

The Bridge Program
Charleston Southern University
CONTRACT FOR SUCCESS

Welcome to the Bridge Program

The Bridge Program is a comprehensive, intensive developmental program at Charleston Southern University and is guided by the mission to help students gain access to one of the baccalaureate programs and to equip them with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to successfully earn a degree. The components of our program are based on national best practices and CSU's own successful history of academically successful programs. This program offers an opportunity for admittance for students who do not meet the requirements for regular admittance (SAT Math score 440 or ACT Math score 19 OR a Critical Reading SAT 480 or English ACT 19). Call or e-mail the Chair of The Bridge Program with questions: Prof. Suzan Phillips: sephillips@csuniv.edu 843-574-3234.

How we accomplish our mission for the Bridge student:

- Intrusive academic advising throughout the semester
- Free, mandatory tutoring in English and Math
- An attendance policy that ensures success
- Limited hours and prearranged set of classes
- Highly committed, well-trained faculty
- Required college reading and study skills class (GNED 107)

Students agree to the following:

1. Bridge students are automatically enrolled in the Bridge Program during their FIRST semester at CSU.
2. Students may not withdraw from their required Bridge classes without permission of Bridge Program Chair.
3. Requirements for Bridge must be completed in the student's first 30 hours at CSU in order to continue at CSU.
4. A minimum grade of C is required for credit in Bridge classes.
5. Credit hours earned in 099 classes do not fulfill General Education Core Requirements – students receive institutional credit only.
6. Bridge students may take the English 099 and/or Math 099 course no more than three times, and these three attempts must all occur within one calendar year (ONLY for students making satisfactory academic progress).
7. Students who fail 099 classes after the first attempt will be placed on academic probation.
8. Students may not miss more than eight class sessions. Doing so will result in an FA (failure due to excessive absences) and may result in losing full-time status.
9. All Bridge students are required to meet with their Bridge advisor THREE times during a semester.
10. All Bridge students are required to participate in any pre and post diagnostic testing.
11. All Bridge students are required to attend a mandatory weekly tutoring session.

**SC Life and/or Hope scholarship recipients have mandates placed on their credit hours while in the BRIDGE program and must maintain 12 hours per semester in addition to these courses OR risk losing scholarship money.*

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies set for the Bridge Program outlined in this document. I also understand that once classes begin, I must complete the program in its entirety and cannot be released from the program until all mandated course work is completed.

Student Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____

Student ID: _____

RETURN SIGNED DOCUMENT TO:

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