

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.

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

080 - 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 Methods

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, 1763-1815

HIST 3322 Rise of the American Nation, 1815 - 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 Presidency

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 4321 The Spanish Southwest to 1821

HIST 4322 American Southwest and Borderlands 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 the 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 1688
- HIST 3346 History of England after 1688
- 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 Latin 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 and History
- HIST 3307 Women in History
- HIST 4300 The 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 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 2017-2019 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.