

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley™

SEIZE THE MOMENT

& DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES







As UTRGV embarks on a new journey of “Research Excellence,” we are meticulously working on strategic, tactical, and operational initiatives that will enable interdisciplinary research, faculty research development, and enriched scholarly activities across the institution.

From this perspective, the Graduate College plays a key role by providing students with the highest-quality graduate education opportunities, including outstanding academic experiences in cutting-edge research and professional development.

Dr. Can (John) Saygin

Senior Vice President for Research and
Dean of the Graduate College

**UTRGV Enrolls Students from
72 Different Countries.**

OUR TOP 5 INCLUDE:



MEXICO



GHANA



BANGLADESH



NIGERIA



INDIA





THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley no longer remains Texas' hidden gem. As a respected public institution, we have the resources that enable our students to excel in their studies and to take on the world. With over 60 graduate programs, UTRGV is a place where you can make your goals a reality.

We have an insatiable appetite for innovation while reflecting on our rich history and its valuable lessons. We are dreamers who become doers, and evolve into achievers who live for change.

In one building our students are lighting up the world — and the cosmos — with their research in gravitational waves. In another, students are working with award-winning faculty to find new ways to treat and prevent common diseases through the principles of genetics and genomics. These are just SOME of the things our graduate students are up to.

This is your opportunity to step up, and advance your career.

JOIN THE VAQUERO FAMILY, AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

THE UTRGV VAQUEROS

AN IDENTITY THAT GOES BEYOND A NAME

Want to know you're supported?

At UTRGV our faculty and staff are always there
to answer your questions and provide solutions.

Our goal is to deliver the best educational
experience — that's our promise to you.

Vision
Approachability
Quality of Service
Unity
Engagement
Responsiveness
Optimization
Solution Oriented

Our attitude is
**Unafraid,
Unstoppable,
and Unbeatable.**



Our Color Palette is

ORANGE **GRAY** & **WHITE**



MORE THAN A UNIVERSITY

THIS IS YOUR LAUNCHPAD TO SUCCESS!

LEARN AND SPECIALIZE

What do you want to specialize in? A physician who makes a positive impact on patients' everyday lives. A cybersecurity professional who creates a new way to protect networks when they told you it wouldn't work. With over 60 graduate programs, we have something for everyone who wants to challenge the status quo. This is your moment to find your purpose, pick your specialization, sharpen your skills, and conquer the world.

PUTTING THE PRO IN PROFESSORS

Our professors bridge the gap in teaching and application of industry knowledge by linking the curriculum with theory and practice. We bring the best experienced and industry experts to teach in an academic setting where students leave with a plethora of knowledge and experience. UTRGV offers more than professors, we pair you with industry pros.

WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH

Does the entrepreneur in you have a great start-up idea? Pitch it at the yearly Big Idea Competition, a Shark Tank-like competition that helps student launch their ventures. Maybe you're ready to present your research at the Graduate College's 3MT Competition. Perhaps you want to join the team of students behind the Virtual Screening Drug Discovery tool, a technique used for biological testing.



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

In 2020, UTRGV earned the Carnegie R2 distinction, an indication of a high activity of impactful research. That's a pretty big deal for an academic institution that was born in 2015 — **and we're just getting started.**

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM AND BECOME A PRO

Programs listed in the next page



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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- Accountancy (MACC)^{1 2}
- Advanced Business Administration
Certificate^{1 2}
- Business Administration (MBA)^{1 2}
 - Specializations:*
 - Accounting¹
 - Business Analytics¹
 - Entrepreneurship¹
 - Financial Planning¹
 - Health Care Administration¹
 - Human Resource Management¹
 - International Trade¹
 - Marketing¹
- Business Administration (PhD)²
 - Concentrations:*
 - Accounting²
 - Finance²
 - Information Systems²
 - Management²
 - Marketing²
- Entrepreneurship Certificate¹
- Global Trade Management (MS)¹
- Healthcare Administration Leadership
Certificate¹
- Healthcare Analytics Certificate¹
- Human Resource Management (MS)¹
- International Sustainability Management
Certificate¹
- Pre-MBA Certificate^{1 2}
- Business Analytics (MS)¹
 - Specialization:*
 - Healthcare Analytics¹
- Business Analytics Certificate¹

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION

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- Bilingual Education (MEd)³
 - Specializations:*
 - Biliteracy³
 - Dual Language³
 - Educational Leadership³
 - ESL³
 - Mexican American Studies³
- Counseling (MEd)²
 - Specializations:*
 - Clinical Mental Health Counseling²
 - School Counseling²

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION *Cont.*

- Curriculum and Instruction (EdD)³
 - Specializations:*
 - Bilingual Studies³
 - Curriculum and Pedagogical Generalist³
 - Educational Technology³
 - Literacy³
 - Mathematics Education³
 - Science Education³
 - Special Education³
- Curriculum and Instruction (MEd)¹
 - Content Specializations:*
 - Elementary Math and Science Education¹
 - Mathematics Education¹
 - English¹
- Early Childhood (MEd)²
- Educational Diagnostician Certification³
- Educational Leadership (EdD)²
 - Concentrations:*
 - Higher Education Administration²
 - PK-12 Administration²
 - Special Education²
- Educational Leadership (MEd)¹
- Educational Technology (MEd)¹
- E-Learning (Certificate)¹
- Higher Education Administration (MA)¹
- Online Instructional Designer (Certificate)¹
- Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (Counseling)²
- Reading and Literacy (MEd)³
 - Concentrations:*
 - Biliteracy³
 - Digital Literacy³
 - Reading Specialist³
 - English/Adolescent Literacy³
- Reading Specialist Certification³
- School Psychology (MA)²
- Secondary Bilingual Education Certificate³
- Special Education (MEd)¹
- Superintendent Certification²
- Teaching (MAT)³
 - Concentrations:*
 - Bilingual Education³
 - Curriculum Generalist³
 - Special Education³
- Teacher Leadership (MEd)¹
- Technology Leadership in Education
Certificate¹

INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD

¹ Accelerated Online

² Traditional On-Campus

³ Traditional Online

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Biomedical Engineering (MS)²
 Civil Engineering (MS)²
 Computer Science (MS)²
 Computer Science with Interdisciplinary
 Applications (PhD)²
 Cyber Security Certificate²
 Electrical Engineering (MSE)²
 Engineering Management (MS)^{2 3}
 Informatics Certificate²
 Informatics (MS)²
 Manufacturing Engineering (MSE)²
 Energy Manufacturing Engineering
 and Innovation Embedded Certificate²
 Materials Science and Engineering (PhD)²
 Materials Certificate²
 Mechanical Engineering (MSE)²
 Concentrations:
 General Concentration²
 Materials Engineering²
 Mechanics and Design Certificate²
 Thermal-Fluid Sciences Certificate²

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

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Art (MFA)²
 Concentrations:
 2D Studio Art²
 3D Studio Art²
 Design²
 Creative Writing (MFA)²
 Design Certificate²
 Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Art
 History (MAIS)²
 Latin American Art History Certificate
 Music (MM)²
 Concentrations:
 Conducting²
 Ethnomusicology²
 Multiple Instrument Performance²
 Music Education²
 Performance²
 Theory-Composition²

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

utrgv.edu/coha

Bilingual Counseling Certificate³
 Clinical Laboratory Sciences Certificate¹
 Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)²
 Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS)²
 Dietetics (MS)²
 Doctor of Physical Therapy²
 Exercise Science (MS)²

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS *Cont.*

Expressive Arts Therapy Certificate³
 Health Sciences (MS)¹
 Concentrations:
 Clinical Laboratory Sciences¹
 Health Professions Education
 and Technology¹
 Healthcare Administration¹
 Healthcare Informatics¹
 Nutrition¹
 Health Science Nutrition Certificate¹
 Healthcare Informatics Certificate¹
 Health Professions Education and
 Technology Certificate¹
 Kinesiology (MS)¹
 Concentrations:
 Physical Education¹
 Health Professions Education and Technology¹
 Sport Management¹
 Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)²
 Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)²
 Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate
 (Rehabilitation and Counseling)²
 Rehabilitation Counseling (PhD)²

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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Advanced Placement Spanish Literature
 Certificate³
 Applied Behavioral Analysis Certificate²
 Bioethics (MS)³
 Clinical Psychology (MA, PhD)²
 Communication (MA)²
 Communication Training and Consulting
 Certificate²
 Court Interpreting Certificate³
 Criminal Justice (MS)^{1 2}
 Disaster Management and Sustainability
 Certificate (MS)³
 Disaster Studies (MA)²
 English (MA)²
 Concentrations:
 English Studies²
 Linguistics²
 Literature and Cultural Studies²
 Rhetoric, Composition and Literacy²
 English as a Second Language (MA)²
 Experimental Psychology (MA)²
 Gender and Women's Studies Certificate²
 Healthcare Interpreting Certificate³
 History (MA)²
 Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)²
 Concentrations:
 Anthropology²
 History²
 English²
 Mexican American Studies²

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS *Cont.*

Literary Translation Certificate ³
Localization and Audiovisual Translation Certificate ³
Media Relations and Strategic Communication Certificate ²
Mexican American Studies Certificate ²
Political Science (MA) ²
 Concentrations:
 Governance and Policy Process ²
 World and Borderland Politics ²
Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (MA Clinical Psychology & PhD Clinical Psychology) ²
Public Affairs (MPA) ^{1 2}
 Concentrations:
 Global Security Studies and Leadership ²
 Public Administration ^{1 2}
 Public Policy ²
Sociology (MS) ²
Spanish (MA) ²
 Concentrations:
 Creative Writing ²
 Latin American and Peninsular Literature ²
 Linguistics ²
Spanish Translation and Interpreting (MA, Cert.) ³

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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Agricultural, Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (MS) ²
Applied Statistics and Data Science (MS) ^{2 3}
Chemistry (MS) ²
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MS) ²
Biology (MS) ²
 Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Biology Embedded Certificate ²
Physics (MS, PhD) ²
Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Physics (MSIS) ²
Mathematics (MS) ^{2 3}
 Concentrations:
 Applied Mathematics ^{2 3}
 Mathematics ^{2 3}
 Statistics ^{2 3}
 Mathematics Teaching ^{2 3}
Mathematics and Statistics with Interdisciplinary Applications (PhD) ²
Ocean, Coastal, and Earth Sciences (MS) ²

SCHOOL OF NURSING

utrgv.edu/nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN) ²
Nursing Practice (DNP) ³
Post Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate ²
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate ³

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

utrgv.edu/social-work

Social Work (MSSW) - 33 Hour Program ^{2 3}
 Concentrations:
 Administration and Community Practice ³
 Direct Practice with Latino Individuals, Families, and Groups ^{2 3}
Social Work (MSSW) - 63 Hour Program ^{2 3}
 Concentrations:
 Administration and Community Practice ³
 Direct Practice with Latino Individuals, Families, and Groups ^{2 3}
Primary Care Behavioral Health Certificate (Social Work) ²
 Sustainable Community Health Promotion in Social Work Embedded Certificate ^{2 3}

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

utrgv.edu/school-of-medicine

Human Genetics (PhD) ²



STAY CURRENT WITH
**UTRGV GRADUATE
PROGRAMS**



FINISH AT THE TOP

NO MATTER WHERE YOU START

MOVE FORWARD ON YOUR TERMS

ACCELERATED ONLINE PROGRAMS

Our accelerated online programs are designed for busy professionals who are in the fast lane and slowing down isn't an option. With six start dates a year, seven-week courses, and an educational partner that ensures you get your degree, you can graduate in as little as 10 months. Learn from the same faculty, and graduate with the same degree as our on-campus students.

TRADITIONAL ONLINE PROGRAMS

If you're looking to get a graduate degree at your pace but need the convenience of online, look no further than our traditional (16-week courses) online graduate programs. Complete a course in the morning or afternoon, complete the entire semester from the comfort of your home. Our online programs help you get there on your terms.

ON CAMPUS PROGRAMS

UTRGV's campus is where you'll have access to state-of-the-art equipment that will help you answer the big questions. Conduct cutting-edge research at any of our 17 research centers or institutes. It's where you will find friendships that will last a life-time. It's the place where you will advocate for what matters, while learning from students from all over the world. It's a the-sky's-the-limit campus, right outside your door.



FIND YOUR VIBE AND YOUR TRIBE

There's nothing quite like grabbing an iced-coffee in the Union, and planning an afternoon with friends. Whether you're a music lover, a sports enthusiast, or an art geek, you can find it all on campus. A lively campus, it combines music, art, culture, food, and just a bit of South-Texas uniqueness that makes this place special.





CAMPUS SAFETY

Campus safety and comfort are the highest priorities at UTRGV. The BroncTrail and walkways are always lit ensuring students get to campus events, eateries, and classes safely. Emergency telephones are located throughout the campus locations in most parking lots and all elevators, they are monitored and answered by the University Police Department 24 hours a day.

LIVIN' IT UP IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY



RIO GRANDE CITY


EDINBURG

MCALLEN

HARLINGEN

BROWNSVILLE

SOUTH PADRE
ISLAND



A South Texas region hugged by the powder-soft beaches of South Padre Island, and the unique bicultural community of the Tex-Mex border — **we're all about beautiful contrast.**
A place where you'll trade your sweaters for swimwear.

It's easy to explain the appeal of the RGV. Students from all over the world will tell you it's got the best of everything: **affordable housing** on and off-campus, small town living with Big City conveniences, welcoming smiles, and mouth-watering food. No matter what part of the world you're coming from, you'll find the **area comforting, and a friendly community.**

THE CAMPUS CONNECTION

You will do more than just call it a home when you live on campus. This is the place where you will meet like-minded friends from within your program and outside of it. This is more than academics, this is about creating memories, and moments with students who will soon become your professional network.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you're going to change the world, you'll need to keep your body, and mind nourished. Enjoy a well-balanced — and scrumptious — meal that's going to keep your body feeling fuller throughout the day with meal plans designed for your needs at our Edinburg or Brownsville campuses.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Have a special diet or food request? Our food service department is here to accommodate your needs including: Gluten-Free, Vegan, Vegetarian, and dietary needs for those with allergies.

SUSTAINABILITY ISN'T JUST A BUZZWORD IT'S IN OUR DNA

- We harvest produce in our community/research garden and it's certified organic by USDA standards
- The produce is first sold at the on-campus farmer's market, and anything that remains is taken to the Food Pantry where it is stored in refrigerators until it is picked up by students
- Meatless Mondays
- Trayless dining to reduce food waste.
- Styrofoam free



OUR RESIDENCY HALLS

OFFER ROOM OPTIONS FROM
TWO TO FOUR OCCUPANTS

1. Heritage Hall
2. Unity Hall
3. The Village Apartments
4. Casa Bella Apartments



EACH HALL HAS



WiFi
Access



Free
Laundry



Computer
Lab



Kitchenette
Area



Recreation
Rooms



WHY UTRGV?

#1

University
IN TEXAS

- WASHINGTON MONTHLY 2023 & 2024

#1

IN TEXAS

for Lowest Net Price

- WASHINGTON MONTHLY 2022

TOP

10 BEST

Online Colleges
in Texas

- EDSMART.ORG 2021

V IS FOR VALUE

Obtaining an education shouldn't burden your wallet for years to come. **At UTRGV, it won't.**

Once you're part of our UTRGV family, our goal is to help ease the financial burden so you concentrate on what's important — your education.

UTRGV has consistently ranked #1 by nationally esteemed outlets such as the U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly, for its graduation rates, student satisfaction, affordability, and post-graduate success.



SCHOLARSHIPS

UTRGV offers excellent scholarships for international students who want to study at our university. After being admitted into the Graduate College students can be awarded scholarships based on need, merit, and other criteria.

EXPLORE OUR SCHOLARSHIPS AT:

utrgv.edu/gradscholarships

APPROXIMATELY
82%

of our students
receive some
form of financial
assistance.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

In addition to working alongside award-winning faculty, assistantships give you real-world professional experience, monetary stipends, and in some cases a in-states tuition waiver.

IN-STATE TUITION WAIVER

UTRGV is proud to offer waivers for international students who are classified as a non-resident for tuition purposes under the following: competitive scholarships, graduate assistantships, and on certain visa types.

This means you get a top-tier education at a low cost.

OVER **\$8.7 MILLION** AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
LAST YEAR TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

ESTIMATED TUITION RATES FOR FALL 2024-SUMMER 2025

Traditional (16-Week Semester) Programs		
Residency	Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Per 9-Credit-Hour Semester
Texas Resident	\$1,645.80	\$4,335.00
Non-Resident/International	\$2,875.80	\$8,025.00
Accelerated Online (7-Week Term) Programs		
Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Average Program Cost	No Additional Fees!!
\$1,333.32 - \$1,416.66	\$15,000	
Tuition for Accelerated Programs stays the same regardless of residency!		

GET STARTED, GET AHEAD!

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLY NOW



STEP 1

Complete your graduate application at utrgv.edu/gradapply



STEP 2

Get your foreign transcript/s evaluated by a credential evaluation service company



Scan the QR code for a step-by-step guide



STEP 3

Get a certified English translation of your educational records



STEP 4

Submit English Proficiency Exam Scores



STEP 5

Submit all other documents requested by the program. Review requirements at utrgv.edu/gradprograms

For information on applying, approved credential evaluation services, test scores, and much more please visit:



utrgv.edu/internationalapply



AFTER YOU'RE ADMITTED

ACTIVATE YOUR UTRGV EMAIL

After being admitted, you will receive an email from the UTRGV IT Department, which includes important information for activating your UTRGV account

REQUEST YOUR I-20

Once you have been admitted, make sure to request your I-20. The International Student Services is here to assist you with any questions you may have about the process.

For detailed information please visit utrgv.edu/f1-visa



utrgv.edu/f1-visa

PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT

From helping you with airport information, to finding UTRGV once you land, our webinars and other resources will help you prepare effectively before you arrive on campus.



UTRGVTM

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