

Degree Type – Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Degree Title – Social Studies Composite with Teacher Certification (7-12)

As an integral part of a liberal arts education, history courses introduce students to different historical eras, diverse cultures, famous and ordinary women and men, and a variety of geographical settings. Our courses challenge students to think critically, express themselves clearly, and become informed and responsible citizens in an increasingly interconnected world. Students majoring or minoring in history may become teachers or seek employment in business or government. History is an excellent background for those who wish later to go to law school or enter journalism.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Students demonstrate critical historical thinking.
2. Students demonstrate competency in applying historical skills.
3. Students communicate historical information effectively in both oral and written expression.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 57 HOURS (45 advanced)

1 – Social Studies Composite Core – 21 hours (12 advanced)

ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics
 HIST 2321 World History I
 HIST 2322 World History II
 HIST 3300 Historiography and Methodology
 HIST 3302 Geography and Environment in History
 HIST 3333 Texas History
 HIST 4399 Senior Research Seminar

2 – Social Studies Composite Electives – 36 hours (33 advanced)

a – United States History – 12 hours (12 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3320 Colonial America to 1763
 HIST 3321 The United States, Revolution and the New Nation, 1763-1814
 HIST 3322 Rise of the American Nation, 1814 - 1848
 HIST 3323 Era of Sectional Conflict, 1848-1877
 HIST 3324 The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1929
 HIST 3325 Twentieth Century America
 HIST 3326 Indians of North America
 HIST 3327 The American Military Experience
 HIST 3328 History of the American President
 HIST 3329 American Legal History
 HIST 3330 The U.S. as a World Power
 HIST 3331 History of American Religious Traditions
 HIST 3332 Mexican-American History

HIST 3334 History of the American West
 HIST 3335 American Environmental History
 HIST 4320 Atlantic America
 HIST 4321 The Spanish Southwest to 1821
 HIST 4322 The American Southwest after 1821
 HIST 4323 History of the Old South
 HIST 4324 History of the New South Since 1877
 HIST 4325 The United States: War, Prosperity, and Depression, 1917 – 1945
 HIST 4326 The United States since 1945
 HIST 4327 History of American Family and Childhood
 HIST 4328 Gender in the American West
 HIST 4329 Black History and Thought
 HIST 4330 Race and Ethnicity in America
 HIST 4331 Mexican-American Civil Rights
 HIST 4332 Chicano Movement
 HIST 4392 Special Topics in US History

b – European History – 6 hours (6 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3340 Medieval Europe
 HIST 3341 Early Modern Europe
 HIST 3342 Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1850
 HIST 3343 Europe's Age of Imperialism, 1850-1919
 HIST 3344 Contemporary Europe, 1919 to the Present
 HIST 3345 History of England to 1686
 HIST 3346 History of England after 1686
 HIST 3347 History of Spain
 HIST 4340 Ancient Greek History
 HIST 4341 Ancient Roman History
 HIST 4342 The Renaissance and Reformation, 1300-1650
 HIST 4343 Russia Since 1905
 HIST 4344 Absolutism and Enlightenment in Europe, 1650-1789
 HIST 4391 Special Topics in European History

c – Latin American History – 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3360 Pre-Conquest Mexico and Central America
 HIST 3361 Colonial Latin America
 HIST 3362 Modern Latin America
 HIST 3363 Mexico from Pre-Conquest to the Present
 HIST 3364 Mexico through Independence
 HIST 3365 Mexico since Independence
 HIST 3366 Latin American Women in the Modern Era
 HIST 3367 Women in Colonial Latin America
 HIST 4360 Mexico's First Century as an Independent Republic
 HIST 4361 Contemporary Mexico
 HIST 4362 History of Mexican Culture
 HIST 4363 History of Mexican Cinema
 HIST 4364 Brazil after Independence
 HIST 4365 Spanish South America since Independence
 HIST 4366 The Caribbean and Central America
 HIST 4393 Special Topics in Latin American History

d – World History – 3 hours (3 advanced)*Choose from:*

HIST 3301 World History Studies
 HIST 3303 Classical and Post-Classical World 500 BCE to 1450
 HIST 3304 First Globalization 1450 – 1750
 HIST 3305 The Modern World 1750 – Present
 HIST 3306 Great Discoveries in Archaeology
 HIST 3307 Women in History
 HIST 4300 Atlantic World
 HIST 4301 Maritime Archaeology and History
 HIST 4302 Comparative Colonialism
 HIST 4303 Public Health in the Americas
 HIST 4304 U.S. – Latin American Relations
 HIST 4305 History of World Wars I and II
 HIST 4306 History of the Cold War
 HIST 3370 Early Middle East History
 HIST 3371 Modern Middle Eastern History
 HIST 3372 Introduction to East Asian History I
 HIST 3373 Introduction to East Asian History II
 HIST 3374 History of the Ottoman Empire
 HIST 3375 History of Modern Japan
 HIST 3376 History of Modern China
 HIST 4390 Special Topics in World History

e – Social Studies Composite Electives – 12 hours (9 advanced)**i – Geography Component – 3 hours**

GEOG 1303 World Regional Geography

ii – History Component – 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose 3 hours of advanced History.

iii – Political Science Component – 6 hours (6 advanced)

Choose from:

POLS 3311 Contemporary Texas Politics
 POLS 3312 U.S. Political Parties
 POLS 3330 International Politics
 POLS 3355 U.S. Public Policy
 POLS 4310 U.S. Judicial Process
 POLS 4311 U.S. U.S. Constitutional Law: Federalism
 POLS 4312 U.S. U.S. Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
 POLS 4313 U.S. Legislative Process
 POLS 4314 U.S. Executive Process

C – TEACHER CERTIFICATION – 27 HOURS (24 advanced)

Area of Certification: Social Studies (7-12)

EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling
 EDUC 3301 The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools
 EDUC 3302 Human Development, Learning Theories, and Student Learning
 EDUC 3303 Teaching in Today's Diverse Classrooms
 EDUC 3304 Instructional Planning, Classroom Management and Assessment to Promote Student Learning
 EDUC 4306 Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy
 READ 4305 Content Area Literacy
 EDUC 4611 Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 126 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 69 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Progression requirements

Social Studies Composite Majors must earn a 'C' or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced HIST classes, or may progress at the discretion of the instructor. For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students.

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.