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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.

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
MANAGEMENT (BBA)
Catalog: 2019-20

Our department is dedicated to provide high quality management education that prepares students to become leaders for the region, the state, and the world. Through our world class academic offerings, students learn how to plan, organize, and direct the activities of small businesses and large corporations.
**FIRST YEAR**

- UT Rio Grande Valley 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.
- Visit UT Rio Grande Valley’s Career Center to sign up for Handshake!
- Meet with your academic advisor to align your degree plan with your career goals.
- Engage in extracurricular activities such as student organizations or clubs.
- Attend one student workshop.

**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Look for a service-learning course for guidance, visit the 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 help, go to the Learning Center to get a tutor! They can really help!
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through MyUTRGV.edu.

**ADVICE & SUPPORT**

- 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 joining the Student Government Association or a campus club.
- Open your Handshake account!

**MILESTONES**

- Complete major foundation classes, such as ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2302, INFS 2301 and QMNT 2301.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship (VCBOE) the semester you enroll in your final business foundation courses. 
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.

**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit your department and/or the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the Leadership Institute or the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Germany or South Korea.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch or a discount.
- 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, or at on-campus information sessions, staff meetings, etc. The Career Center can help.

**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Check out the VCBOE 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? Visit the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance letter from graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategic plan for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to other opportunities, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixer events, and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

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**CAREERS**

- Entry-level/Management-trainee
- Supervision of employees and operations
- Project management
- Team management
- Information management
- Operations management
- Middle management
- Top management

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, VISIT THE CAREER CENTER WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT "WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?"**

[www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)