

## 2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

### FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	Mathematics
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Creative Arts Option
Choose 1	Learning Framework
Choose 1	UNIV 1301
Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Decision Analytics
Choose 1	Economics Foundation: ACCT 2301, SOCI 1323, PSYC 2301, ANTH 2351, or any advanced POLS 3000-4999

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

Bold indicates Business Foundation courses.

"Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or degree plan for this major: [www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

### SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	American History (Core)
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)
Choose 1	Economics Foundation Option:
Choose 1	QUMT 2341 or MATH 1342
Choose 1	Economics Foundation Option
Choose 1	ACCT 2301, SOCI 1323, PSYC 2301, ANTH 2351, or any adv. POLS 3000-4999
Choose 1	ECON 2301
Choose 1	Principles of Macroeconomics
Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
Choose 1	Principles of Microeconomics
Choose 1	Political Economy
Choose 1	Economics Foundation Option: COMM 1311 or COMM 1315

### THIRD YEAR

ECON 3341	Econometrics
ECON 3351	Macroeconomic Theory
3000-4999	Free Elective
X3XX	Minor Course
X3XX	Minor Course
ECON 3352	Microeconomic Theory
Choose 1	Advanced Economics Core Option:
Choose 1	ECON 3354 or ECON 3358
Choose 1	Advanced Economics Core Option:
Choose 1	ECON 3343 or ECON 3381
Choose 1	Advanced Economics Core Option:
Choose 1	ECON 3342 or ECON 4340
X3XX	Minor Course

### FOURTH YEAR

Choose 1	Advanced Econ Core Option:
ECON 3353 or FINA 4381	ECON 3353 or FINA 4381
Advanced Economics Elective	Advanced Economics Elective
3000-4999	Advanced Minor Course
3000-4999	Free Elective
X3XX	Minor Course
ECON 3000-4999	Advanced Economics Elective
Advanced Economics Elective	Advanced Economics Elective
3000-4999	Free Elective (Advanced)
3000-4999	Advanced Minor Course
3000-4999	Free Elective (Advanced)

### Degree Info

An economics degree opens the door to a wide range of career opportunities in finance, research and analysis, and also business and public affairs. A degree in economics can also take you even further to pursue a graduate education, from law school to public administration. Whatever your strengths may be, an economics degree will help you join the debate, prepare for a career, and succeed in your future.

## UTRio Grande Valley



**ECONOMICS (BA)**  
**Catalog: 2019-20**  
**ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF**  
**BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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### Additional Info

- **Note:** Your catalog year is 2018-2019
- Students should complete their business foundations courses in their first two years in order to smoothly transition into more advanced courses!
- Your GPA matters. Employers, Scholarship Committees, and Graduate schools would love to see your GPA at 3.0 or higher! The minimum GPA for admission to VCOBE and graduation from VCOBE is 2.5.
- Be warned- A grade of "C" or better is required in all VCOBE business courses!!
- If you are feeling uncertain about anything, please email [business.advising@utrgv.edu](mailto:business.advising@utrgv.edu). Our program coordinators will field your questions or direct you to the right resources.

# 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 or above!
- Take MATH 1314, 1414, 1324 OR 1325, ECON 2301, and begin your Economics foundation classes in your first year.

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- Complete major foundation classes, such as ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2302, INFS 2300 and QUMT 2341.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOBE) the semester you enroll in your final business foundation courses. <http://www.utrgv.edu/cobe/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/index.htm>

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

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- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Business Capstone-Strategic Management (MGMT 4389) the semester you are graduating!!
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

### 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.

- 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

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and consider attending professional events organized by Dept. faculty at UTRGV, such as BEDES in the fall of each year and C-BEST on economic and financial forecasting and trends.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year. See VCOBE Program Coordinator for graduation review.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Engage in 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.

### 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. If you still need some help, go to the Learning Center to get a tutor! They can really help!

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

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as COMM 3313, MGMT 3335 OR MARK 3320 and perhaps even become the secretary for your organization!

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium Award or at a regional or national conference funded by the Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) Award you apply for!
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

### 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).
- Want to bring your undergraduate experience to the next level? Consider joining the Business Honors Program.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into ECON Society or FMA or visit VLink ([utrgv.edu/vlink](http://utrgv.edu/vlink)) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Germany or South Korea.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps ECON Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ALPHA, Enactus or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch-bring a friend!

- 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.

- 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.

### 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.

- 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.
- A minor is part of the BA degree (18 hours) and may expand your career options.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the VCOBE website, as well as other professional websites 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!

- 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.

- Micro
- Macro
- Financial
- International
- Industrial organizational
- Demographic or labor
- Natural resource and environmental
- Public finance
- Econometrics
- Business
- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Research analysis
- Forecasting
- Planning
- Consulting
- Policy advising
- Economic development

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)