

## FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication  
Choose 1 Creative Arts:  
Rec- THTF 1310 or THTF 2366  
Choose 1 Creative Arts  
Choose 1 Mathematics  
Choose 1 Acting I  
Learning Framework  
UNIV 1301

Choose 1 American History  
Choose 1 COMM 1311 Intro to Comm. or COMM 1315 Public Speaking  
Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
THTF 1336 Introduction to Film  
THTF 2361 & Video Production  
Video and Film Editing I

## SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
THTF 1330 Stagecraft  
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film  
Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture  
EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling  
Choose 1 Government/Political Science

Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences  
THTF 1342 Costume Technology  
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film

## THIRD YEAR

THTF 4311 Directing I  
THTF 4316 History of Theatre I  
Choose 1 THTF 3331 Scene Design or THTF 3333 Costume Design  
Choose 1 THTF 3311 Contemporary Drama or THTF 3312 World Drama  
EDUC 3301 The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools  
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film

THTF 3321 Creative Drama  
EDUC 3304 Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms  
THTF 4317 History of Theatre II  
THTF 4351 Theory and Styles of Acting  
EDUC 3302 Knowledge of Student Development & Learning  
EDUC 3303 Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments

## FOURTH YEAR

THTF 4312 Directing II  
13XX-23XX Free Elective  
13XX-23XX Free Elective  
READ 4305 Disciplinary Literacy in Content Area Classrooms  
EDUC 4306 Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy  
EDUC 4611 Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level

### Degree Info

The Bachelor of Arts in Theater with focus on Theater/Television/Film prepares a student to work in the arts and entertainment industries, in either live theater or recorded media such as film, television, commercials, and music videos. Depending upon their concentration within the program, students may be prepared for performance or direction in multiple media; theatrical design and technical production jobs; and/or film and television production. The BA in Theater also prepares students for entry into graduate school or secondary education. Other employment opportunities in related fields, such as advertising and development, exist due to the liberal arts emphasis of this degree. Students also gain social skills, including teamwork and project leadership that are valuable to employers in any field.

### UTRio Grande Valley

# BLUE PRINT

**THEATRE (BA)**  
**\*7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Teacher Certification**  
**Catalog: 2018-19**  
**COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

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### Additional Info

**Progression requirements**  
All courses in the major require a grade of 'C' or better. For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students. Students unable to be admitted to student teaching program will be required to substitute EDUC 4611 for 6 advanced hours, as recommended by advisor.

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

## FIRST YEAR

## SECOND YEAR

## THIRD YEAR

## FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

## CAREERS

### MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
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- Complete major foundation classes, such as Theatre Appreciation.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Attend all theatre productions the department produces. These are learning experiences as well as good entertainment.

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- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Take advantage of the theatre and film productions the theatre department produces and/or supports. Get working experience while you can.
- Apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or the Career Center!
- Start preparing your demo reel/portfolio.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.
- Register for Clinical Student Teaching

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- 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.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- Seek out research opportunities within Theatre and join a professional organization.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- Direct, write, and act; do all the disciplines of theatre. You may be surprised by what you really enjoy or what you are really great at!

- Engage in an independent study project or a professional internship to complement and/or complete your major,
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

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

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as THTF 4315 Scriptwriting or become the secretary for your student organization.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as our Latino Theatre Initiative Theatre for Young Audience programs.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Theatre Society or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to England in the summer with Dr. Brian Warren, one of our faculty members.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Take advantage of the theatre department's summer film and theatre programs.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend the film minor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- No minor is required but you might take the film minor in any case.

- Check out the Theatre Department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- Private instruction
- Teaching
- Research
- Self-enrichment teaching
- Public and private schools, K-12
- Colleges and universities
- Performing arts centers
- Various types of theater
- Freelance
- Self-employed

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)