

Philosophy (HBA)

Department of Philosophy

Specialist

Major

Minor

See also co-op option

Philosophy is the study of the ideas that shape our thought and action, and it addresses fundamental questions and problems associated with reality, truth, existence, logic, and morality. Develop the intellectual abilities and techniques required to think effectively for yourself at a deeper level. Explore the ideas that underlie controversial issues in politics, morality, science, religion, art, and more. Courses cover a wide range of topics including art, ethics, feminism, politics, techniques of argument, and theories of knowledge and the mind.

Complementary Programs: Psychology, Political Science, English Literature, Historical and Cultural Studies, Computer and Mathematical Sciences

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

- Analyze concepts, definitions, arguments and problems; organize ideas and issues, deal with questions of value, and extract what is essential from masses of information
- Distinguish fine differences between views and discover common ground between opposing positions

Careers for Graduates

- Associate in Consulting Services
- Risk Analyst in Financial Services
- Intelligence Officer in Security Agencies
- Research Associate in Marketing Agencies
- Policy Analyst in Government Services
- Technical Writer in Business
- Salesperson in Academic Publishing

Further Education

- Philosophy
- Law School
- Teacher's College
- Public Administration
- Labour Relations
- Corporate Communications
- Production Editing
- Software Engineering
- Social Work
- Religious Studies



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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YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing

Philosophy (HBA) Major Program Pathway

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)

- PHLA10H3 and PHLA11H3 are recommended as an intro to the PHL Specialist and Major programs.
- 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.

- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing support at the CTL 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 Association of Philosophy Students (APS) at UTSC to connect with peers in your area of study and learn about opportunities available 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 UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore opportunities.

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

- [A total of 7.0 PHL credits is required for the program including those listed in each year.]
- Take PHLB50H3 or PHLB55H3.
- PHLB99H3 is recommended for PHL programs and is important preparation for advanced C- and D-level PHL courses.
- 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.
- Attend the annual International Undergraduate Philosophy Conference to hear presentations given by a keynote speaker and your senior undergraduate peers.

- 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.

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.**

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

- At least 3.0 PHL credits at the C- or D-level. MATC09H3 can be used as a PHL course for this requirement.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Consider participating in the UTSC Undergraduate Research Symposium to showcase your work in an interdisciplinary setting.

- Participate in the annual International Undergraduate Philosophy Conference to showcase your work, and listen to other presentations by keynote speakers and your undergraduate peers.
- Apply to the UTSC Socrates Project to receive pedagogical training and to work as a Teaching Assistant in introductory philosophy courses.

- Run for an elected position in the Association of Philosophy Students (APS).
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.
- Consider applying to summer undergraduate philosophy institutes abroad.

- 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.
- Attend department information sessions on applying to graduate school in philosophy.

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 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.

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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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We are the top-ranked philosophy program in Canada, and a leading philosophy department in the English-speaking world.



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

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Chad Crichton, chad.crichton@utoronto.ca,
416-287-7492

Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

<https://philosophy.utoronto.ca/utsc/undergraduate-at-utsc/utsc-association-philosophy-students/>

Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
APS - Association of Philosophy Students
CLNx – Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
ISC - International Student Centre
UTSC – University of Toronto Scarborough
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students' Union