Note: Your catalog year is 2018-19. 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.

Careers in finance look at how organizations manage funds over a period of time and also investigate their earnings to ensure future financial success for all entities involved. Analysts, traders, managers, brokers, and advisors – finance is a wide-reaching area of study. This fast-paced and analytic field emphasizes decision making within both financial and capital markets. This degree prepares students for careers in investment and commercial banking, financial planning, money making, insurance, and even real estate.

### FINANCE (BBA)

**Catalog: 2019-20**

**Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship**
**MILESTONES**

**FIRST YEAR**
- 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 1324, MGMT 1301, and ECON 2301 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 My Majors!
- 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.
- Winter Break! No classes, no finals, but your professors still need your assignments reviewed.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and consider attending professional events organized by Dept. at UTRGV, such as BEDES in the fall of each year and C-BEST on economic and financial forecasting and trends.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VSB or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Go attend your graduation! Fill out the petition for graduation online in MyMajors before your last year.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- Complete major foundation classes, such as ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2302, INF 2300 and QMGT 2341.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCOBE) the semester you enroll in your final business foundation courses.
- Webpage of admission/index.htm
- 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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- Attend a career fair! 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.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- Complete 30 credit hours.
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**FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND**
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
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