leadership</b>. This dynamic minor aims to enhance leadership skills and broaden global perspectives.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE’IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Take an in-depth look at the major theories and controversies in the field of globalization in SOC236H5. Explore student research at Peel Urbanscapes, part of the <b>Peel Social Lab</b>.</p>	<p>Explore Global Sociology through diasporic networks, transnational corporations and social movements in SOC354H5. Engage in sociological analysis of food in global, regional and intimate contexts in SOC349H5.</p> <p>Learn about a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b>. Travel with a UTM faculty member and peers to locations like Germany and Cambodia to expand your learning outside fieldwork and connections with local community members.</p>	<p>The world is your oyster! Examine gender in global contexts in SOC425H5. Apply for SOC485H5 to travel abroad and explore historical legacies and contemporary challenges related to genocide. Explore the sociology of large-scale disasters throughout the globe in SOC463H5.</p> <p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>The Career Centre’s <b>model</b> can help! Get started today by visiting <b>My Career Centre</b> to begin exploring on your own.</p> <p>Stop by the Hello desk in the <b>Student Services Hub</b>. Our Career Centre team is ready to support you.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p>	<p>Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>.</p> <p>Explore careers through the CC’s <b>Job Shadow Program</b> or <b>In the Field</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC’s <b>Graduate &amp; Professional Schools Fair</b>. Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</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 <b>CLNx</b>. 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 <b>My Career Centre</b> and attending a drop-in session with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> for best practices for grad school preparation.</p>	<p>Attend the CC workshop, <b>Now That I’m Graduating What’s Next</b> to learn how to develop your job search plan.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Check application deadlines and give professors at least 3 weeks to write a letter of reference.</p> <p>Ready for employment? Schedule an <b>Employment Strategist Appointment</b> to review your documents and practice your skills. If you are still unsure about the next steps in your career journey, schedule a <b>Career Counsellor Appointment</b> to gain support exploring career options and establishing a career plan.</p>

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

## Skills developed in Sociology

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:

**Communication:** develop and write research papers; articulate concepts and ideas; present data using graphs, tables and diagrams; summarize findings; public speaking; and actively listen and engage in discussions

**Research & technical:** plan and conduct research using appropriate methodologies; collect data ethically; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; and use statistical software packages

**Critical thinking & problem-solving:** analyze social phenomena and structures; evaluate major sociological concepts, theories and debates; reflect on historical and contemporary social issues; and synthesize information; identify problems and develop solutions, including policy, recommendations and change orientation

**Organizational:** identify goals; manage time; multitask; and work independently and collaboratively with others

## Get involved

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

- UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit

**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](http://utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook).

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

Discover our Indigenous Studies offerings: SOC228H5 Introduction to Indigenous Studies; SOC358H5 Indigenous People: Legal Orders and Law; SOC388H5 Race and Indigeneity; SOC415H5 Senior Seminar in Indigenous Studies; and SOC339H5 The Indian Act: Canadian Law, Sovereignty and Indigenous Womxn.

Our department spearheads the Peel Social Lab (PSL): a lab dedicated to gathering, storing, analyzing and sharing data on the UTM and broader Peel region, which fosters experiential learning opportunities for students. By incorporating data-gathering efforts into undergraduate sociology classes, the PSL gives students hands-on experience in research design and analysis conducted on Peel region society. Such work provides students with valuable research skills, while also helping students establish contacts within the wider Peel region.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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