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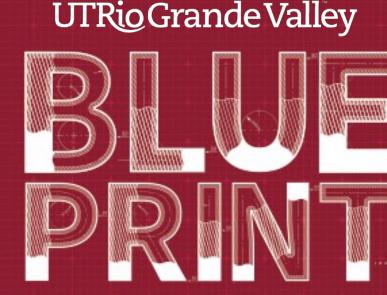
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#### Catalog: 2018-19 ..... **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**COMMUNICATION STUDIES (BA)** \*8th-12th Teacher Certification



## 2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN

# **AAAY DAIHT**

Learning in Contemporary Schools The Teaching Profession and Student EDUC 3301 THFT/ENGL 2313 Reading Dramatic Literature COMM 3335 Advanced Public Speaking COMM 3317 Communication for Classroom Teacher COMM 3333 Theories of Communication COMM 3331 Interviewing: Theory and Practice

Development & Learning Knowledge of Student EDUC 3302 General Elective 13XX-43XX in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms Instructional Planning and Assessment EDUC 3304 creative Drama THFT 3321 COMM 4315 Persuasive Communication COMM 3350 Research in Communication

# **SECOND YEAR**

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**Additional Info** 

• Please note, all courses in the major and minor/approved

electives must be passed with a "C" or better.

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cumulative GPA.

• Students are advised to take Contemporary Math or

Statistics/Math to fulfill their Math Core requirement. Other General Education Core Math courses are also

• Due to the workload, please do not take COMM 3350

Students are not required to select a second teaching area.

Communication Research and COMM 3333 Communication

Theory during the same semester. It does not matter which

one you take first since these courses complement each

Argumentation and Debate is only offered at South Texas

complete your General Education Core and have completed

60 hours, including 12 hours in your major, (minimum 2.75

• We recommend students visit the department to get the

administrative assistant. There is a handout on Courses Available for the Communication Studies major/minor.

most up-to-date information from our departmental

• You may apply to the College of Education after you

College. It must be taken there.

EDUC 4611 Content Area Classrooms Disciplinary Literacy in **READ 4305** Content Pedagogy Effective Secondary gnissessA bne gnifnemeldml EDUC 4306 General Elective 12XX-42XX Positive Learning Environments Fvidence-Based Teaching in EDNC 3303 Practicum: Communication COMM 4103 General Elective 13XX-43XX

Secondary or All-Level Student Teaching

Communication Studies prepares a student to work in fields as varied as sales, education, training and development, management, law enforcement and in administrative roles in information and service industries such as health care organizations. Our graduates also work in public relations, events planning, advertising, and with public and private agencies and organizations as Press Secretaries and Information Officers. The Bachelor of Arts in Communication also prepares the students to pursue graduate programs in Communication, Media Management, Law, Social Work, Education, Health Management, Rehabilitation Counseling, and Public Administration.

### **Degree Info**

The Bachelor of Arts in Communication -

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#### Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).

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#### **FIRST YEAR**

#### **SECOND YEAR**

THIRD	YEAR	

MILESTONES	<ul> <li>UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!</li> <li>Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.</li> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.</li> <li>Take MATH 1332 or 1342 in your first year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 3.1.</li> <li>Complete major foundation classes, such as COMM 1311.</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoot for a GPA of 3.2.</li> <li>Complete 30 credit hours.</li> <li>Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.</li> <li>Apply to the College of Education and P-16 Integration. For additional information, check out www.utrgv.edu/cep.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shoot for a GPA of</li> <li>"I have a plan for a great! If not, visit y</li> <li>Complete at least 3</li> <li>Submit your applic apprenticeship, or</li> </ul>
ADVICE & SUPPORT	<ul> <li>Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!</li> <li>Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors!</li> <li>Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.</li> <li>Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.</li> <li>Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors on my.utrgv.edu.</li> <li>Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.</li> <li>Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.</li> <li>Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization, perhaps within the field of education.</li> <li>Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.</li> <li>Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engage in an indep internship to comp Student Teaching S</li> <li>Discuss future plan that includes empl</li> <li>Apply for graduatic anticipated date. V ensure you are on</li> </ul>
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	<ul> <li>Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.</li> <li>Ask a student in class to study with you.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship &amp; Learning Office.</li> <li>Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!</li> <li>Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as an ENGL 2000 level course or become the secretary for your organization.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to preser Engaged Scholar Sy poster session in sj</li> <li>Set up an informat (especially an alum work in.</li> </ul>
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul> <li>Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.</li> <li>Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).</li> <li>Attend a departmental program such as Speech Contest.</li> <li>Join a student organization! Consider looking into a department sponsored Communication Studies student club or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to China, Spain, Mexico or England.</li> <li>Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.</li> <li>Join another student organization. Perhaps in the education field or visit VLink for options.</li> <li>Check out a campus event that offers free lunchbring a friend!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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!</li> <li>Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs &amp; Partnerships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify employers fairs, online, at on- agencies, etc. The on- Before a job interv Career Center or sp Hauser Lab.</li> </ul>
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	<ul> <li>Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).</li> <li>Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.</li> <li>Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!</li> <li>Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.</li> <li>Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.</li> <li>Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend a second teaching area such as English, history, etc.</li> <li>Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check out the Communication department website for postings on career/graduate school.</li> <li>Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!</li> <li>When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Have you received an employment of Career Center, and</li> <li>Formulate and imp graduation: attend fellowships, etc.</li> <li>Update your inforr alumni mixers, eve Center services!</li> <li>Remember to do y studentloans.gov.</li> </ul>

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#### **FOURTH YEAR** AND BEYOND f 3.3.

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#### of interest and seek them out at job -campus information sessions, staffing Career Center can help.

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#### **CAREERS**

- Teaching
- Research
- Information/Library science
- Fundraising/ **Development**
- University communications/ Outreach
- Administration and **Student Support** Services:
- Admissions, financial aid. advising, development, alumni affairs, international education and study abroad, student affairs (e.g. residence life, student activities, orientation, leadership, Greek life, multicultural affairs, recreational sports)

For additional info, visit the **Career Center website and** check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter