



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Make sure you are on the right History degree plan for you (there are 3).
- Take courses in the core curriculum, including HIST 1301/1302 and RWS 1301/1302.
- Examine the options for your Math requirement. For Social Studies Composite, take MATH 1320.
- For Social Studies Composite, take GEOG 1306 for one of your science classes, and GEOG 1310 for your social/behavioral class.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Meet with the History Department's Career Advisor to discuss career opportunities.
- If you plan on taking either Spanish or French, take a placement exam at the Academic Advising Center.
- Visit the Center for History Teaching and Learning to find out more about a teaching career.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Explore student organizations such as the Association of Applied Border History and the Academic Revival of Indigenous Studies and Education (ARISE).
- Join the History Department Listserv, like Borderlands History on Facebook, and follow @UTEPHistory on Twitter.
- Engage with your field by attending events in the History Seminar Speaker Series.
- Seek engagement and volunteer opportunities such as with El Paso History Day.

LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Strive for high grades. The EPP requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission.
- Take the THEA exam as early as possible if you did not pass all areas of the TSI. The EPP requires that you have passed either of these exams.
- Attend Liberal Arts College lectures.
- Discover tutoring resources such as the University Writing Center, the Math Resource Center for Students, and the History Tutoring Center.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume or CV.

SOPHOMORE

- Finish the core curriculum, including HIST 2301, POLS 2310, and POLS 2311.
- Take HIST 2302.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.
- Take HIST 3317 (Texas History).

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Begin seeing your faculty advisor in the History Department at 46 hours.
- Ask your advisor about study abroad and internship opportunities.

- Strive for a 3.0 GPA to become eligible for Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society.
- Find volunteer opportunities through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Explore the world with a study abroad course.
- Check your UTEP email inbox and visit the History Department's website for updates on events.

- Prepare for the job market by recording campus involvement, field experience, and lesson plans for your teaching portfolio.
- Build your historical literacy by regularly visiting the History Tutoring Center.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.

JUNIOR

- Take a mix of upper-division classes in your major, and Block Electives.
- For 8-12 History, make sure you are taking history classes in diverse geographic fields.
- Finish your language requirement.
- Begin taking classes from your minor (SCED 3311, SCED 3312, RED 3342).

- Meet with your faculty advisor in the History Department before registration.
- Meet with the Director of the College of Liberal Arts Secondary Teacher Education Program to discuss the steps involved in applying to the Teacher Education Program.

- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Join Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society.
- Build on your community engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.
- Consider applying for Departmental Honors and writing an honors thesis.

- Apply for a History Department scholarship.
- Prepare for certification exams by visiting the Center for History Teaching and Learning.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program.

SENIOR

- Take HIST 4325 and 4330, your capstone courses.
- Prepare for teacher certification qualifying exams.
- Complete the requirements for your degree plan.
- Take SCED 4691 (student internship) in your final semester.

- Meet with your faculty advisor in the History Department before registration.
- Once you reach 90 hours, visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center for a review of your degree plan.
- Meet with Dr. Cartwright in the Center for History Teaching and Learning to discuss certification exams.
- Meet with the Director of the College of Liberal Arts Secondary Teacher Education Program at the beginning of the year to discuss Student Teaching application requirements and verify completion of all degree plan courses.

- Present your capstone research at the Harper Student History Conference.
- Talk with History faculty about conference opportunities that align with your interests.
- Cultivate leadership roles with student groups such as ARISE and the Association of Applied Border History.
- Attend events in the History Seminar Speaker Series.

- Explore career opportunities at the Teacher Job Fair.
- Increase your marketability with school districts by taking additional state certification exams.
- Refine your resume or CV with a Career Education Workshop.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

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EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking



Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication.

The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM (EPP) REQUIREMENTS

College of Education

Admission

- Submit Application Packet to CSS Advisor.
- Complete the Communication, Mathematics, and Component Area Option portions of the Core Curriculum with a grade of "C" or better.
- Complete at least 60 semester credit hours.
- Have a minimum cumulative UTEP GPA of 2.75.
- Pass the THEA or TSI.
- File a degree plan with a program advisor.
- Submit 3 Recommendation Rating Forms (RRF).
- Complete the EPP Application.

Testing

- Pass the Content and Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility (PPR) Qualifying Exam.
- Pass the Required Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). You have five attempts to pass each of the TExES.

Observation Hours

- Prior to Student Teaching, you must complete 30 hours of observation. Some of your courses will include this field experience component. For those courses:
 - Complete an Observation Form.
 - Submit the Observation Form to your CSS advisor upon completion of the course.

Student Teaching

- Complete all degree coursework and testing prior to applying to Student Teaching. Apply online during your second-to-last semester.
- Pass fingerprint/background check with a Social Security Number.