

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication	Choose 1	Math for Business & Social Sci.
Choose 1	American History	Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
MGMT 1301	Introduction to Business	MGMT 1301	Introduction to Business
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework		

SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	Government/Political Science	Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Creative Arts	Choose 1	Creative Arts
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
ACT 2301	Introduction To Financial Accounting	ACT 2301	Introduction To Financial Accounting
INFS 2300	Data Modeling Management Tools	INFS 2300	Data Modeling Management Tools
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics
QUMT 2341	Business Statistics I	QUMT 2341	Business Statistics I

THIRD YEAR

FINA 3380	Introduction to Finance	FINA 3380	Introduction to Finance
QUMT 3341	Business Statistics II	QUMT 3341	Business Statistics II
ECON 3381	Money and Banking	ECON 3381	Money and Banking
MGMT 3361	Principles of Management	MGMT 3361	Principles of Management
ECON 3341	Econometrics	ECON 3341	Econometrics
ECON 3342	Business & Economics Forecasting	ECON 3342	Business & Economics Forecasting
FINA 3382	Investment Principles	FINA 3382	Investment Principles
Choose 1	Management Information Systems	Choose 1	Management Information Systems
FINA 3386	Financial Institutions and Markets	FINA 3386	Financial Institutions and Markets
Choose 1	International Business Option:	Choose 1	International Business Option:
MARK 3310 or MGMT 4311		MARK 3310 or MGMT 4311	

FOURTH YEAR

BLAW 3337	Business Law I	Choose 1	Business Law I
Choose 1	Ethics Option: ACCT 4350,	Choose 1	Ethics Option: ACCT 4350,
MGMT 4304 or MARK 3330		MGMT 4304 or MARK 3330	
MARK 3300	Principles of Marketing	MARK 3300	Principles of Marketing
FINA 4382	Advanced Investments	FINA 4382	Advanced Investments
Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective	Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective
Choose 1	Business Communications Option:	Choose 1	Business Communications Option:
MGMT 3335, MARK 3320 or COMM 3313		MGMT 3335, MARK 3320 or COMM 3313	
Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective	Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective
FINA 4383	Corporate Finance	FINA 4383	Corporate Finance
Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective	Choose 1	FINA 3000-4999 Adv. Financial Elective
MGMT 4389	Strategic Management	MGMT 4389	Strategic Management

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.

Degree Info

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.

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Additional Info

- **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.

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 1324, MGMT 1301, and ECON 2301 in your first year.

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.

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!

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) for options.

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.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- 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>

- 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

- 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 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!

- 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.
- Will a minor expand your career options? A minor may expand your career options but are not required for BBA and BS degrees.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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!

- 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.

- 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!

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0 or above!
- "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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- Financial analysis
- Cash management
- Credit management
- Budget analysis
- Investment management
- Investor relations
- Financial reporting
- Payroll
- Benefits
- Real estate
- Risk management

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter