

African Studies (HBA)

Centre for Critical Development Studies

Specialist

Major

Minor

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

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

- 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



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

African Studies (HBA) Minor Program Pathway

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.**

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

- 1.0 credit as follows: [AFSA01H3 or HISA08H3], [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.

- Get involved with the International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA); also explore other relevant student clubs and activities on campus.
- 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 Get Experience Fair in September and/or register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore 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.

- Considering grad school? Speak to professors and advisors early so you are on track.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.

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.

- Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through your department, student groups, DSL and the AA&CC.

- Run for an elected position in the International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA).
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.

- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend.
- Attend the Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.

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 the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for relevant summer and full-time positions.

- 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.
- 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

FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment

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Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
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CURRENT STUDENTS

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Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

International Development Studies

Students' Association,

<https://www.facebook.com/IDSSA.UTSC/>

DID YOU KNOW...

The minor includes courses in Anthropology, Political Science, English, Art, Classics, History and Women's Studies.



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