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 P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR2301 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**

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- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
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- 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
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**THIRD YEAR**
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**FOURTH YEAR**
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**ADVICE & SUPPORT**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diverse 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.

**SECOND YEAR**
- 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.
- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch.
- Join another student organization. Visit such as HESTEC, FESTIBA, or NEXUS.

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

**FOURTH YEAR**
- “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
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**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

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- Look for a summer 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? Discuss this with your Academic Advisor.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Get 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!
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!

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**CAREERS**

In addition to the careers listed on other History blueprints, History majors pursuing Teacher Certification are additionally prepared for careers in:
- Teaching
- Administration
- Higher Education
- Community Education

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO**

Visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?"
www.utrgv.edu/careercenter