

Seeking New Heights: Alternative Program Options

Your guide to long-term academic and career planning





DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

You may have come to UTM with a program in mind, a set career plan, or a vision of what you want to achieve during your undergraduate career.

As you learn more about yourself, and the programs our campus has to offer, we want you to know that it is normal for your dreams and goals to change. Many students experience this after their first year.

It is common that students change between specialists, majors, minors that better align with their interests, skills, and strengths. Perhaps your plans have not changed entirely, and just need a slight tweak.

Since you are reading this guide, it's safe to assume that you are at least *curious* about alternative program options, and what it might mean for you. **No matter your reason, we are glad that you are here.**

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

[Type 3 programs](#) are among the most competitive programs at UTM. Spaces in these programs are limited, and students must meet specific program entry requirements.

Whether you are looking for an alternative option to your program, or are curious about the options available to you, the suggestions below are a great place to start.

To learn more about these programs, you can consult the [Academic Calendar](#), [UTM Program Plans](#), and [Careers by Major](#).

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Business, Science and Entrepreneurship - Minor

- Applied Statistics - Minor
- Earth Science - Minor
- Geographical Information Systems - Minor
- Philosophy of Science - Minor
- Sustainability - Minor

Communications, Culture and Information Technology - Major

- Art and Art History - Specialist/Major
- Art History - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Cinema Studies - Major/Minor
- Computer Science - Minor
- Creative Writing - Minor
- English - Major/Minor
- Professional Writing and Communication - Major/Minor
- Visual Culture - Minor



Be sure to check the prerequisites, program entry and completion requirements in the [Calendar](#). To help you plan your courses, or explore program options, [book an appointment with an Academic Advisor](#).

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Commerce - Specialist
(including Accounting,
Finance, and Marketing)

- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Economics - Specialist (Arts)
- Economics - Major/Minor
- Mathematics - Specialist/Major/Minor

Commerce - Major

- Economics - Specialist (Arts)
- Economics - Major/Minor
- Political Science - Major
- International Affairs - Specialist
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Physics - Major/Minor

Computer Science - Specialist

- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Bioinformatics - Specialist
- Communication, Culture Information & Technology - Major
- Computer Science - Minor
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Geographical Information Systems - Major/Minor
- Linguistic Studies - Major/Minor
- Mathematics - Major/Minor
- Economics - Major
- Physics - Major/Minor
- Technology, Coding & Society - Major

Computer Science - Major

- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Communication, Culture Information & Technology - Major
- Computer Science - Minor
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Economics - Major
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Geographical Information Systems - Major/Minor
- Linguistic Studies - Major/Minor
- Mathematics - Major/Minor
- Technology, Coding & Society - Major



The [UTM Career Centre](#) can help you figure out how your program relates to your career, and what you can do to be successful. Create a Career Decision Profile to help you get a snapshot of your future career, and next steps. To access it, login to [CLNx](#), click on *Resources*, then the Career Decision Profile.

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Criminology, Law and Society - Specialist

- Political Science - Specialist/Major
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Major
- Philosophy - Major

Combinations of minors: Political Science; Forensics; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Diaspora and Transnational Studies; Ethics, Law and Society; Philosophy

Criminology, Law and Society - Major

- Political Science - Major
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Major
- Philosophy - Major
- History - Major
- Psychology - Major
- Visual Culture and Communication - Specialist

Combinations of minors: Political Science; Forensics; Anthropology; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Diaspora and Transnational Studies; Ethics, Law and Society; Psychology; Environmental, Law & Policy; History

Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist

- Art History - Specialist/Major
- Cinema Studies - Major/Minor
- Communication, Culture Information & Technology - Major
- Professional Writing and Communication - Minor
- Computer Science - Minor
- Art & Art History - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Creative Writing - Minor
- English - Major/Minor
- Technology, Coding & Society - Major
- Economics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Visual Culture and Communication - Specialist



When asked for advice, graduating students and alumni agree - you should start the process of career exploration early on, and use the services throughout your studies!

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Economics (Commerce) - Specialist

- Other programs in Commerce and Management if the cut off is lower
- Applied Statistics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Economics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Economics and Political Science - Specialist
- Mathematics - Specialist/Major/Minor

Education Studies - Minor

- Add/strengthen teachables for junior/intermediate/senior streams (in demand teachables are preferred).
- For primary/junior stream, consider minors in core curriculum/or those that give insights into issues in education, such as: Psychology; English; Math; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Biology; History; Canadian Studies; Diaspora and Transnational Studies; Geography; Linguistics; Environment (variety of minors); etc.

Financial Economics - Specialist

- Applied Statistics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Economics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Economics and Political Science - Specialist
- Mathematics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Computer Science - Minor
- International Affairs - Specialist

Forensic Anthropology - Specialist

- Anthropology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Ethics, Law and Society - Minor
- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Neuroscience - Specialist
- Exceptionality in Human Learning - Specialist



Some programs have higher tuition fees (called deregulated fees) starting in Year 2. Refer to the [Program Selection Guide](#) for a list of these programs.

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Forensic Biology - Specialist

- Biological Chemistry - Specialist
- Chemistry - Major
- Comparative Physiology - Specialist
- Anthropology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Ethics, Law and Society - Minor
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Neuroscience - Specialist

Forensic Biology - Major

- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Neuroscience - Specialist

Forensic Chemistry - Specialist

- Chemistry - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Biological Chemistry - Specialist
- Earth Science - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Environmental Geoscience - Specialist
- Environmental Science - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Neuroscience - Specialist

Forensic Psychology - Specialist

- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Anthropology - Specialist/Major/Minor (Science and Arts)
- Forensic Science - Minor
- Neuroscience - Specialist
- Exceptionality in Human Learning - Specialist
- Chemistry - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Biological Chemistry - Specialist



Did you know? The [UTM Program Plans](#) provide you with an overview of skills you'll develop in the program, services that can support you, academic and co-curricular opportunities that cater to your specific Specialist or Major program and more! From Year 1 to graduation, the Plans have your back.

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Forensic Science - Major

- Forensic Science - Minor
- Anthropology Major/Minor
- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Philosophy of Science - Minor
- Earth Sciences - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Chemistry
- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor

Human Resource Management - Specialist

- Management - Specialist/Major
(if cut-off is lower)
- Psychology - Specialist/ Major/Minor
- History - Major/Minor
- English - Major/Minor
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Major/
Minor
- Economics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- International Affairs - Specialist

Information Security - Specialist

- Computer Science - Minor
- Economics - Major
- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Geographical Information Systems - Major/Minor
- Mathematics - Major/Minor
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Forensic Science - Minor

Management - Specialist

- Economics - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Political Science - Specialist/Major
- International Affairs - Specialist
- Environmental Management - Specialist



Did you know? Students can apply to a limited enrolment program twice per year. The application deadlines can be found in the [Program Selection Guide](#).

Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Management - Major

- Economics - Major/Minor
- Digital Enterprise Management - Specialist
- Political Science - Major
- International Affairs - Specialist
- Ethics, Law and Society - Minor
- Environmental Management - Major

Professional Writing & Communication - Major

- Art History - Specialist/Major
- Cinema Studies - Major/Minor
- Creative Writing - Minor
- Communication, Culture Information & Technology - Major
- Professional Writing and Communication - Minor
- English - Major/Minor
- Ethics, Law & Society - Minor
- History - Minor

Sociology - Specialist

- Art History - Specialist
- Cinema Studies - Major/Minor
- Political Science - Major
- Women and Gender Studies - Major
- Exceptionality in Human Learning - Specialist
- Psychology - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor
- Visual Culture and Communication - Specialist

Combinations of Minors: Political Science; Forensics; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Diaspora and Transnational Studies; Psychology



Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Sociology - Major

- Art History - Major
- Political Science - Major
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Major
- Canadian Studies - Major
- Philosophy - Major
- History - Major
- Psychology - Major
- Cinema Studies - Major
- Exceptionality in Human Learning - Specialist
- Psychology - Specialist/Major
- Applied Statistics - Major/Minor

Combinations of Minors: Political Science; Forensics; Philosophy; History; Psychology; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Diaspora and Transnational Studies; Anthropology; Cinema Studies; Classical Civilization; Ethics, Law and Society; Visual Culture; Canadian Studies

Sociology - Minor

- Art History - Minor
- Visual Culture - Minor
- Cinema Studies - Minor
- Political Science - Minor
- Forensics - Minor
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Minor
- Diaspora and Transnational Studies - Minor
- Philosophy - Minor
- History - Minor
- Psychology - Minor
- Anthropology - Minor
- Classical Civilization - Minor
- Ethics, Law & Society - Minor
- Canadian Studies - Minor



Type 3 Program

Alternative options:

Theatre and Drama Studies - Specialist

- Dramaturgy and Drama Studies - Major/Minor
- English - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Creative Writing - Minor
- History - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Visual Culture - Minor
- Cinema Studies - Major/ Minor

Visual Culture & Communication - Specialist

- CCIT Major
- Art and Art History - Specialist/Major
- Art History - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Anthropology (Arts) - Specialist/Major/Minor
- Cinema Studies - Major/Minor
- Classical Civilizations - Major/Minor



HELPFUL VIDEOS



[Your U of T Degree](#)

9 min

Learn about U of T program and degree requirements, how you can track your progress with Degree Explorer, what it means to choose a program, and much more!



[Choosing Your Program](#)

7 min

Learn about program combinations, how your program determines your degree type, application periods, what to do if you are refused from your program, and more.



[Refused from Your Program? Now What?](#)

1 hour, 15 minutes

This webinar is for students who were refused program entry. We'll highlight important questions to consider as you plan your next steps to achieve your academic and career goals.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Type your questions below and share them with us during your next appointment.

CONNECT WITH US

One of the best ways to make the most out of your time at university is to **stay open, stay curious, and continue to challenge yourself** as you find new ways to get involved. There is no wrong way to get started.

As you grow, your goals may change, too. Rest assured that **we'll be there with you every step of the way**. Our services are designed to support you from first year to graduation and beyond. Even if you are not sure where to begin, just reach out and ask! We can make a referral, and point you in the right direction.

We look forward to chatting with you, soon!

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