


Finance and Economics (BCom)

Rotman Commerce specialist overview

**For students entering the specialist/Y2 in 2019 or later*

1. Program overview and required courses

Please use the [Arts & Science Calendar](#) for an official review of degree and program requirements, and [Degree Explorer](#) to track your requirements and to build a hypothetical plan.

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| Overview and Summary |  | | Bachelor of Commerce Degree | • 20.0 credits |
| | | | RC Program Requirements | • 8.0 RSM credits • 8.0 non-RSM credits |
| | | | Additional Electives | • 4.0 RSM or non- RSM (1.0 non-RSM typically in Y1) |
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| | 8.0 RSM credits | | 8.0 non-RSM credits | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSM100H Intro to Management• RSM219H Intro to Financial Accounting• RSM222H Management Accounting I• RSM230H Financial Markets• RSM250H Principles of Marketing• RSM260H Organizational Behaviour• RSM270H Operations Management• RSM332H Capital Market Theory• RSM333H Intro to Corporate Finance• RSM336H Investments• RSM392H Strategic Management• 2.0 credits from RSM400-level finance courses*• 0.5 credit of RSM elective | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECO101H Principles of Microeconomics• ECO102H Principles of Macroeconomics• MAT133Y Calculus and Linear Algebra for Commerce (or equivalent)*• ECO204Y/ECO206Y Microeconomic Theory and Applications• ECO209Y/ECO208Y Macroeconomic Theory• ECO220Y/ECO227Y Quantitative Methods in Economics (or equivalent)*• 2.5 credit from any 300+ level ECO• 0.5 credit of non-RSM electives | |
| | 4.0 credits of RSM or non- RSM electives | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses with codes ending in 'H' are half-year and count for 0.5 credit• Courses with codes ending in 'Y' are full-year and count for 1.0 credit• Students should be aware of the Arts & Science Breadth Requirement (see Section 4) when choosing electives.* refer to section 3 on Key Notes for more info | | | |
| First-Year Guaranteed Admission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following requirements must be completed within one calendar year for entry to Rotman Commerce:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete RSM100H with a minimum 67%2. Complete ECO101H and ECO102H with a minimum 63% in each course3. Note that ECO101H is a prerequisite for ECO102H.4. Complete MAT133Y** with a minimum 63% OR MAT135H and MAT136H with a minimum 60% OR MAT137Y with a minimum 55%5. Accumulate a minimum of 4.0 credits.• See RC website for additional details | | | |

2. Sample program progression

Please note that the chart below is one example of how you can plan your courses. You should design your own program progression taking into consideration your abilities, workload, co-curricular/work and other commitments. When designing a program progression, you must ensure that prerequisites and co-requisites are met. Use the Planner feature on [Degree Explorer](#) to create your own plan and review your degree and program requirements.

| Finance & Economics Specialist | | | | | | | |
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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 ² | ECO209Y ¹ | | RSM400 Required ¹ | RSM400 Required ¹ |
| RSM219H or RSM250H | RSM250H or RSM219H | ECO204Y | | RSM392H | RSM400 Required ¹ | RSM400 Required ¹ | ECO300+ Elective ¹ |
| ECO101H | ECO102H | ECO220Y | | ECO300+ Elective ¹ | ECO300+ Elective ¹ | ECO300+ Elective ¹ | ECO300+ Elective ¹ |
| MAT133Y | | RSM260H or RSM270H ² | RSM332H | RSM333H or RSM336H ¹ | RSM333H or RSM336H ¹ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ |
| Non-RSM Elective ² | Non-RSM Elective ² | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ | RSM Elective ³ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ | RSM or Non- RSM Elective ⁴ |

Complete 9.0 credits of core BCom courses.

¹ Complete 6.0 credits of Finance and Economics requirements (RSM and ECO courses)

² Complete 1.0 credit of non-RSM elective

³ Complete 0.5 credit of RSM elective

⁴ Complete 3.5 credits of RSM or non-RSM electives (incl. Breadth Requirements - see Section 3 below)

3. Key notes

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| MAT133Y or equivalent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students interested in pursuing 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. |
| ECO220Y or equivalent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO220Y is equivalent to (STA220H+STA255H) / (STA237H+STA238H) / (STA257H+STA261H). However, (STA220H+STA255H) will not be accepted as pre-requisites for ECO300-level courses that require ECO220Y and will not satisfy ECO Major program requirements. |
| RSM400-level finance courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.0 credit from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSM430H Fixed Income Securities RSM432H Risk Management for Financial Managers RSM433H Advanced Corporate Finance RSM434H Financial Trading Strategies RSM435H Futures and Options Markets RSM436H Sustainable Finance RSM437H International Finance RSM438H Mergers and Acquisitions RSM439H Private Equity and Entrepreneurial Finance any 400-level finance-themed RSM special topics course as determined by the Director of Rotman Commerce, eg. RSM418H1 - Investment Banking and Mergers and Acquisitions. See RC website for details |

4. 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.

Important Note - Rotman Commerce students can expect to complete at least 1.0 credit 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 credit in BR1 or BR4, OR



- (b) at least 0.5 credit in BR1, and at least 0.5 credit in BR4

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

5. Focuses in Finance and Economics

Within the Finance and Economics Specialist, students who choose a specified set of electives within a subfield will earn a designation on their transcript showing that they have completed a Focus. Focuses require 2.5-3.0 credits each. Students pursuing the Finance and Economics Specialist may choose to complete one or more of the following Focuses:

1. International Business (UofT Global Scholar)
2. Data Science in Business
3. Managing in Diverse Economics (UofT Global Scholar)

Focuses are optional and not required as part of the specialist.

To pursue a focus, a student must add it to their programs on ACORN and fulfill all of the requirements of the Finance and Economics specialist and the Focus. Once added to ACORN, each focus can be tracked on Degree Explorer.

Please refer to the [Arts & Science Calendar](#) to review specialist and focus requirements.