



Summer Bridge Acceptance Packet

Finances

The 2019 UC Merced Summer Bridge: First Year Program is a no-cost program for students who complete a 2018-2019 financial aid application. Participant costs, listed below, will be fully-covered by a combination of financial aid, foundational support and UC Merced's Student Success Initiative.

- Tuition
- Room and board (including meals)
- Weekend and experiential learning activities
- Books and supplies

Program participants will also receive Summer Bridge backpacks, water bottles and a t-shirt. A limited number of laptops will be available for loan for the duration of the program.

After program acceptance, Summer Bridge students must:

- Make sure that they have completed a 2018-19 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application and confirm that the UC Merced school code (041271) is listed.
 - If you have already completed a financial application, log in to the my.ucmerced.edu student portal and check your personal checklist. Documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Office must be submitted by the date indicated.
 - Check the email you used when you applied often and respond to emails immediately.

Note: Funding for program participation will not impact a student's aid package for the 2019-2020 academic year. For questions, please contact finaid@ucmerced.edu.

By checking the '*I agree*' checkbox, I understand that I may be required to submit additional documentation to finalize my financial aid award for the 2019 Summer Bridge Program and agree to respond to requests for documentation as required to satisfy institutional and federal financial aid requirements.

I agree

By checking the '*I agree*' checkbox, I acknowledge that UC Merced is providing me this opportunity in good faith that I will successfully complete the Summer Bridge Program. Failure to complete the program in good academic standing may jeopardize my ability to receive aid in future semesters.

I agree

By checking the '*I agree*' checkbox, I authorize the cost of my Summer 2019 textbooks, the cost of which will be covered by the program, to be added to my student bill as part of the program's financial aid process.

I agree

Enter your Initials

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Summer Course Enrollment

Summer Bridge participants enroll in nine 9 to 10 semester units of academic credit that kick-start their first semester at UC Merced. Courses will count towards the UC grade point average and satisfy degree requirements. Academic advisors will be notified of student's participation in the program to ensure registration in the appropriate Fall 2019 courses.

Participants will be automatically enrolled in three courses during the 8-week Summer Session (June 24, 2019 through Aug. 16, 2019), including:

- [MATH 005: Pre-Calculus](#). MATH 005 serves as a pre-requisite for Calculus I and some statistics courses. Students must enroll in MATH 005 for Summer 2019, even if they

passed the math placement exam or received AP/IB scores that would place them in a higher math level.

- [USTU 010: Introduction to Undergraduate Studies](#). USTU 010 is graded P/NP and satisfies the minimum units required for graduation (120).
- One additional summer session course. Please complete the short survey following the submission of this packet to indicate your preferred third course no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019**. Seating in some courses is limited, and enrollment is on a first-come, first served basis.

As part of my acceptance in the Summer Bridge Program, I agree to:

- Remain enrolled in my Summer 2019 courses.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures outlined in the course syllabus (usually received on the first day of the course)
- Adhere to all instructor attendance policies.
- Complete all course assignments and other requirements.

Summer Bridge Participants are required to complete all coursework with a passing grade (C- or higher) and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Failure to do so may result in academic action at the end of the Summer 2019 term, including potential dismissal from the university. Students should notify the program coordinator immediately of situations that may affect completion of the program or ability to enroll at UC Merced for the Fall 2019 semester.

By checking the '*I agree*' checkbox and entering my initials, I understand the importance of my full and focused efforts in completion of my Summer Bridge courses as a foundation for my success as a student at UC Merced. I will take responsibility for my own success, including fully participating in class, reaching out to my instructors for questions or concerns and utilizing other academic support services.

I agree



On-Campus Housing

Summer Bridge participants are required to live on-campus in [The Summits - Half Dome](#) residence halls. Students will live with other participants in quad rooms. Students are required to remain on-campus for the duration of the program, and adhere to their Housing Contract.

As part of their room and board, participants will be enrolled in a meal plan that includes three meal periods Monday through Friday and two meals on Saturday and Sunday during the contract period whenever the dining center is open.

As part of their acceptance in the Summer Bridge Program, participants agree to:

- Adhere to Summer Bridge Move-In and Move-Out schedule:
 - *Move-In* will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2019. More move-in information will be sent to participants' UC Merced email address.
 - *Move-Out* will take place after 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16. All students must be moved-out by 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.
 - Participate in mandatory Summer Bridge Workshops and activities.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures outlined in the Housing Contract and in the [Housing & Residence Life Handbook](#). University rules and regulations are established to provide a safe harmonious community for you and others to live. Examples of University rules that are contained in the UC Merced Housing & Residence Life Handbook include, but are not limited to:
 - Alcohol: The possession and use of alcohol is permitted by those 21 or older in the privacy of his or her room/suite with no minors present.
 - Drugs: Possession, use, manufacturing, and/or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances, under either federal or state law, are prohibited and are grounds for Contract termination. Requests for the use of medical marijuana are directed to Disability Services prior to use.
 - Firearms and Weapons: Possession and/or use are prohibited and are grounds for Contract termination.

- Fire Safety: It is a serious offense to tamper with fire detection or safety equipment including smoke detectors and elevators. When a fire alarm sounds, Resident must evacuate the premises immediately and remain out until approved to re-enter by a University official. Hookahs and hover boards are not permitted on the premises.
- Guests: Residents are responsible for his or her guests' behavior and, therefore, agree to inform guests of University rules. Because overnight guests infringe on the space of others, overnight guests may stay for up to three nights within a two-week period, but only with the written approval of room/suitemates.
- Network and Internet Access: The network is provided to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information. Resident shall abide by all state and federal laws and regulations and all University regulations regarding the network, such being incorporated herein by reference, and will be held accountable for any inappropriate activity originating from his or her computer.
- Noise: Housing & Residence Life strives to create an environment conducive to study and sleep. As such, Resident shall cooperate immediately with all requests for quiet. If there are repeated infractions of this rule, in addition to other sanctions, the University may require the removal of disruptive stereos, other amplified sound equipment and/or musical instruments.
- Smoking: Smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited on all University of California campuses and includes inside and outside of the residence halls.

By checking the 'I agree' checkbox and entering my initials, I understand the role of on-campus housing in my success as a Summer Bridge participant. I will participate in required activities, and adhere to my housing contract, as part of my program participation.

I agree



Academic Support and Community

Summer Bridge participants are required to participate in mandatory activities that support their academic success and development as a member of the UC Merced community.

Participants will be matched with a [Success Peer Mentor](#), an upper-class student who will serve as a resource in development of strategies and skills that advance students' academic, intrapersonal and interpersonal development. Mentors help students acclimate to life at UC Merced and, in many cases, will continue their relationship with Summer Bridge participants into the academic year.

As part of their course enrollment, Summer Bridge participants will be expected to utilize instructor office hours. Usually offered at the same time each week, these provide an opportunity for students to ask questions about course content or assignments or start to develop relationships with faculty or graduate students.

Mandatory tutoring will be offered by the [Math Center](#), [Peer Assisted Learning Support](#) (PALS) and the [Writing Center](#). Depending on the program, tutoring is provided by a combination of peer educators and professional staff who seek to support students' growth in course knowledge, and establish behaviors and habits that promote longer term success.

In addition to the learning and success strategies learned in USTU 010: Introduction to Undergraduate Studies, Summer Bridge participants will participate in workshops that seek to connect them with campus resources that will contribute to their long-term success. Sample workshops include:

- Using Faculty Office Hours
- Time Management
- Introduction to a Research University
- Effective Reading Strategies
- Academic Advising & Degree Planning

Participants will attend several receptions, including opening and closing ceremonies that seek to strengthen connections between participants, UC Merced faculty, and staff.

Summer Bridge participants will not be required to attend New Student Orientation. However, parents and guest can still register to attend a [Parent and Guest Orientation program](#). Summer Bridge participants who identify as undocumented and their parents/guest are also able to participate in the KEY program. Students who are accepted to the Summer Bridge Program, and have registered for another Orientation date, will have their Orientation registration transferred.

Participants will participate in weekend experiential activities to enhance their learning, explore opportunities outside of the classroom that contribute to their personal and academic growth, and further develop connections with fellow participants and the UC Merced community.

Participation Waivers

In order to participate in weekend activities, students will be required to complete waivers. If students are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign the forms. Information about the required waivers will be sent to Summer Bridge participants, and will also be posted at <http://summerbridge.ucmerced.edu/participants> by June 7.

I understand the importance of Academic Support and Community in my success as a Summer Bridge Participant and throughout my time at UC Merced. My initials indicate that I will participate in these opportunities for personal and academic growth in in order to maintain the benefits and privileges provided by the program.

By checking the 'I agree' checkbox and entering my initials, I understand the importance of Academic Support and Community in my success as a Summer Bridge participant and throughout my time at UC Merced. I will participate in these opportunities for personal and academic growth in order to maintain the benefits and privileges provided by the program

I agree



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Summer Bridge Schedule (tentative)

Student ID#

First Name

Last Name

Opening Weekend: Sunday, June 23 and Monday, June 24

Sunday:

- 10 a.m. -- Move-In
- 1-2:30 p.m. --Parent Reception and Program
- 12 p.m. -- Program Begins
- 12 8 p.m. -- Welcome Events
 - Classroom Tour
 - Welcome Social
 - Residence Life Floor Meeting

Monday:

- Classes begin
- Campus Resource Exploration



2019 Summer Bridge Program Participation Acceptance Agreement

To finalize your acceptance to the 2019 UC Merced Summer Bridge -- First Year Program you must agree to the following conditions of the program enrollment. Note that acceptance is subject to your continued eligibility for admission to UC Merced for the Fall 2019 semester.

By acceptance of admission to the 2019 UC Merced Summer Bridge -- First Year Program, I agree to the following:

I will adhere to all program deadlines, including timely response to requests for documentation and information to ensure program compliance.

If I have received, or anticipate receiving a grade of C or lower in my senior year of high school, this includes submission of MyCourseUpdate, I will notify Summer Bridge Program.

I will notify the program coordinator immediately of situations that may affect my completion of the program, or my ability to enroll at UC Merced for the Fall 2019 semester.

I will participate fully in all required program requirements, including:

- Summer Course Enrollment. Students will be enrolled in MATH 005: Pre-Calculus, USTU 010: Introduction to Undergraduate Studies and another summer session course during the 8-week Summer Session (Monday, June 24, through Friday, Aug. 16). Enrollment includes:
 - Adherence to all instructor attendance policies.
 - Completion of course assignments and other requirements.
 - Completion of all coursework with a passing grade (C- or higher) and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

On-Campus Housing. Students are required to live in designated on-campus housing for the duration of the program, and adhere to their Housing Contract. Students must move-in on Sunday, June 23, 2019 and move-out no later than Saturday, Aug. at 10 a.m.

Academic Support and Community. Students are required to participate in mandatory instructor office hours, tutoring, mentoring, academic seminars, and student success workshops.

Experiential Activities. Students are required to participate in all service learning and weekend experiential activities.

I will adhere to and comply with responsibilities outlined below:

- Participate fully in all Summer Bridge activities, including remaining on campus for the duration of the 2019 Summer Bridge Program (Sunday, June 23 through Friday, Aug.). Absences are not permitted.
- Be on time for all mandatory activities, including courses.
- Adhere to the [UC Merced Principles of Community](#).

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in your termination from the 2019 UC Merced Summer Bridge -- First Year Program.

I have read and agree to the conditions outlined in this contract. My submission of this form indicates that I will comply with these conditions in order to maintain the benefits and privileges provide by the program.