

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (HBA)

Department of Economics

The **International Affairs** program provides background and training in the combination of analytical and linguistic skills demanded of individuals who wish to work in an increasingly globalized economy.

We offer a combination of courses that allow the student to acquire full interactive capability in a chosen language, while simultaneously studying institutional and theoretical issues pertaining to political, commercial and economic relationships between nations. This program can be combined with Economics Major (ERMAJ1478).

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

Program of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1384 International Affairs (Arts)

Check out...

Curious about International Development? Take ECO324H5 to learn about transformation of countries across the globe. Take a look back with Economic History - take ECO302H5 or ECO303H5 as your history course option. Apply for the Economics Internship ECO400Y5 to gain valuable work experience.

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: Customs broker; Environmental economist; Interpreter; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer; Lawyer; Economic development officer; Public policy analyst; Political aide; Border services officer; Foreign exchange trader; Mediator; International financial analyst.

Workplaces: Industrial corporations; Airlines/airports; International development; Government; Environmental organizations; Banks/ financial institutions; Translation and interpretation.



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SPECIALIST 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	3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in courses ECO101H5 (63%) and ECO102H5 (63%), and MAT133Y5 (63%) or (MAT135H5 and MAT136H5), and at least 1.0 in introductory language. View the Academic Calendar.</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 academic skills and strategies by enrolling in utmONE. Build community through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Enrol in ECO200Y5, ECO202Y5, ECO220Y5, POL209H5 and POL201H5, and course(s) in your chosen language. During your degree, attain 3.5 language credits in the same discipline.</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 Economics Academic Advisor for assistance. 	<p>Enrol in ECO364H5, ECO365H5, and language course(s). Attain 3.0 credits from : ENV311H5, GGR325H5, GGR333H5, GGR365H5, ECO302H5 or ECO303H5, POL311H5, POL312H5, POL327H5 POL340Y5, POL344H5, POL345H5, POL362H5 or an alternate 300/400-level course with approval of the Economics Department.</p> <p>Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course ECO399Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC's PART to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Enrol in 1.0 credit from: ECO400Y5, ECO406H5, ECO411H5, ECO433H5, ECO435H5, ECO436H5, ECO439Y5, ECO456H5, ECO460H5, ECO461H5, ECO463H5, ECO419H1, ECO459H1, POL475H5, or an alternate 400-level course with approval of the Economics Department. Enrol in language course(s) to attain 3.5 credits.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</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>	<p>Explore your interests. Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for The Medium — the source of news for UTM students.</p> <p>Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the Student Outreach Assistant with the CSE.</p>	<p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course ECO400Y5. Visit the Economics department's Experiential Education webpage for details.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC). Follow them @uecutm.</p> <p>Connect with current PhD students at the UTM Economics Graduate Help 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> <p>Sign up to become an EEU Student Ambassador and earn a CCR notation.</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g. LinkedIn).</p> <p>Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE Alternative Reading Week (ARW) to become engaged with the local community, involved in social change, community development and contribute to a community-based project.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the International Studies Association or the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC).</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>	<p>Expand your intercultural awareness and develop intercultural skills that 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>
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>	<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 (RGOP).</p>

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

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Skills developed in International Affairs

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: build and maintain relationships; work as part of a team; and develop sensitivity to different viewpoints and ideas.

Communication: convey information in a concise and persuasive manner; acquire knowledge of other languages; and understand the process of intercultural negotiation.

Investigative: gain knowledge of international trade, economics, other cultures and political variability, as well as understand global social and economic issues.

Analytical: analyze policy and proposals; examine and critically evaluate evidence; and make decisions about social and political problems.

Get involved

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

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a 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 Grade 12 prerequisite for this program is Advanced Functions. 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

Why are some countries much richer than others? What are the consequences of opening up trade and investment with the rest of the world? Take ECO202Y5 to discuss these and similar questions.

Are you looking for a deeper analysis of economic models and their application? Then consider enrolling in the **Certificate in Advanced Economics**.

To achieve the Certificate, you will enrol in 4 courses covering the three main fields of economics: microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics, that help prepare you for graduate and professional studies. The 4 courses are ECO325H5, ECO326H5, ECO375H5, and ECO475H5.

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