What the Program Expects from Students

To participate, students must agree to:

- Attend orientation and all classes for the 8 weeks
- Make time outside of class to complete all assignments, rather than attempt to work extensively during the program
- Collaborate with faculty and peers to achieve success
- Work hard!

- Dates -

Orientation
June 10th & 11th (10-3)

Classes are:
June 15th
through
August 7th

- Hours –

Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Our Mission

This eight-week summer intensive curriculum will enable prospective students to begin their university career early. They will discover what skills and behaviors students need to be successful in the university setting – and to begin developing those skills.

Additionally, the Summer Bridge offers:

- Small class size
- Close, supporting ties among students and instructors
- Personalized advising and counseling
- Introduction to campus resources
- Transition to university social and intellectual life

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How to Participate

- ☐ Submit your application to UC Merced. Priority is given to applications submitted by November 30, 2009. No Summer Bridge admissions can be processed after March 15th. For information or questions, contact 209-228-4682 or e-mail admissions@ucmerced.edu.

- ☐ Complete your FAFSA and all financial aid documents. To receive financial aid for the summer, you will need to complete forms for the 2008-2009 year. For information, contact 209-228-4243 or e-mail finaid@ucmerced.edu.

- ☐ If you intend to live on campus, apply for housing in March 2009. For information, contact 228-4663 or e-mail housing@ucmerced.edu.

- ☐ Contact the Writing Program for an application. Call for 209-228-4143 or email lhart-brown@ucmerced.edu. Please write "Summer Bridge application" in the subject line.

Social Advantages

Early connection opportunities with other students who are just starting

Students who participate in summer intensive programs usually find that summer friendships translate into ready-made support when fall classes begin.

Early connection opportunities with upper classmen who have been successful at UC Merced

Tutors and mentors help participants avoid some of the pitfalls and mistakes that may cause freshmen to stumble or fail. These upper classmen continue to be resources during the upcoming years.

Be sure to apply early in order to receive any financial assistance for which you are eligible in order to cover program fees.

Academic Advantages

- The opportunity to complete Academic Writing and gain six units of credit (As a condition of receiving WRI 01 credit, students must be enrolled in WRI 10 during the fall semester. Credit is given on the eighth week of the fall semester.)
- Early access to academic-support services, as well as early registration
- Joining a learning community* that will give support throughout the next academic year
- Technology access and training – computer-enhanced classrooms for writing instruction, laptop use available for all Summer Bridge students

*Learning communities are groups of students who continue taking classes together throughout the next year, with sustained academic support – currently open only to Summer Bridge students.