African Studies (HBA)
Centre for Critical Development Studies

Students in the African Studies Minor will explore African history, culture, economies, political systems and artistic expression. A study of Africa provides students with a complex and rich understanding of the most important political issues now being directly faced: environmental degradation, sharing of resources, neocolonialism, challenges faced by the nation-state, pandemics, and gender inequality. Students in this program will explore the interconnections with Europe, Asia and America; Africa’s central role in world history and processes of globalization; African, Caribbean and African-American cultural and artistic responses to modernity; racism, and liberation.

Complementary Programs: Major or Minor Programs in International Development Studies, Political Science, History, English, Women and Gender Studies, Critical Migration Studies and Sociology

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

Competencies & Skills
- Understand connections between Africa’s past and present
- Critically engage with African cultures and values
- Examine selected issues in African ethnography
- Gather, review, evaluate and interpret information
- Present information and ideas clearly
- Develop interdisciplinary analytical skills

Careers for Graduates
- Activist
- Ambassador
- Charity Director
- Community Worker
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Services Officer
- Government Administrator
- Historical Researcher
- Institutional Researcher
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Policy Advisor
- Political Advisor

Further Education
- Literature
- History
- Education
- International Development
- Political Science
- Law School
- Paralegal Studies
- Journalism
- Public Relations

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.

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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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)
- 1.0 credit as follows: [AFSA01H3 or HISAB0H1], [AFSB01H3 or HISB52H3].
- 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: uoft.me/degree planning.
- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing support at CTL’s Writing Centre.
- 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.

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)
- 1.0 credit from A-level, B-level, C-level and D-level courses (taken in Year 1-4 depending on level) in AFS, HIS, IDS and GAS courses (check UTSC Calendar for details).
- Use Degree Explorer and meet with your Program Advisor to ensure you are on track with your degree.
- Further develop your general academic skills by attending workshops offered by the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) and Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL).
- Get involved in relevant opportunities on and/or off campus; apply to Work Study or other part-time and summer jobs on CLNx.
- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and to get involved.

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)
- 2.0 credits from A-level, B-level, C-level and D-level courses (taken in Year 1-4 depending on level) in AFS, IDS, HIS, ENG, FRE, GGR, LLG, POL and WGS (check UTSC Calendar for details).
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.
- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Run for an elected position in the International Development Studies Students’ Association (IDSSA).
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend.
- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)
- Ensure 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.
- 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.
- 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” and for access to full-time job listings.
- Speak to your Program Advisor about applying to grad studies and 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...
The minor includes courses in Anthropology, Political Science, English, Art, Classics, History and Women’s Studies.

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
Room SL157 | 416-208-4760


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

Glossary of acronyms:
AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
IDSSA - International Development Studies Students’ Association
ISC - International Student Centre
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students’ Union