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Academic Plan: 2019-2020

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**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

**CAREERS**

**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

**FIRST YEAR**

- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years. Make sure all credits count toward your degree.
- If you entered with credits, begin courses for your major as soon as possible and in addition to completing required General Education courses.
- Use resources such as the Learning Center and the Writing Center.
- Meet with your academic advisor, and bring your orientation folder with you to every session. Make sure every course you take counts toward your degree plan.
- Visit faculty members during office hours to ask questions about class, your English concentration, or future career options.
- Class fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Take advantage of campus resources. For instance, Student Health Services is on campus and has free office visits.
- Want to explore different careers? Check out My Majors!
- Follow campus media, and learn about ways that you could use your skills as an English major to communicate with the public.
- Look for a service-learning course. For guidance, visit the Engaged Scholarship Learning Office.
- Set tutoring, substituting, or volunteer experience in schools.
- Join study groups with fellow students in your classes.
- Learn about and participate in the communities in which you want to work as a teacher.
- Visit your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu. Update it each semester.
- Attend academic and co-curricular events on campus to be engaged in the academic and social life of UTRGV.
- Join a student organization such as Cross-Linguistic Undergraduate Board or Creative Writing Club. Visit Vlink utrgv.edu/vlink.
- Do you plan for summer work, seek opportunities to work with the age group you want to teach.
- Create a résumé, and set up your profile on the Handshake icon. (My.UTRGV.edu).
- 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 student workshops or other events.
- Apply for an internship. Visit the Career Center.
- Prepare your résumé in Handshake.
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