

## FOURTH YEAR

33XX-43XX Minor (Advanced) Free Advanced Elective  
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## THIRD YEAR

13XX-23XX Minor  
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## SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 13XX-23XX Minor  
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 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
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## FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 Mathematics  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Creative Arts  
 Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences  
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework  
 Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 Mathematics  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Creative Arts  
 Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences  
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework  
 Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 Mathematics  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture

### 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](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

### Additional Info

The BMS provides those who want to further their education and career possibilities by broadening their expertise beyond a single area of concentration. Instead of a traditional major or major and minor, the BMS allows students to choose three minors to complete their degree. Students select the coursework that appeals to them in a variety of disciplines and combine them, creating their own specialized degree. Students completing the BMS program will be able to apply the knowledge and skills to: expand their career and employment opportunities as a result of a multidisciplinary education; and continue their studies in a graduate degree or post-baccalaureate professional program being fully prepared with the analytical skills necessary to success within demanding and highly-competitive fields.

### Contact Info

The BMS degree is administered by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the College of Liberal Arts.

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## UTRio Grande Valley



**MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BMS)**  
**Catalog: 2019-20**  
**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

### Degree Info

The Multidisciplinary Studies degree program allows students to custom design a plan of study that brings together course work from three disciplines rather than the two disciplines reflected by the traditional academic major/minor format.



# 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 minimum GPA of 3.0.
- If one of your minors is in Science or Technology areas, be sure to get started on your Math courses in the core.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose three minors with confidence- Visit [my.UTRGV.edu](http://my.UTRGV.edu) and check out the available minors: Visit [utrgv.edu](http://utrgv.edu), click "Academics" tab, then "Undergraduate", then select "Minors and Certificates".
- 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.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- 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.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through [My.UTRGV.edu](http://My.UTRGV.edu).
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into organizations that relate to your any or all of your three minors or visit VLink ([utrgv.edu/vlink](http://utrgv.edu/vlink)) for options.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: ([My.UTRGV.edu](http://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.

- Shoot for a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Begin course work in your minors (Note: some minors do not offer lower-division coursework, which means you may need to wait to begin that minor until your junior year. If this is the case, be sure complete your core in the first two years allowing you the time to complete your minors).
- Complete 30 credit hours.

- Be sure you have identified the three minors you will use for your degree. Ideally, these minors should complement each other to create a rigorous, interdisciplinary degree plan.
- 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
- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!

- 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. Begin reading job ads in the career you hope to pursue. This research can help inform what elective courses you should take to enhance your employability.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5. If you hope to pursue graduate school, a solid GPA is essential. It also helps one the job market.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen!

- Seek out research opportunities within your minors and join a professional organization that relates to these disciplines or your target career.
- 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! Take an intensive writing course such as Business and/or Technical Writing (ENGL 3343 and/or ENGL 3342).

- 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.

- 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!**

- 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!
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentors or advisors that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.**

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in. Your faculty mentor(s) should be able to help you connect with someone. Being a member of a profession organization can also put you in contact with numerous professionals in your fields.

- 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.

- 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](http://studentloans.gov).

- Research
- Administration
- Higher Education
- Information/Library Science
- Primary and Secondary Education:
- Community Education:
  - Literacy
  - English as a Second Language
  - GED Preparation
  - Tutoring

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)