



**Bachelor of Arts (BA)  
Social Studies Composite  
Teacher Certification**

**2024-2026**

	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
FIRST YEAR	FALL	3	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301
		3	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST/MASC 2327
		3	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.
		3	Choose 1	Creative Arts		050		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	C	080		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on credit hours earned, TSI status, High School rank, major declaration. May apply as free elective.
<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
FIRST YEAR	SPRING	3	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305
		3	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST/MASC 2328
		3	Choose 1	Social Science Component				See degree plan for course options.
		3	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070		
		3	ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics			ECON 2301 with a grade of 'C' or better.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
SECOND YEAR	FALL	3	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
		4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.
		1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	EDFR 2301	Intercultural Context of Schooling				
		3	HIST 2321	World History I		040		
		<b>14 Semester Total Hours</b>						
SECOND YEAR	SPRING	3	HIST 2322	World History II		090		
		4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.
		3	HIST 3333	Texas History				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	HIST 3308	History Foundation for Social Studies Educators				
		3	EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools				May be taken during summer session.
<b>16 Semester Total Hours</b>								
<b>Apply to the College of Education and P-16 Integration Educator Preparation program</b>								

The 2024-2026 list of core courses can be found in the 2024-2026 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://www.utrgv.edu/catalog) > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

**Symbols Key**

**Minimum Grade:** A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.  
**Bolded Course #:** Program Admission Requirement

**General Education Core (GEC) Sections:** 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences; 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; 090 - Humanities; 090 - Leadership; 090 - Science Labs; 090 - Interdisciplinary; 090 - Technologies; 090 - Language Diversity & Writing.

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THIRD YEAR	FALL	3	Choose One	Prescribed Electives (United States History: Colonial America to 1776)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Electives (United States History: Early National Period to 1848)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	HIST 3302	World Environmental History			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography			Geography component.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program. May be taken during summer session.
<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>							
THIRD YEAR	SPRING	3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Latin American History)			Latin American History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (United States History: Era of Sectional Conflict)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Political Science Component)			POLS 2305 Political Science Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	GEOG 3320	Cultural Geography for Educators			Geography Component.
		3	EDUC 3306	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program, EDUC 3302.
		3	EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program; EDUC 3302.
<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>							
THIRD YEAR	SUMMER	3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (World/Asian/Middle Eastern History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply World/Asian/Middle Eastern History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
<b>6 Semester Total Hours</b>							
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FOURTH YEAR	FALL	3	HIST 4398	History Capstone for Social Studies Educators			HIST 3308. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (United States History Elective: 1877 to the Present)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Additional History Elective)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply
		3	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Political Science Component)			POLS 2305 Political Science Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
		3	READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in the Classroom			
		3	EDUC 4306	Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy			EDUC 3304 and Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.
<b>18 Semester Total Hours</b>							
<b>Apply to Clinical Teaching program one semester prior to Student teaching semester (Spring for Fall, Fall for Spring).</b>							
FOURTH YEAR	SPRING	6	EDUC 4611	Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program and Admission to CEP Clinical Teaching. All Education courses must be completed prior to admission to Clinical Teaching. Passing identified TExES certification exams is required before EDUC 4611. Must be taken last semester. Only offered Fall or Spring.
		<b>6 Semester Total Hours</b>					

**126 TOTAL HOURS**  
**(42) Advanced minimum credit hours**

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