
This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001 This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure. Students in this program should check with the College of Education and P-16 Integration on the requirements for a criminal background check prior to student teaching.

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 one course from each area. A course can only be counted in one area.

1 – Colonial America to 1776 – 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3320 Colonial America to 1763

HIST 3332 Mexican-American History

HIST 4321 The Spanish Southwest to 1821

HIST 4323 History of the Old South

2 – Early National Period to 1848 – 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3321 The United States, Revolution, and the New Nation, 1763-1815

HIST 3322 Rise of the American Nation, 1815 - 1848

HIST 3327 The American Military Experience

HIST 3328 History of the American Presidency

HIST 4323 History of the Old South

3 – Era of Sectional Conflict– 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose from:

HIST 3323 Era of Sectional Conflict, 1848-1877

HIST 3327 The American Military Experience

HIST 3328 History of the American Presidency

HIST 3332 Mexican-American History

HIST 3334 History of the American West

HIST 4322 American Southwest and Borderlands after 1821

HIST 4323 History of the Old South

4 – 1877 to the Present – 3 hours (3 advanced)

Choose from:

- HIST 3330 The U.S. as a World Power
- HIST 3324 The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1929
- HIST 3325 Twentieth Century America
- HIST 3327 The American Military Experience
- HIST 3328 History of the American Presidency
- HIST 3332 Mexican-American History
- 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

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 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. HIST 3301 does not fulfill the HIST elective requirement.

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

Choose from:

POLS 3311 Contemporary Texas Politics
 POLS 3355 U.S. Public Policy
 POLS 4312 U.S. U.S. Constitutional Law - Civil Liberties
 POLS 4341 U.S. Political Theory

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 Knowledge of Student Development and Learning
 EDUC 3303 Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments
 EDUC 3304 Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms
 EDUC 4306 Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy
 READ 4305 Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms
 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 2018-2019 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.