**Progression Requirements**

Majors must earn a 'C' or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced courses, or may progress at the discretion of the instructor. For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and 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.

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**Degree Info**

As an integral part of a liberal arts education, history courses introduce students to different historical eras, diverse cultures, famous and ordinary women and men, and a variety of geographical settings. Our courses challenge students to think critically, express themselves clearly, and become informed and responsible citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

Students majoring or minoring in history may become teachers or seek employment in business or government. History is an excellent background for those who wish later to go to law school or enter journalism.
**MILESTONES**

- Complete major foundation classes. See degree plan for options.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Prepare to apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.
- Visit the Career Center through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.
- Write a research paper and submit it to an academic journal.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored event.
- Join a professional organization.
- Attend a campus-sponsored event such as a career fair or job shadowing opportunity.
- Help a student in class to study with you.
- Attend an academic conference.
- Take the GRE.
- Complete the core English classes.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Take MATH for a GPA of 3.0.
- Visit my.UTRGV.edu.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
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- Prepare to apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization.
- Ask 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.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
- Find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the Leadership Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Look for a service-learning course for guidance, visit the 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!
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- 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.
- 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!
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- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Ask a student in class to study with you.
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- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger - locate and attend one student workshop.
- Update your résumé in Career Connection 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? Discuss this with your Academic Advisor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- Check out our 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? Visit 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, etc.: 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!

**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 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.
- 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 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.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course, 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! 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!
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**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
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**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- 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 in your first year. See degree plan for options.
- “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. Please see degree plan for options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

**FIRST YEAR**

- 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 in your first year. See degree plan for options.
- Visit my.UTRGV.edu.
- Complete major foundation classes. See degree plan for options.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
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- Visit the Career Center through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.

**SECOND YEAR**

- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.
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**THIRD YEAR**

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cop for additional information.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
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**FOURTH YEAR**

- “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. Please see degree plan for options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.