

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)
 Mass Communication
 Journalism**

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 Hour	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.	
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	Creative Arts		050	See General Education Core for course options. THTF 1310 or THTF 2366 Recommended	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	COMM 1311	Fundamentals of Human Communication		090	Satisfies Core section 090 - Integrative and Experiential Learning	
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.	
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	COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	COMM 1315	Public Speaking	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080	See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Spring	15	Semester Total Hours						
Year	Semester	Credit Hour	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	3	E	COMM 1309	Introduction to Multimedia Production				
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
2	Fall	16	Semester Total Hours						
2	Spring	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090	See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	E	COMM 2300	Introduction to Social Media				
2	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	
2	Spring	3	B/E	COMM 3303	Writing for Mass Media	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	3	B/E	COMM 3333	Theories of Communication	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	14	Semester Total Hours						

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3	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	3	B/E	COMM 3327	Reporting I	C		COMM 3303 with minimum grade of C. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	3	E/O	COMM 3349	Multi-Media Storytelling	C		Grade of "C" or better in COMM 1309 and COMM 3303. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	3	B/E	COMM 3350	Research in Communication	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			
3	Fall	15 Semester Total Hours						
3	Spring	3	E/O	COMM 4332	Principles of Visual Communication and Media Design	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Spring	3	E/O	COMM 4313	Mass Media Law and Ethics	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose one	Journalism Elective	C		Prerequisites may vary.
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			
3	Spring	15 Semester Total Hours						
Year	Semester	Credit Hour	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core Prerequisite	Additional Notes
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040	See General Education Core for course options.
4	Fall	3	B/E	COMM 3305	Copy Editing	C		COMM 3303 with minimum grade of C. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose one	Journalism Elective	C		Prerequisites may vary.
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose one	Journalism Elective	C		Prerequisites may vary.
4	Fall	15 Semester Total Hours						
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	COMM 4315	Persuasive Communication	C		
4	Spring	3	O	COMM 3321	Public Relations: Theory and Practice	C		Minimum grade of C in COMM 1336 and COMM 2310. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose one	Journalism Elective	C		Prerequisites may vary.
4	Spring	3	O	COMM 3326	Photojournalism	C		
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective			
4	Spring	15 Semester Total Hours						

120 TOTAL HOURS
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours

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