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. Follow the first year course enrolment guide for your first year at the University for Toronto Scarborough.

Specialist Program in Studio

☐ VPSA62H3 – Foundation Studies in Studio
☐ VPSA63H3 – But Why Is It Art?
☐ MDSA01H3 – Introduction to Media Studies
☐ VPSA70H3 – Drawing I
☐ ACMB01H3 – Critical Reading, Thinking and Writing for ACM Programs*

*This course may be added in the Winter semester if you complete 2.0 credits in the Fall semester.

You must complete 1.0 credit (or two courses) from the following list in order to graduate. Some of the courses below may be taken in your first year, or at a later time. Please check the prerequisites and other course requirements in the Calendar):

☐ ENGB12H3 – Life Writing
☐ ENGB70H3 – Intro to Cinema
☐ ENGB75H3 – Cinema and Modernity I
☐ MDSA02H3 – History of Media
☐ MDSB05H3 – Media and Globalization
☐ MDSB61H3 – Mapping New Media
☐ MDSB62H3 – Visual Culture and Communication

Major Program in Studio

☐ VPSA62H3 – Foundation Studies in Studio
☐ VPSA63H3 – But Why Is It Art?
☐ VPSA70H3 – Drawing I
☐ VPHA46H3 – Ways of Seeing: Introduction to Art Histories
☐ ACMB01H3 – Critical Reading, Thinking and Writing for ACM Programs*

*This course may be added in the Winter semester if you complete 2.0 credits in the Fall semester.

Minor Program in Studio

☐ VPSA62H3 – Foundation Studies in Studio
☐ VPSA63H3 – But Why Is It Art?
☐ VPSA70H3 – Drawing I
☐ VPHA46H3 – Ways of Seeing: Introduction to Art Histories

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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