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. Our program coordinators will field your questions or direct you to the right resources.

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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.

ECONOMICS (BA)
Catalog: 2019-20
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Minor Course: Choose one from the following:
- American History (Core)
- Language, Philosophy & Culture (Core)
- Economic Development and Globalization (Core)
- Integrative/Experiential Learning

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
**MILESTONES**

- 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.
- 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.
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- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through Handshake!
- Complete major foundation classes, such as ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2302, INF 2300 and QM 2301.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOB) the semester you enroll in your final business foundation courses. http://www. utrgv.edu/cob/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/index.html
- 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.
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- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
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- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
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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**

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**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through Handshake!
- 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) for options.
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**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?”
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
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- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- 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!
- Check out the Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOB) the semester you are graduating! Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.
- Consider serving on a campus life/community engagement 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.
- Check out the VCOB 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 mixes, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.