

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)  
Communication Studies**  
8th - 12th Grade Teacher Certification

**2018-2019**

FIRST YEAR	I		H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
	FALL		3	Choose 1	Communication (Core)	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on ENGL portion of ACT test or TSI reading/writing exams or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302/1388, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301/1387.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1301 <b>or</b> ENGL 1305 <b>or</b> ENGL 1387 (H)
			3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 <b>or</b> HIST 1387 (H) <b>or</b> HIST/MASC 2327
			3	Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)		050		See General Education Core for course options. <b>THTF 1310 or THTF 2366 Recommended</b>
			3	Choose 1	Mathematics (Core)	C	020	Satisfactory scores on Math portion of ACT test or TSI math exam or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.
			3	COMM 1311	Introduction to Communication		090		Satisfies Core section 090 - Integrative and Experiential Learning
				UNIV 1301	Learning Framework				Only if required, based on ACT/SAT and high school rank.
	15 Semester Total Hours								
SPRING		3	Choose 1	Communication (Core)	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on ENGL portion of ACT test or TSI reading/writing exams or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302/1388, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301/1387.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305 <b>or</b> ENGL 1388 (H)	
		3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 <b>or</b> HIST 1388 (H) <b>or</b> HIST/MASC	
		3	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core)		080		See General Education Core for course options.	
		3	COMM 1315	Public Speaking	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
		3	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)		040		See General Education Core for course options.	
	15 Semester Total Hours								
SECOND YEAR	I		H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
	FALL		3	Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)		070		See General Education Core for more details Options: POLS 2305 <b>or</b> POLS 2385 (H)
			4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		030		See General Education Core for course options.
			1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)		090		See General Education Core for course options.
			3	COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication				Communication Component
			3	EDFR 2301	Intercultural Context of Schooling				
			3	COMM 1318	Interpersonal Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
	17 Semester Total Hours								
	SPRING		3	Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)		070		See General Education Core for more details Options: POLS 2306 <b>or</b> POLS 2386 (H)
			4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		030		See General Education Core for course options.
			3	COMM 2333	Small Group Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			3	COMM 3316	Intercultural Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 2335	Argumentation and Debate				Communication Component	
16 Semester Total Hours									
								NOTE: Apply to the College of Education and P-16 Integration Educator Preparation program	

**CORE: The 2018-2019 list of core courses can be found at: [www.utrgv.edu](http://www.utrgv.edu) > Academics > Undergraduate > General Education Core  
[www.utrgv.edu/core](http://www.utrgv.edu/core)**

**Symbols Key**

**Critical ("I"):** sequence sensitive course.

**Minimum Grade:** A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.

**General Education Core (GEC) Sections:** 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences; 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; 090 - Humanities; 090 - Leadership; 090 - Science Labs; 090 - Interdisciplinary ; 090 - Technologies; 090 - Language Diversity & Writing.

**Language Proficiency Requirement:** Student is required to demonstrate language proficiency in a language other than English at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credits.

	I	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
THIRD YEAR	FALL	3	COMM 3331	Interviewing: Theory and Practice	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3333	Theories of Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3317	Communication for Classroom Teacher				Communication Component
		3	COMM 3335	Advanced Public Speaking			COMM 1315 or COMM 1311	Communication Component
		3	THFT/ENGL 2313	Reading Dramatic Literature			TSI exemption in Reading, or College Ready TSI status in Reading	Communication Component
		3	EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools			Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
			<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>					
	SPRING	3	COMM 3350	Research in Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 4315	Persuasive Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	THFT 3321	Creative Drama				Communication Component
		3	EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms			Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
		3	13XX-43XX	General Elective				
		3	EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning			Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
			<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>					
FOURTH YEAR	FALL	3	13XX-43XX	General Elective				
		1	COMM 4103	Practicum: Communication				Communication Component
		3	EDUC 3303	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments			Admission to CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
		2	12XX-42XX	General Elective				
		3	EDUC 4306	Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy			EDUC 3304 and Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
		3	READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms				Teacher Certification - Speech 7-12
			<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>					
	SPRING	6	EDUC 4611	Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program and admission to CEP Clinical Teaching	All Education courses must be completed prior to admission to Clinical Teaching. Passing identified TExES certification exams is required before EDUC 4611.
				<b>6 Semester Total Hours</b>				

**Note**  
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

**Admission Requirements**  
COMM 1311 in the core within their first year.

**Progression Requirements**  
All courses in the major require grade of "C" or better. Students unable to be admitted to EDUC 4611 will be required to substitute 6 advanced hours, as recommended by advisor. 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.

**120 TOTAL HOURS**  
**(49) TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS**

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