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Additional Requirements
- Any of the following (two) studio areas at lower level: Arts 1312, 1317, 2313, 2314, 2316, 2317, 2326, 2327, 2333, 2334, 2341, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2356, 2357, 2361, 2362
- 9 upper division Art History courses
- 6 hours advanced upper level electives
- University wide, including School of Art courses
- Students are strongly urged to minor in Spanish unless they are fluent in academic Spanish.
- Students must have a 2.5 grade point average to graduate.

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Degree Info
This Bachelor of Arts degree in Art will provide students with hemispheric knowledge and independent critical judgment of the key Pre-Columbian, Viceregal and modern stylistic, historic and cultural stylistic developments in Latin American and Latin@ Art and Architectural History. It will prepare them for careers in museums, museum studies, curatorial work, monument management and protection, art or architectural criticism, appraisal, restoration and preservation, gallery management, teaching and fashion and post-graduate studies in art and architectural history.
**FIRST YEAR**
- 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 3.5.
- Take required mathematics course in your first year.
- 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 the Kuder Journey.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 BA and BFA critique twice each semester or ART Openings at University Gallery and Clark Gallery each month.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Artists Unanimous or visit Vlink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- **SECOND YEAR**
- Complete major foundation classes, such as Arts 1316- Drawing I; Arts 1311- Design I; Arts 1303- Art History I; Arts 1304 Art History II.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the College of Education for all level certification program when you have 60 credit hours and are core complete. Must have English 1301 or 1302 with a C or better. Must have a GPA of at least 2.75 in order to be accepted.
- Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauzer 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.
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- **THIRD YEAR**
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: Arts 4359.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as College Art Association.
- 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.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Visit the Writing Center or become the secretary for your organization.
- 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. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- Consider applying for a fellowship. Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.
- **FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND**
- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at College Art Association.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, or 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 Hauzer Lab.
- **ADVICE & SUPPORT**
- Make a plan for after graduation! Find out what you want to do after you graduate and create a plan for how to get there.
- Visit the Career Center or speak with a career counselor to help you develop your career plan.
- **GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
- **LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. visit Vlink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and check out the Kuder Journey.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Peru, Italy, or China.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and bring a friend!
- Check out the College Art Association 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. Must do not accept late applicants!
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- **CAREERS**
- Administration
- Curatorial
- Preservation and conservation
- Restoration
- Registrarial
- Collections management
- Exhibit design/preparation
- Archive management
- Education
- Publications
- Development/ Fundraising
- Docent coordination
- Public relations
- Reproductions and retailing
- Planner/Coordinator
- Art museums:
  - University
  - Public
  - Private
- Archives
- Historical societies
- Natural history museums
- Living history museums
- Galleries
- Independent exhibition planning organizations

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

www.utrgv.edu/careercenter