

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Social 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									
Bolted 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/MASC 2327
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	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	ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	C	080		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 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/MASC 2328
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics			ECON 2301 with a grade of 'C' or better.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
1	Spring	15 Semester Total Hours							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	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.
2	Fall	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	HIST 2321	World History I		040		
2	Fall	14 Semester Total Hours							
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	HIST 2322	World History II		090		
2	Spring	4	B/E/O	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.
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Economics			ECON 2301 and ECON 2302; additional prerequisites may apply pending course selection	See Degree Plan for course options. Economics elective.
2	Spring	3	B/E	HIST 3308	History Foundation for Social Studies Educators				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
2	Spring	16 Semester Total Hours							

Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
3	Fall	3	B/E	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives (United States History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Fall	3	E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives (Additional History Elective)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	General History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options. Note: HIST 3301 does not fulfill the HIST elective requirement.
3	Fall	3	O	GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography				Geography component.
3	Fall	3	B/E	HIST 3302	World Environmental History				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	15 Semester Total Hours							
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives (United States History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Spring	3	B/E	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective (Latin American History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	Latin American History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Spring	3	O	GEOG 3320	Cultural Geography for Educators				Geography component.
3	Spring	3	B/E	Choose One	Political Science Component			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See degree plan for course options. Political Science component.
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
3	Spring	15 Semester Total Hours							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
4	Fall	3	B/E	HIST 4398	History Capstone for Social Studies Educators			HIST 3308.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
4	Fall	3	B/E	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives (United States History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Fall	3	B/E	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective (World/Asian/Middle Eastern History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	World History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Fall	3	E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
4	Fall	15 Semester Total Hours							
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives (United States History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective (Additional History Electives)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	General History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options. Note: HIST 3301 does not fulfill the HIST elective requirement.
4	Spring	3	E/O	Choose 1	Economics			ECON 2301 and ECON 2302; additional prerequisites may apply pending course selection	See degree plan for course options. Economics elective.
4	Spring	3	B/E	Choose 1	Political Science Component			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See Degree Plan for course options. Political Science component.
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
4	Spring	15 Semester Total Hours							

120 TOTAL HOURS
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours