Global Asia Studies

Getting Ready for Your First Year
First year courses are designed to offer you core foundational knowledge that will prepare you for your second year at UTSC. Find your program below, and follow the first year course enrolment guide for your first year at the University for Toronto Scarborough.

Please use this resource with the Calendar for a comprehensive understanding of your program requirements and expectations.

Global Asia Studies – Specialist program
Pick one of the following:
- GASA01H3 – Introduction to Global Asia and its Histories
- GASA02H3 – Introduction to Global Asia Studies

Language requirement:
Throughout your undergraduate career, you will be required to take 2.5 credits from Asian languages taught at the University. Of the 2.5 credits, at least 1.5 credits should be from courses taken at the B, C, or D-level. If you do not qualify for existing upper-level language courses, please consult with the Program Advisor.

Global Asia Studies – Major program
Pick one of the following:
- GASA01H3 – Introduction to Global Asia and its Histories
- GASA02H3 – Introduction to Global Asia Studies

Language requirement:
Throughout your undergraduate career, you will be required to take 2.0 credits from Asian languages taught at the University. Of the 2.0 credits, at least 1.0 credit should be from courses taken at the B, C, or D-level. If you do not qualify for existing upper-level language courses, please consult with the Program Advisor.

Global Asia Studies – Minor program
Pick one of the following:
- GASA01H3 – Introduction to Global Asia and its Histories
- GASA02H3 – Introduction to Global Asia Studies

Language requirement:
Complete 1.0 credit from Asian language courses

Additional courses:
You may take additional B-level courses in Global Asia Studies if you meet the course requirements in your first year.

Elective Courses
Once you have selected courses to fulfill your first year program requirements, it’s time to think about electives to fill up your schedule. Electives are an essential part of your undergraduate studies, and are requirements for your overall University of Toronto degree.
Determine How Many Courses You Will Take in First Year
Your program requirements as a first year student will not be enough to fill your timetable. A standard course at UTSC is 0.5 credits.

A full-time student can take between 1.5 – 2.5 credits. This is equivalent to three, four, or five courses per semester. A student who wishes to complete their undergraduate degree in four years should aim to complete 5.0 credits in the Fall and Winter semester. You may also choose to reduce your course load, and take courses in the Summer semester. Find a balance that’s right for you.

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Office of the Registrar

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