THE BRIDGE PROGRAM
HELPING ELI STUDENTS TRANSITION TO UD COURSES
WHAT IS BRIDGE?

- The Bridge Program is an opportunity for undergraduate-level students to start taking a university class while they finish their Conditional Admissions Program (CAP) requirements at ELI; however, students do NOT have to be CAP students to participate.

- Bridge students have:
  - 1 ELI class 10 hours/week
  - 1 hour of ELI tutoring
  - 1-2 UD classes for credit
  - Bridge Prep Study Skills Class before the UD class begins
  - Bridge Recitation Meetings 2-3x/week with a Bridge Leader
WHO ARE BRIDGE LEADERS?

• Instructors with Master’s Degrees
• High-achieving students at UD in math and engineering
• Bridge Leaders meet 2-3 times weekly with students to help with their UD credit course
  • learn effective study strategies
  • review class notes & assignments
HOW WILL BRIDGE HELP?

- Bridge will help students develop the TRAITS of a successful student in the U.S. university system
  #1: Be Organized
  #2: Understand Professors’ Expectations
  #3: Communicate with professors and classmates effectively
  #4: Study Effectively and Efficiently
  #5: Use Academic Resources
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WHAT UD CLASS CAN STUDENTS TAKE?

- Math
  - MUST take an online math placement test first to test into Calculus-related classes

- Example Breadth Requirement Classes
  - LEAD100: Leadership, Integrity and Change
  - HIST 206: US History
  - HRIM 316: Cross-Cultural Etiquette and Protocol
  - LING 101: Introduction to Linguistics
  - GEOG 102: Human Geography
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

University Skills ≠ High School Skills

University Expectations > ELI Expectations
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

- University classes contain a LOT of information (very fast pace)
  - Most international students struggle with the pace:
    - >4 pages of detailed lecture notes/1-hr class
    - 40-80 pages of reading/week
    - Quizzes and assignments every 2-3 weeks all semester
  - New vocabulary terms (not just definition memorization!)
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

• Accountability for Time and Task Management
  • University students must take $\geq 12$ credits each semester (most take 15)
    • 4-5 classes that meet 2-3 times/week
    • Each class has 6-9 hours of homework/week (24-40 hours)
  • The University expects students to exercise regularly and be involved in social activities/ clubs on campus (3-5 hours/week)
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

- Learn study skills to succeed on tests based on critical thinking, not memorization
  - Understand the test questions
  - Improve critical thinking
  - Get help identifying what the important information is in readings and lectures
  - Review graded assignments for help on how to improve
WHY SHOULD STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

• Understanding your Professor’s Expectations
  • The syllabus
  • Grading on tests and assignments
  • Class behavior and participation
  • Office hours
  • What should you do if you feel your grade is unfair/wrong?
COSTS FOR 2014-15

- ELI Bridge Program Fees ≈ $3,750 for 2 sessions
  - 1-wk Study Skills Class
  - Bridge Recitations with a Bridge Leader (3x/wk)
  - 1 ELI class + 1 tutor session I
  - 1 ELI class + 1 tutor session II
- Health Insurance and Student Fees ≈ $800/semester
- UD Course Fees
  - 3-Credit Course = $3,817
  - 4-Credit Course = $5,036
- Approximate Cost for Spring Semester (4 months) ≈ $8,400
HOW DO I APPLY?

• To apply, go to the Bridge Website:

  http://udel.edu/eli/bridge

• Click on the link to the Bridge Application to apply.

• Dates for the Bridge Program are listed at the end of the Bridge website.

Make sure you apply by the deadline to be considered!