

Jumpstart

UTRGV SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM



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We understand that not all students admitted to UTRGV will be college ready in all areas when they join our family. But we are confident that, with a little extra support, all of our students can be prepared to begin their studies this fall. So we've designed a pathway that will help these students get started early and begin their success at UTRGV now.

PATHWAY FOR UTRGV STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT YET COLLEGE READY

Students who are not yet college ready in reading, writing and/or math (because they have not passed one or more areas of the TSI Assessment and do not meet exemption standards) will be allowed to enroll in coursework at UTRGV through the following pathway:

- Students who have fewer than 24 credit hours in a college setting who are not yet college ready in reading, writing, and/or math will be required to attend and finish a summer bridge program in Edinburg or Brownsville designed to give them a jumpstart on their college careers and help them become college ready in the designated area(s). There will be an assessment at the conclusion of the program to determine readiness.
- If students finish the bridge program, but still aren't quite college ready, they will be allowed to enroll in UTRGV courses in fall, but must enroll in a co-requisite developmental course which will be linked to a college-level English and/or math course. That way, students won't get behind their peers and will still be on track to graduate in 4 years.

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TIME: Summer 2017 (5 week summer term with required kick-off events several days before the term begins)

DETAILS: Students will enroll in developmental coursework based on area(s) of need: 3 hours of integrated reading/writing and/or 3 hours of math.

COST: Students will pay regular tuition and fees and should apply for financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. Their deadline is June 30, 2017. Limited scholarship funding will be available, and a completed 2016-2017 FAFSA must be on file to be considered.

SUPPORT: Students will have access to top-notch math and English faculty, designated program tutors, and peer mentors, all of whom are dedicated to helping these students.

REMINDER: Students must test (or show exemptions) in all three areas of reading, writing, and math before they will be allowed to register for classes and sign up for the Jumpstart program.

For more information or for special accommodations, contact Cynthia Saldivar (956-882-7483) at the UTRGV University College or email jumpstart@utrgv.edu.