

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)  
Mass Communication**  
7th - 12th Grade Teacher Certification

2018-2019

		I	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
FIRST YEAR	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 or 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 2328
			3	COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 1336	Television Production	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
		3	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core)		080		See General Education Core for course options.	
15 Semester Total Hours									
SECOND YEAR	FALL	!	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
			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.
			3	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)		040		See General Education Core for course options.
			3	EDFR 2301	Intercultural Context of Schooling				Area of Certification
			3	13XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				
	16 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.
			1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		!	3	COMM 3303	Writing for Mass Media	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			3	COMM 3333	Theories of Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			3	13XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				
17 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 (!):** 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.

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THIRD YEAR	FALL	3	COMM 3349	Multi-Media Storytelling	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 4313	Communication Law and Ethics	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3350	Research in Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	
		3	EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	
		3	13XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				
	<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>							
	SPRING	3	COMM 3327	Reporting I	C		COMM 3303 or consent of instructor.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3304	Advertising: Theory and Practice	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3305	Copy Editing	C		COMM 3303 or consent of instructor.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	EDUC 3303	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	
		3	EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	
		3	13XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				
	<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>							
FOURTH YEAR	FALL	3	COMM 3306	Feature Writing	C		COMM 3327.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 3326	Photojournalism	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	COMM 4332	Visual Communication	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms				
		3	EDUC 4306	Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy			EDUC 3304 and Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	
			33XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				Required if pursuing a minor
	<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.
			33XX-43XX	Minor or Free Elective				Required if pursuing a minor
	<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 the first year.

#### Progression Requirements

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

#### 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**  
**(57) TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS**

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