### experience your senior year and choose where or which organization you would like to work with in the community.

- the way! Prepare for your capstone service learning

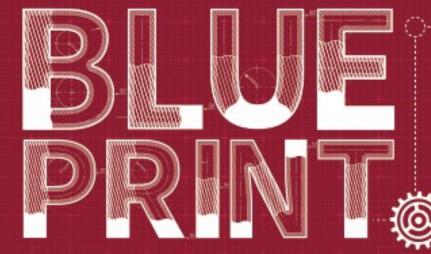
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# **MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES** Catalog: 2018-19 **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**



# UTRio Grande Valley

Degree Info

The goal of the BA in MASC is to recognize, validate, and engage students, faculty, and Mexican

American, Chicana/o and Latina/o communities as

agents of conocimiento and knowledge. Our place-

based pedagogies and transdisciplinary methods

provide a holistic approach to the study of complex

and dynamic Mexican American experiences. We

prepare students to critically investigate community

knowledge and socio-political, economic, cultural,

and artistic conditions of and contributions by

Mexican Americans, Chicana/os and Latina/os.

Students develop the skills to engage in self-

discovery and to use their conocimientos to produce

salient applied research to effect positive social

change in their comunidades. Our position en la

frontera requires and enables MASC to have a local

and hemispheric concentration. This unique

transcultural context shapes academic and public

conversations regionally, nationally, and globally.

## **FOURTH YEAR**

**Additional Info** 

Studies in your first year as part of your core

another major and career options, especially

Follow MAS on Facebook and Twitter to keep up

Take MASC/HIST 3332 Mexican American History

your third semester to get that requirement out of

curriculum requirements.

teaching in K-12.

CMAS has going on.

• Take MASC 2301: Introduction to Mexican American

Make appointment with Undergraduate Coordinator

about the MAS major, minor and pairing MAS with

with all of the great events and news that MAS and

for help with degree planning and to learn more

Mexican American Elective

Service (Capstone)

33XX-43XX Double Major or Minor Elective

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Mexican American Elective

MASC 4300 Learning and Reflective

## **THIRD YEAR**

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Mexican American Elective

Education, and/or Health Sciences

33XX-43XX MASC Elective- Social Behavioral Sciences,

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## **SECOND YEAR**

# Communication

33XX-43XX Double Major or Minor Elective Education, and/or Health Sciences 33XX-43XX MASC Elective -Social Behavioral Sciences, 13XX-X3XX MASC Elective - Humanities 13XX-X3XX Double Major or Minor Elective

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Choose 1

2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN

Rec- MASC 2301 Intro to Mexican-Language, Philosophy & Culture:

Government/Political Science

American Studies

Social and Behavioral Sciences Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences Choose 1

13XX-X3XX MASC Elective - Humanities 13XX-X3XX Double Major or Minor Elective

13XX-X3XX Double Major or Minor Elective Choose 1 Government/Political Science HIST/MASC 3332 Mexican American History Integrative/Experiential Learning Choose 1 13XX-X3XX Double Major or Minor Elective

"Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the 2018-19 General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans.

Choose 1

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**FIRST YEAR** 

**Creative Arts** Choose 1 American History Choose 1 Choose 1

UNIV 1301 Learning Framework Mathematics Choose 1

Life and Physical Sciences Choose 1 American History Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

Language, Philosophy & Culture Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning Choose 1

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

# BLUFPRINT EXPERIENCES

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND	CAREERS
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 3.5.</li> <li>□ Take MASC 2301 in your first year. Complete your History Core Classes with HIST 2327 &amp; 2328 your first year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.</li> <li>□ Complete major foundation classes, such as MASC/HIST 3332: Mexican American History, 6 hrs. SPAN, 3 hrs. MASC Humanities.</li> <li>□ Complete 30 credit hours.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.</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> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.</li> <li>□ "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!</li> <li>□ Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: MASC 4300: Learning &amp; Reflective Service.</li> <li>□ Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.</li> <li>□ Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Higher Education</li> <li>Teaching</li> <li>Research         <ul> <li>Student affairs administration</li> <li>International student services, study abroad,</li> </ul> </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!</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 such as LUCHA:</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as MASC 4300 or Engaged Scholar Symposium.</li> <li>Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.</li> <li>Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.</li> </ul>	multicultural programming Student support services Information/Libr ary science Primary and secondary education
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>	☐ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. ☐ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.	<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 the Engaged Scholar Institute or become the secretary for your organization.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at NACCS Tejas Regional Conference.</li> <li>□ Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language services</li> <li>Private tutoring</li> <li>Interpreting</li> <li>Translating</li> <li>Community education:</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 El Retorno: El Valle Celebra Nuestra Gloria Anzaldúa.</li> <li>□ Join a student organization! Consider looking into LUCHA: La Unión Chicanx Hijxs de Aztlán or LUNA: La Union Nepantlera de Aztlan</li> <li>□ Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Mexico or Latin America.</li> <li>□ Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.</li> <li>□ Join another student organization. Perhaps the MAC: Minority Affairs Council.</li> <li>□ Check out a campus event that offers free lunchbring a friend!</li> <li>□ Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.</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> <li>□ Check out the MAS department website for postings on career/graduate school.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ 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.</li> <li>□ Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.</li> <li>□ Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Literacy         <ul> <li>English as a second language</li> <li>GED preparation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	□ Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing. □ 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.	<ul> <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 Anthropology, English, History, Spanish or Sociology.</li> <li>□ Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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>	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.	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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