



**facultad de
estudios generales**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Bilingual Initiative at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus would like to inform that we are in the process of reviewing candidates for Fall 2011. As previously informed, all high school students of Latino background in the United States may show interest only in the Río Piedras Campus. **The College of General Studies will admit a total of thirty (30) students for the 2011-2012 academic year.**

During the first year, the Program offers courses of the general studies component such as Social Sciences, Humanities, Biology, and Physics in English with a transition to Spanish. At the same time, students will take the Spanish as a Second Language classes required, alongside tutoring at the Center for the Development of Linguistic Skills and workshops in conversational Spanish, to ensure they are able to succeed at an academic level in the target language. During their second year, students in the Bilingual Initiative are expected to enter the mainstream population in their respective Colleges. The Program also requires that students attend a course in university life and participate in all the activities organized to enhance their experience in Puerto Rico.

We have enclosed the Application for Admission for you to fill out and e-mail to us. You may also download it at: www.bilingual.weebly.com. Students interested in the Bilingual Initiative must fulfill the following criteria: 1) have a Latino background and be a resident of the United States; 2) graduate from an accredited High School or GED; and 3) provide results of the ACT or SAT entrance exam. It is important to note that the Program does not accept college transfer students.

The Office of Admissions in Río Piedras will evaluate all the necessary documents (transcripts and SAT or ACT scores) as soon as they receive them. Make sure that your school sends the necessary transcripts (first semester grades) in a signed and sealed envelope. Bilingual Initiative students must only take the first part of the SAT, but may take the second part and submit the scores to the University of Puerto Rico for placement purposes only.

All official documents must be sent to the following postal address:

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