

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication
 Choose 1 American History
 Choose 1 Creative Arts
 Choose 1 Mathematics
 Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework

Choose 1 American History
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning
 Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences

SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Government/Political Science
 Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture
 Rec- MASC 2301 Intro to Mexican-American Studies
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences
 SPAN X3XX
 13XX-X3XX MASC Elective - Humanities
 13XX-X3XX MASC Elective - Humanities

Choose 1 Government/Political Science
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning
 SPAN X3XX
 13XX-X3XX Designated MASC Elective- Mexican American Elective

THIRD YEAR

13XX-X3XX Second Major or Minor Elective
 HIST/MASC 3332 Mexican American History
 33XX-43XX MASC Elective -Social Behavioral Sciences, Education, and/or Health Sciences
 33XX-43XX Second Major or Minor Elective

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FOURTH YEAR

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2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

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

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 conocimiento 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 of and 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 comunidades. 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.

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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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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.
- 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 your first year (substitutions for HIST 1301 &1302).

- 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.

- Complete MASC Social & Behavioral/Health/Education 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 with on a research project.
- Thinking about graduate school? Contact a faculty member or Graduate College for advice.

- Complete MASC electives
- 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 4300: 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 fulltime employment.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor and bring your orientation 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.

- 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

- Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as LUCHA: La Unión Chicanx Hijxs Aztlán or other Latina/o org.
- Check Degree Works 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.

- Meet with MAS undergraduate coordinator/advisor.
- 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 Undergraduate Coordinator/Advisor or the Graduation Help Desk to ensure you are on track.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

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

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

- 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.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Tejas-Foco Regional Conference.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity-based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as El Retorno: El Valle Celebra Nuestra Gloria Anzaldúa.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into LUCHA: La Unión Chicanx Hijxs de Aztlán or LUNA: La Union Nepantlera de Aztlan or other Latina/o club/org.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Latin America.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps the MAC: Minority Affairs Council.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- 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 to Mexico or Latin America at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- 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.

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 Anthropology, English, History, Spanish or Sociology.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- 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 deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you been accepted to graduate school or obtained employment? If not, network: talk to faculty, visit Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Develop & 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 and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov or seek financial aid opportunities for graduate school.

- 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?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter