

Countdown to Graduation Workshop

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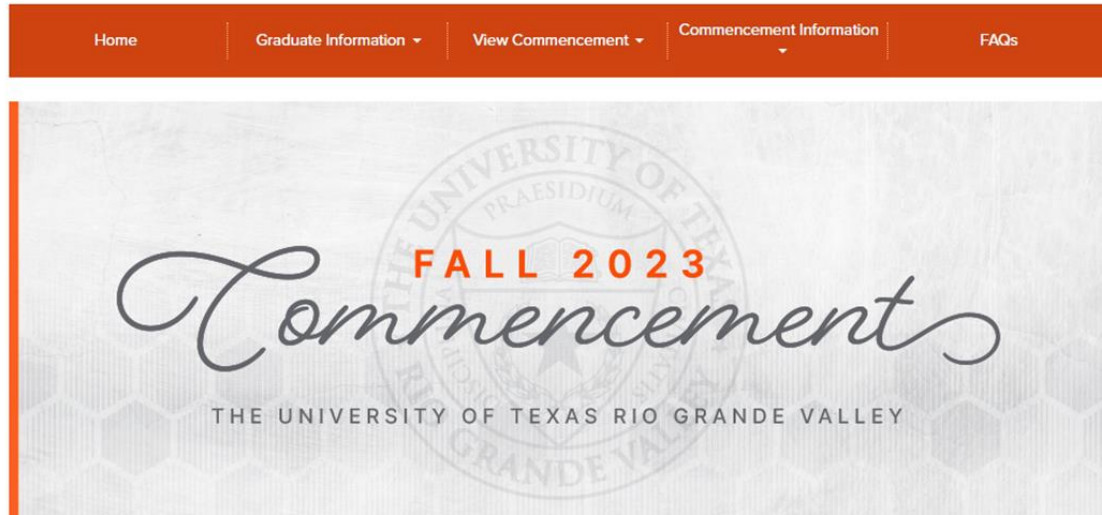


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Guide to Graduation and Commencement



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023 IN BROWNSVILLE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023 IN EDINBURG

For questions regarding graduation please email:
commencement@utrgv.edu

Please review FAQs at utrgv.edu/commencement

Graduation Application Deadline

- **To Be Included in the Ceremony: October 13**
- To Resolve Degree Deficiencies: October 25

Apply on ASSIST for Graduation: \$50.00 App Fee

Commencement Ceremonies

- **Emails** (which go out ONLY to those eligible to participate) includes information on Commencement:
 - Ceremony times (tbd based on RSVPs to each location)
 - Ticket info (how to claim in Marching Order)
 - Slide/photo/message (Marching Order)
 - Regalia (bookstore)
- **Transcripts & Diplomas** – Can place transcript orders in advance and indicate ‘hold’ until degree posted. Diplomas can take roughly six weeks to be mailed.
- **Transfer Graduation Form** – MUST submit if graduating next term

Graduation & Commencement Info



- For **Graduation/Commencement Ceremony** related questions, please email us at commencement@utrgv.edu or visit our website online for more information: <http://www.utrgv.edu/commencement>.
- Remember that **changes of major** are not permitted after you've begun your last semester. If you have exceptional circumstances, please contact Academic Advising to discuss those at 956-665-7120.
 - If you have other questions about your major, minor and/or concentration, email registrar@utrgv.edu.
- Diplomas are mailed out to students after final grades have posted and degree requirements have been reviewed.
 - This is typically four to six weeks after graduation.
 - **Remember to update your address and phone number in ASSIST!**

All inquiries **MUST** come from your **University e-mail account**. Your email should include the following information:

- Full name
- Student ID #
- Summary of question or issues
- Subject line should include: Name, ID & graduation application term.

*Commencement info. Is sent to your
CAMPUS EMAIL ADDRESSES!*



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Commencement Bell Ringer Information

The History

Commencement Bell Ringers are honors given to graduating students at each commencement ceremony. Graduating students apply to be considered for this honor during the fall and spring semesters. Student selected have been actively involved in student- life initiatives, demonstrated academic excellence and embody the [Vaquero Honor Code](#).

The bell has been a symbol for the institution since 2011 at our legacy institution UT Brownsville/TSC. Ringing the bell at the end of the commencement ceremony proclaims that something special has just ended. It has since become a symbol for UTRGV as one of the universities traditions demonstrating student pride to all in attendance.



Questions

Have you participated in co-curricular activities? How many years have you been an officer/leader in any co-curricular activities?

Why should you be selected?

Please list any campus, community or work-related activities and/or organizations you have been a part of during your collegiate time at UTRGV (i.e., community engagement, internships, leadership positions, research, scholarly work, employment, etc.).

Describe your educational journey at UTRGV. Include background information about yourself and how your involvement at the university has impacted and prepared you for future plans after UTRGV.

Eligibility

Undergraduate and Graduate
GPA 3.25+

Contact Us

Email: studentactivities@utrgv.edu

Phone: (956) 665-7364





Student Government Association (SGA)

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Who is SGA?

- The **Student Government Association** (SGA) is your official representation at UTRGV. Our purpose is to address your concerns, petitions, and requests by bringing action to your voice and promoting your rights for a quality education.

Upcoming Events



**JOIN US FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
YOUR ACADEMIC COLLEGE OR SCHOOL
DEAN AND SGA REPRESENTATIVES.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Brownsville
PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Edinburg
University Ballroom

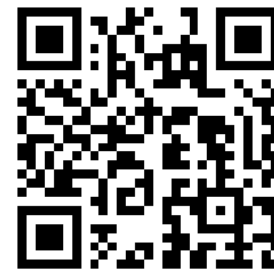


FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ACCOMMODATIONS CONTACT THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AT SGA@UTRGV.EDU OR (956)665-2517

Contact Us

- Email: sgafunds@utrgv.edu
- Brownsville:
BSTUN 1.28 / BMAIN 1.312
(956) 882-5148

Edinburg:
EUCTR 215
(956) 665-2517





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From Orientation to Graduation

Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree:

<https://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/academics/catalogs/>

Review the UTRGV catalog that you are following to review the FULL description of the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree, requirements include some of the following:

- ❑ **Degree, minimum hours, and GPA:** A minimum of **120** hours of work is required with a minimum institutional GPA of 2.0. Some major requirements exceed the minimum hours and/or may require a higher minimum grade point average.
- ❑ **Major and Minor GPA:** A minimum institutional GPA of 2.0 in the required hours for both the major and minor fields, or for the broad-field major, is required. Some majors and/or minors may require a higher minimum grade point average.
- ❑ **Core Curriculum Hours:** 42 hours of University core curriculum requirements must be satisfactorily completed.
- ❑ **Core First Year Writing Grade Requirement:** A minimum grade of C must be achieved in each of the required first year writing courses (ENGL 1301, 1302, or equivalent honors courses).
- ❑ **Core Math Courses Grade Requirement:** A minimum grade of C must be achieved in approved math courses in the general education core.
- ❑ **Advanced Hours Overall:** Must include a minimum of 42 hours of advanced-level (3000/4000) work. Some degrees require additional advanced hours.
- ❑ **Major Requirements:** Coursework must include a minimum of the following: 30 hours of work in a major field of concentration, 15 of which must be advanced.
- ❑ **Residency:** At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree must be earned through instruction offered by UTRGV. Transfer students may be required to complete additional hours above those on their degree plan to meet this requirement.

Contacting the Academic Advising Center and Your Assigned Academic Advisor

All currently enrolled seniors have their assigned academic advisor listed as part of their Success Team in EAB Navigate

Phone: 956-665-7120

Website: utrgv.edu/advising

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Academic Advising Center

Your Success Team



Bruseth, Caitlin
Advisor



Your Fall 2021 instructors



Canchola, Jorge
BIOL-2402 (95L), BIOL-2402 (EER)



Conatser, Phillip
KINE-4310 (02)



Montenegro, Maria
PSYC-2301 (93L)



Robles, Blanca
REHS-3331 (90L)





Degree Audit

Degree Audit Systems
and Support Office

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Degree Audit Process

- Once students file a graduation application, the ***Degree Audit team*** will complete a ***preliminary degree audit***.
- The purpose of completing a degree audit is to verify that students are on track to meet degree requirements for the semester they plan to graduate.
- The outcome of the degree audit will be sent to the students' UTRGV email.
- If the ***audit is showing deficiencies***, students are encouraged to meet with their faculty/academic advisor to identify best course of action to clear deficiencies.

Notification Letters

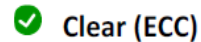


Fall 2023 Graduation Application Status

September 1, 2023

Dear Vaquero
Student ID: 0123456

Thank you for submitting a graduation application for the **Fall 2023** graduation term. The Degree Audit Systems and Support (DASS) team completed an initial degree audit of graduation requirements in *Degree Works*, and **you are currently meeting all graduation requirements; therefore**, your graduation status is:



Clear (ECC)

Based on your current graduation status your degree will be awarded after final grades post on your academic record and all degree requirements are verified as complete. To access DegreeWorks, log in to [ASSIST](#), select on Student Self Service>Student Profile>DegreeWorks.

In order for you to remain a degree candidate for the Fall 2023 graduation term, all degree requirements must be completed and verified. These include pending transcripts from transfer colleges/universities or credit by exam such as: Advanced Placement Test Scores (AP), CLEP Subject Examination credits, and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) credits. Please know that all courses currently in-progress must be completed successfully. Remember that Incomplete (I) or Not Reported (NR) grades will adversely impact the awarding of your degree.

Keep in mind this is a **preliminary update** on your graduation status, the DASS Team is still in the process of completing degree audits and **your graduation status might be subject to changes**. Students unable to clear degree requirements must submit a [Transfer Graduation Date](#) form via email to certification@utrgv.edu.

We highly encourage you to stay current with your UTRGV email as we will continue to communicate with you throughout the semester.

Sincerely,
Office of Degree Audit Systems and Support
certification@utrgv.edu



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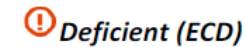


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Thank you for submitting a graduation application for the **Fall 2023** graduation term. The Degree Audit Systems and Support (DASS) team completed an initial degree audit of your graduation requirements in *Degree Works*, and **we have identified graduation requirements that may not be fulfilled at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 term**; therefore, your graduation status is:



Deficient (ECD)

Please log in to [ASSIST](#) to access *Degree Works* and review your degree requirements; unsatisfied requirements are marked in red text. To access DegreeWorks, log in to ASSIST, select Student Self Service>Student Profile>DegreeWorks.

Review your academic progress carefully and make plans to meet with your academic/faculty advisor to discuss your options, which may include petition to degree requirements, credit-by-exam testing, or graduating in a future semester.

Degree candidates in **deficient status** are encouraged to **resolve all pending graduation requirements by October 25, 2023**.

Degree candidates who do not satisfy pending graduation requirements by this date may need to change their graduation date to a future semester by completing a [Transfer Graduation Date](#) form and submit it via email to certification@utrgv.edu.

Important: An updated graduation date is needed to be considered for financial aid. If this form is not completed and your graduation date is not updated, you may jeopardize the opportunity to receive financial aid.

If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Advising Center by phone at (956) 665-7120 or via email at academicadvising@utrgv.edu.

We wish you all the best as you continue to work on completing your degree requirements.

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Degree Audit Process

- Once grades post at the end of each semester, the Degree Audit team will complete a ***final degree audit*** to verify that degree requirements have been completed.
 - If the ***final degree audit*** is showing deficiencies, students will be notified and will be required to complete a ***Transfer Graduation Date*** form if degree requirements will be completed in a subsequent semester.
- While the Degree Audit team checks degree audits for degree completion periodically and notifies students of deficiencies, ***it is ultimately the student's responsibility to register for and successfully complete degree requirements to graduate.***

Graduation vs. Commencement

- **Graduation** is the completion of all degree requirements as recorded on the official transcript.
- **Commencement** is the ceremony that celebrates the completion of a degree.
- Applying for graduation is required whether or not you attend the commencement ceremony. ***Participation in the commencement ceremony does not imply that you have officially graduated.***

Degree Works

- Online degree audit tool accessible through [ASSIST](#).
- Provides information on your progress to graduation.
- Allows direct information on pending requirements through hyperlinks to catalog information and course offerings.
- The Degree Audit team uses the Degree Works system to verify if degree requirements are completed.

Degree Requirements in Degree Works

X

Degree

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary (BIS)

Advanced search

Level Undergraduate

Classification Senior

Major Interdisciplinary Studies (RIND)

Concentration Elem Ed, Bilingual Education (REDB)

College Education & P-16 (EP)

Student ID

Institutional GPA 3.112

Academic Standing Good Standing

Holds D4 - 4 Drops out of 6 Remain

Core Completed 09/04/2020

TSI Status Met

Catalog Year 2018-2019

Academic

What-If

View historic audit
01/21/2022 at 1:45 PM UG/BIS

Format
Student View

Degree progress

97%

Institutional GPA
3.11

Requirements

☒ In-progress classes

☒ Preregistered classes

PROCESS

Header

- Monitor your **institutional GPA**. The minimum GPA requirement is a 2.0, some majors require a 2.5 GPA.
- Summary of your degree, college, **major, minor, and concentration**.
- If you are currently enrolled in required courses and your **degree progress percentage** indicates less than 98%, please contact your academic advisor.

Degree Requirements in Degree Works








Legend	
✓	Complete
ⓘ	Complete (with classes in-progress)
📋	Prerequisite
(R)	Repeated class
○	Not complete
ⓘ	Nearly complete - see advisor
@	Any course number

- Use the **LEGEND** to guide you as the icons are used throughout the plan to tell you what is complete, not complete, and nearly complete.

Major in Biology (BS) INCOMPLETE

Credits required: 47 Credits applied: 41 Catalog year: 2021-2022 GPA: 2.34

Unmet conditions for this set of requirements: 47 credits are required. You currently have 41, you still need 6 more credits.

	Course	Title	Grade	Credits	Term	Repeated
	A minimum 2.5 GPA is required in the major	Still needed:	Your GPA is 2.26; a GPA of 2.5 is required in the major			
	A minimum 15 advanced credits required					
	BIOLOGY FOUNDATION - 22 CREDITS					
	GENERAL BIOLOGY I					
	General Biology I	BIOL 1406	Gen Bio I	B	4	Fall 2018
	GENERAL BIOLOGY II					
	General Biology II	BIOL 1407	Gen Bio II	B	4	Fall 2019

- Any **PENDING** items will be displayed with **RED circle** to alerted you regarding the deficiency. Contact your academic advisor if you don't understand a pending requirement.
- Credits Applied** must be greater than or equal to the **credits required**. Minimum of 120 credits hours is required for MOST degree. Additional credits may be required if you declare additional majors and/or minors. Consult the undergraduate catalog for additional information.

Degree Requirements in Degree Works

Degree in Bachelor of Arts

INCOMPLETE

Credits required: 120 Credits applied: 155 Catalog year: 2018-2019 GPA: 3.18

You have taken 48 Advanced credits so far.

✓	Minimum 30 credits must be taken at UTRGV		
✓	42 Advanced credits required for the degree		
✓	You meet the minimum 2.0 institutional GPA requirement.		
✓	Major Specific General Education Core Requirements		
✓	General Education Requirements		
○	Major Requirements	Still needed:	See Major in Anthropology section
○	Minor Requirements	Still needed:	MINOR requirements are required but were not found
✓	Language Proficiency Requirements		


Blocks included in this block

[Liberal Arts Specific Gen. Ed. Core & Pre-reqs](#)
[Core Curriculum UTRGV 2018-2019](#)
[Major in Anthropology](#)
[Language Proficiency](#)
[Technical Courses Not Counted Toward UTRGV Degree](#)

- Not all majors require a **MINOR or CONCENTRATION**; however, if your degree plan requires a minor or a concentration and one has not been declared, the degree block will show if needed.
- To declare a minor or concentration, you must **contact your academic advisor**
- Once you **declare your minor/concentration**, a BLOCK will appear within your degree plan along with the requirements for the minor and/or concentration.

Degree EXCEPTIONS/PETITIONS in Degree Works

Exceptions					
Type	Description	Created on	Created by	Block	Enforced
Apply Here	Form 20557 Allow ANTH 4348 for ANTH 4355	05/01/2019	Guillen, Deborah	RA000109 was not found	No
Apply Here	Form 22721 Allow ENGL 4385 for ANTH 3375	08/16/2019	Guillen, Deborah	Minor in Folklore	Yes



- Once a course substitution/waiver is applied, it will appear in this section of Degree Works. The type of exception and the details are noted in this section.
- If you change your degree program it is likely that exceptions applied to the previous program will become unenforced. You will notice these listed at the bottom of the audit in the exceptions block with a “no” in the *Enforced* column.
- If you find exceptions that are not applying to audit requirements, contact your academic advisor or e-mail certification@utrgv.edu.

Petitioning Degree Requirements

In extreme circumstances, a student wishing **permission to deviate** in any way from degree requirements must have permission from the department chair and the dean of your college, at a minimum.

To **initiate** a course substitution/waiver:

- Schedule an appointment with your **academic advisor**
- Provide justification for request(s)
- Include supporting documentation
- Decision outcomes will be emailed to your UTRGV email account.

To **view** your course substitution/waiver **progression**:

- Review website which will explain the “Instructions for Submitting Requests”:
<https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/registration/course-substitution/index.htm>
- Log in using UTRGV credentials to view
- If unable to view, inquire with **U Central**

Don't Forget!

- Final graduation application deadline to be included in the Commencement Ceremony is **Friday, October 13**.
- Deadline to clear degree deficiencies is **Wednesday, October 25**.
 - Meet with your Faculty/Academic Advisor if you are still pending requirements to clear deficiencies.
- Check your UTRGV email for official notifications regarding your graduation status!

For Fall 2023 Commencement Participation, please contact the Office of the University Registrar at commencement@utrgv.edu



- For **Degree Plan** related questions regarding course substitutions/waivers, requirements, etc. please email us at certification@utrgv.edu.

All inquires MUST come from your **University e-mail account**. Your email should include the following information:

- Full name
- Student ID #
- Summary of question or issues
- Subject line should include: Name, ID & graduation application term.
- Copy (via Cc) the Academic Advising Center - academicadvising@utrgv.edu



Financial Aid

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If you borrowed student loans

- Repayment for your federal student loans will begin 6 months after graduation (if you were previously in repayment for other student loans, repayment will typically begin immediately after graduation)
- Your loan servicer will begin contacting you about 3 months after graduation so make sure they have your current contact information
- Not sure who your loan servicer is? Log on to <https://studentaid.gov>

SAVE Repayment Plan

The Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan is the newest income-driven repayment (IDR) plan. Like other IDR plans, the SAVE Plan calculates your monthly payment amount based on your income and family size. In addition, the SAVE Plan has unique benefits that will lower payments for many borrowers.

The SAVE Plan replaced the Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE) Plan. Borrowers on the REPAYE Plan automatically get the benefits of the new SAVE Plan.

www.studentaid.gov/SAVE

FAST FACTS

- The SAVE Plan is an **IDR plan**, so it bases your monthly payment on your income and family size.
- The SAVE Plan **lowers payments** for almost all people compared to other IDR plans because your payments are based on a smaller portion of your adjusted gross income (AGI).
- The SAVE Plan has an **interest benefit**: If you make your full monthly payment, but it is not enough to cover the accrued monthly interest, the government covers the rest of the interest that accrued that month. This means that the SAVE Plan prevents your balance from growing due to unpaid interest.
- More elements of SAVE will go into effect in summer 2024 and will lower payments even more for borrowers with undergraduate loans.

www.studentaid.gov/SAVE

Exit Loan Counseling

- The Department of Education **requires that you must complete** an online “Exit counseling session” at www.studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans
- Here you will learn more about different repayment plans, how to postpone your payments (if needed), and budgeting.
- Inceptia providing loan repayment outreach and financial literacy.

www.utrgv.edu/manageyourloans

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Repayment



Are you graduating, borrowed student loans and are worried about making payments? Perhaps your student loans are already in repayment and you are struggling to make those payments. Do not despair, there are several options available to help you stay on track and alleviate some of your worries. Let us begin with the following steps:

► **Step 1: Know who you owe**

► **Step 2: Explore your options**

► **Step 3: Taking Action**

Thinking of applying for Graduate School?

- Financial aid is available
- Things you need to do:
 - Complete a FAFSA application
 - Have a “cleared acceptance” into a graduate program
 - Notify your loan servicer (if you previously borrowed student loans) once you are enrolled

Financial Avenue

UTRGV has teamed up with [Inceptia](#) to give you a leg up on financial education via their online program, [Financial Avenue](#) which provides free courses along with smart resources to help you achieve your personal finance goals.

Access Code: **vaqueros**

Visit fa.financialavenue.org

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MONEY KNOWLEDGE SETS YOU FREE

Welcome to Financial Avenue, home of the Knowl – an owl with a wealth of money knowledge. Next to eating field mice, there's nothing the Knowl likes better than helping students – and anybody really – get smarter about money. So explore the site, take some courses, read some tips and share the Knowl with anyone who needs a little money knowledge.

[Find My School](#)

Select “Find My School”

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Curious what your tax return may be? Or if you might owe anything? This Tax Calculator can provide you with a littl... <https://t.co/J1TDnKKMEZ>

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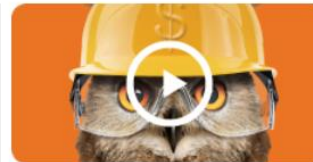
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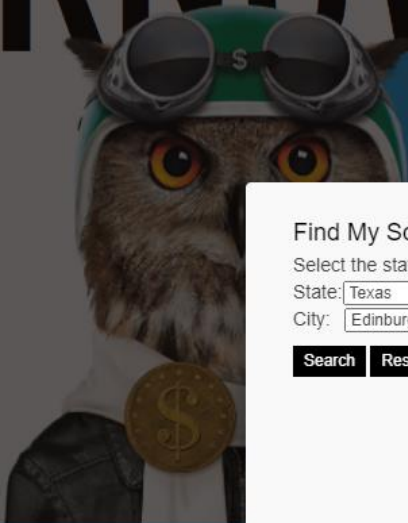


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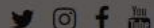
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You are enrolling in **University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley Financial Avenue**.

Please enter your Email:

Email

roman.silva@utrgv.edu

- ☒ I am a new user
- ☐ I already have a Inceptia login

Full Name

Roman Silva

☒ I agree to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#).

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Contact us

If you have additional questions or concerns and would like to speak to someone, feel free to contact:

Roman Silva

Financial Aid Coordinator

Email: roman.silva@utrgv.edu

Email: Manageyourloans@utrgv.edu

Phone: 956-665-2144



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❖ Memory Stole: \$42

❖ Tassel: \$5 - \$12.75

❖ Zipper Pull: \$10

❖ Honor Cords: \$12

❖ Diploma Frames: \$120/ \$200



*Graduation packages are available

Honors

Upon graduation, a student receiving a bachelor's degree is designated as graduating with "Honors" in accordance with the following standards based on his/her final total Grade Point Average:

Summa Cum Laude	GPA of 3.9 to 4.0
Magna Cum Laude	GPA of 3.7 to 3.89
Cum Laude	GPA of 3.5 to 3.69

Honors are listed in the commencement program and announced at commencement ceremonies based on the student's GPA following the last semester completed, and prior to completion of his/her last semester of coursework. An honors listing in the program does not guarantee graduation with honors upon calculation of the total GPA after the student's last semester has been completed. Honors achieved are noted on the student's diploma based on the final total GPA.

*Login to ASSIST and check your Degree Works or Email:
registrar@utrgv.edu



Contact your Campus Store!

www.bkstr.com/utrgvstore

Edinburg Campus

Store Manager: Priscilla Leija

1201 W. University Dr.

Library Room 101

Edinburg, TX 78539

Phone: (956) 665-2252

Brownsville Campus

Campus Store Leader: Dennise Leyva

83 Fort Brown St.

Brownsville, TX 78520

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Graduation Help Desk

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- Obstacles that may hinder graduation are identified.
- Student works with campus departments to clear the obstacle.
- If the department is unable to resolve the obstacle, then the situation can be elevated to the Graduation Help Desk via graduationhelpdesk@utrgv.edu



Parking Services

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Parking

- Parking balances should be cleared with Parking Services prior to graduating.
- To avoid a transcript hold you may clear pending citation balances online through our parking portal: utrgv.edu/myparking



Contact Us

BROWNSVILLE CAMPUS

BVAQP: Building A

956.882.7051

EDINBURG CAMPUS

EASFC 135

956.665.2738

utrgv.edu/pts

parking@utrgv.edu | transportation@utrgv.edu



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Testing Center

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CLEP

Students can earn course credit at UTRGV in a wide variety of subject areas through CLEP Subject Examinations, which are standardized computer-based 90-minute multiple-choice test.

IMPORTANT! UTRGV does not grant CLEP credit for a class where you have received a letter grade. CLEP credit cannot be used to clear Financial Aid deficiencies.

Score Reporting: Official Scores are reported to UTRGV through College Board. There is a 10-day grace period for scores to be posted to the student's account.

How To Register for an Exam

REGISTRATION

- Registration is only available online
- Visit utrgv.edu/p16/testing for online registration, test dates, and times

PAYMENT

- Exam fee \$93
- Seat fee \$25

SCORES

- Scores will be reported to the institution indicated

Graduate & Certification Exams

Graduate School Exams

- | | |
|---------------|-------|
| • GMAT | \$275 |
| • GRE | \$220 |
| • GRE Subject | \$150 |

Certification Exams

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| • Cisco (IT Certification) | Varies |
| • CompTIA (IT Certification) | Varies |
| • TExES Educator Certification | \$116 |
| • Texas Commission on Law Enforcement | \$40 |
| • Texas Department of Insurance | \$33 |
| • Texas Real Estate | \$54 |

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P16 Outreach & Testing Services

Contact Information

Brownsville

Saint Joseph's Academy

100 Saint Joseph Dr.

(956) 882-8875

brtesting@utrgv.edu

Edinburg

CESS

1407 E Freddy Gonzalez Dr.

(956) 665-7570

testing@utrgv.edu



Writing Center

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Services

The Writing Center is available to help graduates of UTRGV with:

- UTRGV Graduate Program Applications
- UTRGV Medical School or Physician Assistant Program Applications
- Scholarship Letters
- Personal Statements
- Professional Emails
- Graduate-level Writing Assignments
- Cover Letters
- Resumés
- CVs

Specifically, Writing Center Consultants can help you:

- Turn notes and ideas into drafts
- Brainstorm/ organize writing structure
- Recognize patterns of errors within a draft to enhance the strength of your writing
- Develop strategies to revise independently
- Develop personal statements, letters of intent, scholarship as well as program application essays, and cover and appeal letters

Services



ZOOM SESSIONS
(BY APPOINTMENT)



"SEND YOUR ASSIGNMENT"
(RECEIVE ASYNCHRONOUS
FEEDBACK BY EMAIL WITHIN 24-
48 HOURS)



IN-PERSON SESSIONS
(WALK-INS TUESDAY &
WEDNESDAY AND BY
APPOINTMENT)

SCHEDULE A SESSION: WWW.UTRGV.EDU/WRITINGCENTER



Contact Us

UTRGV Writing Center

utrgv.edu/writingcenter

wc@utrgv.edu

(956) 665-2538

ESTAC 3.119 & BLIBR 3.206



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Career Center

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

 For more information on Career Center, email careercenter@utrgv.edu



Programs and Services

Learn about various programs and services offered to UTRGV students and alumni.



Career Advising



Drop-In
Hours

Handshake

Resume/
Cover Letter
Critique

Mock
Interviews

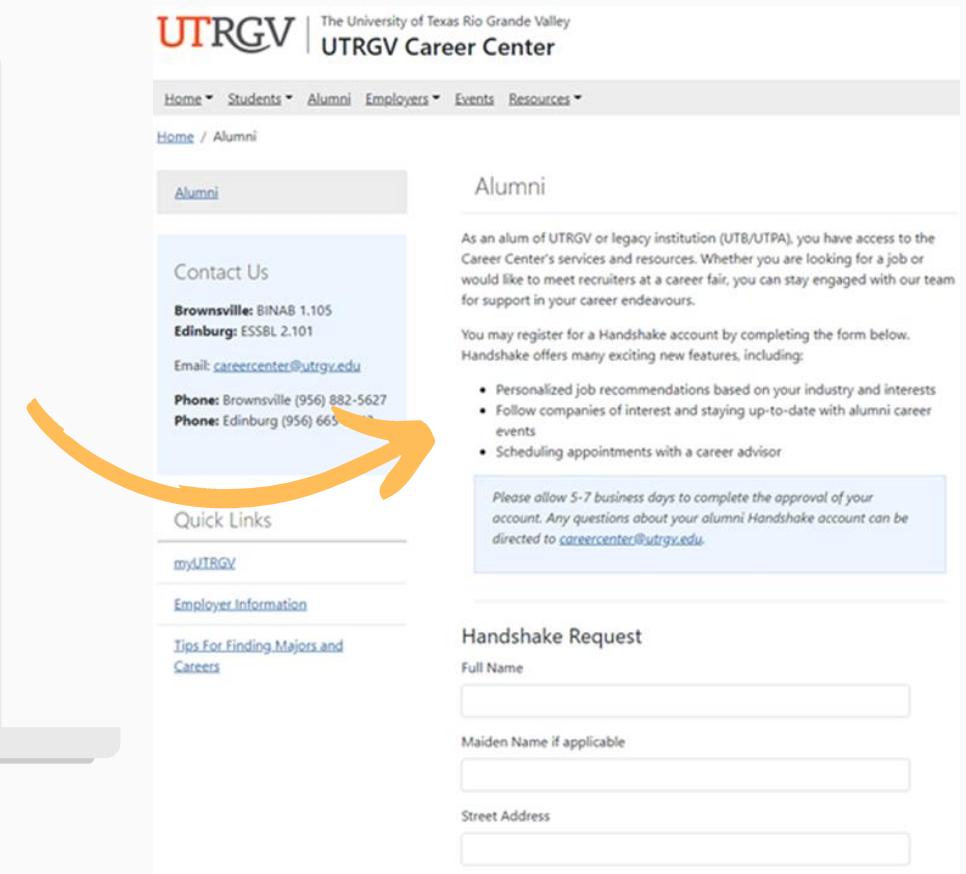
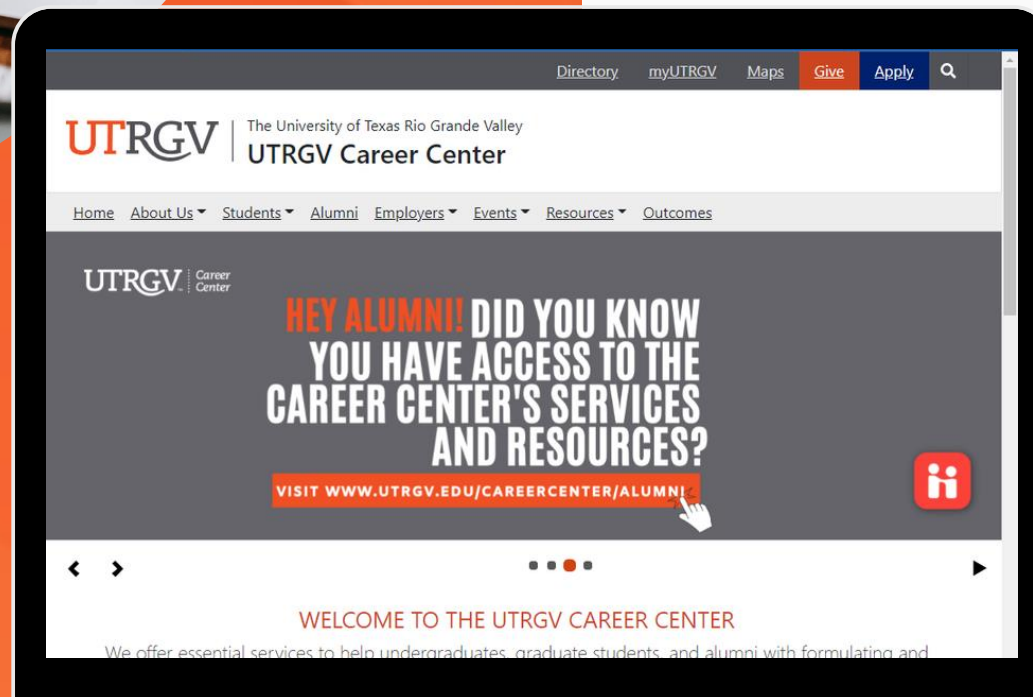
Career
Fairs

Internships

Grow
with
Google

Career
Closet

Transition your Handshake profile from Student to Alumni



Upcoming Career Fairs

1

Virtual

Hispanic Serving
Institutions:

Career Expo

Oct. 12

1:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Hosted on Handshake

2

Graduate &
Professional
School Fair

Nov. 1 (Brownsville)

Nov. 2 (Edinburg)

10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

University Ballroom

3

Teachers
Job Expo

Nov. 9 (Brownsville)

Nov. 10 (Edinburg)

9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

El Gran Salon

In person events will be held:
at both Brownsville & Edinburg
Campuses

Virtual events will be held:
Handshake Platform



Scan QR code
to register for
upcoming events





Brownsville:

Interdisciplinary Academic Building
(BINAB) 1.105
956-882-5627



Edinburg:

Student Academic Center
(ESTAC) 2.101
(956) 665-2243



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How can PEWD benefit me after graduation?

- Continuing education certificates, English Language Programs, Campus Food Security Initiative, and Workforce Development
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- Health & Fitness
- Education
- Information Science
- Business & Legal
- Test Prep (e.g., LSAT)
- Marketing & Creative Tech
- Leadership & Management
- Executive Education

English Language Programs

- Basic English Program (Edinburg & Brownsville)
- Semi-Intensive English Program (Edinburg & Brownsville)
- Intensive English Program (Edinburg)
- Conversation Club (Online)

A Coupon Code for You!

- Contact us at pewd@utrgv.edu to receive your coupon code!
- Enroll before you graduate to take one of these upcoming professional courses and receive 10% off:
 - Pharmacy Technician Program
 - Certificate in Human Resource Management
 - Certificate in Data Analytics
 - Bereavement Coordinator Certificate
 - LSAT Prep Course
 - Certificate in Business Writing
 - Real Estate Certificate Program



The Graduate College

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Graduate Programs

63

**Master's
Degrees**

11

**Doctoral
Degrees**

40+

**Certificate
Programs**

How to Apply

- 1) **Apply** at utrgv.edu/gradapply
- 2) **Submit** required documents
 - › Application process is 100% online
- 3) You're on your way to joining the Graduate College family!

Common Application Materials

- › All academic transcripts*
- › References/Recommendations
- › Personal Statement/Letter of Intent
- › Resume
- › GRE/GMAT (waived for most programs through Summer 2024)

Spring 2024
Priority Application
Deadline
January 5th

Spring Module I 2024
Priority Application
Deadline
December 27

Graduate Funding

Financial Aid

Applicants interested in Financial Aid will need:

- › Clear admittance into program
- › Enroll in 6 credit hours per semester (3 per module)
- › Submit of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Scholarships

UTRGV General Scholarships

- › utrgv.edu/applyscholarships/

Graduate Scholarships

- › utrgv.edu/gradscholarships

Assistantships

- › Available options can be found through your Program Coordinator or at careers.utrgv.edu
- › Up to 20 hours per week

Additional Aid Options

- › External Scholarships
- › Veteran Benefits
- › Continued Education/Employee Benefits

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\$1,000 Graduate Select Scholarship

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Join us for a FREE lunch info session to learn more!

**Edinburg Campus
Tues. Oct. 17 @ 12pm**



**Brownsville Campus
Wed. Oct. 18 @ 12pm**



Contact Us

Office of Graduate Recruitment

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UTRGV Tradition

It is never too late to purchase your class ring.

RING CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 14 - Edinbug PAC

Thursday, November 16 - Brownsville Gran Salon

*Open to ALL students and alumni who
purchased an official UTRGV ring from
Jostens.*



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Resources



UTRGV Career Center

- Available to all alums
- Register for access to Handshake with personal email
- Resume Reviews, Mock Interviews, Elevator Pitch, and more!
- Access to Virtual and In-person Career Expos



Entrepreneurship & Commercialization Center

- Discount Alumni pricing
- Business incubation programs
- Commercialization assistance
- Access to knowledge educational courses
- Support for start-ups



Alumni Events

- Update your contact information
- Alumni Mixers
- Social Media recognition
- And more!

Your one-stop shop for any questions answered after graduation!



Lifelong Learning

- FREE Webinars exclusive to alumni
- Professional and Personal developments



Vaquero Marketplace

- Local and national retailer discounts; AMC Theaters, Amazon, Dell, Nike, Office Depot, Sea World, and more!

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- Alumni Relations

Let us know what you are up to after graduation, for an opportunity to be featured in social media or our communication, and we'll also answer your questions!



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