Human Geography (HBA)  
Department of Human Geography

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
Human Geography (HBA)
Major Program Pathway

**YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)**

**FOUNDATIONS OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY:**
- 1.0 credit from: GGRA02H3, GGRA03H3, GGRA39H3.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1.0 credit as follows: GGRA30H3 and STAB23H3.
- 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

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

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

Geography & City Studies Student Association (GCSA)
gcsautoronto.com/

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