

## 2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

### FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy, and Culture
Choose 1	Creative Arts
Choose 1	MATH 1314 College Algebra <u>or</u>
Choose 1	MATH 1324 Math for Business & Social- Sciences, or higher
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	PSYC 2301 General Psychology <u>or</u>
Choose 1	SOCI 1301 Intro to Sociology

### SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	SOCI 1301 Intro to Sociology <u>or</u>
Choose 1	PSYC 2301 General Psychology <u>or</u>
Choose 1	Integrative & Experiential Learning
SOCW 2361	Intro to the Social Work Profession
SOCW 2362	The Social Welfare Institution
SOCW 2375	Statistical Methods
Choose 1	Integrative & Experiential Learning
Choose 1	Free Elective
Choose 1	SPAN 1311 Spanish for Non-Native Speakers I, SPAN 1387 Beginning Spanish I Honors, <u>or</u> SPAN 2313 Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II, SPAN 1312 Spanish for Non-Native Speakers II, SPAN 1388 Beginning Spanish II for Honors, <u>or</u> SPAN 2315 Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II
(Choose from same pair)	

### THIRD YEAR

SOCW 3314	Social Welfare Policy and Programs
SOCW 3321	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
SOCW 3322	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
SOCW 3323	Social Work Practice I
Choose 1	PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology <u>or</u>
SOCW 4301	Social Work Practice II
SOCW 4302	Social Work Practice III
Choose 1	PSYC 3337 Dev. Psych.: Lifespan, PSYC 3332 Dev. Psych.: Infancy-Adolesc., <u>or</u>
Choose 1	PSYC 3333 Psych. of Adulthood
Choose 1	SOCI 4313 Race and Ethnic Relations <u>or</u>
SOCI 4352	SOCI 4323 The Mexican American Experience Social Stratification

SOCW 4311	Research for the Social Services
33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective Course # 1
33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective Course # 2
33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective Course # 3
Free Elective	
SOCW 4619	Field Education Block
SOCW 4353	Integrative Field Seminar
33XX-43XX	Advanced Restricted Elective Course # 4

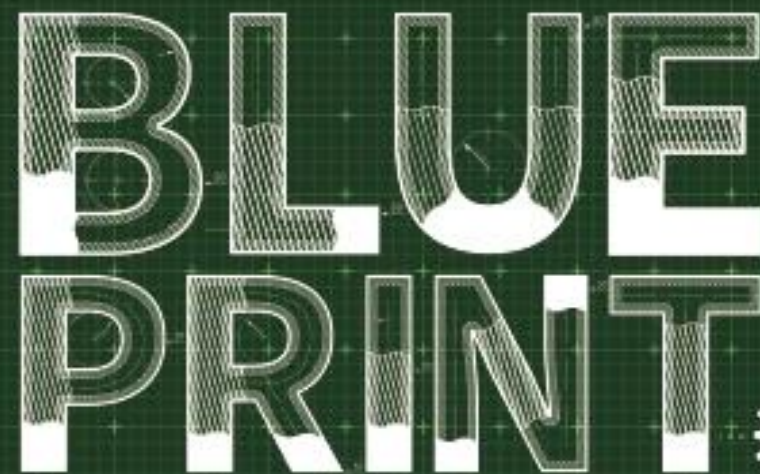
Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC). "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: [www.utrgv.edu/degreplans](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreplans).

### FOURTH YEAR

#### Degree Info

The Department of Social Work at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley offers a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The BSW is a professional degree built on a liberal arts foundation with supporting social and behavioral sciences coursework. Graduates of our program will qualify to take the Texas licensing examination to become a Licensed Baccalaureate Social Work (LBSW).

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**SOCIAL WORK (BS)**  
**Catalog: 2019-20**  
**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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#### Additional Info

**Admission requirements**

(1) 2.7 cumulative GPA, (2) At least 30 hours of University General Education Core Curriculum requirements, with a 2.0 GPA, (3) SOCW 2361 Introduction to the Social Work Profession, with a grade of 'C' or higher, (4) 6 hours of freshmen English, with a grade of 'C' or higher, and (5) 3 hours of college algebra or higher-level mathematics, with a grade of 'C' or better. The application process includes the following: 1. Application for Admission into BSW Degree Program. 2. A 300-500 word essay on your interest in becoming a professional social worker. 3. Copy of unofficial UTRGV transcript.

**Progression requirements**

A minimum grade of 'C' is required for SOCW 3323 (Practice I) as a prerequisite for enrollment in SOCW 4301 (Practice II) and SOCW 4302 (Practice III). A minimum grade of 'C' is required in both SOCW 4301 and SOCW 4302 in order to progress to SOCW 4353 (Integrative Field Seminar) and SOCW 4619 (Field Education Block) or SOCW 4354 and SOCW 4355 (Field Education I and Field Education II).



# 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 2.7 or 3.0 if you are thinking about going to graduate school or other graduate programs.
- Take MATH 1314 or Math 1324 or a higher level of Mathematics in your first year. Minimum grade of C required.

- Shoot for a GPA of 2.7 or 3.0 if you are thinking about going to graduate school or other graduate programs.
- Complete required courses such as SOCW 2361, SOCW 2362 and SOCW 2375 classes. SOCW 2361 is required to apply for the program and must make a minimum grade of C.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Social Work program. Submit application a month before registration takes place.

- Shoot for a GPA of 2.7 or 3.0 if you are thinking about going to graduate school or other graduate programs.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Attend mandatory advising in the Social Work Department
- Attend mandatory Orientation for all new Social Work Majors
- Submit application if meet requirements for Membership to Phi Alpha Mu

- Shoot for a GPA of 2.7 or 3.0 if you are thinking about going to graduate school or other graduate programs.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your faculty advisor or Career Center!
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
- If your plans are to work, begin the application process for your Social Work license while in your field internship,
- Take your Licensing exam prior to graduation

### 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.
- Make an appointment to visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about classes. Do this a month before registration is to take place.
- 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 such as NASW.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Attend mandatory advisement with your faculty advisor each semester.

- Engage in your academic internship
- 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 your Social Work Department advisor to ensure you are on track.
- Attend mandatory advisement with your faculty advisor each semester.

### 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! 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 such as Lunch and Learns which take place during the lunch hour.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Social Work Student Association (SWSA) or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Spain, Portugal, England, France, Germany.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- 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.
- Discuss with your advisor whether a minor will expand your career options.
- Determine how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the Social Work 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.

- Administration and planning
- Case management
- Program evaluation
- Policy development
- Research
- Public welfare agencies
- Private social service agencies
- Local, state, and federal government:
  - Department of Human Services
  - Department of Education
  - Housing Services
- Local, state, and federal government continued:
  - Veterans Administration
  - Indian Health Services
  - Administrative agencies
  - Job Corps
  - Head Start
  - State legislatures

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)