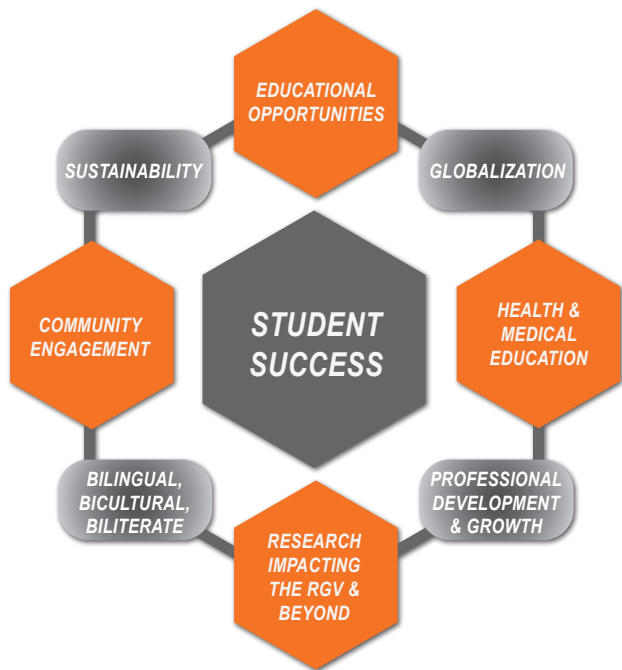


The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ALIGNS WITH UTRGV'S MISSION, VISION, & CORE PRIORITIES.

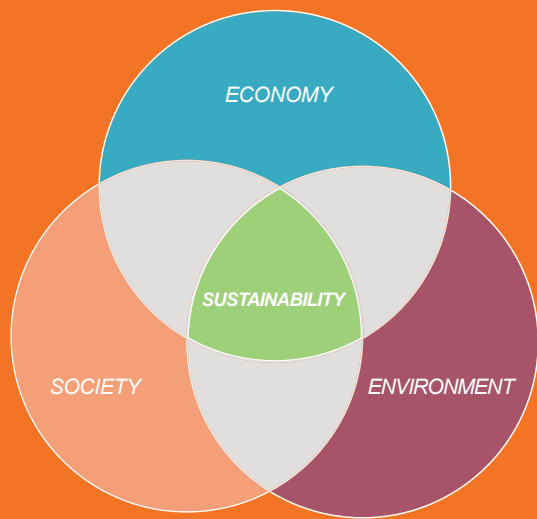
TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

UTRGV'S MISSION:

To transform the Rio Grande Valley, the Americas, and the world through an innovative and accessible educational environment that promotes student success, research, creative works, health and well-being, community engagement, **sustainable development**, and commercialization of university discoveries.

"Education for Sustainable Development (hereafter referred to as 'ESD') is an interdisciplinary approach to learning that covers the integrated social, economic and environmental dimensions of the formal and informal curriculum. ESD is a pedagogical approach that can help staff assist graduates who wish to develop the skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to an environmentally and ethically responsible society, and pursue a career that reflects those values."
- Higher Education Academy

"Sustainable Development means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." (Brundtland, 1987)



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IS A SYSTEMIC APPROACH.

ESD works with a primary focus on equipping students with sustainability knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes. Staff and students work together on concepts of 'global citizenship' and 'environmental stewardship', whilst considering issues of social justice and retaining a view towards the future.

"All graduates in all fields will face challenges regarding how our societies address urgent environmental issues (e.g. climate change), social issues (e.g. meeting basic human needs) and economic issues (e.g. economic security). Incorporating sustainability into education prepares these graduates with both the knowledge and skills to help contribute to a better world and also be better prepared to enter the workforce."
- Sustainable Development Primer for Higher Education Presidents, Chancellors, Trustees and Senior Leaders

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS A GLOBAL EFFORT.

The United Nations has developed 17 Goals for Sustainable Development (hereafter referred to as SDG's) to guide nations and their citizens towards a more peaceful society, healthy environment, and strong global economy.

Using the 17 SDG's as a guide makes it easy to understand the interconnective opportunities our Colleges and Departments have in providing transformational leadership through programs and research initiatives that contribute to Regional and Global Sustainable Development.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS IN OUR HANDS!

As the University grows and expands, it is within our interest that every department, college, office, and organization identify their own contributions for sustainable development.

- Consider what the concepts of global citizenship and environmental stewardship mean in the context of your discipline and in your students' future professional and personal lives
- Think about issues of social justice, ethics and wellbeing, and how these relate to ecological and economic factors
- Develop a future-facing outlook; learning to think about the consequences of actions, and how systems and societies can be adapted to ensure sustainable futures.