The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Social Studies

2023-2024

		!	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
FIRST YEAR	FALL		3	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
			3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 **or** HIST/MASC 2327
			3	Choose 1	Mathematics (Core)	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 (Core)		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.
			15	**Semester Total Hours**					
	SPRING		3	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 Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305
			3	Choose 1	American History (Core)		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 **or** HIST/MASC 2328
			3	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
			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.
			15	**Semester Total Hours**					

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SECOND YEAR	FALL		3	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
			4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		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 (Core)		090		See General Education Core for course options.
			3	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
			3	HIST 2321	World History I		040		
			14	**Semester Total Hours**					
	SPRING		3	HIST 2322	World History II		090		
			4	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences (Core)		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. **1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.**
			3	ECON 13XX - 33XX	Prescribed Elective			ECON 2301 and ECON 2302; additional prerequisites may apply pending course selection	See Degree Plan for course options. Economics elective.
		!	3	HIST 3308	History Foundation for Social Studies Educators				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			3	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
			16	**Semester Total Hours**					

The 2023-2024 list of core courses can be found in the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key

Critical ('!'): sequence sensitive course.
Minimum Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.

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	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**U.S. History Elective**. See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**European History Electives**. See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of 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	GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography				Geography component.
			3	HIST 3302	World Environmental History				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			15	**Semester Total Hours**					
	SPRING		3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**U.S. History Elective.** See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**Latin American History Electives.** See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	GEOG 3320	Cultural Geography for Educators				Geography component.
			3	POLS 33XX - 43XX	Prescribed Elective			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See degree plan for course options. Political Science component.
			3	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
			15	**Semester Total Hours**					
FOURTH YEAR	FALL		3	HIST 4398	History Capstone for Social Studies Educators			HIST 3308.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**U.S. History Elective.** See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**World History Elective**. See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**European History Electives**. See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	POLS 33XX - 43XX	Prescribed Elective			POLS 2305; pending course selection may also require POLS 2306	See Degree Plan for course options. Political Science component.
			15	**Semester Total Hours**					
	SPRING		3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	**U.S. History Elective.** See Degree Plan for course options.
			3	HIST 33XX - 43XX	HIST Prescribed Elective			prerequisite of 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	ECON 33XX	Prescribed Elective			ECON 2301 and ECON 2302; additional prerequisites may apply pending course selection	See degree plan for course options. Economics elective.
			3	13XX-43XX	Free Elective				
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			15	**Semester Total Hours**					

Notes

HIST 3301 will not count as an advanced HIST elective for this degree plan.

Free electives credit hours required may vary to achieve the institutional minimum of 120 hours for a degree.

Major Graduation Requirements

A student graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Composite is required to demonstrate proficiency (beginning, intermediate or advanced) in a foreign language. Proficiency can be demonstrated by:

- Earning 6 credits of foreign language through successful completion of coursework
- Earning 6 credits through a foreign language college credit exam (e.g. AP, CLEP, International Baccalaureate)
- Demonstrating proficiency by meeting the WebCAPE scores approved by the Department of Writing and Language Studies
- Demonstrating proficiency by an exam approved by the Department of Writing and Language Studies

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

Approved: Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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