We recommend students visit the department to get the most up-to-date information from our departmental administrative assistant. There is a handout on Courses

cumulative GPA.

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COMMUNICATION STUDIES (BA) *7th-12th Teacher Certification Catalog: 2019-20 **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

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Interpersonal Communication

Intro to Mass Communication

Government/Political Science

Life and Physical Sciences

Intercultural Context of Schooling

Integrative/Experiential Learning

Communication Studies prepares a student to work in fields as varied as sales, education, training and development, management, law enforcement and in administrative roles in information and service industries such as health care organizations. Our graduates also work in public relations, events planning, advertising, and with public and private agencies and organizations as Press Secretaries and Information Officers. The Bachelor of Arts in Communication also prepares the students to pursue graduate programs in Communication, Media

Management, Law, Social Work, Education,

Health Management, Rehabilitation

Counseling, and Public Administration.

Degree Info

The Bachelor of Arts in Communication -

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

EDNC 3304

THFT 3321

EDNC 3305

FOURTH YEAR

THIRD YEAR

SECOND YEAR

FIRST YEAR

Communication	Choose 1
American History	Choose 1
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COMM 1311 Intro to Communication Mathematics Choose 1 Rec- THTF 1310 or THTF 2366

Social & Behavioral Sciences Choose 1 **COWM 2332** American History COMM 2333 Small Group Communication Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences Communication Choose 1 Choose 1 Government/Political Science Choose 1 Learning Framework **UNIV 1301**

Lang., Philosophy & Culture Learning in Contemporary Schools Choose 1 The Teaching Profession and Student Public Speaking COWM 1312 EDNC 3301 Argumentation and Debate

www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans. "Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).

COWM 1318

COMM 1307

EDFR 2301

Choose 1

Choose 1

Choose 1

Additional Info

Please note, all courses in the major and minor/approved

electives must be passed with a "C" or better.

accepted.

Students are advised to take Contemporary Math or

Statistics/Math to fulfill their Math Core requirement. Other General Education Core Math courses are also

Due to the workload, please do not take COMM 3350

one you take first since these courses complement each

Argumentation and Debate is only offered at South Texas

complete your General Education Core and have completed

60 hours, including 12 hours in your major, (minimum 2.75

You may apply to the College of Education after you

College. It must be taken there.

Students are not required to select a second teaching area.

Communication Research and COMM 3333 Communication

Theory during the same semester. It does not matter which

Knowledge of Student

COMM 3317 Communication for Classroom Teacher

THFT/ENGL 2313 Reading Dramatic Literature

COMM 3335 Advanced Public Speaking

COMM 3333 Theories of Communication

COMM 3331 Interviewing: Theory and Practice

COMM 4103 Practicum: Communication General Elective 13XX-43XX

Implementing and Assessing EDNC 4309 General Elective 12XX-42XX General Elective 13XX-43XX

Content Pedagogy Effective Secondary

Disciplinary Literacy in

Content Area Classrooms **KEAD 4305**

Student Teaching EDNC 4911

Secondary or All-Level

Development & Learning

Instructional Planning and Assessment Creative Drama COMM 4315 Persuasive Communication COMM 3350 Research in Communication

in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms

EDNC 3309

Environments Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning

COMM 3316 Intercultural Communication

FPRINT EXPERIENCES

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND	<u>CAREERS</u>
MILESTONES	 □ UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them! □ Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year. □ Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years. □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0. □ Take MATH 1332 or 1342 in your first year. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.1. □ Complete major foundation classes, such as COMM 1311. □ Complete 30 credit hours. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.2. □ Complete 30 credit hours. □ Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen. □ Apply to the College of Education and P-16 Integration. For additional information, check out www.utrgv.edu/cep. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.3. □ "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center! □ Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate. □ Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment. 	 Teaching Research Information/Library science Fundraising/ Development
ADVICE & SUPPORT	 ☐ Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session! ☐ Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors! ☐ Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class. ☐ Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group. ☐ Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits. 	 □ Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors on my.utrgv.edu. □ Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor. □ Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches. □ Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available 	 □ Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization, perhaps within the field of education. □ Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year. □ Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center. 	 Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as EDUC 4611: Student Teaching Secondary or All-level. Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals. Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track. 	 University communications/ Outreach Administration and Student Support Services: Admissions, financial
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	 Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project. Ask a student in class to study with you. 	 □ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. □ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium. 	☐ Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium! ☐ Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as an ENGL 2000 level course or become the secretary for your organization.	 □ Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at a regional or national poster session in speech communication pedagogy. □ Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in. 	aid. advising, development, alumni affairs, international education and study abroad, student affairs
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	 Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu. Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service). Attend a departmental program such as Speech Contest. Join a student organization! Consider looking into a department sponsored Communication Studies student club or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options. 	 □ Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to China, Spain, Mexico or England. □ Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA. □ Join another student organization. Perhaps in the education field or visit VLink for options. □ Check out a campus event that offers free lunchbring a friend! 	 □ Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information! □ Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships. 	 Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help. Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab. 	(e.g. residence life, student activities, orientation, leadership, Greek life, multicultural affairs, recreational sports)
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	 Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu). Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing. Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake! Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop. 	 □ Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed. □ Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships. □ Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend a second teaching area such as English, history, etc. □ Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests. 	 □ Check out the Communication department website for postings on career/graduate school. □ Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice! □ When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants! 	 Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn. Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc. Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services! Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov. 	For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter

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