The University of Texas **Rio Grande Valley**

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INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT VIEWBOOK



As UTRGV embarks on a new journey of "Research Excellence," we are meticulously working on strategic, tactical, and operational initiatives that will enable interdisciplinary research, faculty research development, and enriched scholarly activities across the institution.

From this perspective, the Graduate College plays a key role by providing students with the highest-quality graduate education opportunities, including outstanding academic experiences in cutting-edge research and professional development.

Dr. Can (John) Saygin

Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate College

UTRGV Enrolls Students from 72 Different Countries.



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THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley no longer remains Texas' hidden gem. As a respected public institution, we have the resources that enable our students to excel in their studies and to take on the world. With over 60 graduate programs, UTRGV is a place where you can make your goals a reality.

We have an insatiable appetite for innovation while reflecting on our rich history and its valuable lessons. We are dreamers who become doers, and evolve into achievers who live for change.

In one building our students are lighting up the world — and the cosmos — with their research in gravitational waves. In another, students are working with award-winning faculty to find new ways to treat and prevent common diseases through the principles of genetics and genomics. These are just SOME of the things our graduate students are up to.

This is your opportunity to step up, and advance your career.

JOIN THE VAQUERO FAMILY, AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

THE UTREV VAQUEROS

AN IDENTITY THAT GOES BEYOND A NAME

Want to know you're supported? At UTRGV our faculty and staff are always there to answer your questions and provide solutions.

Our goal is to deliver the best educational experience — that's our promise to you.

V ision A pproachability L uality of Service L nity E ngagement esponsiveness **D** ptimization **S** olution Oriented

Our attitude is Unafraid, Unstoppable, "Unbeatable.

Our Color Palette is



MORE THAN A UNIVERSITY THIS IS YOUR LAUNCHPAD TO SUCCESS!

LEARN AND SPECIALIZE

What do you want to specialize in? A physician who makes a positive impact on patients' everyday lives. A cybersecurity professional who creates a new way to protect networks when they told you it wouldn't work. With over 60 graduate programs, we have something for everyone who wants to challenge the status quo. This is your moment to find your purpose, pick your specialization, sharpen your skills, and conquer the world.

PUTTING THE PRO IN PROFESSORS

Our professors bridge the gap in teaching and application of industry knowledge by linking the curriculum with theory and practice. We bring the best experienced and industry experts to teach in an academic setting where students leave with a plethora of knowledge and experience. UTRGV offers more than professors, we pair you with industry pros.

WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH

Does the entrepreneur in you have a great start-up idea? Pitch it at the yearly Big Idea Competition, a Shark Tank-like competition that helps student launch their ventures. Maybe you're ready to present your research at the Graduate College's 3MT Competition. Perhaps you want to join the team of students behind the Virtual Screening Drug Discovery tool, a technique used for biological testing.

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM AND BECOME A PRO

Programs listed in the next page



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

In 2020, UTRGV earned the Carnegie R2 distinction, an indication of a high activity of impactful research. That's a pretty big deal for an academic institution that was born in 2015 **and we're just getting started.**



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP utrav.edu/cobe

Accountancy (MACC)¹² Advanced Business Administration Certificate ¹² Business Administration (MBA)¹² Specializations: Accounting Business Analytics Entrepreneurship Financial Planning Health Care Administration¹ Human Resource Management¹ International Trade Marketing¹ Business Administration (PhD)² Concentrations: Accounting Finance Information Systems² Management Marketing Entrepreneurship Certificate¹ Global Trade Management (MS) Healthcare Administration Leadership Certificate¹ Healthcare Analytics Certificate¹ Human Resource Management (MS)¹ International Sustainability Management Certificate¹ Pre-MBA Certificate ¹² Business Analytics (MS)¹ Specialization: Healthcare Analytics Business Analytics Certificate Marketing (MS)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION utray.edu/cep

Bilingual Education (MEd)³ *Specializations:* Biliteracy³ Dual Language³ Educational Leadership³ ESL³ Mexican American Studies³ Counseling (MEd)² *Specializations:* Clinical Mental Health Counseling²

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION Cont.

Curriculum and Instruction (EdD)³ Specializations: Bilingual Studies Curriculum and Pedagogical Generalist³ Educational Technology Literacy Mathematics Education³ Science Education³ Special Education Curriculum and Instruction (MEd)¹ Content Specializations: Elementary Math and Science Education¹ Mathematics Education¹ English¹ Early Childhood (MEd) Educational Diagnostician Certification³ Educational Leadership (EdD) Concentrations: Higher Education Administration² PK-12 Administration² Special Education Educational Leadership (MEd)¹ Educational Technology (MEd)¹ E-Learning (Certificate) Higher Education Administration (MA)¹ Online Instructional Designer (Certificate)¹ Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (Counseling)² Reading and Literacy (MEd)³ Concentrations: Bilitereacy³ Digital Literacy ³ Reading Specialist³ English/Adolescent Literacy ³ Reading Specialist Certification School Psychology (MA)² Secondary Bilingual Education Certificate³ Special Education (MEd) Superintendent Certification² Teaching (MAT)³ Concentrations: Bilingual Education³ Curriculum Generalist³ Special Education Teacher Leadership (MEd) Technology Leadership in Education Certificate¹



¹ Accelerated Online
² Traditional On-Campus
³ Traditional Online

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE utrav.edu/coec

Biomedical Engineering (MS)² Civil Engineering (MS) Computer Science (MS) Computer Science with Interdisciplinary Applications (PhD) Cyber Security Certificate Electrical Engineering (MSE) Engineering Management (MS)²³ Informatics Certificate Informatics (MS) Manufacturing Engineering (MSE)² Energy Manufacturing Engineering and Innovation Embedded Certificate² Materials Science and Engineering (PhD) Materials Certificate² Mechanical Engineering (MSE)² Concentrations: General Concentration² Materials Engineering Mechanics and Design Certificate Thermal-Fluid Sciences Certificate²

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

utrgv.edu/cofa

Art (MFA)² Concentrations: 2D Studio Art 3D Studio Art Design Creative Writing (MFA)² Design Certificate Interdiscliplinary Studies with a Concentration in Art History (MAIS) Latin American Art History Certificate Music (MM) Concentrations: Conducting Ethnomusicology² Multiple Instrument Performance² Music Education Performance Theory-Composition²

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS utrgv.edu/coha

Bilingual Counseling Certificate ³ Clinical Laboratory Sciences Certificate¹ Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MS) ² Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS) ² Dietetics (MS) ² Exercise Science (MS) ²

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Cont.

Expressive Arts Therapy Certificate ³ Health Sciences (MS) Concentrations: Clinical Laboratory Sciences¹ Health Professions Education and Technology¹ Healthcare Administration¹ Healthcare Informatics¹ Nutrition¹ Health Science Nutrition Certificate¹ Healthcare Informatics Certificate Health Professions Education and Technology Certificate ¹ Kinesiology (MS)¹ Concentrations: Physical Education¹ Health Professions Education and Technology¹ Sport Management¹ Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)² Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) *Physical Therapy (DPT)² Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (Rehabilitation and Counseling) Rehabilitation Counseling (PhD)²

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS utrgv.edu/cla

Advanced Placement Spanish Literature Certificate Applied Behavioral Analysis Certificate Bioethics (MS) Clinical Psychology (MA, PhD)² Communication (MA) Communication Training and Consulting Certificate Court Interpreting Certificate³ Criminal Justice (MS) Disaster Management and Sustainability Certificate (MS) Disaster Studies (MA)² English (MA)² Concentrations: English Studies Linguistics Literature and Cultural Studies² Rhetoric, Composition and Literacy² English as a Second Language (MA) Experimental Psychology (MA) Gender and Women's Studies Certificate² Healthcare Interpreting Certificate³ History (MA)² Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)² Concentrations: Anthropology History English Mexican American Studies

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS Cont

Literary Translation Certificate³ Localization and Audiovisual Translation Certificate Media Relations and Strategic Communication Certificate Mexican American Studies Certificate² Political Science (MA)² Concentrations: Governance and Policy Process² World and Borderland Politics² Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (MA Clinical Psychology & PhD Clinical Psychology) Public Affairs (MPA)¹ Concentrations: Global Security Studies and Leadership² Public Administration¹ Public Policy² Sociology (MS) Spanish (MA) Concentrations: Creative Writing Latin American and Peninsular Literature Linguistics Spanish Translation and Interpreting (MA, Cert.)³

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES utrav.edu/cos

Agricultural, Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (MS) Applied Statistics and Data Science (MS)²³ Chemistry (MS) Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MS) Biology (MS) Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Biology Embedded Certificate² Physics (MS, PhD) Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Physics (MSIS) Mathematics (MS)²³ Concentrations: Applied Mathematics²³ Mathematics² Statistics²³ Mathematics Teaching²³ Mathematics and Statistics with Interdisciplinary Applications (PhD) Ocean, Coastal, and Earth Sciences (MS)

SCHOOL OF NURSING utrgv.edu/nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)² Nursing Practice (DNP)³ Post Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK utrgv.edu/social work

Social Work (MSSW) - 33 Hour Program²³ Concentrations: Administration and Community Practice ³ Direct Practice with Latino Individuals, Families, and Groups² Social Work (MSSW) - 63 Hour Program²³ Concentrations: Administration and Community Practice³ Direct Practice with Latino Individuals, Families, and Groups² Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (Social Work) Sustainable Community Health Promotion in

Social Work Embedded Certificate

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE utrav.edu/school-of-medicine

Human Genetics (PhD)²



STAY CURRENT WITH UTRGV GRADUATE PROGRAMS

*The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist education program from CAPTE. Learn more about this program and its accreditation at utrgv.edu/programs/doctor-physical-therapy.htm

FINISH AT THE TOP **NO MATTER WHERE YOU START MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR TERMS**

ACCELERATED ONLINE PROGRAMS

Our accelerated online programs are designed for busy professionals who are in the fast lane and slowing down isn't an option. With six start dates a year, seven-week courses, and an educational partner that ensures you get your degree, you can graduate in as little as 10 months. Learn from the same faculty, and graduate with the same degree as our on-campus students.

TRADITIONAL ONLINE PROGRAMS

If you're looking to get a graduate degree at your pace but need the convenience of online, look no further than our traditional (16-week courses) online graduate programs. Complete a course in the morning or afternoon, complete the entire semester from the comfort of your home. Our online programs help you get there on your terms.

ON CAMPUS PROGRAMS

UTRGV's campus is where you'll have access to state-of-the-art equipment that will help you answer the big questions. Conduct cutting-edge research at any of our 17 research centers or institutes. It's where you will find friendships that will last a life-time. It's the place where you will advocate for what matters, while learning from students from all over the world. It's a the-sky's-the-limit campus, right outside your door.

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FIND YOUR VIBE AND YOUR TRIBE

There's nothing quite like grabbing an iced-coffee in the Union, and planning an afternoon with friends. Whether you're a music lover, a sports enthusiast, or an art geek, you can find it all on campus. A lively campus, it combines music, art, culture, food, and just a bit of South-Texas uniqueness that makes this place special.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus safety and comfort are the highest priorities at UTRGV. The BroncTrail and walkways are always lit ensuring students get to campus events, eateries, and classes safely. Emergency telephones are located throughout the campus locations in most parking lots and all elevators, they are monitored and answered by the University Police Department 24 hours a day.

A South Texas region hugged by the powder-soft beaches of South Padre Island, and the unique bicultural community of the Tex-Mex border — **we're all about beautiful contrast.** A place where you'll trade your sweaters for swimwear.

It's easy to explain the appeal of the RGV. Students from all over the world will tell you it's got the best of everything: **affordable housing** on and off-campus, small town living with Big City conveniences, welcoming smiles, and mouth-watering food. No matter what part of the world you're coming from, you'll find the **area comforting, and a friendly community.**

RIO GRANDE CITY ≠

LIVIN' IT UP IN

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THE CAMPUS CONNECTION

You will do more than just call it a home when you live on campus. This is the place where you will meet like-minded friends from within your program and outside of it. This is more than academics, this is about creating memories, and moments with students who will soon become your professional network.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you're going to change the world, you'll need to keep your body, and mind nourished. Enjoy a well-balanced — and scrumptious — meal that's going to keep your body feeling fuller throughout the day with meal plans designed for your needs at our Edinburg or Brownsville campuses.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Have a special diet or food request? Our food service department is here to accommodate your needs including: Gluten-Free, Vegan, Vegetarian, and dietary needs for those with allergies.

SUSTAINABILITY ISN'T JUST A BUZZWORD

• We harvest produce in our community/research garden and it's certified organic by USDA standards

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- The produce is first sold at the on-campus farmer's market, and anything that remains is taken to the Food Pantry where it is stored in refrigerators until it is picked up by students
- Meatless Mondays
- Trayless dining to reduce food waste.
- Styrofoam free

DUR RESIDENCY HALLS Offer room options from two to four occupants

- 1. Heritage Hall
- 2. Unity Hall
- 3. The Village Apartments
- 4. Casa Bella Apartments

EACH HALL HAS



WiFi Access

Free

Laundry







Computer Lab



Area



Recreation Rooms

WHY UTRGV?



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> **Online Colleges** - FDSMART ORG 2021

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Obtaining an education shouldn't burden your wallet for years to come. At UTRGV, it won't.

Once you're part of our UTRGV family, our goal is to help ease the financial burden so you concentrate on what's important — your education.

UTRGV has consistently ranked #1 by nationally esteemed outlets such as the U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly, for its graduation rates, student satisfaction, affordability, and post-graduate success.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UTREV offers excellent scholarships for international students who want to study at our university. After being admitted into the Graduate College students can be awarded scholarships based on need, merit, and other criteria.

EXPLORE OUR SCHOLARSHIPS AT:

utrgv.edu/gradscholarships

APPROXIMATELY

of our students

form of financial

receive some

assistance.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

In addition to working alongside award-winning faculty, assistantships give you real-world professional experience, monetary stipends, and in some cases a in-states tuition waiver.

IN-STATE TUITION WAIVER

on certain visa types.

OVER \$8.7 MILLION AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS LAST YEAR TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

ESTIMATED TUITION RATES FOR FALL 2024-SUMMER 2025

Traditional (16-Week Semester) Programs		
Residency	Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Per 9-Credit-Hour Semester
Texas Resident	\$1,645.80	\$4,335.00
Non-Resident/International	\$2,875.80	\$8,025.00
Accelerated Online (7-Week Term) Programs		
Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Average Program Cost	No Additional Fees!!
\$1,333.32 - \$1,416.66	\$15,000	

Tuition for Accelerated Programs stays the same regardless of residency!



UTRGV is proud to offer waivers for international

students who are classified as a non-resident for tuition purposes under the following: competitive scholarships, graduate assistantships, and

This means you get a top-tier education at a low cost.

GET STARTED, **GET AHEAD!**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

STEP 1

Complete your graduate application at utrgv.edu/gradapply



STEP 2 Get your foreign trainscript/s evaluated by a credential evaluation service company



Scan the OR code for a step-by-step quide

STEP 3 Get a certified English translation of your educational records



STEP 4 Submit English Proficiency Exam Scores



STEP 5

Submit all other documents requested by the program. Review requirements at utrgv.edu/gradprograms

For information on applying, approved credential evaluation services, test scores, and much more please visit:



utrgv.edu/internationalapply

AFTER YOU'RE

ACTIVATE YOUR UTRGV EMAIL

After being admitted, you will receive an email from the UTRGV IT Department, which includes important information for activating your UTRGV account

REQUEST YOUR I-20

Once you have been admitted, make sure to request your I-20. The International Student Services is here to assist you with any questions you may have about the process. For detailed information please visit **utrgv.edu/f1-visa**

PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT

From helping you with airport information, to finding UTRGV once you land, our webinars and other resources will help you prepare effectively before you arrive on campus.







utrgv.edu/f1-visa



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