

Bachelor of Science (BS)
Early Care and Early Childhood Studies

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key											
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required											
Bolded Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement											
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.											
Core: 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;											
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing											
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	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		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics.	See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts		050		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Foundations of Academic and Career Success 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.		
1	Fall	15		Semester Total Hours							
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	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		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative and Experiential Learning		090		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.		
1	Spring	12		Semester Total Hours							
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Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070				
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/090	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 hour of lab for Core 090.		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.		
2	Fall	13		Semester Total Hours							
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070				
2	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030/090	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 hour of lab for Core 090.		
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.		
2	Spring	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative and Experiential Learning		090		See General Education Core for course options.		
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.		
2	Spring	14		Semester Total Hours							
All ECED classes for students on the non-certification track are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Be sure to check the course description in ASSIST when registering.											

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3	Fall	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	SPED 1390	Intro to Exceptional Children				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Fall	12	Semester Total Hours							
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	XXXX X3XX	Free Elective				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Spring	12	Semester Total Hours							
3	Summer	3	B/E	ECEC 3320	Infant & Toddler Development (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Summer	3	O	EPSY 3331	Human Dev & Stud Learning			Admission to the College of Education EC-6 Teacher Education Program.	See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Summer	3	B/E	ECEC 4322	Organization and Administration of Early Care and Preschool Programs (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Summer	3	O	EPSY 3332	Working with Families				See degree plan for recommended options.	
3	Summer	12	Semester Total Hours							
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4	Fall	3	B/E	ECEC 4325	Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Early Childhood Teaching (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E	ECEC 4386	Foundations of Early Childhood Education (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E	ECEC 4387	Guidance of Young Children (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E	ECEC 4389	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math for Young Children (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	O	ECEC 4385	Field Experience in Early Childhood Settings (NC)			Approval of the program coordinator. Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	15	Semester Total Hours							
4	Spring	3	O	SPED 4395	Special Education Practicum in Behavior Techniques			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program. No prerequisite if non-education major.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E	ECEC 3317	Knowledge & Skills of Preschool Teachers (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E	ECEC 4324	Play and Learning Environments (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	O	SPED 4310	Inclusion and Differentiated Instruction in Special Education			Admission to Teacher Prep if education major. No prereq if non education major.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E	ECEC 4388	Principles of Curriculum Design in Early Childhood (NC)			Exclude students in the BS Early Care and Early Childhood Studies Teacher Certification program and students admitted to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	15	Semester Total Hours							
		120 (42)	TOTAL HOURS Advanced minimum credit hours							