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## **RABY HTRUOR**

33XX-43XX | Free Advanced Elective

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Concentration

ENGL 4390 Senior English Capstone

Advaced Minor or

Additional English

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**Elective** 

33XX-43XX | Additional English

13XX-43XX Free Elective

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Creative Writing I	ENGF 3321
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Minor or Additional English Elective	xxxx-xxeı
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English Core: b - Literature (iii) Period/Single Author	43XX- ENGL 33XX-
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Rhetorical Writing Minor or Additional English	XX£4
English Core: d - Rhetorical Writing Minor or Additional English	43XX ENGF 33XX-

### Science (Core) Choose 1 Government/Political SECOND YEAR

English Elective

ENGL 33XX- English Core: b -

Minor or Additional

English Grammar

Sciences (Core)

Life and Physical

Government/Political

Introduction to English

Learning Option (Core)

Integrative/Experiential

Science (Core)

English Elective

Sciences (Core)

Life and Physical

Minor or Additional

Literature (i) Survey

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**ENGL 3362** 

Choose 1

Choose 1

**ENCF 3300** 

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Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option (Core)
ENGL 23XX	Language, Philosophy and Culture
r əsoodə	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core)
Choose 1	American History (Core)
Choose 1	Communication (Core)
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Choose 1	Creative Arts (Core)
Choose 1	American History (Core)
Choose 1	Communication (Core)

# **Additional Info**

## • The English Major requires students to choose from among concentrations or tracks for their BA English degree: English Language Arts; Literature; Linguistics; Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy; or Creative Writing.

- The English Core of common courses shared by all the concentrations for the English
- Major requires 27 hours (9 courses). This is the blueprint with advice for students who are seeking a BA in English and who are not planning to do the Teacher Certification
- route as part of their university degree. In their General Education core, English majors are recommended to take ENGL courses to fulfill the "Language, Philosophy, and Culture" area and the "Social and Behavioral Sciences" area.

# Degree Info

Grande Valley cultivate in students scholarly and creative

courses in literature, language, rhetoric and composition,

We promote student literacy – specifically the abilities to

creative writing, and secondary English language arts.

appreciation for the English language. We encourage

collegiality, contribute scholarly research, and engage in

of Fine Arts, support culturally responsive pedagogy and

read, write, and think critically – as well as an

faculty to pursue excellence in teaching, foster

service to the university and Rio Grande Valley

community. The English degrees, as a collaboration

among the Department of Literatures and Cultural

Studies, the Department of Writing and Language Studies, and the Creative Writing Program in the College

community engagement. A student with an English

major possesses skills in critical thinking, writing, and

reading. English majors can enter professions such as

teaching, writing, editing, media production, the law,

continued graduate or professional study.

public service, and advocacy, and they are prepared for

The English degrees at the University of Texas Rio

achievement through graduate and undergraduate

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

### **FOURTH YEAR FIRST YEAR SECOND YEAR THIRD YEAR** AND BEYOND ☐ Take ENGL 3300 and the English Core courses that ☐ UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make ☐ Make sure you are taking the exact courses that count "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, fulfill requirements for all English majors. it a point to visit them! for the concentration that you want. Self-evaluate to great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor, the Career Center, or be certain you are in the appropriate concentration your mentors in your major or minor fields. □ Complete your first-year writing courses (1301 and ☐ After English Core courses, declare your for your skills and goals. 1302/1305) during your first year. concentration in English, then proceed to fulfill ☐ Register for your English Capstone Course: ENGL 4390. $\square$ Aim for a GPA of 3.0 or better, and complete 30 credit requirements for it. Self-assess about which $\hfill\square$ Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate Double-check that you are on track to graduate. hours each year. A GPA of 3.0 is often the minimum concentration within the English major works for in 4 years. Make sure all credits count toward your degree ☐ Continue to use the Writing Center and Learning Center. your professional objectives and future plans. needed for graduate admissions. **MILESTONES** ☐ Submit your application(s) for graduate school and/or for ☐ Complete 30 credit hours each year (15 each ☐ Have you already done an internship, acquired ☐ If you entered with credits, start taking courses for your full-time employment. semester) that count to your degree plan. research experience, or collaborated on a major project with a public audience? This is the year to ☐ Continue to use the Writing Center and Learning Aim for a GPA of 3.0 or better throughout your studies. make it happen. ☐ Meet with your academic advisor and bring your ☐ Talk with English faculty about your future career ☐ Seek out research opportunities, community projects, ☐ Engage in an independent study project, an academic orientation folder with you to every session. Make sure plans. Begin getting to know a range of faculty as and graduate school possibilities by talking with internship, a collaborative research program to complement you decide on your concentration for the English faculty members, mentors within your major, and each course you take counts toward your degree plan. your degree. professionals in the field. ☐ Visit faculty members during office hours to ask questions ☐ Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor. about class, your concentration for your major, and career ☐ When you visit your academic advisor, come ready ☐ Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for Include employment, finances, family, and life goals. **ADVICE &** with course plans and questions. Empower graduation next year. Make sure Degree Works ☐ Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated **SUPPORT** yourself. accurately reflects your degree and your coursework. ■ Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to date. Visit the Academic Advising Center often to ensure you register on the first day for your group. Get advising done ☐ Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with ☐ Discuss internships with your advisors and Career are on track. public speaking. ☐ Consider what you want to be doing and where you want to ☐ Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health ☐ If you have trouble making your tuition payment, Look at the résumés of people who have a job you be in the future, such as in two years, in five years, and in Services on campus with free office visits. the Financial Aid Office can help. would like. ten years. ☐ Follow campus media, and learn about ways that you ☐ Look for ways to add value to your degree by ☐ Sharpen the writing skills that are crucial for an ☐ Submit writing for possible publication. Get feedback on could use your skills as an English major to communicate English major. You might tutor others, write for getting experience in writing, communication, and your submissions from peers and from English faculty. **APPLY WHAT** campus media (Rider, Pulse, UTRGV TV, Radio, etc.), with the public. ☐ Apply to present research or creative works at the Engaged and/or get co-curricular experiences that relate to the ■ Look for a service-learning course. For guidance, visit the ☐ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit Scholar Symposium or at a conference in your field. **YOU LEARN** kind of job you may want to do in the future. Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. ☐ Set up an informational interview with an individual (such as ☐ Apply to present your research, service learning, or ☐ Participate in a campus-sponsored community service ☐ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in. creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium. the Engaged Scholar Symposium. Plan for how you ☐ Submit your writing for publication in *Gallery* and can be active and add to your resume every ☐ Form study groups with fellow students in your classes. venues beyond UTRGV. Read widely in order to learn about the world and about ☐ Find a way that you can give back to your local ☐ Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, ☐ Consider joining Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor **GLOBAL, CAMPUS** different types of writing. community. Society, and other campus organizations. online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, and more. The Career Center can help. ☐ Check out a cultural campus or community event ☐ Find a leadership role, a project-organization role, or a ☐ Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through & COMMUNITY My.UTRGV.edu. Update it each semester. such as FESTIBA, HESTEC, and local Book Festivals. meaningful service role within an organization. ☐ Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the **ENGAGEMENT** Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Attend inclusive and diversity events on campus such as ☐ Join another student organization consider serving ☐ Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for Hauser Lab. Linguistics Seminars, to be part of UTRGV intellectual life. on a campus life committee. Visit VLink or Student International Programs & Partnerships. Government Association (SGA) for more info. ☐ Find a way to give back to your university and community by ☐ Join a student organization such as Cross-Linguistic ☐ Continue to read widely and to develop your English helping others to achieve like you have succeeded as a Undergraduate Board or Creative Writing Club. Visit VLink □ Attend events on campus and find people who major skills in writing, revising, editing, and design. **UTRGV Vaquero!** (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options. share some of your interests. ☐ Talk with alumni and mentors to get insights about Create a résumé, and set up your profile on the Career ☐ Update your résumé in Career Connection every ☐ Have you received your acceptance for graduate school Connection icon: (My.UTRGV.edu). semester. Have it reviewed regularly. and/or an employment offer? If not, network: apply, talk to LIFE AFTER faculty/Career Center and get on LinkedIn or other sites. ☐ Visit the Career Center site, and attend a Job Fair. ☐ Make summer plans. Visit the Career Center. Seek out ☐ Think about three people you can ask for letters of GRADUATION jobs that develop new and marketable skills to add to ☐ Create a strategy for life after graduation. Attend career fairs Approach recruiters to discuss internships or hiring recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors,

 $\ \square$  Consider which minor you might do, such as

vour skills.

English as a Second Language or Film Studies.

☐ Explain to someone how your academic program

aligns with your strengths and interests. Self-assess

☐ Research shows that university students who work on

Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger. Locate

and attend student workshops or other events.

Look for a job on the Career Center portal.

campus perform better than those who work off campus.

## **CAREERS**

- Creative Writing
  - Novels: fiction and nonfiction
  - Poetry, plays, screenplays, and scripts
  - Greeting cards
  - Lyrics/Jingle writing
- Journalism:
  - Writing/Reporting
  - Editing
  - Critique
- Freelance writing
- Technical writing and editing
- Science and medical writing
- Grant and proposal writing
- Software and hardware documentation
- Information technology writing
- Human-computer interface design
- Corporate communications and training
- Mechanical communication

and graduate fairs; apply to fellowships; talk to family.

☐ Update your contact information with Alumni Relations.

 $\square$  If applicable, do your exit loan counseling on

Center services!

studentloans.gov.

Enjoy alumni mixers, events, and continued access to Career

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?"

www.utrgv.edu/careercenter

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with you in advance.

supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks'

☐ If you are going to graduate school, make sure you are

aware of deadlines. Late applicants are not accepted.

Get faculty mentors to review application materials

advance notice and your résumé.