Global Asia Studies (HBA)

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies

Global Asia Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores Asia within a dynamic global and diasporic context. As a program, Global Asia Studies aims to offer a cohesive and constantly renewed curriculum that presents an open and accessible interpretation of Asia and its place in the World. Faculty expertise extends into the fields of history, law, languages, literature, media, politics, religion, arts and visual culture. This program uses cutting-edge Humanities methods and theories to explore the societies of East and South Asia to which students are able to gain an in-depth understanding of historical and contemporary global culture and politics.

Complementary Programs: Classical Studies, Food Studies, History, Women's and Gender Studies, International Development Studies, Management, Sociology, Media Studies, Art History, Health Studies

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

Competencies & Skills
• Articulate the role of international governing bodies
• Analyze globalization and contemporary life across Asia and Asian diasporas
• Conduct interdisciplinary research
• Describe Asian culture and values
• Examine/evaluate policy making and international relations
• Examine media, arts, religions, foods

Careers for Graduates
• Immigration Officer in Federal Government
• Account Manager in Financial/Consulting/Other Services
• Community Worker in Non-Profits
• Policy Analyst in Municipal Government
• International Trade Officer in Government
• Political Aide in Provincial Government
• Work with International NGOs

Further Education
• International Relations
• History
• Information/Library Science
• Asian Studies
• Education
• Business
• Law School
• Journalism
• Public Relations
• Food Studies
• Diplomacy

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.

NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAM?
See uoft.me/choosing

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
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Major Program Pathway

**YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)**
- 0.5 credit as follows: [GASA01H3 or HIS0A0H3, GASA02H3]
- Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives. Use Degree Explorer and the UTSC Calendar to plan your courses and program of interest.
- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing support and develop your Academic English skills at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties.
- Attend Global Asia Studies-related events.
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities on the Career & Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential 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.
- Get involved with the Historical and Cultural Studies Student Association (HCSSA) and the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies.
- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development.
- Volunteer in DSL’s Alternative Reading Week program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development.
- 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.

**YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)**
- 1.0 credit from Asian language courses taught at the university (check UTSC Calendar for details).
- Consider starting on the requirements listed under Year 3.
- Use Degree Explorer and meet with your Program Advisor or Supervisor 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).
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- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and to get involved.
- Read the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies newsletter to find out about events, volunteer and work opportunities.
- Connect with professors and advisors early so you are on track with your post-graduation plans.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC’s Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.
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**YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)**
- 5.5 credits in GAS courses, of which at least 1.5 credits must be at the C-level and 1.0 credit at the D-level (check course description for prerequisites).
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.
- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through your department, student groups, DSL and the AA&CC.
- Seek out research and volunteer opportunities with faculty.
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**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.
- 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.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search conference, or engage with the international academic community.
- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for summer and full-time positions relevant to your field.
- 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.
- 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.
- Get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.

**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.

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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

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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

CURRENT STUDENTS
Departmental Contact
Heather Seto, heather.seto@utoronto.ca, 416-208-2923

Global Asia Studies Librarian
Whitney Kemble, whitney.kemble@utoronto.ca, 416-287-7499

Academic Advising & Career Centre
Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life
Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

Historial & Cultural Studies Students Association (HCSSA),
https://hcssa.weebly.com/

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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
GAS - Global Asia Studies
HCSSA - Historical and Cultural Studies Students 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