

## FOURTH YEAR

HIST 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Elective  
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 ECON 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Restricted Elective  
 33XX-43XX Free Advanced Elective  
 HIST 4399 Senior Research Seminar  
 HIST 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Elective  
 HIST 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Restricted Elective  
 POLS 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Restricted Elective  
 33XX-43XX Free Adv. Elective

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 POLS 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Restricted Elective  
 HIST 3302 Geography & Env. in History  
 HIST 33XX - 43XX Major Adv. Elective  
 33XX-43XX Free Adv. Elective

## SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 HIST 2321 World History I  
 13XX-43XX Free Elective  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Mathematics  
 Choose 1 Creative Arts  
 Choose 1 Principles of Macroeconomics  
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework  
 Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 HIST 2322 World History II  
 HIST 2321 World History I  
 13XX-43XX Free Elective  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Life and Physical Sciences  
 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 HIST 3300 History and Methods  
 13XX-43XX Free Elective

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Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 American History  
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 Choose 1 Creative Arts  
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 Choose 1 Integrative/Experiential Learning  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Language, Philosophy & Culture  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

### 2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).  
 "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](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

### Additional Info

Progression requirements  
 Majors must earn a grade of 'C' or better in HIST 3300 before taking advanced HIST classes, or may progress at the discretion of the instructor.

HIST 2321 or HIST 2322 will fulfill the Language, Philosophy & Culture core requirement and open up an elective for you.

HIST 3301: World History Studies is for elementary ed majors only!!!

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## UTRio Grande Valley

# BLUE PRINT

**SOCIAL STUDIES COMPOSITE (BA)**  
**Catalog: 2018-19**  
**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

### Degree Info

As an integral part of a liberal arts education, history courses introduce students to different historical eras, diverse cultures, famous and ordinary women and men, and a variety of geographical settings. Our courses challenge students to think critically, express themselves clearly, and become informed and responsible citizens in an increasingly interconnected world. Students majoring or minoring in history may become teachers or seek employment in business or government. History is an excellent background for those who wish later to go to law school or enter journalism.

# 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.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Take MATH in your first year. See degree plan for options

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!
- Join a student organization! Visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

### 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.
- 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.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete major foundation classes. See degree plan for options.
- Complete 30 credit hours.

- 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

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

- Look at study abroad opportunities!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC, FESTIBA, or NEXUS.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- 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? Discuss this with your Academic Advisor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.25.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization like the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta
- 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.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course, visit the Writing Center, or become the secretary for your organization.

- 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.

- Check out our 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!

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project. Please see degree plan for options.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Higher Education
- International Education and Study Abroad
- Archives, Library, and Museum Services
- Student Life
- Law
- Lobbying
- Government Relations
- Elected or Appointed Leadership
- Public Policy
- Research
- Intelligence
- Campaign Management
- Special Interest Advocacy
- Program Administration

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)