

**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (BAIS)**  
**Public Heritage and Community Engagement**  
*Cultural and Natural Landscapes Concentration*

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://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 (Core)	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	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options. Suggestion MATH 1314/1414, 2412, or 2413/2487 (prereqs for major course options)	
1	Fall	3	B/E	HIST/MASC 2327	Mexican American History I		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: MASC 2327 or HIST 2327	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options. Suggestion ENGL 2351 or MASC 2301	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	PHCE 1301	Introduction to Public Heritage				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. Offered Fall Semester	
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	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
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	HIST/MASC 2328	Mexican American History II		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: MASC 2328 or HIST 2328	
1	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.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social & Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options. Suggestion ECON 2301 (prereq for major course option)	
1	Spring	16	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
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			
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	COMM 1315	Public Speaking		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	3	O	LDST 2335	Leadership for Community Engagement				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement	
2	Fall	14	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts Core		050		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	E	ENVR 2302	Environment and Society				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective					
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2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective			Upper division ARTS courses have prerequisites, COMM 3307 has a prerequisite of COMM 3303, Upper division ENTR, HOST, MGMT and MARK courses typically require admission to VCoBE. Students will need to seek departmental approval to enroll. SOCW 3375 has a prerequisite of MATH 1314, STAT 3301 has a prerequisite of MATH 2413, and STAT 3336 has a prerequisite of STAT 3301.	See Degree Plan for course option	
2	Spring	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							

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3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Internship				See Degree Plan for course option
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective			Upper division ARTS courses have prerequisites, COMM 3307 has a prerequisite of COMM 3303, Upper division ENTR, HOST, MGMT and MARK courses typically require admission to VCoBE. Students will need to seek departmental approval to enroll. SOCW 3375 has a prerequisite of MATH 1314, STAT 3301 has a prerequisite of MATH 2413, and STAT 3336 has a prerequisite of STAT 3301.	See Degree Plan for course option
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Cultural and Natural Landscapes Elective				See Degree Plan for course option
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Advanced Free Elective				
3	Fall	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>							
3	Spring	3	B/E	ANTH 4377	Global Cultural Heritage Issues and Debates			3 hours from any of these areas: anthropology (ANTH), economics (ECON), psychology (PSYC), sociology (SOCI), or consent of instructor.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement Offered Spring Semester on Odd Years
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3	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Advanced Free Elective				
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3	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>							
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4	Fall	3	E	ANTH 4315	Discovering the Rio Grande Valley				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. Offered Fall Semester
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Elective			Upper division ARTS courses have prerequisites, COMM 3307 has a prerequisite of COMM 3303, Upper division ENTR, HOST, MGMT and MARK courses typically require admission to VCoBE. Students will need to seek departmental approval to enroll. SOCW 3375 has a prerequisite of MATH 1314, STAT 3301 has a prerequisite of MATH 2413, and STAT 3336 has a prerequisite of STAT 3301.	See Degree Plan for course option
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Cultural and Natural Landscapes Elective				See Degree Plan for course option
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Advanced Free Elective				
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-43XX	Advanced Free Elective				
4	Fall	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>							
4	Spring	3	E	ARTS 3380	Museums, Museology, and Museography				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. Offered Spring Semester
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4	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>							

**120**  
**(42)** TOTAL HOURS  
Advanced minimum credit hours