Get Started Online Module 1
Degree Requirements & Academic Standing and Grades

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Congratulations! You’ve been accepted into the University of Toronto Scarborough. We are very excited to have you join us for this fall.

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The information in these modules will show you how you can complete your degree at UTSC. We will go through information regarding degree requirements, academic standing and grades, program choices, course selection and course planning. You will also see a demonstration video of a student at the end. You can go through the information in these modules at your own pace by using the navigation bar below.

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Information in these modules could be found in the UTSC Academic calendar. This contains information about programs, degrees, and courses. The calendar is updated and published every year.

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UTSC offers 3 different types of degrees. You can complete a Bachelor of Business Administration, an Honours Bachelor of Arts, or an Honours Bachelor of Science degree, and the type of your degree would depend on which programs you complete.

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Now, let’s go through the degree requirements. There are 6 different types of degree requirements you need to complete.

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For your degree, you need to complete 20 credits. H courses are worth half credit and Y courses are worth 1.0 credit.

To complete a BBA, you need to complete either a Specialist program in Management or a Specialist program in Economics. For an Honours Bachelor of Arts or an Honours Bachelor of Science you need to complete either a 1 Specialist Program, 2 Major Programs, or 1 Major and 2 Minor Programs.

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Remember, in order to complete your degree, you need to study one of the 3 combinations of programs.
Here are your options:

- You can either complete 1 Specialist or
- 2 Majors, each of the major or
- 1 Major & 2 Minors

If you do the math, you could see that none of these options will add up to the 20 credits you need to graduate.

This is where electives come in. Electives could be taken in any area of studies and you can use them to complete the 20 credits requirement.

As we mentioned earlier, you can graduate with one of the 3 different degree types. The type of programs you study will determine the type of the degree you will graduate with.

For example, if you study an arts program, you will graduate with a Honours Bachelor of Arts. If you study a science program, you will graduate with a Honours Bachelor of Science.

Students who study Management or Economics specialist will graduate with the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. For those of you who study both an arts and a science program, you will get to choose either the Arts or the Science degree.

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You will need to complete a half credit in each of the five breadth categories listed on the screen.

Of the 20 credits you need to complete, 5 credits must be at the C level or above and 1 credit must be at the D level.

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If you choose to complete more than one program, you need to have at least 12 distinct credits between your program requirements.

By the end of your degree, if you receive at least a 1.85 cumulative grade point average, you will receive an honours degree. If your cumulative grade point average is at least 1.6 but less than 1.85, you can graduate with a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree. Some programs require higher graduate point average to graduate. For example, for BBA you need 2.0 and for co-op you need 2.5 to graduate.

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Let’s look at the grading scheme at the University of Toronto. It’s probably different from how you were graded in high school.

Notice that, in addition to letter grades and percentage marks, U of T uses Grade Points Averages known as the GPA. The GPA value ranges from 0 to 4.0. 0 is the lowest and 4.0 is the highest GPA you can achieve.

For each course you take, you will receive both the letter and percentage grades. You can look up the corresponding GPA using this table. You can also find this in the UTSC calendar.
There are two different types GPAs:

Your Sessional GPA is the average grade point average of the courses you take in each semester.

Your cumulative GPA is the grade point average of all the courses you take during your studies at UTSC.

Remember, grades cannot be replaced and this includes failing grades. If you take a failed course again, both grades will appear on your transcript and they will be counted toward your cumulative GPA.

This information is available in the UTSC calendar which is on the Registrar’s website. Also, you can find the GPA calculator on the Academic Advising & Career Centre.

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As you start your first-year, think about putting your best foot forward. This includes using the on-campus resources and being engaged in your learning. This will help you to do well academically. Here are some important points you should know about academic standing at U of T Scarborough.

At the end of your first-year, if you attempted less than 3 credits worth of courses, your academic standing will not be assessed. Keep in mind that even if you fail a course, this will count as an attempt since you finished the course.

Once you complete at least 3 credits, your standing will be assessed. If your Cumulative GPA is 1.6 or higher, you will be in good standing. However, if your Cumulative GPA is below 1.6, you will be put on academic probation.

Being on academic probation means that you will have to take a reduced course load in the following semester and the university will follow-up with you to see how you are doing. If you are having academic difficulty, you can meet with an Academic & Learning Strategist to improve your study skills and find strategies to improve your academic standing.

If you are on probation, you achieve a Cumulative GPA of 1.6 or higher, your probation is cleared and you will be in good standing. However, if you receive a sessional and cumulative GPA of less than 1.6, you will be suspended. This information is also explained in the calendar.

You should also note that many students do well in their first-year. This is especially true for students who have used the resources on-campus, so take look at the resources on this website and get to know what types of services are available to you.

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Thank you for watching. Please move on to module number 2.