

# Rotman Commerce Finance & Economics Specialist (BCom)

For students entering the specialist/Y2 in 2019 or 2020

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## 1. Program Overview and Required Courses

<p><b>Overview and Summary</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bachelor of Commerce degree requires 20.0 FCEs (full-course equivalents).</li> <li>• The Finance &amp; Economics Specialist requires the completion of 8.0 FCEs of RSM* courses and 8.0 FCEs of non-RSM courses. The remaining 4.0 FCEs can be either RSM or non-RSM.</li> <li>• Courses with codes ending in 'H' are half-year and count for 0.5 FCE. Courses with codes ending in 'Y' are full-year and count for 1.0 FCE.</li> </ul>
<p><b>First-Year Required Courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSM100H Introduction to Management</li> <li>• ECO101H Principles of Microeconomics</li> <li>• ECO102H Principles of Macroeconomics</li> <li>• MAT133Y Calculus and Linear Algebra for Commerce (or equivalent)**</li> </ul>
<p><b>Required Courses Recommended for First-Year</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSM219H Introduction to Financial Accounting</li> <li>• RSM230H Financial Markets</li> <li>• RSM250H Principles of Marketing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upper-Year Economics (ECO) Requirements: Core courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECO204Y/ECO206Y Microeconomic Theory and Applications</li> <li>• ECO220Y/ECO227Y Quantitative Methods in Economics (or equivalent)***</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upper-Year Business (RSM) Requirements: Core courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSM222H Management Accounting I</li> <li>• RSM260H Organizational Behaviour</li> <li>• RSM270H Operations Management</li> <li>• RSM332H Capital Market Theory</li> <li>• RSM333H Introduction to Corporate Finance</li> <li>• RSM392H Strategic Management</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upper-Year Requirements: Finance &amp; ECO courses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECO209Y/ECO208Y Macroeconomic Theory</li> <li>• 2.5 FCEs from any 300+ level ECO</li> <li>• RSM336H Investments +</li> </ul> <p>2.0 FCE from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSM430H Fixed Income Securities</li> <li>• RSM432H Risk Management for Financial Managers</li> <li>• RSM433H Advanced Corporate Finance</li> <li>• RSM434H Financial Trading Strategies</li> <li>• RSM435H Futures and Options Markets</li> <li>• RSM437H International Finance</li> <li>• RSM439H Private Equity and Entrepreneurial Finance</li> </ul>

<p><b>Additional Electives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The requirements above include 7.5 RSM FCEs and 7.5 non-RSM FCEs. The remaining electives required to satisfy the 20.0 FCEs for the BCom are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.5 FCE RSM course</li> <li>• 0.5 FCE non-RSM course</li> <li>• 4.0 FCEs of either RSM or non-RSM courses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> Due to the Arts &amp; Science Breadth Requirement (see Section 3), as well as the restriction preventing Year 1 students from taking upper-level RSM courses, most students will take at least 1.0 FCE of non-RSM electives.</li> <li>• Students can consider using these electives to complete a Minor in an Arts &amp; Science subject area.</li> </ul>
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\* RSM courses are business courses offered by faculty in the Rotman School of Management.

\*\* (MAT135H+MAT136H) / MAT137Y / MAT157Y. Students interested in pursuing courses or programs in Math, Statistics, Computer Science, or Actuarial Science may be required to complete one of the higher-level math courses. Consult the [Arts & Science Calendar](#) to determine the appropriate first-year math course to select.

\*\*\* (STA220H+STA255H) / (STA237H+STA238H) / (STA257H+STA261H)

Note: (STA220H+STA255H) will **not** be accepted as pre-requisites for ECO300-level courses that require ECO220Y and will **not** satisfy ECO Major program requirements.

## 2. Sample Program Progression

**Note:** Students should design their own program progression taking into consideration their abilities, workload, co-curricular/work and other commitments. When designing a program progression, students must ensure that prerequisites and co-requisites are met. Consult [Degree Explorer](#) to review your degree and program requirements.

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Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter
RSM100H	RSM230H	RSM222H	RSM260H or RSM270H <sup>2</sup>	ECO209Y <sup>1</sup>		RSM400 Required <sup>1</sup>	RSM400 Required <sup>1</sup>
RSM219H or RSM250H	RSM250H or RSM219H	ECO204Y		RSM392H	RSM400 Required <sup>1</sup>	RSM400 Required <sup>1</sup>	ECO 300+ Elective <sup>1</sup>
ECO101H	ECO102H	ECO220Y		ECO300+ Elective <sup>1</sup>	ECO 300+ Elective <sup>1</sup>	ECO300+ Elective <sup>1</sup>	ECO300+ Elective <sup>1</sup>
MAT133Y		RSM260H or RSM270H <sup>2</sup>	RSM332H	RSM333H or RSM336H <sup>1</sup>	RSM333H or RSM336H <sup>1</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>
Non-RSM Elective <sup>2</sup>	Non-RSM Elective <sup>2</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>	RSM Elective <sup>3</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>	RSM or Non-RSM Elective <sup>4</sup>

Complete 9.0 FCE core BCom courses.

<sup>1</sup> Complete 6.0 Finance and Economics requirements (RSM and ECO courses)

<sup>2</sup> Complete 1.0 non-RSM elective

<sup>3</sup> Complete 0.5 RSM elective

<sup>4</sup> Complete 3.5 FCE of RSM or non-RSM electives (incl. Breadth Requirements - see Section 3 below)

### 3. BCom Breadth Requirement

The purpose of the [Breadth Requirement](#) is to ensure all students graduating from the Faculty of Arts & Science (which includes Rotman Commerce) have chosen courses across the breadth of disciplines within Arts & Science as part of their undergraduate education. There are five categories of Breadth Requirements:

- BR1: Creative and Cultural Representations
- BR2: Thought, Belief, and Behaviour
- BR3: Society and Its Institutions
- BR4: Living Things and Their Environment
- BR5: The Physical and Mathematical Universes

Students must take at least 4.0 FCEs that have been designated as satisfying the Breadth Requirement. These 4.0 credits must be either:

- (a) at least 1.0 FCE in each of any 4 of the 5 categories above, OR
- (b) at least 1.0 FCE in each of any 3 of the 5 categories, and at least 0.5 FCE in each of the other 2 categories.

#### **Important Note**

Rotman Commerce students can expect to complete at least 1.0 FCE in each of Categories 2, 3, and 5 through program requirements. Therefore, students only need to complete (through non-RSM electives) the following to satisfy the overall Breadth Requirement:

- (a) at least 1.0 FCE in BR1 or BR4, OR
- (b) at least 0.5 FCE in BR1, and at least 0.5 FCE in BR4

A course's Breadth designation can be found following the course description in both the Arts & Science [Calendar](#) and [Timetable](#).

## 4. Key Academic Resources

### **Degree Explorer: Course and Degree Planning**

[www.acorn.utoronto.ca/degree\\_explorer.php](http://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/degree_explorer.php)

Degree Explorer is the University of Toronto's degree tracking system and student planning tool. Review your academic history, degree and program requirements, or use the planner to determine how future course selections satisfy requirements.

### **Faculty of Arts & Science Calendar**

<https://fas.calendar.utoronto.ca/>

The Arts & Science Calendar contains academic regulations and policies, degree and program information, course descriptions and prerequisites. Consult the Calendar to determine which courses you would like or need to take.

### **Faculty of Arts & Science Timetable**

[www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/dates-deadlines/course-timetables](http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/dates-deadlines/course-timetables)

The Arts & Science Timetable provides course meeting information (e.g. day, time, location, and enrolment controls). Along with the Timetable, the Course Enrolment instructions and guidelines at this link outline the registration procedures for Faculty of Arts & Science, St. George campus students.

### **Rotman Commerce Portal: Book an Academic Appointment and Review Program Information**

<https://portal.rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/home.htm>

Students can book an academic advising appointment and access the following: RSM course outlines, special topics courses, independent study courses, program overviews (specialist and focus requirements), first year resources, international study, academic resources & support, fees and tuition, scholarships/awards, Rotman Commerce events and Career Services information.

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

[www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/dates-deadlines](http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/dates-deadlines)

Sessional dates for students registered in the Faculty of Arts & Science, St. George campus include beginning and ending of classes, last day to add/cancel courses, credit/no credit (CR/NCR) and late withdrawal requests (LWD), university closures, examination periods, etc.

### **Fee Information and Refund Dates**

[www.studentaccount.utoronto.ca](http://www.studentaccount.utoronto.ca)

Note that the last day to cancel a course without academic penalty is not the same as the financial refund deadline. See the Important Dates and Deadlines section for sessional dates applicable to academic penalties. Fee information applicable to Rotman Commerce students can be found under the specific College fee schedules within the Faculty of Arts & Science section on the Office of Student Accounts website.