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.

The International Business degree will provide students with the abilities and skills necessary to navigate a business world that is increasingly globalized.
**Blueprint Experiences**

### MILESTONES
- **First Year**
  - 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.
  - Shot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
  - Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
  - Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
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  - Apply to the Vacker 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

- **Second Year**
  - Want to explore different career paths? 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.
  - Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!

- **Third Year**
  - 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.
  - Look at study abroad opportunities. Consider going to Germany or South Korea.
  - Check out a cultural campus or community event.
  - Check out an academic internship to complement your major.
  - Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated graduation date. See VCOBE Program Advising Center services!

- **Fourth Year**
  - “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
  - “I know what I want to do.” Will you take advantage of the Career Center for your career planning needs.
  - Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
  - Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT
- **Apply What You Learn**
  - Apply to the Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOBE) the semester you are graduating!!
  - Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or Scholar & Learning Office.
  - Visit the Communication Hauser Lab.
  - Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.
  - Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or Scholar & Learning Office.
  - Visit the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.

- **Life After Graduation**
  - “I have a plan for after graduation.” If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
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### CAREERS
- Management
- Human resources
- Labor relations
- Banking and finance
- Economics
- International development
- Real estate
- Sales
- Marketing and advertising
- Product management
- Supply chain management
- Healthcare administration
- Agricultural economics
- Manufacturing
- Engineering/Computer and software services
- Importing/Exporting
- Customer service
- Consulting

[For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?”](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)