Additional Info

**Progression requirements**
Social Studies Composite Majors must earn a 'C' or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced HIST classes, 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 EDFR 2301 which is open to all students.

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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.

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**BLUEPRINT**

**SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE (BA)**

*7th - 12th TEACHER CERTIFICATION*

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APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

FIRST YEAR
- Complete major foundation classes. See degree plan for options.
- Complete 360 credit hours.
- Prepare to apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cep for additional information.
- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch!
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink.
- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit UTRGV’s Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.Majors.
- Attend a departmental program!
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- 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.
- 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.
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence. Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors.
- 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.
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SECOND YEAR
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program through the College of Education and P-16 Integration. Visit utrgv.edu/cep for additional information.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization like the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- For internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- 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 HISTEC, FESTU, or NEXUS.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch! Bring a friend!
- Complete a service-learning course for the first time.
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THIRD YEAR
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- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
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FOURTH YEAR
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CAREERS
In addition to the careers listed on the other Social Studies Composite Blueprint, majors pursuing Teacher Certification are additionally prepared for these careers:

- Primary and Secondary:
  - Teaching
  - Administration
  - Library services
- Higher Education:
  - Teaching
  - Research
  - Information/library services
  - Administration
  - Student support services
- Alumnia affairs
  - Admissions
  - Financial aid
  - Advising
  - Development
  - Student affairs
- Community Education

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?” www.utrgv.edu/careercenter