- majors are recommended to take ENGL courses to fulfill the "Language, Philosophy, and Culture" area and the "Social and Behavioral Sciences" area.
- a minor in a different subject or complete additional English coursework (at least six courses) for a total of 120 hours overall with 60 being advanced.
- Students are additionally required to choose
- In their General Education core, English

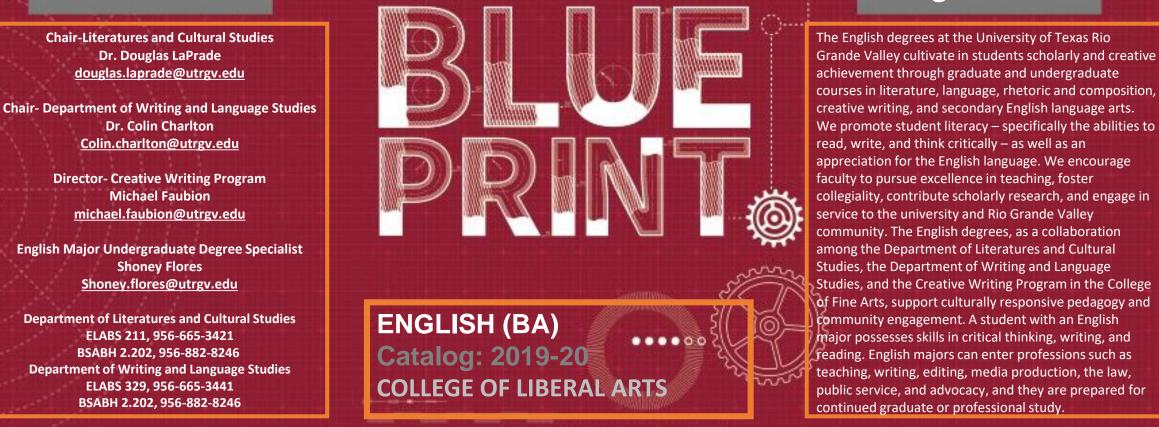
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Degree Info

Additional Info

• The English Major requires students not

and Literacy; or Creative Writing.

pursuing teaching certification to choose

from among concentrations or tracks for their

Literature; Linguistics; Rhetoric, Composition,

BA English degree: English Language Arts;

• The English Core of common courses shared

by all the concentrations for the English

Major requires 27 hours (9 courses).

SECOND YEAR

FIRST YEAR

Free Advanced Elective

Free Advanced Elective

Senior English Capstone

Adv. Minor or Additional

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Choose 1 Mathematics Choose 1 Choose 1 Creative Arts

Learning Framework **UNIV 1301** Integrative/Experiential Learning

Social & Behavioral Sciences American History Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

Life and Physical Sciences

Choose 1 Rec- Any 23XX-level lit. course Language, Philosophy & Culture: ENGL 23XX Choose 1

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2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

ENGL 33XX-43XX Concentration Elective

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FOURTH YEAR

THIRD YEAR

33XX-43XX

33XX-43XX

ENGL 4390

13XX-43XX

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Government/Political Science ENGL 33XX-43XX English Core Elective –

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ENGL 33XX-43XX
ENGF 3321
ENGL 3362

Literature (b) ENGL 33XX-43XX English Core Elective –

English Elective Minor or Additional 13XX-XXXX Concentration Elective ENGL 33XX-43XX

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English Core Elective - Linguistics (c) Concentration Elective Government/Political Science Introduction to English Studies Minor or Additional English Elective

Life and Physical Sciences

Integrative/Experiential Learning

Minor or Additional English Elective 13XX-XXXX English Core Elective - Literature (b) ENGL 33XX-43XX ENGL 33XX-43XX ENGL 33XX-43XX Choose 1

"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).

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BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

THIRD YEAR

SECOND YEAR

aligns with your strengths and interests. Self-assess

your skills.

☐ UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make ☐ Take ENGL 3300 and the English Core courses that ☐ Make sure you are taking the exact courses that count fulfill requirements for all English majors. it a point to visit them! for the concentration that you want. Self-evaluate to be certain you are in the appropriate concentration lacktriangledown Complete your first-year writing courses (1301 and ☐ After English Core courses, declare your for your skills and goals. 1302/1305) during your first year. concentration in English, then proceed to fulfill \square Aim for a GPA of 3.0 or better, and complete 30 credit requirements for it. Self-assess about which ☐ Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate hours each year. A GPA of 3.0 is often the minimum concentration within the English major works for in 4 years. Make sure all credits count toward your degree your professional objectives and future plans. needed for graduate admissions. **MILESTONES** ☐ Complete 30 credit hours each year (15 each ☐ Have you already done an internship, acquired ☐ If you entered with credits, start taking courses for your semester) that count to your degree plan. research experience, or collaborated on a major project with a public audience? This is the year to ☐ Continue to use the Writing Center and Learning ■ Aim for a GPA of 3.0 or better throughout your studies. make it happen. ☐ Meet with your academic advisor and bring your ☐ Talk with English faculty about your future career ☐ Seek out research opportunities, community projects, orientation folder with you to every session. Make sure plans or to decide on a concentration. and graduate school possibilities by talking with each course you take counts toward your degree plan. faculty members, mentors within your major, and ☐ Want to explore different careers? Check out professionals in the field. ☐ Visit faculty members during office hours to ask questions about class, your concentration for your major, and career ☐ Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for **ADVICE &** $\hfill \square$ When you visit your academic advisor, come ready graduation next year. Make sure Degree Works with course plans and questions. Empower accurately reflects your degree and your coursework. **SUPPORT** • □ Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group. Get advising done ☐ Discuss internships with your advisors and Career $\hfill \square$ Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with public speaking. ☐ Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health ☐ Look at the résumés of people who have a job you ☐ If you have trouble making your tuition payment, Services on campus with free office visits. would like. the Financial Aid Office can help. ☐ Follow campus media, and learn about ways that you ☐ Look for ways to add value to your degree by ☐ Sharpen the writing skills that are crucial for an could use your skills as an English major to communicate getting experience in writing, communication, and English major. You might tutor others, write for campus media (Rider, Pulse, UTRGV TV, Radio, etc.), **APPLY WHAT** and/or get co-curricular experiences that relate to the ■ □ Look for a service-learning course. For guidance, visit the $\ \square$ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit kind of job you may want to do in the future. **YOU LEARN** Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. ☐ Apply to present your research, service learning, or \square Participate in a campus-sponsored community service ☐ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium. the Engaged Scholar Symposium. Plan for how you can be active and add to your resume every ☐ Submit your writing for publication in *Gallery* and D Form study groups with fellow students in your classes. semester. venues beyond UTRGV. ☐ Read widely in order to learn about the world and about ☐ Find a way that you can give back to your local Consider joining Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor different types of writing. Society, and other campus organizations. community. **GLOBAL, CAMPUS** ☐ Check out a cultural campus or community event ☐ Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through ☐ Find a leadership role, a project-organization role, or a & COMMUNITY My.UTRGV.edu. Update it each semester. such as FESTIBA, HESTEC, and local Book Festivals. meaningful service role within an organization. **ENGAGEMENT** Attend inclusive and diversity events on campus such as ☐ Join another student organization consider serving ☐ Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for Linguistics Seminars, to be part of UTRGV intellectual life. on a campus life committee. Visit VLink or Student International Programs & Partnerships. Government Association (SGA) for more info. ☐ Join a student organization such as Cross-Linguistic ☐ Continue to read widely and to develop your English Undergraduate Board or Creative Writing Club. Visit VLink ☐ Attend events on campus and find people who major skills in writing, revising, editing, and design. (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options. share some of your interests. ☐ Talk with alumni and mentors to get insights about ☐ Create a résumé, and set up your profile on the ☐ Update your résumé in Handshake every semester. Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu). Have it reviewed regularly. **LIFE AFTER** ☐ Make summer plans. Visit the Career Center. Seek out ☐ Visit the Career Center site, and attend a Job Fair. ☐ Think about three people you can ask for letters of jobs that develop new and marketable skills to add to Approach recruiters to discuss internships or hiring recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, GRADUATION your résumé. supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice and your résumé. ☐ Consider which minor you might do, such as ☐ Research shows that university students who work on ☐ If you are going to graduate school, make sure you are campus perform better than those who work off campus. English as a Second Language or Film Studies. Look for a job on Handshake! aware of deadlines. Late applicants are not accepted. ☐ Explain to someone how your academic program

FIRST YEAR

☐ Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger. Locate

and attend student workshops or other events.

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor, the Career Center, or your mentors in your major or minor fields.
- ☐ Register for your English Capstone Course: ENGL 4390.
- ☐ Double-check that you are on track to graduate.
- ☐ Continue to use the Writing Center and Learning Center.
- ☐ Submit your application(s) for graduate school and/or for full-time employment.
- ☐ Engage in an independent study project, an academic internship, a collaborative research program to complement your degree.
- ☐ Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor. Include employment, finances, family, and life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center often to ensure you are on track
- ☐ Consider what you want to be doing and where you want to be in the future, such as in two years, in five years, and in ten years.
- ☐ Submit writing for possible publication. Get feedback on your submissions from peers and from English faculty.
- Apply to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at a conference in your field.
- ☐ Set up an informational interview with an individual (such as an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.
- ☐ Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, and more. 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.
- ☐ Find a way to give back to your university and community by helping others to achieve like you have succeeded as a UTRGV Vaquero!
- ☐ Have you received your acceptance for graduate school and/or an employment offer? If not, network: apply, talk to faculty/Career Center and get on LinkedIn or other sites.
- Create a strategy for life after graduation. Attend career fairs and graduate fairs; apply to fellowships; talk to family.
- ☐ Update your contact information with Alumni Relations.
 Enjoy alumni mixers, events, and continued access to Career
 Center services!
- ☐ If applicable, do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

CAREERS

- Creative Writing
 - Novels: fiction and nonfiction
 - Poetry, plays, screenplays, and scripts
 - Greeting cards
 - Lyrics/Jingle writing
- Journalism:
 - Writing/Reporting
 - Editing
 - Critique
- Freelance writing
- Technical writing and editing
- Science and medical writing
- Grant and proposal writing
- Software and hardware documentation
- Information technology writing
- Human-computer interface design
- Corporate communications and training
- Mechanical communication

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?"

www.utrgv.edu/careercenter

with you in advance.

Get faculty mentors to review application materials