Students must take their foundation art courses in the first year. First semester: Arts 1316 - Drawing I; Arts 1311 - Design I; Arts 1303 - Art History I; Second Semester: Any 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, Arts 1304 - Art History II

Students should keep in close contact with the College of Education to ensure they are meeting all state requirements. In Junior year, students must meet with College of Education advisor regarding setting up student teaching for Senior year.

The Art Education courses taken in the Art Department are the following:

- Arts 3381 - Art Education: Theory and Background
- Arts 3382 - Art Education: Issues and Practice
- Arts 3383 - Art Education: Classroom Strategies
- Arts 4301 - Senior Experience in Art (Capstone)

The Senior Experience in Art is a final exhibition usually done in conjunction with the BFA Senior Exhibit.

Students must have a 2.5 grade point average to graduate.

A Bachelor of Arts in Art EC-12 allows students the opportunity to become a certified art teacher, and provides the necessary training in studio technique, curriculum and classroom strategies to go on to a career in arts education. Upon the completion of the degree students will be able to teach Art in any public school setting ED-12.
## MILESTONES

### 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 MyMajor!
- 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.
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### SECOND YEAR
- Complete major foundation classes, such as Arts 1316: Drawing I; Arts 1311: Design I; Arts 1303: Art History I.
- 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 MyMajor and find out what major is right for you.
- 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 visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

### THIRD YEAR
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- 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 College Art Association or Texas Association of Schools of Art.
- 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.
- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at College Art Association, Texas Association of Schools of Art or other professional organizations.
- 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, 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.

### 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: Arts 4301 Senior Experience. I 01.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full time employment.

## ADVISE & SUPPORT

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- **Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.**
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### 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.**
- **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.**
- **Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend Spanish.**
- **Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.**
- **Check out the Art 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? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Must do not accept late applications?**
- **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.**

## CAREERS

- **Private instruction Teaching**
- **Research**
- **Self-enrichment teaching**
- **Public and private schools, K-12**
- **Colleges and universities Performing arts centers**
- **Various types of theater**
- **Freelance**
- **Self-employed**