

CANADIAN STUDIES (HBA)

Department of English & Drama

Canadian Studies explores the Canadian nation, imagination and experience from an interdisciplinary perspective. The courses offered present a wide-ranging and diverse view of Canada from both humanities and social science perspectives, including Anthropology, Communications, Drama, English, Economics, Environment, French, Geography, History, Political Science and Women and Gender Studies. The core courses in the program provide a strong foundation for students who then choose additional courses from a wide variety of electives that fit their own interests and academic goals. The program is flexible and introduces students to several academic disciplines, methods of inquiry and theoretical approaches to the study of Canada. It provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies and allows students to fulfill the entrance requirements of the Faculty of Education.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many paths to follow! 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)

- Major Program ERMAJ0728 Canadian Studies (Arts)

Check out...

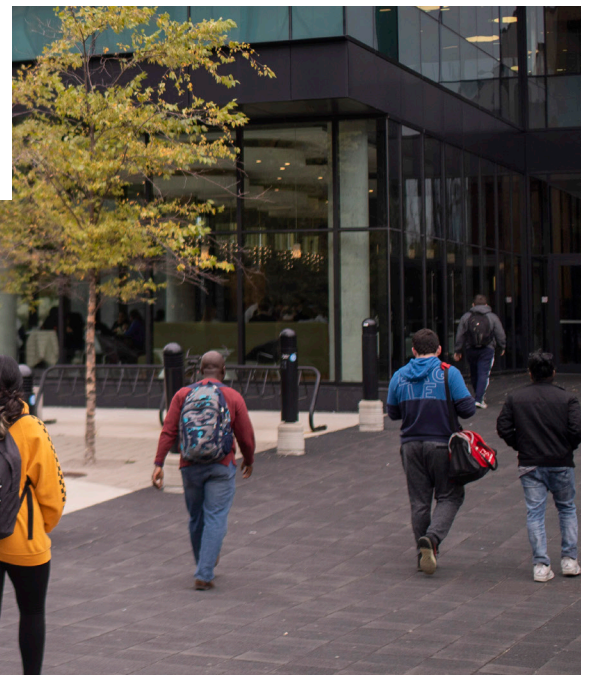
Was Iroquoian society a matriarchy? Were women in New France more "liberated" than their 19th century granddaughters? Take HIS361H5, and learn about the experience of women in various regions of Canada from pre-contact times through the First World War.

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: Policy Advisor, Lawyer, Environmental Economist, Librarian, Immigration Officer, Politician, Community Planner

Workplaces: School boards; Government and community organizations; International agencies; Travel & Tourism; Universities and colleges; Private sector businesses.



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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 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in HIS262H5.</p> <p>To complete this major, complete 7.0 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>Enrol in POL215H5 and POL216H5 and GGR202H5 and 1.0 English credit from ENG215H5 or ENG255H5 or ENG274H5 or ENG352H5 or ENG357H5 or ENG361H5 or ENG362H5 or ENG392H5 or ENG393H5.</p> <p>To qualify for this program, students must have completed 4.0 credits.</p> <p>Attend the RGASC's PART to enhance your research skills and PELS program to enhance your English language skills.</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 English and Drama Student Society (EDSS). Follow them @utm.edss.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</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 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. 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>Where should you start your career journey? The Career Centre's model can help! Get started today by visiting My Career Centre to begin exploring on your own.</p> <p>Stop by the Hello desk in the Student Services Hub. Our Career Centre team is ready to support you.</p> <p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p>	<p>Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a Career Counselling appointment.</p> <p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program or In the Feild.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. 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 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Take 2 credits from the 300/400 level courses from the list (that have not already been applied towards your program) as described 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 English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor 	<p>Take another 2 credits from the 300/400 level courses from the list (that have not already been applied towards your program) described in the Academic Calendar.</p> <p>Visit the English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor for help with selecting appropriate courses.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Explore your interests!</p> <p>Are you interested in Indigenous Literature and Storytelling? Consider taking ENG274H5 to learn how to apply Indigenous theory to storytelling, and engage with audio recordings, poetry, drama, novels, short stories, and non-fiction by writers such as Jeanette Armstrong, Tomson Highway, Lee Maracle and Tommy Orange.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them.</p> <p>Are you interested in getting work experience on campus? The work study program provides eligible students with an opportunity to work on campus during the academic year and gain experience.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Check out workshops and events hosted by the Department of Language Studies. Visit their News & Events page.</p>	<p>Join a professional association.</p> <p>Attend events offered by the Political Science department. Go to a conference such as the CPSA Annual Conference.</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 Outbound Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p> <p>EDS388H5 also offers opportunities to complete the internship abroad. Talk with your Education Studies Program Coordinator for more details.</p>	<p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE-OUT 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 CLNx. 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 My Career Centre and attending a drop-in session with a Career Counsellor for best practices for grad school preparation.</p>	<p>Attend the CC workshop, Now That I'm Graduating What's Next to learn how to develop your job search plan.</p> <p>Ready for employment? Schedule an Employment Strategist Appointment to review your documents and practice your skills. If you are still unsure about the next steps in your career journey, schedule a Career Counsellor Appointment to gain support exploring career options and establishing a career plan.</p>

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Skills developed in Canadian Studies

Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Technical: understand economic, political, cultural, and social history of Canada; knowledge of Canadian literary traditions and government; and multicultural awareness.

Communication: effectively present issues, proposals, and solutions; and collaborate with individuals from a variety of professional, academic, and cultural backgrounds. Develop a comprehensive knowledge of Canada from various socio-political, cultural, and historical perspectives.

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Problem Solving: approach problems from various angles; make decisions about social and political issues; conceptualize and implement projects.

Get involved

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

- English & Drama Student Society (EDSS)
- 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, and 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.

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

What is the role of art in Canadian Society? In FAH292H5 you'll examine the history of art produced in Canada, from the pre-contact period to today. Curious about the Climatology of Canadian Landscapes? Find out in GGR384H5! This course will introduce you to Alpine and forest environments; ocean and wetland regions; and both arctic and subarctic climates.

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