

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication
 Choose 1 American History
 Choose 1 Social & Behavioral Sciences
 MATH 1314 College Algebra
 EDUC 1301 Intro To the Teaching Profession
 ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework

SECOND YEAR

MATH 1351 Fundamentals of Mathematics II
 GEOG 1403, ASTR 1401, XXXX X4XX
 GEOL 1403, ASTR 1401, or PSCI 3310
 HIST 3301 World History Studies
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning
 MATH 1306 Music Appreciation or Choose 1
 MUSI 1313 Teaching Music in the Elem. School
 Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture
 BIOL XXXX BIOL 1406, 1407, 3301, or 4315
 READ 3320 Early Literacy Development
 READ 3324 Reading Comprehension & Assessment
 KINE 3355 Teaching Health and Wellness in the Elem. Classroom

THIRD YEAR

Choose 1 Human Development and Student Learning (EDCI 3331 or EFSY 3331)
 EDCI 3332 Designing and Implementing Instruction and Assessment
 SPED 3390 Introduction to Exceptional Children
 SPED 4330 Language and Literacy Development of Diverse Exceptional Learners
 SPED 4310 Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education
 EDCI 3333 Teaching Science to Elem. Students
 EDCI 3334 Teaching Math to Elem. Students
 EDLS 3310 Emergent Bilingual Students in Schools
 SPED 4395 Special Education Practicum in Behavior Techniques
 SPED 4350 Assessing Exceptional Learners
 SPED 4370 Instructional Methods for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities

FOURTH YEAR

EDCI 3335 Teaching Social Studies to Elem. Students
 EDCI 3336 Teaching English Language Arts and Reading to Elem. Students
 SPED 4380 Instructional Methods for Students with Learning Disabilities
 READ 3350 Literature and Disciplinary Learning in the Elementary School
 EDCI 4637 Student Teaching for Elementary Teachers (EC-6)

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).
 "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans.

Degree Info

To prepare highly skilled professionals to assume roles and positions in teaching, research, educational leadership, and human development to contribute to the educational achievement of children in elementary settings.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BIS)
 *Elementary Education
 Special Education Specialization
 Catalog: 2019-20
 COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
 AND P-16 INTEGRATION

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Additional Info

Progression requirements
 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.

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

CAREERS

MILESTONES

- 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.
- Shot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Take MATH 1414 in your first year.
- Stay informed via BBL PATH (Pre-Admission Teacher Hub) and REMIND text messages.

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 MyMajors!
- 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.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course like EDFR 2301! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Provide volunteer service to community organizations, or schools.
- Attend a departmental program.
- Join a student organization! Consider BESO, Pi Delta Kappa, Student Council for Exceptional Children, or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake 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 Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger-locate and attend one student workshop.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete major foundation classes. Visit www.utrgv.edu/cep and click "Educator Preparation & Accountability" for more info.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program prior to the application deadline.
- Substitute teach.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- 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.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Italy!
- 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- bring a friend!

- Update your resume in Handshake 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.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- You must have at least a 2.75 GPA.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Association of Teacher Educators.
- 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 at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Check out the College of Education and P-16 Integration website for postings on career/graduate school www.utrgv.edu/cep.
- 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. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- "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: Clinical Teaching.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as Clinical Teaching.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

- 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.

- 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: 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!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- Teaching:
 - Pre-school
 - Elementary
 - Middle
 - Secondary
- Administration:
 - Principal
 - Superintendent
- Special services:
 - Reading
 - Title 1
 - Guidance counseling
 - School psychology
 - School social work
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Audiology and speech pathology
 - Library/Information services
- Special services continued:
 - Special education
 - Career/Technical education
 - Self-Enrichment
 - English as a second language
 - Curriculum supervision
 - Subject area supervision
- Tutoring services
- Test preparation

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