

# 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](http://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.



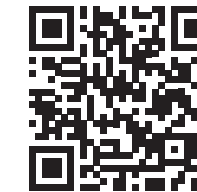
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## SPECIALIST Program Plan

### 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 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> 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 <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</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 academic skills and strategies by enrolling in <b>utmONE</b>. Build community through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</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"> <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>Economics Academic Advisor</b> for assistance.</li> </ul>
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</b> 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 <b>Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)</b>. Follow them @uecutm.</p> <p>Connect with current PhD students at the <b>UTM Economics Graduate Help Desk</b>.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like 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 Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p> <p>Sign up to become an EEU <b>Student Ambassador</b> and earn a CCR notation.</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>Students can apply to join the <b>UTM Co-op Internship Program (UTMCIP)</b> stream at the end of their first year. The UTMCIP includes mandatory Work-Readiness modules, followed by a 12- or 16-month paid, full-time, academically related work experience.</p> <p>Get ready to select your Program of Study (POST) by attending the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and 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 or 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>

\*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>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 <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> course ECO399Y5. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>PART</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Enrol in 1.0 credit from: ECO400Y5, ECO406H5, ECO411H5, ECO433H5, ECO435H5, ECO436H5, ECO456H5, ECO460H5, ECO461H5, 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>
<p>Explore your interests. Interested in current events and raising student awareness of key issues? Write for <b>The Medium</b> — the source of news for UTM students.</p> <p>Do you enjoy community building? Investigate being the <b>Student Outreach Assistant</b> with the CSE.</p>	<p>Consider a practical work-based experience through the internship course ECO400Y5. Visit the Economics department's <b>Experiential Education</b> webpage for details.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g. LinkedIn).</p> <p>Learn about local issues! Consider a CSE <b>Alternative Reading Week (ARW)</b> 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 <b>International Studies Association</b> or the <b>Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)</b>.</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><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>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 Career Counsellor 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>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>

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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)**
- **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](http://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.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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