

# SOUTH ASIAN HUMANITIES

*Department of Historical Studies*

**South Asian Humanities** offers a comprehensive exploration of South Asia and the South Asian diaspora, drawing on a range of disciplinary approaches. Through diverse course offerings, students can study South Asian history, religion, politics, languages, societies, and cultures. The program is geared toward building an engagement with the South Asian region as well as with South Asian diasporic contexts. Students may take courses in a number of departments that focus on South Asia. As a complement to the students other chosen programs, the Minor in South Asian Humanities can prepare students for careers in a competitive global context in which South Asia plays an important role.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you make the most of 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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Minor Program ERMN1333 (Arts)

### Check out...

Are you interested in knowing more about cultural expressions in South Asia and their relationship to South Asia's many religions? Examine religion and aesthetics in South Asia through poetry, visual culture, music, performance and more in RLG461H5F.

### 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:** Archivist; Documentarian; Foreign service officer; Historian; Journalist; Lawyer; Librarian; Museum curator; Politician; Public policy analyst; Social policy researcher; Teacher; Visual artist.

**Workplaces:** Cultural organizations; Education; Government; Legal agencies Museums; Non-profit/ NGO agencies.



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## 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.

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	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in 1.0 credits from courses ANT102H5 or any 1**H5-level course or POL114H5 or RLG101H5 or SOC100H5 or VCC101H5.</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>. Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in SAH200H5: Being Human in South Asia. Earn 1.0 credits from CIN215H5 or HIS282H5 or RLG205H5 or RLG207H5 or RLG210H5 or RLG303H5 or POL304Y5 or HIN211H5 or HIN212H5 or URD212Y5 or PUN212Y5 or SAN291Y5. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b> for details.</p> <p>Consider applying for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses RLG299Y5, RLG399Y5, RLG499Y5. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>PART</b> to enhance your research skills.</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 Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. 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 <b>Historical Studies Society (HSS)</b>. Go to the <b>HSS Meet &amp; Greet</b> to meet professors and fellow students.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the <b>Experiential Education Unit (EEU)</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 joining the <b>Canada Eh?</b> day trips or <b>English Language Conversation Circles</b> to deepen your global mindset.</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>Learn about and prepare for a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b> 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 <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Job Shadow Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate &amp; Professional Schools Fair</b>. 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 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Earn at least 1.0 credits from the list of Electives in the Academic Calendar.</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>see the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Historical Studies Academic Advisor</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Earn at least 1.0 credits in the 300/400 level.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and confirm graduation request.</p>
<p>Want to increase awareness about gender and equality? Consider working with the UTM <b>Women and Gender Equity Centre</b>.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your leadership skills? Consider a role as the <b>CSE Community Engagement Assistant</b>.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in <b>Prandium: The Journal of Historical Studies at UTM</b>.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Multicultural History Society of Ontario</b> or the <b>Peel Multicultural Council</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</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><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE</b> 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 <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a CC <b>Employment Strategies appointment</b>.</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 <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</p> <p>Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the <b>Recent Graduate Opportunities Program</b>.</p>

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## Skills developed in South Asian Humanities

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:** speak and write clearly and persuasively; formulate and defend an informed opinion; adapt to new cultural settings.

**Research:** find and select good sources of information; develop attention to detail; evaluate ideas and opinions; analyze complex systems; understand how historical forces have shaped people and their environments.

**Problem-solving:** think critically; make decisions based on evidence and reason; take multiple perspectives on complex issues.

**Organizational:** complete complex tasks; learn independently; collaborate in teams; take the lead.

## Get involved

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

- Historical Studies Society (HSS)
- Prandium Undergraduate Research Conference
- 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 South Asian Critical Humanities**
- **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 at [utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook](http://utm.utoronto.ca/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

South Asia is a place where many external cultural traditions mixed with indigenous traditions create new socioeconomic and sociopolitical entities and sequences. Learn about the relationships between religious ideologies, saints, and state power in ancient, medieval, and precolonial Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Muslim states in South Asia in RLG464H5S.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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