

The logo for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), featuring the letters 'UTRGV' in a white, sans-serif font with a small trademark symbol, set against a dark background.

COUNSELOR UPDATE

BROWNSVILLE - EDINBURG - MCALLEN - HARLINGEN - SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Dara Newton

Associate Vice President for Strategic Enrollment

Andrea Yen

Director Undergraduate Recruitment

Local Freshman Team- Hidalgo



Jesus Buitron

- Edinburg CISD
- Math and Science Academy (UTRGV)



Sam Aparicio

- Hidalgo
- La Joya
- La Villa
- McAllen
- Mission
- Sharyland



Valerie Reyes

- Donna
- Edcouch Elsa
- Mercedes
- PSJA
- Progreso
- Weslaco

Local Freshman Team- Cameron/Willacy



Aaron Reyes

- Harlingen
- La Feria
- Lasara
- Los Fresnos
- Lyford
- Raymondville
- San Benito

OPEN

- Brownsville ISD
- Port Isabel

Freshman Team- continued



Zachery
Espinoza

- Starr County
- Laredo
- Coastal Bend



Brenda
Rodriguez

- El Paso

Local Transfer Team



Carlo Tamayo

Associate Director



Veronica Flores

- TSC
- TSTC

Larry Montalvo

- STC

Transfer Cont.



Krystal
Marroquin

- Laredo College
- Del Mar College
- Coastal Bend

Regional Team



Andi Scott

Associate Director
Dallas/ Fort Worth



Ruby Rodriguez
San Antonio/ Houston
• Freshman

Open
San Antonio/ Houston
• Transfer

Meet your Rep @2pm

- Zoom meetings to chat with the Outreach Representative assigned to your school
- Great for new staff or if you've never met your rep!

New Academic Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security
- Early Assurance Programs
 - Vaqueros MD (School of Medicine)
 - PACT (Physicians Assistant Career Track)
- Physical Therapy

UTRGV Accomplishments

- Rank #1 in Texas and #17 in the US for Social Mobility



Fall Events- Virtual

- Financial Aid and Scholarships Night
 - October 13-16 (ISD Based)
- Discover UTRGV
 - October 24 & November 14
- Honors College Night
 - November 19
- Transfer Tuesday
 - Sept. 29, Oct. 27 & Nov. 24

TACRAO Day Night Schedule

- All College Fairs in Texas have moved to a virtual experience
- Rio Grande Valley Virtual Fairs
 - September 28 – October 1
 - 9am – 11am, 1pm – 3pm, 6pm - 8pm
- High School Students, Transfer Students, Parents, & Counselors encouraged to create log-ins
- TACRAO Virtual College Fair Site
<https://falltacrao.swoogo.com/2020Virtual>

336 and counting Virtual College Booths to date

Campus Tours

- Opening Mid September
 - Prospective Student- On Campus
 - 1 student and 2 family members per tour
 - Prospective Student- Virtual
 - Daily at 3pm through Zoom
- Group Tours- Virtual Only
 - Starting October

Schedule with an Outreach Rep

- Classroom Presentations
- Application Drive
- FAFSA Drive
- Individual Appointments
- Materials Pick Up/ Drop Off

Vaquero Connection

- www.utrgv.edu/recruitment
- Listserv and Newsletter (Launching Soon!)
- Counselor Portal
- Find you Recruiter
- Counselor Update Events and Materials

Fall 2020 Enrollment

30,000+ Students Strong

Largest Entering Freshmen Class

*Watch Next Week for Our Exciting Enrollment
Announcement

Director Undergraduate Admissions

Marybel Villasenor Garcia

Reminder: New for Fall 2020

- Superscoring for SAT starting with applications for Fall 2020
 - Highest score per section – all test dates matter!

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math	Total Score	Test Date
400	350	750	8/1/2019
380	500	880	9/1/2019
400	500	900	Superscore

New for Fall 2021

- Superscoring for ACT starting with applications for Fall 2021.
- The ACT Superscore takes the average of the four best subject scores from each ACT test attempted.

TEST DATE	ENGLISH SCORE	MATH SCORE	READING SCORE	SCIENCE SCORE	COMPOSITE SCORE
APRIL	19	20	23	21	21
JUNE	22	22	20	22	22
SEPTEMBER	20	23	21	21	21

TEST DATE	BEST ENGLISH SCORE	BEST MATH SCORE	BEST READING SCORE	BEST SCIENCE SCORE	SUPERSCORE
COMBINED	22	23	23	22	23

How to Apply

• Freshman Applicants

- ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)
- Essay (1 topic)
- ACT/SAT scores (optional)
- High School transcript or high school equivalency certificate
- Texas Private High School Certification form (if attended private HS in Texas)

How to Apply

- **International Applicants (additional requirements)**
 - Foreign credential evaluation – FCSEA/WES (if attended foreign high school)
 - English language proficiency – TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo (if attended foreign high school)
 - \$50 application fee (International applicants only)

How to Apply

- **Transfer Applicants**

- ApplyTexas (Domestic/International)
- College Transcripts
- \$50 application fee (International applicants only)

Admissions - Reminders

- Applications for Fall 2021 available August 1st, 2020
- Priority Deadline for Fall 2021: February 1st, 2021
- Decision notifications will start going out in October.
- Encourage students with Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores to send them to UTRGV. Scores can be considered in holistic review.
- Encourage students who have Dual Credit to send college transcript to UTRGV, credit can be considered in holistic review.

Admissions - Reminders

- High school transcript must contain GPA, ranking (if applicable), graduation plan, junior year completed.
- TRENCH transcripts preferred.
- If the school does not rank or the student hasn't taken the ACT or SAT exam, it is extremely important to send the Dual Credit college transcript, if available.

Admissions - Reminders

- Appeal process available through www.utrgv.edu/appeals
- PLAN and PSAT/NMSQT could be considered for appeal
- Appeal must be written by student and must be an explanation of high school performance and steps taken to remedy the situation. Additional academic information can be included.

Admissions - Reminders

- High school seniors that choose to attend another college/university after graduation, are eligible to apply to UTRGV as Transfer students for a later term.
- Transfer students must have an overall 2.0 GPA for admission and must submit transcripts from all college/universities attended.
- If transfer student has less than 24 earned hours, student must also submit ACT/SAT scores and final high school transcript.

Admissions - Reminders

- Non-TREX transcripts can be uploaded by counselor through counselor portal or by student through the student portal.
<https://enrollment.utrgv.edu/documentcentral>

Needed for Enrollment:

- Proof of TSI assessment and proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or exemptions are not considered during the admission decision process. These items are required as part of the enrollment process and are needed at time of orientation/registration.

Communication to Students

- Applicants will receive:
 - Email acknowledging application receipt
 - Email with UTRGV credentials (for first time applicants)
 - Emails and Letters about missing documents
 - Email and Letter about admission decision
- Admitted students will also receive:
 - Emails to RSVP for New Student Orientation
 - Email about Texas Residency to qualify for In-State tuition (if applicable)
 - Email to submit final high school transcript

Admissions - Updates

- Director for Undergraduate Admissions:

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Questions?



BROWNSVILLE - EDINBURG - MCALLEN - HARLINGEN - SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Scholarship Office

10:00 AM

Financial Aid Office

11:00 AM

College Fair

1:00 PM

Meet my rep

2:00 PM