



**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
School of Business & Entrepreneurship
Master's Level Certificate program in Customs and International Trade**

I. WHAT IS IT

- A four course program designed to improve the knowledge level of customs professionals in line with the PICARD standards of the World Customs Organization.
- Courses taught in conjunction with UTRGV and the Center for Customs and Excise Studies (faculty provided by CCES/ Charles Sturt University in Canberra, Australia).
- CCES at Charles Sturt is the premier university program worldwide in the field of customs and excise studies.

II. COURSE SPECIFICS

- Program starts on August 29, 2016. The first two courses will run during the Fall Semester 2016, late August thru early December, followed by the second two courses from mid-January thru early May, Spring Semester, 2017. During each semester, students will be expected to attend a one-week intensive face-to-face session to be held in the Washington, DC area.
- The courses included in the Certificate are –
 - International Customs Law
 - International Commercial Transaction Law and Practice
 - United States Customs Law and Border Regulation
 - Principles of Compliance Management

III. WHO CAN ATTEND

- Individuals with a baccalaureate or higher degree.

IV. CREDIT AND RECOGNITION BENEFITS

- Students can apply course credit toward either the UTRGV Master's Degree in Customs and International Trade (program to start upon accreditation in 2017; the Certificate courses form part of the core curriculum), an MBA, or the PICARD-certified degree programs of Charles Sturt University.



V. WORKLOAD

- Although the course is primarily conducted in an on-line, self-paced virtual environment, students are expected to keep up with overall course time schedules. Course workload is pitched at a Master's level, and requires extensive reading, occasional research, participation in activities and discussion, occasional quizzes, and preparation of written papers. With the exception of the full time intensive face-to-face sessions, students should expect to invest approximately 20 hours per week in study.

VI. COST

- The tuition cost for the two-semester four course certificate program is \$6000 U.S., plus an application fee of \$50. Students will need to budget an additional cost of approximately \$400 for books and for travel expenses related to the face-to-face sessions held each semester. For other financial arrangements contact Dr. Tom Coyle at 956-245-4358 or e.coyle@utrgv.edu.

VII. DELIVERY METHOD

- The coursework will be primarily online, augmented with the two intensive one week face to face sessions, to be held in the Washington D.C. area. The date, time and exact location of the face to face session will be announced before the start of each cohort. For more information contact Dr. Tom Coyle at 956-245-4358 or e.coyle@utrgv.edu.

VIII. ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Contact Dr. Tom Coyle from the College of Business and Entrepreneurship at 956-245-4358 or visit the College of Business and Entrepreneurship website at <http://www.utrgv.edu/cobe/programs/customs-international-trade/index.htm>