Public Policy (HBA)
Department of Political Science

The Major Program in Public Policy equips students with the analytical and methodological skills they will need to secure employment as policy analysts in government, business, and non-governmental sectors, or to continue to graduate training in public policy. Public Policy courses examine the context, institutions, and processes of policy-making and implementation, as well as concepts and criteria for policy evaluation. Students will learn how to address theories of how policy is made and the influence of key actors and institutions.

Complementary Programs: Majors: City Studies, International Development Studies, Health Studies-Health Policy, Economics for Management Studies, Environmental Studies, Minor in Applied Statistics.

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:
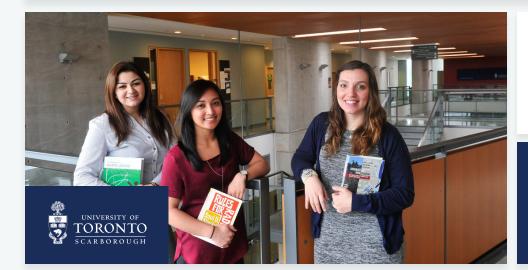
Competencies & Skills

- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Ability to design and execute research projects
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data
- Knowledge about the context, institutions, and processes of policy-making and implementation
- Ability to apply concepts and theories about policy-making
- Ability to analyze policy issues in a variety of formats, including policy briefs and policy recommendations

Careers for Graduates

- Economic Advisor in Government
- Legislative Aide in Government
- City Planning Assistant in Government
- Policy Research Associate in Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)
- Foreign Service Officer in Government
- Researcher in Think Tanks
- Policy Analyst in Corporations

Further Education

- Political Science
- Policy (many varieties)
- Public Administration/Service
- Economics
- Business Administration
- Law
- Paralegal
- Public Relations
- Community Service Management

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

	YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)	YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)	YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)	YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)
CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY	• 1.0 credit (A- or B-level) in ANT, CIT, GGR, IDS, POL or SOC (at least 0.5 A-level in Political Science recommended). • 1.0 credit in Economics for Public Policy [MGEA01H3 and MGEA05H3] or [MGEA02H3 and MGEA06H3]. • Use Degree Explorer and UTSC Calendar to plan your degree: uoft.me/degreeplanning.	• 1.0 credit in Canadian Politics: POLB50Y3. • Use Degree Explorer and consult with your Program Advisor to ensure you meet your degree and program requirements.	• 1.0 credit in Fundamentals of Public Policy: PPGC66H3, PPGC67H3. • 1.0 credit in Research Methods including at least 0.5 credit in Quantitative Methods (see Calendar for list). • 3.0 credits in Public Policy. • Applications courses with 1.0 credit at the C- or D-level. • Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.	• Ensure you fulfill the depth requirements by taking appropriate number of C- and D-level courses for your program(s) and degree. • Make sure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements. • 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	• Learn how to read and write academic texts and do your own research; seek support from your professors and TA's. • Book an appointment with your program librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments, and get writing support at the CTL Writing Centre.	• Enter the Fraser Institute Essay competition and showcase your ideas on public policy and the role of markets. • Using key concepts from MGEA01H3/MGEA02H3 and MGEA05H3/MGEA06H3, compete in the Progressive Economics Essay contest by entering a paper on economic policy: www.progressive-economics.ca.	• Develop research skills by entering to win the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum. • Conduct a 12-24 week research project at a university overseas through the Mitacs Globalink Research Award; or apply for the Summer Research Exchange Program to research at an international partner university; visit ISC for details.	• Talk to professors from C- or D-level courses in which you did well to explore research assistantships. • Check the Research Catalogue on CLNx for possible research opportunities. • Develop your own research project by enrolling in POLD95 Supervised Research course.
APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE	• Join the Political Science Students Association (PSSA) and attend their events; also check out other student clubs on campus: www.scsu.ca/clubsdirectory. • Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities. • Consider enrolling in the Public Policy Co-op Program.	• Consider attending the University of Toronto Model Parliament (UTMP) annual conference to better understand the political processes, government policy and law. • If you are interested in global issues, join the University of Toronto Model United Nations (UTMUN).	• Build on your skills and knowledge by attending relevant events on- and off-campus. • Help to organize on-campus events related to policy issues, such as election leadership debates, or information sessions on topics such as the environment, poverty, or education. • Run for a seat on UTSC Campus Council to contribute to important issues.	• Seek out volunteer or job opportunities in organizations related to public policy, such as with a local community organization, your local MP/MPP's office, a political party, or a corporation's public affairs office. • Explore summer internships or job opportunities in Public Policy.
BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)	Participate in Department of Student Life's (DSL) programs: • LEAD program to build confidence, self-esteem, resiliency • Imani Academic Mentorship Program for black youth in the community • Alternative Reading Week: learning through service, leadership, & community development • Indigenous Learning Circles.	• Join one of DSL's Community Action Projects and take action for social change through opportunities in the Scarborough Community. • Gain valuable international experience by studying at an international university through the Student Exchange Program; visit ISC for details. • Consider doing the ISC's Global Citizenship Certificate.	• Volunteer to be a First Year Peer Advisor in DSL's First Year Experience Program. • Interested in working in an Embassy? Consider applying for a Foreign National Student Internship. • Intern with an NGO in Ghana, Malawi, Sri Lanka or Tanzania with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship; visit the ISC.	• Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education. • Consider joining the Public Policy Forum; volunteer for their events and get to know people in your industry of interest: https://ppforum.ca/get-involved/.
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER	• Volunteer with organizations in industries and organizations related to your program of study; check listings on the Career & Co-curricular Learning Network (CLNx). • Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and/or register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program.	• Apply for a summer, part-time or Work Study position via CLNx. • Speak to professors and program advisors about Graduate School. • Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs. • Sign up for the ALL-IN Leadership Program via DSL.	• Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC. • Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend. • Attend the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.	• After you graduate, apply for the Ontario Legislature Internship Program to build a career in government, business, journalism, law, or academic life. • Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May. • Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search "crash course." • Get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.

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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

DID YOU KNOW...
There is a Public Policy co-op program which students can take advantage of to gain real-world experience.

FUTURE STUDENTS

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

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Department of Student Life
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Political Science Student Association (PSSA)
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Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
ISC - International Student Centre
NGO - Non-Governmental Organization
PSSA - Political Science Student Association
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students Union

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