Progression requirements
Social Studies Composite Majors must earn a ‘C’ or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced HIST classes, 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 P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students.

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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.
# Blueprint Experiences

## 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 3.0.
- Take MATH in your first year. See degree plan for options.
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- 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 DegreeWorks.
- 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 resume 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!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger for a job on the Career Center portal!
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- “Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If it does not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.”
- Update your resume 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.
- Update your resume for grad school/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!
- “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center! Prepare for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project. Please see degree plan ID options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

## Second Year
- 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/cep for additional information.
- “What can I do with this major?” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) or become the representative for your organization.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Consider attending the Leadership Institute or the Career Center.
- 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!
- Consider a minor or a second major.
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Exchanges.
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- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?” on the U.S. News & World Report website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?”
- Expand your career options! Discuss this with your Academic Advisor.
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- Attend a departmental program or a campus organized event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a campus sponsored community service event.
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a resume and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon (My.UTRGV.edu).
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- 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 - locate and attend one student workshop.
- Update your resume in Career Connection and have it reviewed.
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- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- Update your 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!
- “Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer?” If it does not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-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 Hauser Lab.
- 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!
- “Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer?” If it does not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Update your career with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

## Third Year
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- “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 ID options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
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## Fourth Year
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- “Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer?” If it does not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- "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 ID options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- “Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer?” If it does not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
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- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

### Careers
- **Primary and Secondary:**
  - Teaching
  - Administration
  - Library services
- **Higher Education:**
  - Teaching
  - Research
  - Information/ library services
  - Administration
  - Student support services
  - Admissions
  - Financial aid
  - Advising
  - Development
  - Student affairs
  - Alumni affairs
- **Community Education**

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?” www.utrgv.edu/careercenter