

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Mathematics
Choose 1	Creative Arts
EDFR 2301	Intercultural Context of Schooling
ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics
GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography

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 degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans.

SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
HIST 2321	World History I
HIST 3300	Historiography and Methods
HIST 2322	World History II
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession & Student Learning in Contemporary Schools

THIRD YEAR

HIST 3302	Geography & Environment in History
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
POLS 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Restricted Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Advanced Restricted Elective
EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning
HIST 3333	Texas History
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Advanced Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Advanced Elective
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Advanced Elective
EDUC 3306	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments
EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning & Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms

FOURTH YEAR

HIST 4399	Senior Research Seminar
HIST 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Elective
POLS 33XX - 43XX	Major Adv. Restricted Elective
READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms
EDUC 4306	Implementing & Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy
EDUC 4611	Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

UTRio Grande Valley



**SOCIAL STUDIES
COMPOSITE (BA)**
*7th-12th TEACHER CERTIFICATION
Catalog: 2019-20
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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.

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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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 3.0.
- Take MATH in your first year. See degree plan for options

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete major foundation classes. See degree plan for options.
- Complete 30 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.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.25.
- 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.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.50.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project. Please see degree plan for options.
- 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 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.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- 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

- 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.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship 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. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

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.

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

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course, visit the Writing Center, or become the secretary for your organization.

- 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.

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!
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC, FESTIBA, or NEXUS.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- 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 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? Discuss this with your Academic Advisor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out our 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 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.

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
 - Admissions
 - Financial aid
 - Advising
 - Development
 - Student affairs
 - Alumni 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