

LAUNCHING INTO UTM



A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR
STUDENTS BY STUDENTS

UTM SCRIBES

CAMPUS MAP



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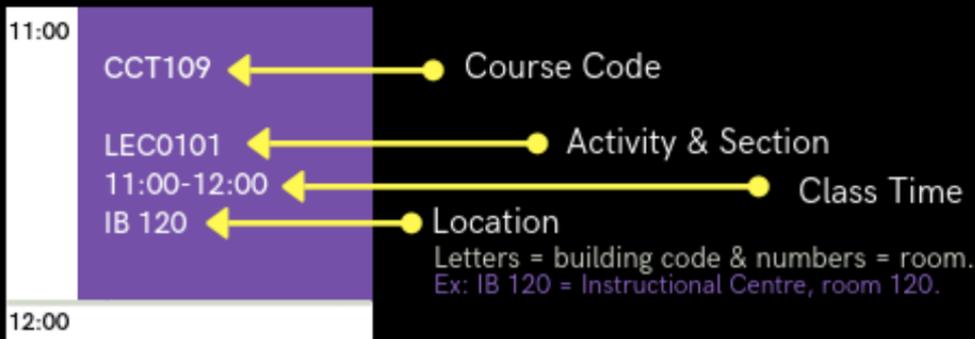
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Illustrated
Campus
Map



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★ Understanding Your Timetable > TIP: Find your class before the first day!



For building codes, read:
utm.utoronto.ca/facilities/buildings





CAMPUS RESOURCES



The Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC) offers individual consultations and drop-in sessions to improve your academic skills.

 www.utm.utoronto.ca/asc

The academic professionals there can assist with:

- Assignments
- Writing skills
- Reading
- Study habits
- Time management.



They report to the Vice-Dean, Teaching and Learning and provide one-to-one academic support.

 North Building, room 3251 (NE 3251)

We'd like to thank the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC) for sponsoring this year's UTM Survival Guide!





CAMPUS RESOURCES

CAREER CENTRE

Book an appointment, go to a workshop, and other events hosted by The Career Centre to help you get a leg up in the job market. You can book appointments online.

 utm.utoronto.ca/asc/appointments-undergraduate

They can help you polish your resume and cover letter, offers critiques, and host LinkedIn Photo Day, Fairs, etc.

UTM BOOKSTORE

It is an unspoken rule to wait until the first week of class before buying your textbooks. Be sure to check your course syllabi before visiting the Bookstore; you might find that some textbooks are optional.



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Any questions about courses, finances, scholarships or OSAP should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

It can get pretty busy, so make sure you designate enough time for when you plan to see them.



ONLINE RESOURCES

☰ ACORN

The Accessible Campus Online Resource Network (ACORN) can be used for a variety of activities such as enrolling into your courses and programs of choice and managing your tuition payments. ACORN also provides many sections on maintaining a healthy lifestyle during your time at UofT, both physically and mentally. Tax information that needs to be filed can be found in the Finance section.

 www.acorn.utoronto.ca

DEGREE EXPLORER

The best tool to check your academic history. It can identify current and succeeding course requirements specific to your particular major, minor, and/or specialist, and it lists the courses you should be taking to successfully complete your selected program.

Located in ACORN's "Academic" section under "Planning Tools".

 www.acorn.utoronto.ca/degree_explorer.php





ONLINE RESOURCES



PROGRAM PLANS BROCHURE

Program Plans recommend an array of academic and co-curricular opportunities for UTM students that inspire you to get the ultimate UTM experience.

Examples of plans and a planning tool can be found at CLN in an easy-to-digest format. They can help you effectively transition into the workforce by suggesting academic and career-focused milestones specific to your desired program or degree.



www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans/



CAREER LEARNING NETWORK (CLN)

CLN contains job listings, events, and service information related to the three UofT campuses' career centres.

It tracks employers and job applicants, on-campus and off-campus career opportunities, career development, co-curricular involvement, event registration and informative career and employment resources.



<https://cln.utoronto.ca>



ONLINE RESOURCES

QUERCUS (CANVAS)

The new Learning Management Engine (LME) which has replaced Blackboard. Like Blackboard, Canvas will be integrated with ACORN and ROSI (the alumni information system).

 <https://library.utm.utoronto.ca/faculty/canvas>
To Access, go to: q.utoronto.ca

FACEBOOK PUBLIC & CLOSED GROUPS

Apart from UofT's information systems, you can acquire academic and career assistance through social media. The most popular UTM Facebook public groups are "UTM TextBooks Exchange" and "Bird Courses at UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga)".



BIRD COURSES

- CCT109 Bird courses are courses that are regarded
- CCT110 as relatively easy by a majority of UTM
- CIN101 students. Used to boost GPA or earn credits.
- ENV100
- ERS101 CAUTION: A course that another student
- RLG101 perceives as easy, might not be an easy
- SOC100 course for you.
- WRI203

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

DON'T CHEAT!

The chances of you getting caught are high, and cheating robs you of the education that you're paying for. It's really just not worth it.

DON'T PLAGIARIZE!

Plagiarizing is trying to pass someone else's work as your own. Be sure to cite all your sources. You can refer to Purdue OWL for references on how to cite properly:

 https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

Getting someone to write your exams, tests and assignments is considered an academic offence.

 <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic-integrity/>

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are unfairly charged with an academic offence, you have the right to be accompanied by a representative such as Downtown Legal Services (DLS) or UTMSU.



MEAL + FOOD PLAN

1 DECLINING BALANCE, À LA CARTE MEAL PLAN

You can eat what you want, whenever you want; there are no set meal times. If you purchase something, it is deducted from your Student Meal Plan balance.

2 BASIC ACCOUNT ✨

This account is the tax-exempt portion of the Student Meal Plan. Any pre-prepared item like pizza, Subway, coffee, etc. are all basic purchases.

3 FLEX ACCOUNT ✨

Not tax-exempt, and you cannot use your Basic Dollars from your Basic account to purchase items. You can use your Flex Dollars to buy things from convenience stores, vending machines, the Blind Duck and The Duck Stop, as well as participating food trucks on campus.

4 MINIMUM COMMITMENT ✨

You have to spend the minimum number of Basic Dollars to be eligible for the remaining number of Basic Dollars to carry over into the following school year.

5 REZCARRYOVER ✨

At the end of the year, the remaining Basic Dollars (if the minimum amount is spent) and Flex Dollars are moved into your RezCarryOver account. This account is not tax-exempt.

RESIDENCE + ON CAMPUS

HOUSING ✨

Many events and programs take place within residence communities, such as The Colman Cup, Artistic Resource Team (ART) and First-Year Transitional Support. All information regarding residence services and events can be found at :

 www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/

RESIDENCE AREAS ✨

There are eight residence areas, ranging from apartments to townhouses. Apply to a residence that fits your needs! Smoking is not permitted in any residence area. For more details on floor plans of each residence area, visit:

 <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/housing/considering-residence/residence-overview>

MEAL PLANS ✨ ✨

Meal plans are required. Three options are available—small, medium and large.

 www.utm.utoronto.ca/hospitality/2018-2019-student-meal-plan-defined

TIP:

- Don't hesitate to seek help from your Don for any problem!



ICCIT DEPARTMENT

INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION, CULTURE,
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

General Info:

ICCIT offers three programs: Communication, Culture, and Information Technology (CCIT), Digital Enterprise Management (DEM), and Professional Writing and Communication (PWC). CCT and DEM are joint programs with Sheridan College's Oakville campus (Trafalgar) which allows you to take a variety of practical courses and receive a free Adobe Cloud subscription. PWC is a writing-intensive program that emphasizes writing portfolio through hands-on practices.

Society/Club:

ICCIT Council, DEM Association, Mindwaves & Compass Journals

TIP:

- Attend Lisa Peden's workshop on "What I Wish I Knew in First Year"
- Take upper-year courses earlier if you can, and be sure to check the prerequisites!
- You will need at least a 75% in WRI203 to apply to PWC during the Subject POST period.





ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT



General Info:

Anthropology is the study of human behaviour, culture and society in the past and present. Types of field work include cultural observation, examining a wide range of fossils, and studying languages.

Hence, the Department of Anthropology offers a wide range of programs from Archaeology and Biological Anthropology to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistic Anthropology as a Specialist and major and minor in Anthropology.

Academic Society/Club:

University of Toronto Mississauga Anthropology Society (UTMAS)

TIP:

-Look out for the course-facilitated Anthropology study groups to join in—they are really helpful for achieving good grades in this program!

-Moreover, look for abroad opportunities with anthropology because field work is necessary skill to acquire in this program.





BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

General Info:

The Department of Biology offers a variety of exciting specialist, major, and minor programs in Ecology & Field Biology, Genetics & Evolution, Cell, Molecular & Developmental Biology, and Physiology & Behaviour. You can also gain valuable first-hand experience with the extensive undergraduate research projects and placements offered here!

Academic Society/Club:

Erindale Biology Society (EBS)

TIP:

- Get to know your biology professors during their office hours to increase your chances of getting into an ROP!
- Also, since biology is a content-heavy and reading-intensive course, learn to "work smart, not hard," as Professor Rawle says.





CHEMICAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT



General Info:

Chemical and Physical Sciences merges programs from four departments, offering courses in Biological Chemistry, Biomedical Physics, Astronomical Science, and Environmental Geoscience as a Specialist. It also offers major and minor in these programs.

Academic Society/Club:

Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences

TIP:

- Lab manuals can be printed cheaper at the Student Centre rather than the Library.
- Choose your lab partner wisely!
- Do not schedule a lab directly after a lecture as you might be late and exhausted.
- Use your lab time efficiently by reading and understanding procedures prior to the lab.





ECONOMICS



General Info:

Economics provides a theoretical and mathematical analysis of the Canadian and international economy. The Department of Economics offers minor, major, and specialist programs in Economics, as well as specialist programs in Economics and Political Science, Financial Economics, and International Affairs.

Academic Society/Club:

Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)

TIP:

-You should read your textbooks and solve sample questions before coming to your Economics, Math, Management, and Statistics lectures. There are weekly tests!

MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT



General Info:

The Commerce programs teach economics, and the subdisciplines of business and management. These programs include Commerce itself, Accounting, Finance, and Marketing. The Management programs teach the nature of organizational and bureaucratic functions. These programs include general Management and Human Resources Management.

Academic Society/Club:

Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS) and Student Management Association (SMA)

TIP:

-Stay on top of your readings and exercises! A future career in management demands timeliness, and these programs will test your capability in that respect, so don't fall behind!



MATHEMATICAL &



COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

General Info:

The Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences provides programs such as Applied Statistics, Bioinformatics, Computer Science, Information Security, and Mathematical Sciences.

Academic Society/Club:

Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS), MCS Student Club, Physics Club

TIP:

- Do your math homework! The professors and TAs won't remind you so you need to do it yourself, otherwise you'll fall behind.
- There are plenty of math help sessions, so attend those if you are stuck with any problems.





GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

General Info:

Geography's potential in the Canadian career and research sector is increasing due to the vast amount of land and different types of available terrain that may influence resource development. The Department of Geography consists of Human Geography, Physical Geography, Geographical Information Science (GIS), and the Environment.

Academic Society/Club:

Student Association for Geography and Environment (SAGE)

TIP:

- Make sure you know which path you plan to pursue, as Geography is divided into HBA and HBSc programs, and knowing which of the two you want to pursue will make it easier for you when choosing courses.
- Also there are many summer internship with the real world project available in this field.





HISTORICAL STUDIES

DEPARTMENT



General Info:

Historical Studies highlights the different civilizations and stories of the past, and compares them to the present and the future. The Department of Historical Studies includes the studies of History, Religion, Classics, Women and Gender Studies, Diaspora and Transnational Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and South Asian Civilizations.

Academic Society/Club:

Historical Studies Society (HSS), Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), UTM Women's Centre

TIP:

-The Department of Historical Studies owns two journals called "Prandium and Women" and the "Culture, & Society Undergraduate Review". Submissions to these journals are a great path to grad school and a great way to get involved, so check out the academic submissions for them!



ENGLISH & DRAMA DEPARTMENT

General Info:

The English and Drama Department consists of programs such as English; Canadian Studies; Theatre and Drama Studies; Theatre, Drama, and Performance Studies; and Creative Writing.

Society/Club:

English and Drama Student Society (EDSS), UTM Drama Club, UTM Scribes, UTM Musical Theatre Club

TIP:

-If you are reading classics for some courses, get them online! Many classics are available for free through a simple search on Google, public library, and the UTM Library which can be signed out for only two hours.



LANGUAGE STUDIES



General Info:

Language Studies offers a comprehensive look at foreign languages such as French, German, and Italian. It combines language and culture for a unique, holistic perspective.

Academic Society/Club:

Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)

TIP:

-Find a partner to practice the language with!
-Download the "Duolingo" app to learn and practice the language on a daily basis!



PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

General Info:

Derived from the phrase 'love of wisdom', Philosophy is a program that discusses the nature of thoughts, existence, values, and beliefs. UTM offers minor, major and specialist programs in Philosophy; a minor in Ethics, Law, and Society; and a minor in Philosophy of Science.

Academic Society/Club:

UTM undergraduate Philosophy Society (UPS)

TIP:

- Philosophy is based on comprehensive theoretical understanding, so be sure to clear up any misunderstandings with your professor directly instead of trying to search for answers yourself.
- Also, actively participate in group discussions in both lectures and tutorials for better understanding and retention of the subject matter!



POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



General Info:

The study of political thoughts and theory. It also expands to political systems, the implementation of policies, and the international scope of issues. This program is highly recommended for students pursuing a career in law and the government. The Department of Political Science offers minor, major, and specialist programs in Political Science, as well as combined specialist programs with Economics and History.

Academic Society/Club:

Political Science and Pre-Law Association (PSLA)

TIP:

-Political Science is a dense subject! Do your readings before class instead of after class so that you are prepared and able to understand the lecture.





PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

General Info:

The study of human behaviour and the state of the human mind. Psychology is offered as a Minor, Major and Specialist. The Department of Psychology includes other unique programs, including Behavior, Genetics, and Neurobiology, Exceptionality in Human Learning, and Forensic Psychology.

Academic Society/Club:

Psychology Association of Undergraduate Students of Erindale (PAUSE)

TIP:

- Get past exams from PAUSE, and review them alongside your lecture notes.
- Psychology relies heavily on retention of information, so be aware that the first year psychology course (PSY100) can be challenging if memorization is not your strong suit!



SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



General Info:

The study of social behaviour regarding an individual in a group or community setting, and provides an understanding of social changes within societies. Sociology offers minor, major, and specialist programs in Sociology, and major and specialist programs in Criminology, Law & Society.

Academic Society/Club:

UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)

TIP: Be aware of assignment criteria and attend office hours for advice on academic writing, as Sociology courses are writing-intensive! Plan your assignments at least a week in advance and use the research help desk on the first floor of the UTM Library.



VISUAL STUDIES



General Info:

The Department of Visual Studies offers five programs: Art & Art History, Art History, Cinema Studies, Visual Culture & Communication, and Visual Culture Studies.

Academic Society/Club:

Cinema Studies Association (CSA) and the Department of Visual Studies Student Society (DVSSS)

TIP:

-For the Cinema Studies courses, try to attend screenings!
-Attending scheduled hours to watch the films on the syllabus will save time because some of the films screened are difficult to find through other means or are out of retail circulation entirely.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Don't forget to visit all the clubs during Clubs Week and get involved! A list of academic societies and clubs can be found here:

 <https://utmsu.ca/clubs-and-academic-societies/>

The Student Centre houses the InfoBooth, among other facilities. At the InfoBooth, you can get student discounts and deals on movie tickets and more items! The InfoBooth student employees will also answer any questions that you may have regarding UTMSU and events on-campus.

The International Exchange Centre (IEC) program offers exchange and study abroad opportunities at different universities around the world for unique research and internship opportunities. The IEC also offers support systems for immigration and banking and health insurance for international students. For more details check out these sites:

 http://utminternational.com/?page_id=4
www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie



STUDENT RESOURCES

The CSE is a place where student engagement is encouraged through mentoring, volunteering and co-curricular programs, as well as academic support. Programs such as utmONE and LAUNCH, among others, provide the foundation for first-year students transitioning into university life, and also provide opportunities for upper-year students to build upon their transferable skills.

UTM Shuttle picks up at UTM Instructional Centre Layby and drops off at Hart House in St. George campus. **Sheridan Shuttle** picks up at UTM North Layby, outside of Deerfield Hall and drop off at Sheridan College.

 <https://m.utm.utoronto.ca/shuttle.php> 

Get the MiWay U-Pass at the start of the year in the Student Centre for unlimited travel! It's illegal to resell it and you have to show it with TCard.

Brampton Transit (Route 199) is an express bus that runs from Brampton Gateway Terminal to UTM. Regular fees apply; you cannot use your U-Pass.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Accessibility Services offer academic accommodations for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. To register, book an appointment with an Accessibility Advisor:



905-569-4699



access.utm@utoronto.ca

Printing:

- Load money onto your T-Card OR
- Set up an account at the InfoBooth



Visit uoft.me/utmprint for locations and cost

You can find computers labs all over campus. Find out which computers are available on:



<http://labstats.utm.utoronto.ca/LabStats/>



BikeShare is a free service to all students who want to tune up, rent, or find information on how to repair a bike. They also group rides!



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



HEALTH + SAFETY

Health and Counselling Centre:



- Receive medical care, personal and group counselling, nutritional counselling, psychiatric services, birth control, and vaccines.

 <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/health/>

Recreational, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC):

- Offers personal training, various activities, programs, lessons, and drop-in sports.
- Join CO-ED and women only programs at:



 <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/athletics/>

Campus Police:

- Be safe: "Work Alone" and "WalkSafer".



 General: 905-828-5200
Emergency: 905-569-4333 or call 911

 utm.utoronto.ca/campus-police

ECSpeRT



- UTM students volunteering as First Responders.

 <https://ecspert.ca/en/about.html>

Good 2 Talk Health

- A free, 24/7 helpline that offers confidential counselling and information.



 1-866-925-5454

EVERYTHING WAS SO NEW - THE WHOLE IDEA OF GOING INTO SPACE
WAS NEW AND DARING. THERE WERE NO TEXTBOOKS, SO WE HAD TO

WRITE THEM.

~ KATHERINE JOHNSON

THERE ARE NO PASSENGERS ON SPACESHIP EARTH. WE ARE ALL CREW.

~ MARSHALL MCLUHAN