**ECONOMICS (BA)**
Catalog: 2017-18

**ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**ACADEMIC PLAN**

**ECONOMICS**

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**Additional Info**
- Note: Your catalog year is 2017-2018
- 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 cobeadmit@utrgv.edu. Our program coordinators will field your questions or direct you to the right resources.

**Contact Info**

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- **Concerns/Questions?**
  Contact COBEADMIT@UTRGV.EDU

**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.
**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- **APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**
  - 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 the Kuder Journey.
  - 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.

- **MILESTONES**
  - Complete MATH 1314, 1414, 1324 OR 1325 in your first year.
  - Complete 30 credit hours in your first year.
  - Complete major foundation classes, such as ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2302, INF 2300 and QM 2341.
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
  - Apply to the Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOCBE) the semester you enroll in your first business foundation courses. http://www.utrgv.edu/college/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/index.htm
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  - Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
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- **ADVICE & SUPPORT**
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
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  - Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey!
  - 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.

- **APPLICATIONS**
  - Complete 30 credit hours.
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- **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 the Career Center portal!
  - Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
  - 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.

- **FIRST YEAR**
  - UTRGV has a Writer’s Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
  - Complete your core English classes (section 01D) 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 in your first year.

- **SECOND YEAR**
  - Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey.
  - Attend a career fair and consider applying for an internship or job shadowing opportunity.
  - Join another student organization. Perhaps ECON Society or FMA (if you have not joined already) or ALPMA, Enactus or visit Vlilk (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- **THIRD YEAR**
  - Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
  - 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.

- **FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND**
  - Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
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- **CAREERS**
  - Micro
  - Macro
  - Financial
  - International
  - 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