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Degree Info

The goal of the BA in MASC is to recognize, validate, and engage students, faculty, and Mexican American, Chicana/o and Latina/o communities as agents of conscientious and knowledge. Our place-based pedagogies and transdisciplinary methods provide a holistic approach to the study of complex and dynamic Mexican American experiences. We prepare students to critically investigate community knowledge and socio-political, economic, cultural, and artistic conditions and of contributions by Mexican Americans, Chicana/os and Latina/os. Students develop the skills to engage in self-discovery and to use their conocimientos to produce salient applied research to effect positive social change in their communities. Our position en la frontera requires and enables MASC to have a local and hemispheric concentration. This unique transcultural context shapes academic and public conversations regionally, nationally, and globally.

FOURTH YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FIRST YEAR

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

Additional Info

- Take MASC 2301: Introduction to Mexican American Studies in your first year as part of your core curriculum requirements.
- Make appointment with MAS Undergraduate Coordinator/Advisor for help with degree planning and to learn more about the MAS major, minor and pairing MAS with another major and career options, especially teaching in K-12.
- Take MASC/HIST 3332: Mexican American History your third semester and begin taking other MAS course requirements.
- Prepare for your capstone service-learning experience your senior year by exploring community organizations you would like to work with (see Engagement Zone).
- Visit the New MAS Program Office (ELABN 229)
- Follow MAS on Facebook to keep up with news and campus and community events sponsored by MAS or Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS).
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FOURTH YEAR

1XX-3XX

Designated MASC Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

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Second Major or Minor Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

Service (capstone)

Learning and Reflective Service (Capstone)

Mexican American Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

Education and Social Development

Mexican American Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

Education and Social Development

Beginning Spanish

Designated MASC Elective

Second Major or Minor Elective

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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 the major.
## Blueprint Experiences

### FIRST YEAR
- **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.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5 and maintain.
  - Take MASC 2301 in your first year.
  - Complete your History Core Classes with HIST 2327 and 2328 by your first year (subscriptions for HIST 1301 & 1302).
  - Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor and bring your originator folder with you to every session!
  - Choose a major with confidence—visit my.utrgv.edu and check out MyMajors or contact the MAS undergraduate Coordinator/advisor.
  - 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.
  - Look for a service learning course! For guidance, visit the Engagement Scholarship & Learning Office or Engagement Zone.
  - Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
  - Ask a student in class to study with you.
  - Complete major foundation classes, such as MASC/HIST 3332: Mexican American History, 6 hrs.; SPAN, 3 hrs.; MASC Humanities Course Requirements.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
  - Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
  - Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
  - 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 Leadership Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

### SECOND YEAR
- **Milestones**
  - Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
  - Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
  - Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
  - Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
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  - To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
  - Consider attending the Leadership Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
  - Attend a diversity event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
  - Check out a cultural campus or community event going to Mexico or Latin America.
  - Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Latin America.
  - Check out a cultural campus or community event such as RESTE or FESTIBA.
  - Join another student organization. Perhaps the MAC, Minority Affairs Council.
  - Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon (MyUTRGV.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.
  - Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit V licking or speak with your Student Government Association for more information.
  - Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities to Mexico or Latin America at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.
  - Check out the MAS 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 anticipated date of your graduation for your student organization? Visit the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

### THIRD YEAR
- **Milestones**
  - Complete major foundation classes, such as MASC/HIST 3332: Mexican American History, 6 hrs.; SPAN, 3 hrs.; MASC Humanities Course Requirements.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
  - Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
  - Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as LUCHA: La Unión Chicana Hijos de Aztlán or other Latin@/os org.
  - Check Check up to make sure you are on track for graduation next year and speak to advisor.
  - Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
  - Show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
  - Sharpen your writing skills. Take an intensive writing course such as the Engaged Scholar Institute.
  - Become an officer or seek another leadership position in your organization.
  - Attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at National Association for Chican@ and Chican@ Studies (NACCC) Tejas Foco Regional Conference.
  - Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at National Association for Chican@ and Chican@ Studies (NACCC) Tejas Foco Regional Conference.
  - Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship or participate in Engaged Scholar Symposium to complement your major.
  - 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. Meet with MAS Graduate Coordinator/Advisor or the Graduation Help Desk to ensure you are on track.
  - 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.

### FOURTH YEAR
- **Milestones**
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
  - "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
  - Register for your Senior Capstone course: MASC 4800: Learning & Reflective Service. Choose a community organization to work with.
  - Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
  - Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.

### ADVISE & SUPPORT
- **Global, Campus & Community Engagement**
  - Consider looking into a career in Education, such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
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### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
- **Milestones**
  - Complete major foundation classes, such as MASC/HIST 3332: Mexican American History, 6 hrs.; SPAN, 3 hrs.; MASC Humanities Course Requirements.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
  - Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen. Contact a faculty member to work on a research project.
  - Thinking about graduate school? Contact a faculty member or Graduate College for advice.
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### CARRIERS
- **Higher Education Teaching & Research**
  - Student affairs administration
  - International student services, study abroad, multicultural programming
  - Student support services
  - Information/Library science
  - Primary and secondary education
  - Language services
  - Private tutoring
  - Interpreting
  - Translating
  - Community education: Literacy
  - English as a second language
  - GED preparation

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?"