

Human Geography (HBA)

Department of Human Geography

Specialist

Major

Minor

The Human Geography program at UTSC is at the cutting edge of explorations into the spatiality of human activity and social inequalities. Human Geography is well placed to explore aspects of globalization, the complex relationships between society and the natural environment, as well as the social and economic issues of human land use and settlement. Students of Geography will find that it is an exciting and innovative program of study that can lead to a wide variety of careers in government, civil society and the private sector.

Complementary Programs: Major and Minor Programs: City Studies, Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, Geographic Information Sciences, International Development Studies

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

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 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 listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Manipulate and map geographic data
- Understand natural and social processes
- Spatial aspects of social marginalization
- Activism and resistance as spatial phenomena
- How land and environment are understood, produced and contested
- Knowledge of capitalist processes

Careers for Graduates

- Policy Analyst
- Urban Planner
- Research or Outreach Coordinator in NGOs
- Sustainability Coordinator
- Mapping/Data Analyst in Planning/Construction
- GIS Analyst in Transportation Services
- Development Worker in Non-Profits
- Tourism Information Officer in Travel Services

Further Education

- Geography
- Urban Planning
- Education
- Sustainability/Environment
- Public Service & Administration
- Marketing



Connect with Alumni at events on **CLNx** and through **Partners in Leadership**, **10,000 Coffees**, **LinkedIn** and more!

For more information go to:
uoft.me/alumni-services

**NEED HELP CHOOSING
YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing

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Major Program Pathway

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PATHWAY

Read through each year; investigate what appeals to you here and in other Program Pathways that apply to you. Note that this Pathway is only a suggestion. **For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.**

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

- FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY:
- 1.0 credit from: GGRA02H3, GGRA03H3, GGRA35H3.
 - Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives.
 - Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program of interest.

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

- THEORY AND CONCEPTS IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY:
- 1.0 credit as follows: GGRB02H3 and GGRB03H3.
 - 1.5 credits from: GGRB05H3, GGRB13H3, GGRB18H3/ESTB02H3, GGRB21H3, GGRB28H3, GGRB55H3.
 - Use Degree Explorer and meet with your Program Advisor or Supervisor to ensure you are on track.

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

- METHODS:
- 1.0 credit as follows: GGRA30H3 and STAB23H3.
 - 1.0 credit from: GGRB30H3, GGRB32H3, GGRC31H3.
 - Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

- APPLICATIONS:
- 5.5 additional credits at the C- or D-level in GGR Advanced Applications courses.
 - 1.0 credit at the D-level in GGR courses; check the UTSC Calendar for more details.
 - Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
 - Register your “Intent to Graduate” on ACORN by the deadline.

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- GGRA02H3 and GGRA03H3 are designed to introduce you to geographic concepts such as space, scale, place, the body, and human/environment relations. You will develop critical thinking, reading, writing and research skills.
- Use the library and CTL Writing Centre for support with your assignments.

- Book an appointment with your program librarian for in-depth library research assistance.
- Explore the Geography Research Resource guide at guides.library.utoronto.ca/ggr.

- Consider competing in the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Apply for the Summer Research Exchange Program through the International Student Centre to research at an international partner university; earn credit and receive funding!

- Explore independent research courses such as GGRD01H3 and GGRD31H3.
- Conduct a 12-24 week research project at universities overseas through the Mitacs Globalink Research Award; provides \$6000 for senior undergraduate and graduate students.

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Build your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) by getting involved on and/or off campus; apply to Work Study, or other part-time and summer jobs on CLNx.
- Join the Geography & City Studies Student Association (GCSA) to connect with other students in your field of study.

- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for summer and full-time positions.
- Run for an elected position in the Geography and City Studies Student Association.

- Contribute your writing skills to Canadian Geographic, the country's fourth most-read magazine. They take on interns throughout the year at their head office in Ottawa. Editorial interns write for the magazine, website and blog, fact-check articles, research and develop stories.

- Expand your professional network and consider interning at Science Horizons which supports green jobs for youth by providing wage subsidies to eligible employers to hire interns in environmental and clean technology sectors ([Canada.ca >Science Horizon](https://Canada.ca/ScienceHorizon)).

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Participate in Department of Student Life's (DSL) LEAD program to build confidence, self-esteem and resiliency.
- Get involved in DSL's Imani Academic Mentorship Program for black youth in the East Scarborough community.

- Join a Community Action Project through DSL to apply academic learning and take action for social change through engagement opportunities in the community.
- Join a Community Day Event through DSL to volunteer with various East Scarborough community organizations.

- Volunteer to be a First Year Peer Advisor in DSL's First Year Experience Program.
- Complete the International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Citizenship Certificate; consider Global Learning opportunities, like a Summer Abroad.
- Connect with an Indigenous community during the Indigenous Experiential Journey Trip (through DSL).

- Connect with Geography's professional associations.
- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning into the work field or further education.
- Use CLNx to search for Internships.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations in industries related to your program of study; check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and/or register with the SCSU's Volunteer Network Program.

- Gain experience by applying for a summer, part-time or Work Study position via CLNx.
- Get to know your professors and program advisors – you may need to use them as a reference for grad school.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In the Field Programs.

- Speak with AA&CC staff to plan a potential career path.
- Check CLNx for networking events and information sessions to attend.
- Attend the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in September to learn about admission requirements and application process.

- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired Conference in April/May.
- Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding applying to graduate studies; get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.
- Attend the Job for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course”; find job opportunities on CLNx.

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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:

To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion

The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

utsc.utoronto.ca/edo/

Academic Integrity

The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/

Healthy Campus

UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

uoft.me/healthycampus/

Co-Curricular Record

The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr

FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment

University of Toronto Scarborough
Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
416-287-7529

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CURRENT STUDENTS

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Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

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Geography & City Studies Student Association (GCSA)

gcsautoronto.com/

DID YOU KNOW...

Geographers are well-positioned to understand and tackle local and global problems in an increasingly complex world.



Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CTL - Centre for Teaching and Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
GCSA - Geography & City Studies Student Association
ISC - International Student Centre
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students Union

DISCLAIMER: Please refer to the calendar for the most current and accurate information on programs and degrees: utsc.calendar.utoronto.ca