Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies

• Blessed with Bilingual Brains?
• Become a Bilingual Teacher!
What is Bilingual Education?

- Helps students who speak a language other than English maintain and develop their native language
- Ensures that English language learners keep up with all their academic competencies in math, history and science while learning two languages.
How do I become a highly qualified bilingual teacher?

1. Enroll at UTSA, College of Education & Human Development (COEHD) - a top teacher education program in Texas.

2. Complete a bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with certification in bilingual education.

3. Take-133 credit hours (approximately 32 courses over 4 years) to complete this program.
Careers available

With a B.A. from UTSA in Bilingual Education and state certification, you have more options!

You are qualified to teach three types of jobs:

• EC-6 bilingual teacher,
• EC-6 ESL teacher, and
• EC-6 generalist (regular) teacher

Note: EC means “early childhood or Pre-K”
Salaries

In the San Antonio Area

- Up to $49,305
- Some school districts offer certified bilingual teachers an additional $2,000 annual bonus.
School Districts want teachers who...

- Have strong communication skills in Spanish.
- Have higher professional standards—in tune with current educational trends.
- Understand culturally and educationally the students they teach.
- Understand State standards and State assessments.
UTSA Bilingual Education or the Alternative Path: What is the difference?

• UTSA offers:
  ➢ Accredited program by SBEC and TEA*
  ➢ Classes through face-to-face contact with professors
  ➢ Classes in Spanish and English to prepare you for the bilingual classroom
  ➢ Award-winning faculty with years of classroom and university teaching experience
  ➢ Opportunities to participate in local, state, national and international conferences
  ➢ A Bachelor of Arts degree or the Master of Arts in teaching.
  ➢ Financial aide, including scholarships.

* SBEC – State Board for Educator Certification; TEA – Texas Education Agency
UTSA Bicultural-Bilingual Studies provides...

- Coursework that prepares students to work with the diverse population in Texas.
UTSA Bicultural-Bilingual Studies provides...

- An understanding of current educational trends and how to integrate them into the bilingual classroom.
UTSA Bicultural-Bilingual Studies provides...

- Instruction in developing lessons and activities which demonstrate understanding of State standards and assessments.
UTSA Bicultural-Bilingual Studies provides...

• Classes to develop students’ oral and written Spanish
UTSA Bicultural-Bilingual Studies provides...

- Opportunities for leadership development in the Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO)*

*A professional student organization whose main purpose is to provide information, assistance and fellowship to students who are interested in bicultural and bilingual studies. B.E.S.O. encourages awareness of bilingual education among all students and faculty.
When UTSA students in Bicultural-Bilingual Studies were asked, “What has helped you in your studies at UTSA?”

Students responded...
“...Joining organizations like BESO. Networking is the most important.”

“...I definitely feel that I’ve had some great professors in bilingual studies. I’ve gone through a few rough patches here and there, and my professors are not only fabulous educators, but they have been understanding in my time of need.”

“...I have a great advisor.”

“...Having the JPL Library opened 24 hours Sun-Thurs.”

“...Classes that have helped me improve my Spanish.”

“...Small BBL classes. I received one-on-one with the professors interested in helping you out.”
¿Eres Bilingüe?

Hazlo Contar.

¡Enseña!
Contact Information and Additional Information:

- Call the office of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies at 210-458-4426.
- Email at BBL@utsa.edu to request additional information.
- Video: http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HlhWm6dEGW8.