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FIRST SEMESTER **SECOND SEMESTER**

Additional Info

Exploratory students know that college is the right path yet are not ready to choose a major. The UTRGV University College serves as the academic home for all exploratory students. As an exploratory student your possibilities are open, vast, and flexible. We are excited to assist throughout your journey! It is ok to begin your college career undecided. Not everyone travels the same path when deciding on a major and the resources provided by University College will guide you.

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Degree Info

Exploratory or Undeclared is a status you can hold as we actively work with you to find a major you are passionate about. You are not able to earn a degree in Exploratory Studies and we encourage you to declare your new major after two semesters of exploration.

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST SEMESTER

RESOURCES

SECOND SEMESTER

RESOURCES

MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (category 010) during your first year.
- Complete 15 credit hours every semester in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 2.0.

UTRGV offers numerous majors in a variety of areas of study. We encourage you to begin gathering information about majors of interest so you can best weigh your different options. Some questions you might ask yourself when considering majors are:

- What area of study would you feel comfortable reading about on your own?
- What area of study do you imagine devoting yourself to this upcoming year?
- What types of courses are offered in that major?

- Shoot for a GPA of 2.0.
- Complete 15 credit hours.
- Declare your place in the world and submit your major declaration.

You have discovered your interests, done all the research, and are now ready to declare your major! But what now?

UTRGV students who are ready to declare or who are wanting to change majors, must complete the Change of Major form.

Please take this form to your academic or faculty advisor of your NEW major or minor. Your Academic Advisor or NEW major department will review your request and forward this form to U Central for updating.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor twice this semester and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Explore a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

As a UTRGV student, you have access to Kuder® Journey. Kuder® Journey offers three assessments that are designed to help you explore education and career opportunities based on your user type.

Kuder can be found through my.utrgv.edu. Upon log in, you will find the Major Exploration icon on the Applications section, click on this to access Kuder® Journey.

- Meet with your academic advisor twice this semester and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Interview a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Explore the Undergraduate Catalog to learn about the various degrees available at UTRGV.

The Undergraduate Catalog is also a valuable resource for you to learn about specific coursework required for majors. In the Catalog, you will find each major listed with descriptions of the program, degree requirements along with the course descriptions each major.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

UTRGV Engaged Scholarship & Learning supports, promotes, and expands experiential learning opportunities, such as service learning and undergraduate research.

Visit Engagement Zone at <https://ez.utrgv.edu/> to learn about the exciting ways you can get engaged in your community.

- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.

Discovering more about yourself is essential when deciding on a major. A good place to start on the path to self-discovery is to determine if you can clearly define and describe your interests, skills, character strengths and values.

These four components are vital and will connect you to possible majors.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Attend the exploratory series which will provide you the tools and resources available when choosing a major.

University College provides a variety of workshops focused on self-discovery. The goal of our exploratory series is to help you identify your character strengths and values.

Leveraging your core values will aid you in finding a field that brings out the best of you.

- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into an organization that matches your strengths and interest, visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!

UTRGV offers a variety of student organizations. Learn more about organizations that might help you better develop your passions. Log into V-Link using your UTRGV username and password to search for organizations and events.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

Choosing a major begins with identifying your passions, character strengths and values. You may want to consider the following questions:

- What hobbies or activities do you commit your time?
- What motivates you?
- What you care deeply about?

- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Visit the Career Center's website to explore "What Can I do With This Major"

The UTRGV Career Center websites offers "What Can I do With This Major" designed to help you connect your majors of interests to possible career options.

Learn about the typical career areas as well as strategies to make you a more marketable candidate.

What are the WORLD'S NEEDS?

MISSION

What Do You LOVE? PASSION

What Are Your TALENTS PROFESSION?

What Can You Be PAID FOR?

What is your

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