WE’LL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

AN INTRODUCTION TO UTB
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In 1970, only 26 percent of middle-class workers had any kind of education beyond high school. Today, nearly 60 percent of all jobs in the U.S. economy require higher education.
At UTB, we want your education to change your life in unimaginable ways. We believe that knowledge, fulfillment, self-awareness and experience can transform you and everyone around you. We also believe this is not something you pursue because you can – but because you must.
UTB AT A GLANCE

Did you know we serve more than 7,000 students? We started bringing accessible, affordable, world-class post-secondary education to students like you in 1991 – the same year we joined the prestigious University of Texas System. Since then, we’ve grown in size and evolved in purpose, but the original goal to help change Brownsville’s future one student at a time remains the same.

Every day, we do everything we can to ensure that your time at UTB is enriched with academic excellence, life-changing experiences and a multifaceted education that will serve you for a lifetime.

When you join UTB, you are not only joining one of the best universities around – you are joining a network that brings endless opportunities from internationally-accredited programs. The University of Texas System is one of the nation’s largest systems of public higher education, with nine academic and six health institutions.

When you enroll at UTB, you are enrolling in one of our nation’s leading Hispanic universities, recognized for the number of Hispanic graduates in mathematics, science and education.

You are joining a research hub. The Biomedical Research facility and current initiatives focus on medical conditions and environmental issues impacting South Texas and have almost $6 million in external research expenditures annually.

You will find career options in the most exciting and competitive fields. We currently offer 63 bachelor’s degrees, 24 master’s degree options and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. We also have convenient, 100 percent online programs, including seven master’s, six bachelor’s and five graduate certificate programs.

You will find that it is possible to find quality and value in one place as you take advantage of our unmatched low tuition. You will discover that less is more when you benefit from our low student-to-faculty ratio. And you will be able to pave your way further if you decide to transition to one of our partner UT System medical schools, law schools and dental schools.
STRATEGIC LOCATION, BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville has defined itself as a diverse hub of Tex-Mex flair, southwestern charm, ethnic pride, family values and traditions, and a relentless entrepreneurial spirit.

Our population is quickly approaching 200,000 and growing. In fact, Brownsville is one of the fastest-growing urban areas in the United States.

Because of our proximity to Mexico and close ties to Latin America, we’ve had a global mentality long before it was popular. Every day, we collaborate with external international institutions by establishing faculty fellowships, research initiatives and study abroad opportunities. We sponsor programs in many parts of the world, including Spain, Brazil, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark, Mexico and China.

From the beautiful gulf coastline and the Bahia Grande Wetland, which enables us to perform fascinating research projects, to the vibrant beaches of South Padre Island and our eclectic blend of art and heritage, Brownsville offers more than meets the eye. We’re a strategic point for growth and a crossroads of culture, opportunities and ideas.

“The research drew me in. The theory and methods I learn will boost my career and help me make reliable, educated decisions in a workplace setting.”

— Isis Lopez, M.A. Psychology
Meet our mascot. Cute, isn’t it? Now don’t be fooled by the Ocelot’s looks and chilled demeanor. It can be the most ferocious of all cats.

Ocelots are native to South Texas. They are also known as the “leopard cat” of the Rio Grande Valley. Ocelots often hang out near the Laguna Atascosa soil.

We picked the Ocelot as our mascot because of its duality. While tame and beautiful, the Ocelot is a territorial cat and will fight relentlessly to protect its home. We can identify with that.
“UTB has granted me the opportunity to meet highly qualified professors, make invaluable friends, work in a really nice workplace environment related to my major, and travel with the study abroad program. It has all been a wonderful experience.”

— Adán Lozano, Junior/Communication Major
Our campus and student life is alive with arts, cultural diversity, colorful stories, and the energy of driven and competitive students who come from all walks of life.

Make no mistake: the rigors of academia at UTB do not stop our students from experiencing life outside of the classroom. Our students are notoriously active. From starting, joining and running over 70 clubs and organizations, and initiating countless business ventures, to leading award-winning soccer, volleyball and chess teams – our students are in constant motion.

We are committed to creating a rewarding co-curricular experience for you. We have a wide array of student organizations, including:

- Accounting Society
- French Club
- Student Government Association
- Orchestra Club
- American Criminal Justice Association
- The Communication Council
- ASPIRE Student Association

Casa Bella is the ideal place to grow and to make new friends while studying at UTB.

- Luxury apartment living
- Superb facilities
- Safe, secure environment
- Short walk to most classes
CAMPUS EVENTS

We seek to bring you engaging activities and services to transform your life even outside the classroom. From our MLK Day of Service, Tardeadas and social mixers to our chess club and float parades, you have access to a versatile and exciting campus life.

• Campus Activities Board Retreat
• Student Involvement Fair
• Constitutional Day
• CINESOL Film Festival
• Bongo Ball
• Movies Under the Stars

ATHLETICS

At UTB, we have a competitive edge. Our volleyball team won its first national title in 2011, and both our men’s and women’s soccer teams qualified for the fall National Tournament play, placing us once again on the national stage.

• Soccer
• Volleyball
• Cross Country
• Golf

CULTURE

Here, you will submerge yourself in a vibrant blend of customs, heritage, and an array of visual, literary and performing arts.

• University mariachi ensemble
• Visual and performing arts events
• Folkloric dance group
• Samba ensemble community instrument school
• Student media
• Alteas program
• Women in the Arts
• Charro Days

CHESS

At UTB, we’re always looking one move ahead. Our Chess Program can surely teach you about strategy and patience, but it can also demonstrate the power of teamwork and discipline. Our Chess Team members have placed very highly in several tournaments, including a first place finish in the State Collegiate Championship.

• Local, state and national tournaments
• Community Outreach Classes
• National Chess Day Celebration
• Rapid Chess Matches
• Live Chess Matches
• Chess Academy Group Classes
• Chess Academy Girls Only Classes
Changing lives in the classroom is not enough. Civic engagement and social innovation are central to our mission at UTB, and we seek to be involved and assume a leadership role in our community.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, 5,057 students participated in service learning courses that made a significant impact on the community. We have initiatives like Project 100%, Kids Voting USA-Brownsville, the School of Business Entrepreneurship Program, the School of Business SAP Alliance, and our Criminal Justice Department internship program, which provides students real work experience in more than 65 criminal justice and social service agencies in Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

We aim to increase student civic engagement by connecting with external partners in ways that help revitalize our community.
“Any intentional, active, reflective work related to course outcomes, and which students do to meet community needs. Students and community members must learn from each other; reciprocity and interactions are key. If an agency is involved, it cannot be a large corporation; however, a hospital could be a service learning site.”

(Andrew Furco, 2009)
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
UTB is all about progressive ideas. Regardless of who you are, where you’re from or what you are studying—what matters is your courage to take chances, to express your thoughts and to seek new intellectual horizons. That’s why excellence is at the core of our curriculum, programs and institutional mission. And that’s why we’re fostering world-changing ideas.

**IDEAS THAT MATTER.**

UTB’s International Innovation Center has launched more than 67 startup companies and created an estimated 648 jobs. Our Center for Biomedical Studies researches molecular determinants in epilepsy, neurotargeting, genetic regulation in obesity and diabetes in Mexican Americans, HSD1 gene expansion, biomedical informatics and much more. Our Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy, funded by various sources, including NASA, NSF and DoD, focuses on research and education in gravitational wave astronomy, biophysics and nanoscience, atomic, molecular and optical physics, computational physics, and astronomy. The center brings access to the Arecibo Remote Command Center in Puerto Rico.

**THE UT SYSTEM DIFFERENCE.**

UTB is a proud member of the University of Texas System, one of our nation’s largest and most prestigious public higher education networks. The UT System has nine academic and six health institutions and is a national leader in education, healthcare and service. By joining UTB, you’d also be benefiting from all the different pathways our sister institutions offer, including UT Austin, UT San Antonio, UT Arlington and UT El Paso.

The UT System prides itself on being profoundly involved in the education and well-being of Texas students. UT institutions stimulate the Texas economy with a well-educated workforce and work every day to ensure that students have access to unparalleled educational opportunities.

Learn more about what sets UT institutions apart at utsystem.edu.
At the heart of our academic excellence is our highly qualified faculty. Our faculty members have strong academic and professional backgrounds. Many of them have extensive industry experience; they have lived, worked or studied abroad, and attended prestigious universities. They inspire our students and ignite their futures. They have earned outstanding reputations for their dedication, research, and a nontraditional, hands-on approach to learning.
More than 200 UTB students are currently working in research labs in physics, biomedicine, environmental sciences, behavioral sciences, exercise physiology and education through external grants awarded to faculty.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICINE
This program explores the application of powerful and modern bioscience approaches in multiple fields and prepares you for successful admission to professional schools in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, physical therapy and more.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH SERVICES
This exciting program, part of our College of Biomedical Studies and Health Professions, will prepare you for leadership positions in health services, education, vocational, corporate training and consulting.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW AND JUSTICE STUDIES
This program is designed to prepare you for careers in the legal system and for law school through a strong multidisciplinary foundation with courses in criminal justice, sociology, psychology, government and law.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
This program focuses on international business and prepares you for careers in sales management, logistics, importing and exporting, supply chain management, and foreign trade. You will learn about finance, business law, accounting, management and marketing, as well as economics, politics and cultural differences that affect the markets.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

You get the chance to double major under this program. Graduates are awarded a computer science degree and one in another field such as biomedical informatics, digital forensics and computational chemistry, to name a few.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS

This degree will prepare you to work in a variety of positions and grant you access to many graduate disciplines, such as engineering, science, business and medicine. This program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission.

BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN PERFORMANCE

This program will train you for careers in performance and lead you to numerous opportunities in ensemble training, research and individual studies. A Bachelor of Music in Performance often leads to a master’s degree.
AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Being right on the border redefines our definition of “abroad.” Words like diversity, international and global take on a whole new meaning when you’re home of one of the major economic hubs for international trade. Everything about Brownsville and our university reflects the rich and diverse cultural backgrounds of our people and our world views. Our study abroad programs do, as well.

We bring you opportunities to explore the world and immerse yourself in new cultures and experiences through academic programs abroad. Our programs are carefully designed to complement your major areas of study – but studying abroad will do a lot more than that.

SOME OF OUR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS:

- International Business in Denmark and Sweden
- Environmental Sciences in New Zealand
- Photojournalism in Spain
- Spanish in Seville, Spain
- Psychology in Brazil
- Living, Reading, Writing Nature in Costa Rica
- Exploring and Discovering the Humanities in Paris, France
Want to take it up a notch? At UTB, we offer 24 master’s options and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. Our graduate studies give you the opportunity to acquire a higher level of professional knowledge, while building upon the bilingual and bicultural attributes of our region. Some of our top-rated graduate programs include bilingual education, translation and interpreting, music education, physics, biology, computer science and early childhood education.

Whichever program you choose, you’ll work closely with renowned faculty and conduct original research. And you’ll have access to our world-class learning resources. You will also benefit from our small class sizes, giving you the opportunity to work closely with outstanding faculty and receive one-on-one guidance and a hands-on approach.
The University of Texas at Brownsville brings you endless possibilities, with UT System quality education, undergraduate, graduate and online programs, convenient summer semesters, international opportunities, groundbreaking research, and the advantages that come with our strategic location, low tuition and tight community. Check out our list of majors and programs and start envisioning the kind of future you deserve.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Accounting
- Applied Arts and Sciences
- Art
- Art – EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Biology
- Biology - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- Biomedicine
- Chemistry
- Chemistry - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- Communication
- Computational Science
- Computer Information Systems Technology
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice - Criminology & Criminal Justice (online)
- Early Childhood Studies
- Early Childhood through 6th Grade Bilingual Generalist
- Early Childhood through 6th Grade English as a Second Language
- Early Childhood through 6th Grade Generalist/EC through 12th Special Education
- Engineering Physics - Bioengineering
- Engineering Physics - Computer Engineering
- Engineering Physics - Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Physics - Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- English
- English-Language Arts - 4th through 8th Grade Teaching
- English-Language Arts - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Sciences - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- Finance
- Government
- Health and Human Performance
- Health and Human Performance - Exercise Science
- Health and Human Performance - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Health Services Technology
- History
- History - Social Studies 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- History - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- International Business
- Law and Justice Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mathematics - 4th through 8th Grade Teaching
- Mathematics - 8th through 12th Grade Teaching
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Music - Guitar
- Music - Guitar - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Music - Instrumental
- Music - Instrumental - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Music - Keyboard
- Music - Keyboard - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Music - Vocal
- Music - Vocal - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public Service
- Science - 4th through 8th Grade Teaching
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish - EC through 12th Grade Teaching
- Spanish Translation and Interpreting
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER’S PROGRAMS

Master of Arts in English
Master of Arts in Spanish
Master of Arts in History
Master of Arts in Spanish Translation and Interpreting
Master of Arts in Psychology
Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies
Master of Music in Music Education
Master of Public Policy and Management
Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration (Online)
Master of Public Health (Collaborative with UTHSC-H)
Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
Master of Education in Educational Leadership
Master of Education in Educational Technology
Master of Education in Special Education
Master of Science in Exercise Science
Master of Science in Biology
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Mathematics
Master of Science in Physics
Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Graduate Certificate in Spanish Translation
Graduate Certificate in History
Graduate Certificate in Court Interpreting
E-Learning Certificate
Master Reading Teacher Certificate

DOCTORATE PROGRAMS

Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Ph.D. in Physics-Cooperative between UTSA and UTB

MASTER’S PROGRAMS

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction emphasis in Digital Literacy
Master of Education in Educational Technology
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Mathematics
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Health Services Technology
Master of Science in Spanish Translation and Interpreting

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

ONLINE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR’S PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Criminology and Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Applied Technology in Computer Information Systems Technology
Bachelor of Applied Technology in Health Services Technology
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

MASTER’S PROGRAMS

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction emphasis in Digital Literacy
Master of Education in Educational Technology
Master of Science in Computer Science
Master of Science in Mathematics
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Applied Technology in Health Services Technology

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

ONLINE PROGRAMS

E-Learning Certificate
Graduate Certificate in Spanish Translation
Master Reading Teacher Certificate
Master Technology Teacher Certificate
It’s no secret that we think differently around here. And just as important, we act differently, too. It’s who we are, part of our DNA – not just at UTB, but throughout Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley region. We’re growing, expanding, learning, reshaping and transforming from the inside out. We dig deeper. Try to reach a little higher. And search for better ways to learn, live and work.

At UTB, we are committed to this growth and we work hard everyday to bring you a wide variety of tools and resources to reach your full potential regardless of your background, field of interest and future goals.

We want you to focus on your future, not on what’s keeping you from getting there. We maintain our mission to transform lives through education by attracting the best and the brightest students, regardless of their economic backgrounds. Not only do we offer some of the lowest tuition costs in the UT System, we also have a wide array of federal, state and institutional financial aid programs to help you. Our financial aid officers are ready for you whenever you decide to take the first steps toward a grand future.

It’s just as important, we act differently, too.

RESOURCES

TYPES OF AID AVAILABLE:
- Federal grants
- State grants
- Loans
- GRE reduction
- Imagine College!
- Scholarships
- Work-study
- Veteran’s benefits

PAVING THE WAY

Apply for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.gov using the school code (030646). For more information, visit utb.edu/financialaid

RESOURCES
UTB is now offering you the opportunity to join MyEdu, a useful online student platform for planning and completing college. This tool will help you design the ideal class schedule, track assignments, find internships and calculate your GPA.

MyEdu will help you create a student profile where you can feature all your skills and experience, including all your classes, extracurricular activities, internships and unique personal experiences such as group projects, language skills, military service, certifications and work history.

Learn more at MyEdu.com or ask one of our academic advisors for more information during your next campus visit.

We go to great lengths to personalize your experience at UTB and keep you on track of your personal and academic goals. That’s why we’ve launched a bold initiative to increase the number of students earning one of our degrees in four to six years. We call it the UTB Graduation Initiative and it consists of reaching out and monitoring sophomore, junior and senior-level students to help them graduate in a four-to-six-year timeframe.

Our Student Graduation Coaches will work intensely with you to help you overcome graduation barriers through creative solutions. They will tailor a plan around you: your interests, grades, goals and talents. Graduation Coaches are available to meet all students by appointment. For more information about this initiative or other student success efforts at UTB, call 956-882-8292 today.

We value the importance of strong family ties in a student’s life. That’s why we want to empower your parents to help you advance your academic goals and, as a result, help us fulfill our mission. Through our family support network, your parents and family members can learn what UTB has to offer.

If you are an entering freshman, we encourage you to bring your parents and family members to one of our Family Network Orientations. These are offered during the summer before your first semester and are concurrent with your Student Orientation Program. A variety of topics of interest to parents and new students will be covered during these orientations, including financial aid, housing, academic requirements, health services, and personal and property safety.

For more information about our Parent Orientation or our Family Network Services, contact the Orientation Office at 956-882-5776 or visit utb.edu/parents.
**CONNECTION TO CAREERS**

Need help writing a cover letter or polishing your résumé? Our Career Services can assist you in developing strategies and options for seeking employment. You see, our job goes beyond the classroom and beyond awarding degrees. We want to help you make the most of your education and ensure that you will find a rewarding career.

Whether you are a student seeking full-time or part-time employment, or want to learn more about career options or internship opportunities, we’ve got all the information and resources you need to kick-start your career long before you leave our campus.

Keep an eye out for our career workshops and job fairs, and check our Student Employment Initiative.

For more information about our career services and how we can help you connect your degree to a career, visit utb.edu/careerservices.

**SUMMER BRIDGE BENEFITS:**

- Possibly eliminate the need for developmental education (save $800 per course)
- College-level course preparation
- Meet and work with professors who teach core college-level courses in College Algebra, Composition I or History I
- We pay for you to take the necessary test again at the end of the Program ($39 value)
- Enrollment in UT Brownsville (based on test scores at the end of Summer Bridge Program)
- Up to 11 $200 stipend opportunities (based on requirements)

To learn more about UTB’s Summer Bridge Program, visit utb.edu/summerbridgeprogram or call 956-882-7380.

**YOUR NEXT STEP SHOULD BE ON OUR CAMPUS**

While this book provides a framework for the UTB experience, there is much that can’t be explained on paper. Visiting campus and feeling the dynamism of this place in person is the only way to truly understand it. To schedule a campus visit, contact the Enrollment Services Center at 956-882-8295 or visit utb.edu/admissions.

**CONNECT WITH US**

If you are ready to begin the application process or you want to learn more about UTB, there are countless resources at your fingertips – from utb.edu and utb4u.com to our Facebook page at facebook.com/UTB.TX.