

# Sociology HBA

Department of Sociology

## 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](https://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/](https://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/](https://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/](https://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](https://clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr)

## DID YOU KNOW...

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Michelle Obama both studied Sociology as undergraduates!



## 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

[admissions@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:admissions@utsc.utoronto.ca)

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### Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

### Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

### Students of Sociology (SOS),

<https://www.facebook.com/SOSatUTSC/>

## 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  
SOS - Students of Sociology  
ISC - International Student Centre  
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students' Union

# Sociology HBA

Department of Sociology

Specialist

Major

Minor

Sociology challenges us to see the world in new ways to solve social problems, build resilient communities, and nurture democratic structures. Sociology asks complex questions. It seeks to explain how society is ordered and disordered, what accounts for social cohesion, cooperation, and conflict and the causes of social inequality. Sociology programs teach students how to design and carry out quantitative and qualitative research, and analyze evidence to arrive at understanding and explanation. Students acquire a diverse set of transferable skills. Students will learn to use theoretically informed and evidence-based arguments to assess concrete social problems.

**Complementary Programs:** Women's and Gender Studies, Health & Society, Public Policy, International Development Studies, Psychology, Mental Health Studies, Public Law, Media 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

- Research Methods & Design
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Critical Thinking & Evaluation
- Communication Skills
- Quantitative and Qualitative Reasoning
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Explain important differences in the life experiences of people
- Present sociological explanations of social issues
- Identify/explain the impact and consequences of social policy and social institutions

### Careers for Graduates

- Researcher (Government & NGO)
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Consultant
- Crime Prevention Specialist
- Counseling and Social Worker
- Marketing and Business Analyst
- Social Services
- Outreach Worker in Community Services
- Risk Analyst in Security Agencies
- Research Associate in Marketing Agencies
- Donor Relations Coordinator in Charities

### Further Education

- Law School
- Sociology
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Public Health
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Paralegal Studies



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](https://uoft.me/alumni-services)

**NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAM?**

See [uoft.me/choosing](https://uoft.me/choosing)

**DISCLAIMER:** Please refer to the calendar for the most current and accurate information on programs and degrees: [utsc.calendar.utoronto.ca](https://utsc.calendar.utoronto.ca)

# Sociology HBA Specialist 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.**

### 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

- Take SOCA03Y3.
- Explore different types of courses; this will also help fulfill the breadth requirements and electives.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program of interest.
- See the UTSC Calendar for course requirements.

- Complete the core courses comprised of 2.0 credits: SOCB05H3, SOCB35H3, SOCB42H3, and SOCB43H3.
- 3.0 additional credits at the B-level in SOC.
- Apply for admission in the Sociology Specialist program.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program; meet with your Program Advisor to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- Complete the following courses: SOCC40H3, SOCC23H3 or SOCC31H3.
- 0.5 C-level credit in SOC in Applied Writing Skills.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- 4.5 additional credits at the C- or D- level in SOC courses\*, of which at least 1.0 credit must be at the D-level.
- Delve deeper into specific specializations in Sociology.
- 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

- First year course SOCA03Y3 introduces students to the field of Sociology.
- We encourage you to meet your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Book sessions with CTL's Writing Center to develop academic and writing skills.
- Join Students of Sociology (SOS).

- Reach out to your Faculty members and inquire about research opportunities.
- Refine your interests in Sociology subfields.
- Explore the Sociology Research Guide.
- Attend workshops offered by the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) and Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) to develop academic skills.

- Take a qualitative or quantitative research practicum course and carry out your own original research project.
- Join the Indigenous book club.
- Consider participating in the UTSC Undergraduate Research Symposium to showcase your work in an interdisciplinary setting.
- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize.

- Speak with a faculty member about possible Research Assistantships.
- Consider an independent research course.
- Attend or participate in the Sociology Undergraduate Research Day.
- Apply for an Academic Travel Fund through Department of Student Life (DSL) to research, present at a conference, or engage with the international academic community.

#### APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties.
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities on the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx).

- Look for Research Assistantships.
- Participate in the Indigenous book club.
- Connect with campus events.
- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for summer and full-time positions.
- Get involved in relevant opportunities on and/or off campus; apply to Work Study, or other jobs on CLNx.

- Submit a paper to Undergraduate Research Day - Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through your department, student groups, DSL and the AA&CC.
- Connect with faculty for community engagement opportunities.

- Explore summer internships or job opportunities in Sociology.
- Attend the Summer & Full-Time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for relevant summer and full-time positions.

#### BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Meet with the campus Indigenous Elder.
- Join Students of Sociology (SOS) and explore other relevant student clubs and activities on campus.
- Volunteer in DSL's Alternative Reading Week program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development; explore other DSL programs.

- Attend research seminars on campus and in the community.
- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and to get involved.
- Join one of DSL's Community Action Projects to apply academic learning and take action for social change through engagement opportunities in the Scarborough community.

- Volunteer to be a First Year Peer Advisor in DSL's First Year Experience Program.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair to learn about local and international opportunities.
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through the International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.

- 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.
- Use CLNx to search for Internships.

#### PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations to explore your interests; check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore opportunities.

- Gain experience by applying for a summer, part-time or Work Study position via CLNx (>Jobs & Recruitment).
- Considering grad school? Speak to professors and program advisors early so you are on track.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing program and In The Field programs.

- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions.
- Attend the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.
- Consider the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.

- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend the Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search "crash course".
- If you are considering grad school, consider applying for a SSHRC award.
- Discuss your plans early with staff at the AA&CC and your professors.
- Get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.