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Why the University of Puerto Rico?

- Because we offer you a first-class education at the lowest cost in all of Puerto Rico and the United States. The University is committed to provide you with the education you need to be successful, today and in the future. www.upr.edu
- Because the University is a prestigious institution, recognized nationally and internationally, thanks to the excellent academic performance of its professors, researchers, and students.
- Because the University of Puerto Rico has a program of studies for you in some of its eleven campuses, distributed across the country. It is the largest and most prestigious institution of higher education in Puerto Rico, and one of the very best in the Caribbean and Latin America. It is likewise a leading Hispanic serving University in the United States.
- Because we promote and facilitate the participation of our students in a diversity of international experiences. The university has cooperative agreements with 21 excellent universities in Spain and also fosters exchanges with 134 other universities in Europe, Latin America, and the United States.
- Because we offer you the opportunity to cultivate your artistic talents through choirs, *tunas* (singing groups dressed in the attire of 16th century troubadours), bands, theater groups, courses in the fine arts, music, and drama, museums, art exhibits, and much more.
- Because we offer the advanced technology required for your studies in the fields the University offers.
- Because this is the alma mater of distinguished alumni who do honor to their university and to their country through their valuable contributions to Puerto Rico and to the world: Orlando Figueroa (the director of NASA's Mars Exploration Program), Nydia Velázquez (a member of the United States Congress), Luce López-Baralt (a world authority in the field of Spanish mystical literature rooted in Islamic tradition), Alexis Massol (the winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize for 2002, the world's most prestigious prize in the environmental field), Eduardo Santiago Delpín (a world authority in the field of organ transplants), and a great many more.

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The University of Puerto Rico

What kind of institution is the University of Puerto Rico?

The University of Puerto Rico is a public university system made up of eleven campuses distributed throughout Puerto Rico. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools accredits each and every one of the campuses, which means that transfers and admission to graduate study in U.S. universities is seamless. The UPR community is made up of over 64,000 students, distributed among the campuses.

Will I be able to receive financial aid at the UPR?

Given its nature as a public institution, the University of Puerto Rico substantially underwrites the educational costs of its students, which makes our enrollment costs the lowest in the country. In addition, the UPR has a Financial Aid Office on each campus. These offices award scholarships, loans, and work-study opportunities to eligible students both graduate and undergraduate. Among the kinds of financial aid available, the following stand out: Puerto Rico Legislative Grants, Pell Grants, Federal Supplementary Grants, and Federal Student Loans, in the form of Stafford and Perkins Loans.

Honors Studies Program

The Honors Studies Program offers undergraduate students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher the opportunity to enrich their education in an interdisciplinary framework. This program

sponsors a series of activities intended to foster research, creative work, and critical analysis.

Libraries

The UPR's integrated, computerized resources make available to you a catalog of over one million titles held in its libraries and seminar rooms, which can be accessed from computers available in the libraries themselves or remotely, over the Internet, from any location, on or off campus, at no cost whatsoever.

Laboratories

To provide the necessary support for the teaching-learning process, we make science, mathematics, engineering, and language laboratories available to you, as well as workshops in such areas as Nursing, Architecture, Fine Arts, Education, Office Systems, Business Administration, Agriculture, and more.

Informal Learning Centers

At the UPR, we have a variety of centers dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of culture and knowledge that provide additional opportunities for learning and intellectual development. In the Arts and the Humanities, there are the Museum of Anthropology, History, and Art and the Francisco Oller Art Gallery at Río Piedras, the Fine Arts Museum at Mayagüez, the Casa Roig Museum at Humacao, the Dr. Pío López Martínez Museum at Cayey, and the Museum of Puerto Rican Culture at Ponce. In the Sciences, our resources include the Planetarium at Mayagüez, the Integrated Science Multiple Use Laboratory at Arecibo, the Pharmacy Museum at Medical Sciences, and the Astronomical Laboratory at Humacao.

Research Centers

The academic life of a university is not limited to teaching and the cultivation of abilities and skills. It is especially committed to the *creation of knowledge*: the search for creative solutions to real problems, the effort to better understand our world and the universe, as well as artistic and literary creation. At the University of Puerto Rico, an important part of this work takes place in sophisticated laboratories and important research centers, where graduate and undergraduate students do research under the guidance of highly regarded experts in their respective areas of specialization.

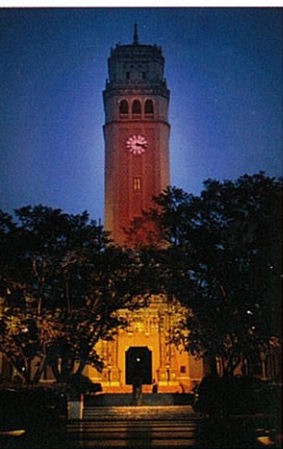
What can I study at the UPR?

The campuses of the UPR System, taken all together, offer more than 300 bachelor's programs, over 129 master's programs, and more than 20 doctoral programs.

The University of Puerto Rico's Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students

The University of Puerto Rico is aware of the importance of higher education for Latino population in the United States and recognizes that it can play an important role in their education. Although these students are highly interested in getting reacquainted with the Spanish language and with their Hispanic roots, some are not quite prepared to embark in an academic program offered fully in Spanish. Thus, we offer a limited number of students the opportunity to participate in our special Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students, through which they will enhance their possibilities of a college degree in a first rate University at a very affordable cost.

Three campuses are currently participating in the **Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students**. These are the Río Piedras Campus, the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey and the University of Puerto Rico at Humacao.



Río Piedras Campus

The Río Piedras Campus is an urban university offering a wide variety of programs from bachelor to doctoral degrees. With over 19,000 students enrolled, this campus is the perfect place for those interested in the humanities and exact sciences. If you are interested in interdisciplinary studies, communications, architecture, planning or law, this campus should be your first choice. It is the only campus offering bachelor degrees in Environmental Sciences, Geography and Environmental Design.

their continuous adaptation to the needs of the industrial community –industrial chemistry, computer mathematics and physics applied to electronics. Coastal marine biology, wildlife management, microbiology and other general biology are other fields of study. The campus has a research laboratory for marine and wildlife management studies located in the Fajardo Lighthouse.



University of Puerto Rico at Cayey



The University of Puerto Rico at Cayey is located in a beautiful, subtropical setting on the Cordillera Central and is a comprehensive, four-year liberal arts college. Its bachelor program in the natural and social sciences, education, business administration and the humanities are complemented by a strong emphasis in the arts. The population is over 3,600.

University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

The University of Puerto Rico at Humacao is located on the east coast of the island with over 4,300 students. It is a comprehensive, four-year college offering several unique programs in

Bilingual Initiative Benefits*

- Waiver of application fee.
- Tuition fees paid by residents of Puerto Rico: under \$50.00 per credit hour, plus an annual maintenance and medical insurance fees.
- A first year of general education courses in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, offered in English.**
- A specially designed intensive course in Spanish with a strong immersion experience in Puerto Rican culture.
- Academic support systems designed to enhance student success.
- Participation – if qualified – in the Financial Aid Programs administered by the University.
- Housing location services to insure the availability of quality affordable housing for participants.

* For specific academic year costs go to the *Bilingual Initiative* page at www.upr.edu. Press Estudiantes and go to the Bilingual Initiative logo.

** Sections offered in English will depend on the number of students admitted each year. In any case, students will receive individual academic support services, including assistance in the development of their language skills in Spanish.

Bachelor Study Programs at Participating Campuses

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PROGRAM	RÍO PIEDRAS	CAYEY	HUMACAO	PROGRAM	RÍO PIEDRAS	CAYEY	HUMACAO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION							
Bachelor Degrees							
Accounting	X	X	X	Teaching English to Spanish Speakers	X		
Computer Information System	X			Family Ecology	X		
Economics	X			Agricultural Extension	X		
Finance	X			General Program	X		
General Program	X	X	X	Nutrition and Dietetics	X		
Human Resource Management	X		X	Preschool Education	X		
International Business			X	Secondary Education	X		
Management		X	X	Art	X		
Marketing	X			Biology	X		
Office Administration	X	X		Business Education (General Program)	X		
Office System Administration	X	X	X	Business Education (Secretarial Program)	X		
Operations Management	X			Chemistry	X		
Statistics	X			English		X	X
ARCHITECTURE				Family Ecology	X		
Bachelor Degree				History	X	X	
Environmental Design	X			Industrial Arts	X		
NATURAL SCIENCES				Industrial Vocational Education	X		
Bachelor Degrees				Mathematics	X	X	
Biology	X	X	X	Music	X		
Chemistry	X	X		Natural Sciences	X	X	
Coastal Marine Biology			X	Physics	X		
Computational Mathematics			X	Physical Education	X	X	
Computer Science	X			Recreation	X		
Environmental Sciences	X			Social Studies	X	X	
General Program	X	X		Spanish	X	X	
Industrial Chemistry			X	Teaching English to Spanish Speakers	X		
Mathematics	X	X		Theater	X		
Microbiology			X	GENERAL STUDIES			
Physics	X			Bachelor Degree			
Nursing			X	General Studies	X		
Physics Applied to Electronics			X	HUMANITIES			
Wildlife Management			X	Bachelor Degrees			
SOCIAL SCIENCES				Comparative Literature	X		
Bachelor Degrees				Drama (Theater)	X		
Anthropology	X			English	X	X	
Cooperativism	X			English - Language and Locution	X		
Economics	X	X		General Program		X	
General Social Sciences	X	X		Plastic Arts with emphasis in:			
Geography	X			Drawing	X		
Labor Relations	X			Sculpture	X		
Political Sciences	X			Painting	X		
Psychology	X	X		Photography	X		
Psychology and Community Mental Health		X		Printmaking	X		
Social Sciences - Research and Social Action			X	French	X		
Social Work	X		X	Hispanic Studies	X	X	
Sociology	X	X		History		X	
EDUCATION				History of Europe	X		
Bachelor Degrees				History of the Americas	X		
Elementary Education	X	X	X	Individualized Studies	X		
Elementary (K-3)	X			Interdisciplinary Studies	X		
Elementary (4-6)	X			Pre-Legal Studies	X		
Primary Level and Special Education			X	Pre-Translation Studies	X		
English		X	X	Modern Languages	X		
Mathematics		X		Music	X		
Natural Sciences		X		Philosophy	X		
Social Studies		X		SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION			
Spanish		X		Bachelor Degrees			
Special Education	X	X		Audiovisual Communication	X		X
				Information and Journalism	X		
				Public Relations and Advertising		X	

* For updates on program changes link to our webpage.

** All participating campuses have articulated transfer programs in engineering. This allows you to complete the first two years of study at a participating campus and transfer to the Mayagüez campus for the last three years while retaining the tuition benefits of the Bilingual Initiative.

How do I apply for admission to the *Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students* of the University of Puerto Rico?

Criteria for admission

1. Have a Latino background and be a resident of the United States.
2. Graduation from an accredited High School, or GED.
3. Results of the ACT or SAT college entrance exam. The program does not accept college transfer students.

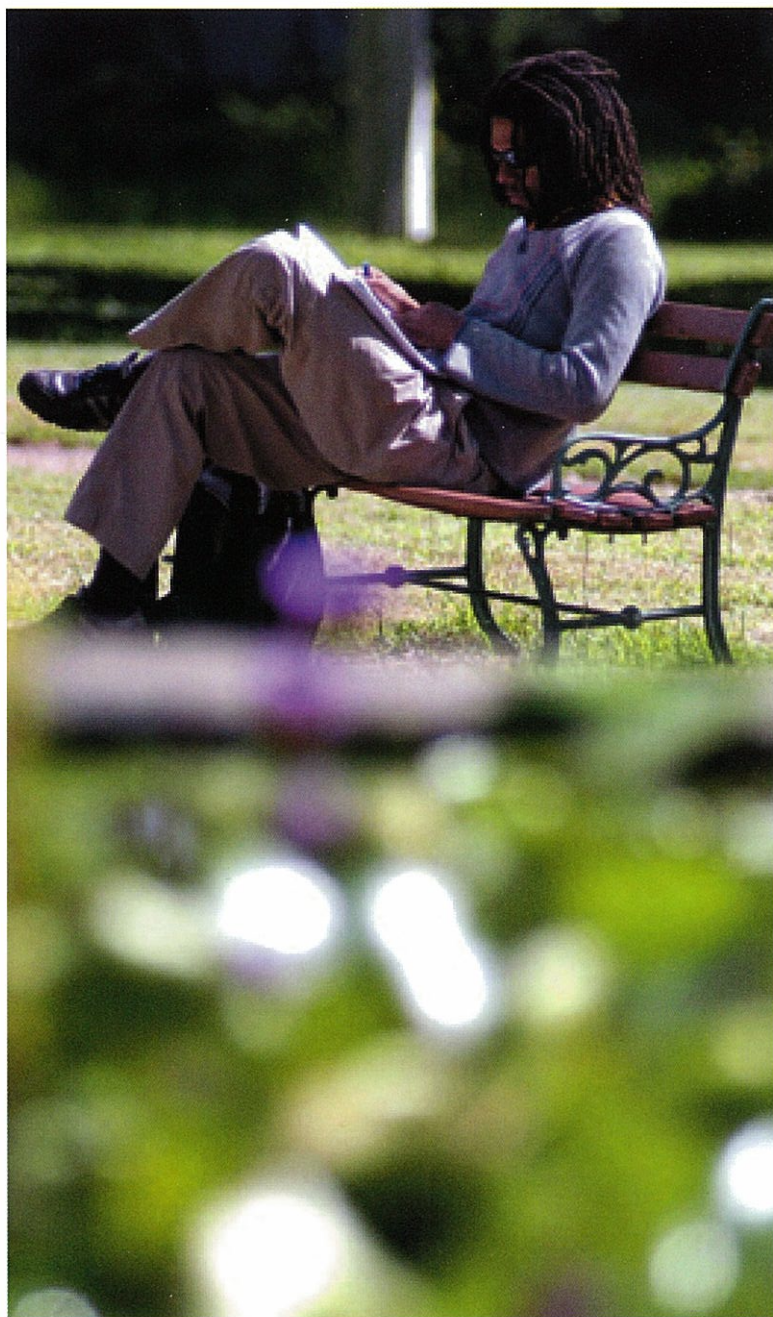
The University of Puerto Rico uses a formula combining SAT or ACT scores and the student's High School Grade Point Average (GPA). For details, go to our webpage.

Admission Procedures

1. Fill out the online application. Go to www.upr.edu then press **Estudiantes** and link onto the Bilingual Initiative Logo. Go to the application.
2. Fill out the application before the deadline, making sure that you select the *Bilingual Initiative* option. For deadlines go to our webpage. Be advised that you can select up to three options, which can include different programs or campuses. Make a copy for your records and submit the application electronically.
3. Take the SAT or ACT and have scores sent to the University of Puerto Rico.
4. Have your school send an official transcript including your first semester senior grades. If your school does not use a 4.0 system to inform grades the school must convert your grades to the 4.0 system or provide a conversion table. Official transcripts must be sent to the following address:

Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students

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Greetings from the President

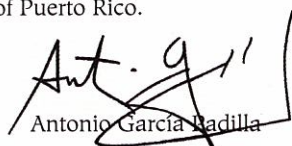
If you are reading this brief message it's because you have seriously considered a college education. Congratulations! The decision to continue your studies beyond a high school degree is without a doubt, one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. I can guarantee you that life is much better when it is enriched with the experiences, knowledge and skills provided by an excellent college education.

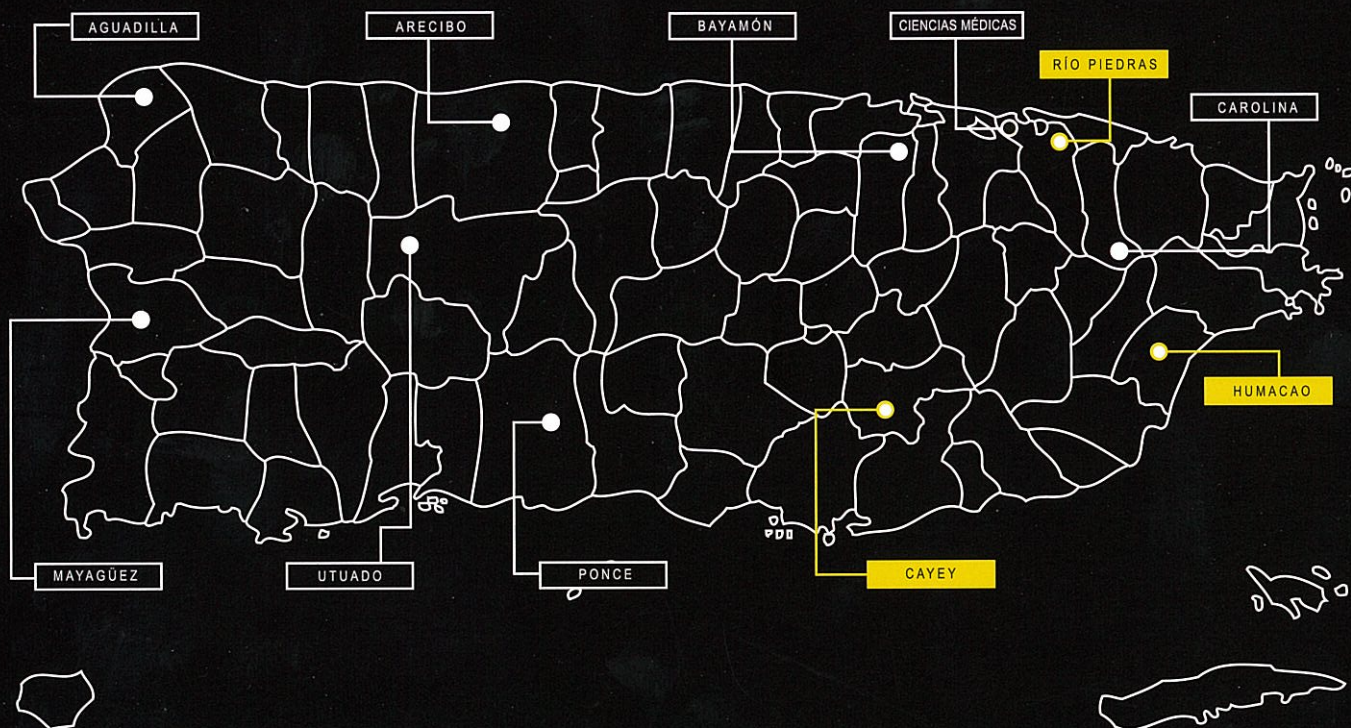
I am aware that you have a broad range of higher education options. Founded in 1903, the University of Puerto Rico offers you a century of experience in postsecondary education. With eleven campuses, throughout the island, ours is the largest and most prestigious institution of higher education in Puerto Rico, and one of the very best in the Caribbean and Latin America. It is likewise a leading Hispanic serving university in the United States

As President of the University of Puerto Rico, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us in this venture of higher education through the Bilingual Initiative for Latino Students, available in our Cayey, Humacao and Río Piedras campuses. By applying for admission to our institution, you express your desire to participate in the most significant cultural project of Puerto Rico.

If you come from a Puerto Rican background, this will be the opportunity to renew your acquaintance with your cultural and linguistic roots. If you come from another Hispanic background, we offer you the experience of becoming familiar with a germane culture and of practicing the language of your forbearers.

It is my sincere hope that, come August, I will be able to welcome you to our Island and to the University of Puerto Rico.


Antonio García Padilla



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