EOP
SUMMER
BRIDGE
ACADEMY
PARENT &
GUARDIAN
GUIDE
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Congratulations on your student’s admission to Sacramento State and the EOP Summer Bridge Academy! For more than thirty years, the Summer Bridge Academy at Sacramento State has helped hundreds of incoming students successfully transition to our campus. The program focuses on providing participants a strong and supportive academic foundation; with personal, academic, career advising, and counseling.

Summer Bridge looks forward to working with your student to give them a jump start in their college career at Sac State. Your student will have the opportunity to connect with staff and instructors from a variety of departments including: EOP, English Department, Math Learning Skills, Student Organizations and Leadership, and New Student Orientation.

The EOP Summer Bridge Academy recognizes that parents and guardians are a fundamental part of student success. We acknowledge that in order for your student to be successful, you need to be equipped with the necessary information to support your student. In recognition of the important role you play, we have developed this guide with the goal of providing you with information about campus resources available to your student.

The EOP Summer Bridge Academy welcomes your thoughts and suggestions and we look forward to working together toward your student’s success.

Welcome to the EOP Summer Bridge Academy Family!

_Berenice Espitia_

_Berenice Espitia, M.S._
Summer Bridge Coordinator
Summer Bridge Academy Description

Summer 2017 will mark the 33rd anniversary of the Educational Opportunity Program's (EOP) Summer Bridge Program at Sacramento State. The EOP Summer Bridge Academy (SBA) is an intensive summer academic program designed to assist EOP first-year students entering Sac State in the fall semester. The program works collaboratively with students to engage in an ongoing transition process from high school to college. The process focuses on academics, social network, and personal development to create a foundation for persistence towards a timely graduation.

Summer Bridge participants are placed in academic courses based upon their English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam. Summer Bridge students take two or three college courses. Over a six-week period, students complete a semester’s worth of lecture, homework, and exams and upon successful completion can earn 4 to 9 units of college credit.

In addition, students participate in a leadership course, a specialized New Student Orientation session, and on-campus activities such as intramurals at The WELL.

History of the Summer Bridge Academy

The Summer Bridge Academy enjoys an excellent history of success. According to the Office of Institutional Research at Sacramento State, the second-year retention rates for Summer Bridge participants have “consistently been higher than those attained by other comparison groups” (OIR, Sacramento State, 2008). In addition, between 2001 and 2007, the average first-term GPA for Summer Bridge participants was higher when compared to non-Summer Bridge first-year students.

The history of the EOP Summer Bridge Academy began at Sacramento State in 1984. The campus was one of the first CSU campuses chosen to pilot the Summer Bridge Program. The Ethnic Studies Department implemented the first program with Dr. Otis L. Scott as the Program Director and with collaborative support from the Learning Skills Department. The primary mission of the program was and continues to be to assist first-time EOP freshmen in their transition from high school to college by focusing on the academic, personal, and social development of each student.

In 1989, the Educational Opportunity Program inherited the program from the Ethnic Studies Department. The Educational Opportunity Program continued to collaborate with the Learning Skills Department to provide students with the opportunity to focus on composition, reading, study skills, and mathematics. During this year approximately 40 students lived in the residence hall for 4 weeks.

Several years before the implementation of Executive Order 665 in 1998 EOP Directors were aware of the system wide discussions held about remediation as well as actions from the Trustees on this issue. In 1997, Sac State EOP implemented a pilot program offering student’s developmental math and writing classes to bring them to par with their freshmen cohort. The program was highly successful and in 1998 when EO 665 was implemented system wide, Summer Bridge had the foundation of a successful program in place. The program expanded to 50 residential and 100 commuter students. This was a major change from the previous format of workshop type classes.

Community Building:
Students getting to know each other.
Advantages of Participating in the Summer Bridge Academy

✓ Be a step ahead of your freshmen class
✓ Strengthen your skills in math and writing
✓ Become familiar with the campus, its resources and its services
✓ Participate in activities with other incoming first-time freshmen
✓ Make early connections with Sacramento State faculty and staff
✓ Make friends from the rich and diverse Sacramento State student population
✓ Receive individualized advising and counseling from EOP counselors
✓ Participate in a specialized University Orientation session
✓ Have a smoother transition from high school to college
✓ Complete 1 semester of courses

Summer Bridge 2017 Calendar

Orientation
Monday, June 26 & Tuesday, June 27, 2017
8:00 am–4:30 pm

Classes Begin
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
8:30 am-3:30 pm

Final Exams
Thursday, August 3, 2017
8:30 am

Crossing Ceremony
Friday, August 4, 2017
11:00 am

Facilitators: help students get acquainted with Sacramento State
F.A.Q.

1. **Who can participate in Summer Bridge?**
   Admitted Sac State first-time freshmen who are admitted to EOP are **required** to participate in the Summer Bridge Program.

2. **How much does Summer Bridge cost?**
   Similar to a scholarship, Summer Bridge is a **FREE** six-week program for admitted students. The program also provides textbooks for students who are admitted to the program.

3. **How long is Summer Bridge?**
   Summer Bridge is a six-week intensive academic program.

4. **What are the courses offered during the summer?**
   Courses typically include English, Math, GE courses, and a Leadership Development course.

5. **Do students get credit for passing the courses?**
   Students who pass the courses offered in Summer Bridge will get college credits.

6. **Can my student work while participating in the SB program?**
   We highly recommend that students **do not** work during Summer Bridge since students will have an intense, full-time academic work load.

7. **Does Summer Bridge provide housing?**
   NO, Summer Bridge does NOT provide housing. All students who participate in the program are required to arrange, secure, and pay for their own transportation to and from campus.

8. **Can I see my student’s grades and class information?**
   The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (also sometimes referred to as the Buckley Amendment), is a federal law regarding the privacy of student records and the obligations of the institution, primarily in the areas of release of the records and the access provided to these records. Any educational institution that receives funds under any program administered by the U.S. Secretary of Education is bound by FERPA requirements. Institutions that fail to comply with FERPA may have funds administered by the Secretary of Education withheld.

   According to FERPA, personally identifiable information in an education record may not be released without prior written consent from the student. Some examples of information that **MAY NOT BE RELEASED** without prior written consent of the student are: disciplinary status, grade point average (GPA), marital status, grades/transcripts, exam scores, test scores, (e.g., SAT, GRE, etc.) and class schedules.

   **ORIENTATION DAY: EOP students get welcomed to the hornet family by Present Robert S. Nelsen.**

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STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY

**Academic Expectations**
Participating in the Summer Bridge Academy at Sac State marks the beginning of student’s academic career. As an active participant in the program students will transition from high school to college through engagement both in and outside the classroom which will ultimately set the foundation for a student’s success.

**Successful Completion of Summer Bridge**
To successfully complete the Summer Bridge Academy, participants are expected to fulfill the following requirements:

- Students must be on time to class
- Students must come prepared to class
- Students must actively participate in their classes, tutoring sessions, advising/counseling appointments, and other SBA activities.
- Students must achieve satisfactory performance in all courses with a grade of “C” or better in graded courses, or a Credit (CR) in Pass/No Pass courses.

Students for whom Summer Bridge participation and successful completion is a condition of admission to the University and who do not complete the SBA program successfully may have their admission to the university rescinded. These students may receive special consideration if they do not receive passing grades in SBA, but have demonstrated both a sincere effort and made substantial learning gains. Students are encouraged to see their EOP counselor if they have any questions regarding these matters.

**Student Conduct**
The Summer Bridge Academy at Sac State is a university program that is required for all admitted first-time freshmen who are admitted to EOP. The following is required:

- Students are expected to attend all program activities offered by the Summer Bridge Academy on a daily basis. (Attendance is mandatory. Excused absences must be approved in advance with the instructor. Tardiness is **NOT** acceptable). Students may be dis-enrolled from Summer Bridge if they have any unexcused absences during the Summer Bridge session. Students faced with dismissal from the program will have the opportunity to appeal the decision.

- Students are expected to respect those around them and behave in a mature and appropriate manner.

- Students are responsible to pay all replacement costs associated with the parking permit.

- Students are expected to respect university property and will be responsible for their actions. Students will be financially responsible for any damages they cause both on-campus (e.g., damaged computers, printers, desks, classrooms) and during off-campus Summer Bridge events (e.g., damaged recreational equipment). Students must pay for any damages or there will be a hold placed on the student’s record.

- Students are expected to utilize the tutoring/group learning lab services every day.

- Students are expected to meet with an EOP counselor during their assigned appointment time as well as any other required time as prescribed by their instructor(s)/EOP counselor(s)/tutors.

- Students must return the textbooks loaned to them by the Summer Bridge Academy on August 3rd. If students do not return the textbook(s), they are responsible for replacing the textbook(s).

- Students are expected to enroll in and complete the Fall 2017 semester to allow for their Summer Bridge courses to post to their official academic record.
SUMMER BRIDGE ACADEMY POLICIES

Course Placement
Entering first year students must take the Entry Level Math Exam (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT) unless they are exempt because of SAT scores, AP scores, or college courses. Students are then placed in SB math and English courses based on their ELM and EPT scores.

Housing
The EOP Summer Bridge Academy does NOT provide housing. Students are responsible for locating, securing, inspecting, and paying for their own living accommodations and transportation during the six-week program.

Please note that on campus accommodations are NOT available for incoming first-time freshman during the 6-week Summer Bridge Program.

Sacramento State, the EOP Summer Bridge Academy, and the EOP staff assume no responsibility for contracts/leases between individuals; nor are they responsible or liable for the consequences of any off-campus student housing arrangement.

Upper East Lofts Sacramento State, may offer at a reduced cost off-campus housing during the six-week program; however, it is the student’s responsibility to pay all cost. http://www.uelsacramento.com/

Grades
Students must achieve satisfactory performance in all SBA courses with a grade of “C” or better in graded courses, Credit (CR) in Pass/No Pass courses, or the equivalent in non-credit bearing courses.

SB participants who receive grades below “C”, grades of No Credit (NC), Incompletes (I), or Withdrawals (W) may receive special consideration if they have demonstrated sincere effort and made substantial learning gains as determined by their instructors and EOP counselor.

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Withdrawal from the Summer Bridge Academy
The EOP Summer Bridge Academy recognizes that illness or circumstances beyond a student’s control may force a student to withdraw from the program. In cases where a student is absent for 3 consecutive days or longer due to illness or a family emergency, the student may request to withdraw from the program for a medical or a family emergency. The request must be made in writing and submitted with supporting documentation to the Summer Bridge Coordinator.

Students who are admitted conditionally to the University with the requirement of SBA participation and completion must also request a waiver of the “mandate” status due to illness or a family emergency. The request for a waiver of the “mandate” status must be made in writing and submitted with supporting documentation to both the Summer Bridge Coordinator and to the Assistant Vice President, Student Academic Success.
Summer Bash

Summer Bash Photo Booth

Picture day: Students smile for the traditional group photo.

Building Networks: SBA students filming “Made at Sac State” Video with President Robert S. Nelsen.
IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO KNOW

EOP
Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
The program serves California residents from low-income households who demonstrate the motivation and potential to earn a baccalaureate degree. EOP students are individuals who have the potential to succeed at Sacramento State, but have not been able to realize their goal for a higher education because of her/his economic and/or educational background.

Sac State General Catalog
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The Sac State General Catalog outlines all Undergraduate Degrees and Programs as well as Graduate Degrees and Programs offered at the University.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid & Scholarship Office helps students and in many cases their families to search for, apply, receive and maintain eligibility for various types of financial aid. Financial aid education is offered through individual counseling, campus marketing activities and group presentations. Staff also undertakes research and resolution of individual student issues. The office strives to provide timely and accurate financial aid processing that is in full compliance with all federal, state and university regulations.

Career Center
Career Center Webpage
The Career Center provides proactive and comprehensive career services to students through: career development, experiential learning, resume development, on-campus recruitment and employer networking. The professional staff creates a supportive and educational environment where students can actively participate in their own career development within the global work world.

Housing
Housing Parents Page
Are you seeking helpful information for parents. Feeling nervous about sending a loved one off to college? Perhaps you’re not alone. The family and friends of our 1,100 residents have shared these exact feelings at one time or another. At Housing & Residential Life, we understand that sending your child off to college, especially for the first time, can fill parents with joy and dread. That is why we have created a page specifically for parents, aimed at addressing your concerns and keeping you informed about what’s happening in the Sacramento State residential community.

Safety
PARENTS: WELLNESS, SAFETY AND JOBS
As a parent of a soon-to-be college student, it is important to know about the programs and services each college offers. Here are some tips on how you can get to know Sac State better.

Transportation
University Transportation & Parking Services (UTAPS)
University Transportation & Parking Services (UTAPS) at California State University, Sacramento provides customer service to the University’s students, faculty, staff and visitors in the areas of parking, parking permit sales, parking enforcement, parking citation payments, parking citation appeals, traffic direction, special event parking services and Night Shuttle, as well as alternative modes of transportation opportunities through the Sac State Commute Choices Program, including Hornet Express Shuttle, issuance of student commuter passes and sale of employee commuter passes to ride Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) light rail and buses. Providing information on carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, walking and the Employee Guaranteed Ride Home Program is another UTAPS function through the Sac State Commute Choices Program. The Senior Director of University Transportation & Parking Services is Tony Lucas.
Health Services  
**Student Health Center**  
It is a pleasure to welcome you to Sacramento State on behalf of the University’s Student Health Services. Our mission is to provide exceptional, cost-effective care that promotes a healthy campus community and supports the academic and personal success of our students.

SO&L  
**Student Organizations & Leadership**  
The office of Student Organizations and Leadership advocates for students and contributes to learning, development, and retention by providing opportunities for involvement, leadership, and empowerment through a wide variety of organizations and programs. These experiences foster campus pride and student success to promote an inclusive and equitable community.

Parents and Families Program  
**http://www.csus.edu/student/parents/**  
The mission of the Sacramento State Parents & Families Program is to create and strengthen the vital partnership between parents and families of enrolled students and the University. The primary functions of the program include:

- Promoting information about campus resources
- Supporting student success
- Generating support and goodwill for the campus
- Creating an interactive role for parents and families within the campus community and beyond

**Student Financial Services**  
**Parent Access**  
CASHNet SmartPay allows a student to create a PIN to allow parents to access their CASHNet SmartPay information. This feature eliminates the need to share your SacLink username and password information with your parents.

**FERPA**  
**FERPA for Parents**  
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**ALS 79A:** In addition to academics, SB students have a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills.
SAC STATE STUDENT SLANG

**ARC:** The Academic Information Resource Center is a fairly new building on the campus. It offers 87 work stations, 16 group stations, 5 study group rooms, 10 laptops, 1 copier, high speed internet connection and a 24-hour study lounge.

**ASI:** Associated Students Incorporated, student-run government on campus that offers a variety of programs and services available to all students. Programs include Aquatic Center, Peak Adventures, Children’s Center and KSSU 1580AM.

**CAMP:** The College Assistance Migrant Program is educational program that helps students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds succeed. CAMP assists transition from high school to college and offers first-year support services to develop the skills necessary to graduate from college. CAMP strives to be “a home away from home” for its students.

**EOP:** The Educational Opportunity Program serves California residents from low-income households who demonstrate the motivation and potential to earn a baccalaureate degree. The primary aim of the program is to help students achieve their college goals by providing services needed to be successful in college.

**PARC:** PARC includes supplemental instruction offerings, a university peer advising program, individual and group tutoring, specialized workshops, and services to support students at all levels.

**SBA:** Acronym for the Summer Bridge Academy Program. SBA is designed to provide assistance to EOP first-year students entering Sac State in the Fall. The program works collaboratively with students to engage in an ongoing transition process from high school to college. The process focuses on academics, social network, and personal development to create a foundation for persistence towards a timely graduation.

**MCC:** The Multicultural Center; believes that building sustainable relationships and encouraging cross-cultural awareness are critical to cultivating a welcoming, socially just community.

**My Sac State:** One stop portal that provides services such as registration, financial and admission status, class schedule and much more.

**One Card:** Official student ID cards; allows students to check out library books, attend all home athletics events for free, ride the regional transit for free, deposit money into an account to use as a debit card and print from any computer lab. Also get discounts off campus.

**SacLink:** Each student’s computing and networking electronic ID. This ID gives access to any on-campus computers and wireless internet and onto My Sac State.

**SEE:** Science Educational Equity is a comprehensive academic support program for students who face social, economic, and educational barriers to careers in the health professions, science research, and science teaching.

**Union:** University Union; central hub for students on campus. Offers a variety of places to eat, study, hang out and relax.
## RESOURCE DIRECTORY

If calling from off campus dial 278-__ __ __ When calling from on campus, dial 8 and then the last 4-digit extension

SAC STATE CAMPUS DIRECTORY: [directory.csus.edu](http://directory.csus.edu)

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