

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A UOIT BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE?

A Bachelor of Arts degree from UOIT will provide you with a broad range of academic, communication and analytical skills that will allow you to work in a variety of exciting fields in the 21st century workplace. For more information about the BA (Honours) programs offered by UOIT, please visit the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities website at [socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/programs](https://socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/programs)

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP IN A UOIT BA PROGRAM?

Through the application of theory and hands-on activities, you will develop the following skills:

Holistic Thinking	Oral and Written Communication	Decision Making	Planning and Organization
Social Curiosity	Problem Solving	Research	Teamwork
Interpersonal Skills	Critical Thinking	Persuasion	

## EMPLOYERS HIRE PEOPLE NOT DEGREES!

Think beyond your program when choosing a career. To find the right career, you will need to take into account your interests, skills, work preferences and values. The list below is meant to give you some ideas, but it is not exhaustive. Don't limit yourself!

## WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPTIONS WITH A UOIT BA?

Some of the many possibilities with a UOIT BA include:

Advertising Executive	Foreign Service Officer	Librarian	Professional Writer/Editor
Agent	Humanitarian Aid Worker	Marketing Manager	Project Coordinator
Bailiff	Immigration Officer	Media Manager	Psychologist
Child and Youth Worker	Information Officer	Mediator	Public Policy Analyst
Communications Director	Journalist	Outreach Coordinator	Public Relations Specialist
Corrections Officer	Law Enforcement Officer	Paralegal	Publisher
Counsellor	Lawyer	Politician	Researcher
Family Service Worker	Legal Aid Worker	Private Security Officer	Urban Planner

\*Please note that many of the occupations listed above may require further education, certifications or work experience in conjunction with your degree.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

**Student Portal** – There are a number of career resources on the Student Portal to get you started in your career research process, including links to job leads and information about further education. UOIT students can access these resources by visiting [uoit.ca/careercentre](https://uoit.ca/careercentre).

**Career Counselling** – UOIT students have access to free career counselling services. Email [careercentre@uoit.ca](mailto:careercentre@uoit.ca) to book a career counselling appointment if you would like to discuss your career development, including issues such as: career indecision; identifying your skills, interests, work values and personality style as it relates to the workplace; feeling overwhelmed, anxious or confused about the career planning or decision-making process; and overcoming barriers to career development.

**Academic Advising** – Email [sshadvising@uoit.ca](mailto:sshadvising@uoit.ca) to set up an appointment to discuss questions related to your academic path within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT STEPS

Because a UOIT BA degree has such broad application, it can be quite challenging to choose the best career direction for you. Follow these steps and you will have the best chance of finding a career that fits you:

- 1. Do some self-assessment** – Before you can find out what career is right for you, you need to know who you are. What are your interests? What are you good at? What is important to you? What can your personality tell you about your work preferences?
- 2. Conduct occupational research** – Once you have reflected on who you are as a person, you can focus on what types of jobs exist and what qualifications you need to secure work that will be meaningful for you. In addition to the many career resources available online through the student portal, informational interviews can give you the inside scoop on potential career paths from individuals working in the field. For information on how to set up and conduct information interviews, find the information interview tip sheet at [uoit.ca/careertools](http://uoit.ca/careertools)
- 3. Practicum** – Placements with community organizations are offered to a limited number of fourth-year Social Science and Humanities students. The Pre-Practicum Process begins in third year. For more information, visit [socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/experiential-learning.php](http://socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/experiential-learning.php)
- 4. Volunteering** - If you have little or no work experience, unpaid work experiences are a great way to get your foot in the door, allowing you to develop your skills through hands-on experience, learn more about your interests and make valuable contacts to add to your network for potential paid work opportunities down the road. For more information, find the volunteering resource at [uoit.ca/careertools](http://uoit.ca/careertools)
- 5. Get Involved**- The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities has several clubs and organizations dedicated to, among other things, organizing experiential learning and professional opportunities for their members. For more information, visit [socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/about/student-clubs.php](http://socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/about/student-clubs.php). See also [your-sa.ca](http://your-sa.ca) for information about other clubs offered by the Student Association. Check out [uoit.ca/getinvolved](http://uoit.ca/getinvolved) for information about the **Student Involvement Record**.

## WHERE HAVE SOME OF UOIT'S BA GRADS BEEN EMPLOYED?

Some of the organizations that have hired UOIT graduates with a BA include:

3rd Battalion of the  
Royal Canadian Regiment

Grey Power Insurance  
Brokers Inc.

Ministry of the Attorney  
General

Onex

Community Development  
Council Durham

Agincourt Community Services  
Association

Ministry of Children and  
Youth Services

Parks Canada

Durham Children's Aid Society

Boys & Girls Club of Durham

Ministry of Community  
Safety and Correctional  
Services

Re/Max Rouge River Realty

Durham Family Court Clinic

Heart & Stroke Foundation

Canadian Mental Health  
Association

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Durham Regional Police

John Howard Society

Stikeman Elliot LLP

Goodmans LLP

Local Health Integration  
Network

Telus

## CAREER CENTRE



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