This major is designed to prepare students with the business and computer-related knowledge necessary to enter a career in the information systems field. The Information Systems program allows students to combine functional business skills with technology skills for the development, implementation, management, and strategic direction of information systems.

The program provides graduates with the necessary analytical, technical, and managerial background to function effectively in information systems organizational environments. Information Systems graduates will be able to implement, coordinate and direct information systems activities of an organization, including systems analysis, database administration and electronic records management, network data communications, business analytics, and project management.

### INFORMATION SYSTEMS (BBA)

Catalog: 2019-20

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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**FIRST YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR**

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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.

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### Degree Info

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN
UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!

- Complete your core English classes (section D10) 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 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.
- Got a job getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.
- 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!
- It’s never too early to set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into AITP, or visit Vlink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection 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 for a daily boost to help you perform better than those who work off campus.
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- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Vacker College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCDBE) the semester you enroll in your final business foundation courses. http://www.utrgv.edu/cobe/undergraduate/apply-for-admission/index.html
- Want to explore different career? 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 FESTBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization, ALPHA, IMMA, SHRM, AITP, ECON, CSI, Phi Beta Lambda, AIA, or Enactus or visit Vlink for options.
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