

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



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ABOUT THE MUNK SCHOOL

Are you curious about the world and determined to make a difference? Come learn with us at the Munk School, where we offer a wide range of undergraduate programs. Whether you're interested in learning about Asia, Europe, the United States, public policy, or the roots of peace, conflict and justice, we have an option for you.

Our seven exciting undergraduate programs offer experiential learning, small class sizes, expert faculty and numerous opportunities to connect beyond the classroom. Our graduates pursue successful careers in international NGOs, academia, the private sector, federal, provincial and municipal governments, among others. Visit our website to learn more about our programs, and the enriched experience waiting for you at the Munk School.

"If you want to do more than identify the world's biggest challenges - if you want to study why those challenges exist and how we can intervene in them, how we can build a different kind of world - then the Munk School is for you."

Professor Alexandra Rahr, Director,
Undergraduate Programs and Experience





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American Studies

The American Studies undergraduate program, housed at the Centre for the Study of the United States (CSUS), is a perfect match for students who want to learn in an interdisciplinary environment. Intrigued by how international relations, geography, political science, history and cinema studies make sense of America? Our classes explore all these disciplines and more.

In our small and topical courses, students really get to know their professors. This small-group setting encourages learners to engage intellectually with a rapidly changing world and ask, “What is America, and how do we understand it?”



Ashvini Giridaran, '24

“American Studies at U of T has given me an unparalleled vantage point for thinking about the US and its mark on our world. From religion to geography, I was able to take courses from diverse disciplines to fulfil my program requirements. The flexibility, small class sizes, and incredible professors made being in American Studies my favourite part of studying at U of T.”



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

AMS 100: Global Capitalism

This course explores the rise of the economic, political and cultural system that is capitalism. It introduces students to important socio-economic changes of the past 600 years and examines how we think about present-day problems including globalization, growing wealth disparities, and the exploitation of natural resources.

AMS 310: Mass Incarceration

The United States is home to 5% of the world's population but 25% of the world's prisoners, including a disproportionate number of African American, Latinx, and Native American people. This course explores the rise of contemporary mass incarceration from an interdisciplinary perspective and also studies community responses to mass imprisonment.

Beyond the Classroom



Undergraduate Journal

Written, edited, and designed by students, CSUS's journal is a great opportunity to build your skills and enhance your CV. Published annually, it showcases high-quality research by undergraduates.



Experiential Learning

Visit the U.S./Mexico borderlands as part of an undergraduate course. This is just one of the experiential opportunities available to students in American Studies.



Engaging Colloquiums

- Race, Equity and Public Policy: The 2023 Bissell-Heyd Symposium
- A World Without Roe: The Constitutional Future of Unwanted Pregnancy | Scholarly Colloquium



Contemporary Asian Studies

Learn from world-leading scholars of East, Southeast, and South Asia about Asia's diverse histories and cultures as well as the region's evolving role in global affairs. Our wide variety of courses explore colonialism, modernity, youth cultures, cities, nationalism and revolution, research methodologies and more!

CAS's emphasis on experiential learning, within the classroom and beyond, allows you to engage with Asia through travel and research, using diverse interdisciplinary lenses. At CAS, you'll develop the foundational knowledge, skills, and connections to launch your career and build a lasting community.



Abena Somiah, '22

"CAS really helped me think critically about gender, about race, about ethnicity. Looking deeper than the surface is something that CAS gives you that I don't think can be replicated. It really changed my whole life. It changed my whole worldview. I thought I was just going to come and study Asia. I never thought all these new ways of thinking about Asia would relate to me so deeply."



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

CAS 350: Asian Youth Cultures

Explore the cultural significance of youth in Asia, and examine how economic rise, demographic shifts, and technological growth impact young people. This course integrates social theory from authors such as Foucault and Barthes to analyze changing political priorities and other contemporary concerns.

CAS 413: Asia and Canada

This interactive seminar complements theoretical knowledge about Asia with hands-on research and experiential learning, linking the study of Asia and Canada to career paths in development and research.

Beyond the Classroom



Research Opportunities

Funding for undergraduates allows students to participate in faculty-led research projects, and provides valuable, hands-on learning experience.



Experiential Learning

Travel to the Asia-Pacific region for study and research, with financial support available.



South Asian Studies

Learn about the region through a wide-angle view of Asian modernities, political economies, and cultures. Our interdisciplinary curriculum allows students to broaden their existing majors by developing a regional focus. Motivated by the moving present, this program offers open access to courses in Contemporary Asian Studies, so you can learn from specialists in South, East, and Southeast Asia.



Chan-Min Roh, '23

“South Asian Studies really lets you broaden your horizons, both in terms of the content that you learn but also through the actions and practices you engage in.”



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

SAS 114: Introduction to South Asian Studies

An interdisciplinary introduction to South Asian Studies, this course emphasizes inquiry and critical analysis. It draws attention to the specificities of individual nations - as well as the historical, political, economic and cultural factors that define South Asia as a region - and also explores the South Asian Diaspora.

SAS 318: Colonialism and Tradition

This course examines colonialism's impact on South Asia, focusing on how tradition intersects with and reshapes colonial legacies in postcolonial contexts. It covers religion, education, ethnicity, gender, and caste, with some attention to postcolonial and indigenous theory.

Beyond the Classroom



Awards

Apply for awards such as an in-course scholarship that recognizes students who study the history and culture of Pakistan, South Asian Islam or Urdu Studies.



Experiential Learning

Travel to the Asia-Pacific region for study and research, with financial support available.



European Affairs

Are you an undergraduate student interested in the history, culture, politics, languages, and geography of Europe, Russia, and Eurasia? Do you want to understand the role of the European Union? Would you like to join a tight-knit academic community with opportunities for hands-on experiences, small class sizes, funded international opportunities, and language learning?

If so, enhance your undergraduate experience with European Affairs – offered either as a Major or a Minor program.



Stuart Jones, '21

“The European Affairs program at U of T is unmatched. The discussion-based courses provide essential context for understanding Europe’s regional issues. The language requirement, a true gem, allowed me to achieve high proficiency in a European language, which greatly benefited my career. The close-knit community made it easy to find a home and build lasting connections. I’m now working in a think tank on EU politics and am forever grateful for the opportunities this program offers.”



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

EUR 200: Europe: Nation-State to Supranational Union

This course examines the evolution of European political regimes from 1789 through the 2004 and 2007 EU enlargements, focusing on the key forces—nationalism, multinationalism, internationalism, and supranationalism—that shaped the constitutions and institutions of the nations that formed the European Union.

EUR 300: Cultures of Refugees in Europe during the 20th and 21st Centuries

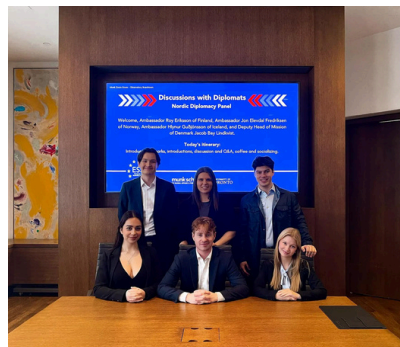
The twentieth century has been called the “century of refugees.” Today, partly as a result of war, revolution, invasion, and political collapse, there are 70 million refugees in the world. This course considers how displacement has become an important part of European culture. We’ll examine literature, music, theatre and journalism by European refugees, while considering how refugees of the past century have made sense of their experience.

Beyond the Classroom



Study in Europe for Course Credit

Study in Europe while earning course credit, immersing yourself in a new culture and gaining valuable international experience.



Discussions with Diplomats

Discussions with Diplomats is a student-led series in which students interact with diplomats to gain first-hand insights into global affairs, diplomacy, and international relations.



Extracurricular Activities

Join in a variety of social, scholarly and professional events including an undergraduate journal, career talks, student socials, movie nights, and academic lectures.



Munk One

Munk One offers first-year students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of global justice, innovations for global solutions, and social and economic inequality. In a small-class setting, the program ignites intellectual curiosity, elevates knowledge of world affairs, and connects first-year students to the Munk School community.

Munk One courses are taught by top scholars and award-winning faculty. These classes bring together an exciting group of diverse students to learn in a cohort environment.



Zeus Eden, '21

"Munk One is the foundation of my degree at U of T. The program taught me numerous key skills: stakeholder analysis, presentation skills, analyzing complex case studies and conducting research interview."



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

MUN 100: Global Innovation

Innovation has always been a key driver of economic growth, population health, and societal success. Relying on major global transformations and country-specific case studies, this course examines the drivers of innovation, the political, social, economic, and scientific and technological factors that are critical to promoting innovation and addressing current global challenges, and the consequences of innovation.

MUN 140: Design for Social Change and Inclusion

Framed around a design challenge, in this class students work in teams to come up with an innovative, equity-focused approach to a global problem. The course includes modules on topics such as: collecting primary data; conducting secondary research; identifying beneficiaries' needs; developing a mindset for social innovation; assessing feasibility and viability; and designing culturally responsive and relevant propositions.

Beyond the Classroom



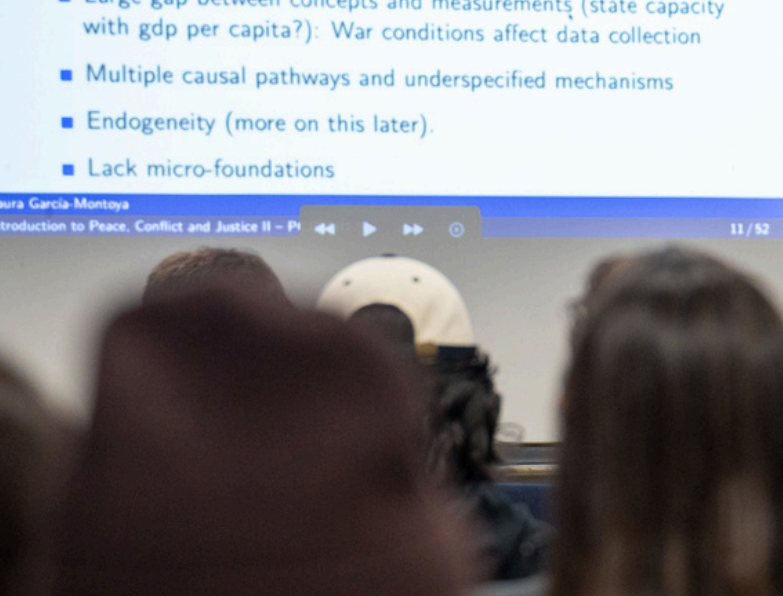
Munk One Mentorship Program

The Munk One Mentorship Program connects students with our expansive alumni network.



Experiential Learning

Our courses include hands-on, experiential learning in which students participate in the exceptional interdisciplinary community of the Munk School and form partnerships with real-world organizations.



Peace, Conflict and Justice

Being a PCJ student means being challenged to unpack and grow your knowledge beyond the traditional framework of international affairs. This interdisciplinary program explores a wide range of topics, including peacemaking and peace-building, interstate war and intrastate conflicts, insurgencies, revolutions and rebellions, ethnic strife, global justice, and negotiation theory.

Our highly engaged students learn from expert faculty as they explore the meanings and causes of peace, conflict and justice, the lived experience of strife and post-strife contexts, and approaches to resolving conflict.



Armaan Ahmad, '25

"The PCJ program's tight-knit community and world-class professors have given me the unique opportunity to explore a breadth of topics that are often overlooked by larger lectures. Further, PCJ also provides the chance to apply your knowledge with practical assignments and working directly with NGOs."



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

PCJ 200: Introduction to Peace, Conflict and Justice

This course introduces first-year PCJ students to the field's key theories and concepts through global case studies. It covers topics such as human rights, social inequalities, and violence, and serves as a foundational gateway for the PCJ program.

PCJ 362: Experiential Learning in PCJ

This course provides experiential learning through projects with local, national, or international organizations. Students partner with these groups to focus on inclusion and access to public services, analyzing socio-economic inequality and producing deliverables which address disparities in education, health, and beyond.

Beyond the Classroom



Student Conference

The student conference is organized, curated, and run by PCJ students. It showcases undergraduate research and provides a platform for presenting and discussing student work.



Experiential Learning

The Peace, Conflict and Justice Studies Program offers hands-on learning experiences. Students partner with global and local organizations to work in teams on deliverable projects.



Public Policy and Governance

Interested in real-world policy challenges? An undergraduate Major in Public Policy teaches you the multi-disciplinary skills required to analyze social problems and address them.

The program provides a unique opportunity for students in the Social Sciences to learn the theories and approaches of the field's core disciplines of Economics and Political Science, and beyond. Students develop theoretical and applied reasoning skills in policy analysis, as well as a solid grounding in quantitative methods and research.



Alonso Munoz Sanchez, '26

"My favorite part about the Public Policy program is the freedom to tailor it to my interests, such as public finance, energy policy, and healthcare policy. This interdisciplinary approach, combined with a skills-oriented curriculum and networking opportunities, prepares students for success in the real world of policymaking."



Learn more
about the program

Course Highlights

PPG 200: Microeconomics for Policy Analysis

This course introduces students to microeconomic analysis and demonstrates how this foundation can be applied to design, analyze and evaluate public policies. The class examines a wide range of policy topics such as taxation, social insurance, welfare and income support programs.

PPG 401: The Role of Government

This course explores the government's role in promoting efficiency and equity in both the financing and delivery of public policy goals. It examines when government involvement is important, how governments can promote social policy, why market failures happen, and the role of government in health care, education, redistribution, the environment and financial regulation.

Beyond the Classroom



Networking Night

This event connects Public Policy students with policy professionals from all levels of government. It offers valuable opportunities to build relationships, gain insights, and explore career paths in the field.



UPPSA

The Undergraduate Public Policy Students' Association is a great way for students to get involved with the Public Policy community. Through coordinating academic workshops, Networking Night, the Professional Mentorship Program and more, students engage with the community and cultivate meaningful connections.



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