

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (UoT) – NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (NUS)

JOINT MINOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FACTSHEET

What is this Joint Minor Programme about?

- ❖ Part of a semester structured Student Exchange Programme to University of Toronto (UoT)
- ❖ This joint minor consists of 24MC (6 modules)
- ❖ Both grades and credits will be transferred for all courses read at UoT (factored into CAP)
- ❖ Minor in “Urban and Regional Change in North America” (*Currently a change of name to Minor in North American Geographies is being considered*)

What are the Terms and Conditions?

- ❖ Open to all FASS majors, including Geography majors
- ❖ Must have completed the following 2 NUS modules before leaving for UoT:
 - ✓ GE2202 Economy and Space
 - ✓ GE2204 Cities in Transition
- ❖ Minimum CAP of 3.5 and above to apply; subjected to high competition
- ❖ Only 10 places are available; cannot be used as non-joint minor SEP to UoT; student can however do one non-Geography course while at UoT
- ❖ Must undertake to complete the minor
- ❖ Adhere to general SEP rules and regulations

How do I fulfil the joint minor requirements?

- ❖ Complete the joint minor at UoT by reading 4 more courses
- ❖ Strictly use the MCs allotted to Unrestricted Electives (outside the major) requirement to satisfy the minor requirements
- ❖ For Geography major, 8 MC of the minor can be double counted towards your major. However, the credits for these modules are only counted once. You will still need to make-up the MCs required by reading UEs outside major.

Visit the web link for more information:

http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/geog/programmes/UoT_Joint_Minor.htm

Suggestions on possible UoT courses that likely fit a “North American Geographies” joint-programme

GGR240H1 Historical Geography of North America [24L]

Introduction to the historical geography of North America from the pre-Columbian period to the present. Topics include European imperialism, staple economies, colonial settlement, railroads and the West, industrialization and urbanization, environmental and agricultural change, modernism and militarism, and struggles over land.

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Humanities course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR246H1 Geography of Canada [24L]

Social and economic differences have been, and continue to be, a prominent feature of Canada's geography. In this course these differences are examined at a regional and local scale. The course adopts a thematic approach and considers issues such as historical development, urbanization, industrialization, immigration and population change, Canada's cultural mosaic and native issues. Emphasis will be placed on the evolution of social and economic policies and Canada's incorporation into a global economy.

Recommended Preparation: GGR107H1, GGR124H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR252H1 Marketing Geography [24L/4T]

The problem of retail location. The spatial structure of consumer demand and retail facilities. Shopping centres and retail chains. Techniques for site selection and trade area evaluation, location strategies, retail planning.

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR254H1 Geography USA [24L]

After a short historical overview, this course focuses on contemporary issues in American society, economy, politics, race, regional distinctions and disparities, urban development and the U.S. as world power.

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Humanities or Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

JUG320H1 The Canadian Wilderness [24L] >>> NEW ADDITION <<<

The idea of wilderness permeates narratives of Canadian national identity, while policy-makers seek to manage and contain natural areas. This course compares and contrasts historical and contemporary wilderness narratives in literature, painting and film with policies in areas such as conservation, urban planning, land claims and tourism.

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Thought, Belief and Behaviour (2)

**GGR321H1 Aboriginal People and Environmental Issues in Canada (formerly JAG321H1) [24L] >>>
NEW <<<**

Indigenous views of environment, resource management and governance from pre-European contact times through to the present will be explored in this course. Emphasis will be placed on the emerging role of Indigenous peoples in environmental and resource management in Canada. Topics to be covered include: history of Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relations, Aboriginal and treaty rights, Aboriginal world view and philosophy, traditional knowledge, Aboriginal environmental ethics and principles and current environmental issues confronting Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Exclusion: JAG321H1

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including 1.0 FCE in Geography and/or Aboriginal Studies (SOC SCI/BR=3)

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR336H1 Urban Historical Geography of North America [24L]

Processes of urbanization; development of urban systems; changing internal patterns: central area, residential districts, housing, transportation, reform and planning movements. Emphasis on the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century.

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including GGR124H1/GGR241H1/GGR254H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Humanities or Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR339H1 Urban Geography, Planning and Political Processes [24L]

The interdependence of political processes and institutions, public policy and urban geography. The political economy of federalism, urban growth, planning and public services as they shape the urban landscape. The spaces of the city as the negotiated outcomes of variously empowered people and the meanings they ascribe to localities and places. Approaches informed by post-colonial, post-modern, and feminist perspectives. Canadian, U.S. and European comparisons.

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including GGR124H1, GGR246H1/GGR254H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR340H1 Health Geography [24L] >>> NEW <<<

An exploration of the aspects of health in which place or location matters. Particular attention will be paid to the role of environments (physical, social, etc.) in explaining differences in health between places, the structuring of health-related behaviour in place, and the development of health policy for places.

Prerequisite: 2 of GGR270H1, GGR271H1 or GGR272H1

Exclusion: GGR330H1, GGR450H1, GGR451H1

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including one of GGR222H1/GGR223H1 or ENV236H1/JGE236H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

JGI346H1 The Urban Planning Process [24L]

Overview of how planning tools and practice shape the built form of cities. This course introduces twentieth century physical planning within its historical, social, legal, and political contexts. Community and urban design issues are addressed at local and regional scales and in both central cities and suburbs. The focus is on Toronto and the Canadian experience, with comparative examples from the other countries, primarily the United States.

Recommended Preparation: GGR124H1, INI235Y1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR357H1 Housing and Community Development [24L] >>> NEW <<<

Focuses on the importance of adequate housing and the challenge of achieving this for all residents. It will root theoretical explanations in realities using Canada and Toronto as examples. Topics covered include public policies relating to social housing, rental housing, homeownership, neighborhoods, and homelessness.

Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 8 FCEs

Recommended Preparation: GGR124H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR358H1 Geography, Political Economy and Religion [24L] >>> NEW <<<

Focuses on the interaction between political economy and religion, with a particular focus on how this plays out in cities. In the theoretical realm, most political economists have written extensively on religion at one point or another. It is important to consider what they have said about religion and how it might have affected their ostensibly secular ideas about politics and economy. In the practical realm, religion, as belief system invented by humans, structures a great deal of political and economic activity at a variety of spatial scales. Religion, for example, influences relationships between countries, urban politics, city form, and social class among many other spheres. This course is an introduction to both the theoretical and practical applications of the intersection of political economy and religion.

Prerequisite: 8.0 FCE's

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR361H1 Understanding the Urban Landscape [24L]

Three related themes are discussed: the underlying social, cultural and economic forces that have given cities their form and image; various aesthetic and political philosophies that have been put into practice in constructing the urban landscape; and recent European and North American attempts to control the landscape of the contemporary metropolis by the application of urban policy and planning.

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including GGR124H1 and one of GGR216H1, GGR240H1, or GGR246H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

These are currently in NUS list

GGR328H1 Labour Geographies [24L] (might fit, mainly NA, at least with current instructor)

Explores changes in the nature of work and the structure and geography of labour markets. Topics will include globalization, lean production, flexibility and risk, industrial relations, workfare, the body at work, and gender and work.

Prerequisite: 8.0 FCE's including 1.0 FCE in Geography (SOC SCI/BR=3)

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

GGR360H1 Culture, History, and Landscape [24L] (North America, Europe – and a couple of weeks on colonial/global south)

The history of approaches to the idea of landscape. A consideration of the origins and uses of the term in geographical inquiry will be followed by a series of case studies, global in scope, from the Early Modern period to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the representational aspects of landscapes, as well as struggles over their definition, interpretation, and use.

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including 1.0 FCE in Geography (HUM/BR=1 or SOC SCI/BR=3)

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Humanities course

Breadth Requirement: Creative and Cultural Representations (1)

GGR327H1 Geography and Gender [24L]

Introduction to the work of feminist geographers. The course will explore the relationship between gender and space, emphasizing spatial cognition, architecture, and layout of the city.

Recommended Preparation: 8.0 FCE's including 1.0 FCE in Geography (SOC SCI)

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)

400-level course in the NUS list, but space is limited since our graduating students need 4th year (was formally a third year course, GGR324):

GGR424H1 Transportation Geography and Planning (formerly GGR324H1) [24L]

Introductory overview of major issues in interurban and intraurban transportation at the local, national and international scale. Topics include urban transportation, land use patterns and the environment, causes of and cures for congestion, public transit, infrastructure finance, and transport planning and policy setting.

Prerequisite: 10.0 FCE's including one of GGR124H1/GGR220H1/GGR221H1

Exclusion: GGR324H1

Recommended Preparation: GGR270H1

Distribution Requirement Status: This is a Social Science course

Breadth Requirement: Society and its Institutions (3)