



# National University College (NUC) in Puerto Rico and SmartClass

National University College (NUC) in Puerto Rico has been a cornerstone of education for over 40 years, serving a diverse population across its numerous campuses. With a commitment to innovative educational modalities, NUC offers a range of programs tailored to meet the needs of its students. This case study explores NUC's partnership with SmartClass, which has transformed their approach to bilingual education, particularly in psychology and business courses.

## *The Challenge*



As a higher education institution with a strong emphasis on bilingual programs, NUC faced the challenge of delivering effective English language instruction while teaching specialized subjects. They needed a flexible curriculum that would allow instructors to create tailored activities for their students. Iliá Matos, a consultant working with NUC, sought a solution that could integrate an English curriculum into their bilingual courses while providing robust support for faculty and students.

## *The SmartClass Solution*



NUC turned to SmartClass, recognizing its flexibility and comprehensive offerings. The institution purchased 50 student licenses for the digital English curriculum, placement tests, onboarding, and pedagogical mentoring. Ten faculty members underwent training and collaboratively developed a master curriculum that combined SmartClass English activities with NUC's own academic materials.

The initial pilot program focuses on undergraduate psychology courses for the Fall 2024 semester, with plans to expand to additional undergraduate and graduate programs in the future.

## Future Plans

NUC is committed to evaluating the pilot program's effectiveness through ongoing feedback from both instructors and students. If successful, they anticipate expanding the use of SmartClass licenses to all undergraduate and graduate students, which could potentially add hundreds more licenses to the program. This expansion would empower more students across various disciplines, including business and health studies, to benefit from the integrated bilingual approach.



## Conclusion

NUC's partnership with SmartClass exemplifies how innovative solutions can enhance educational outcomes and address the needs of a diverse student body. By embracing the flexibility of SmartClass's curriculum, NUC is not only enriching its educational offerings but also positioning its students for success in a globalized workforce.

For universities looking to implement a similar bilingual educational program, SmartClass offers a comprehensive and customizable solution that supports both faculty and student success. The positive experiences at NUC underscore the potential for SmartClass to revolutionize bilingual education in higher learning institutions.



## Call to Action

Interested institutions are encouraged to explore the SmartClass platform to discover how it can be tailored to meet their unique educational needs. With SmartClass, you too can create a dynamic bilingual curriculum that empowers students and enhances their career readiness in an increasingly interconnected world.