

ETSU UPWARD BOUND SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENT AGREEMENT 2021

Classes: All ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program participants for 2021 will register for up to two university level Summer Term I courses during the mandatory Summer Orientation on May 13th, 2021. Each class will be a 3 credit hour General Education course. Summer Term I classes run from June 7rd through July 9th. It is the student's responsibility to see how and if Bridge courses will transfer to their college of choice for Fall.

Summer Attendance: Since summer courses are extremely fast-paced, it is not recommended that students participate in the Bridge program if they plan to miss more than one or two days of the summer. Attendance and grading policies are completely at the discretion of the course instructor and Upward Bound cannot approve or excuse absences. Students who fail to comply with Bridge course attendance policies may be dismissed from the program and may be asked to reimburse the Upward Bound program for the cost of tuition, fees, books, and housing paid on their behalf.

Tuition and Fees: All Summer Term I tuition and fees for the UB Bridge participant are paid by both the UB Bridge participant and the ETSU UB program. UB Bridge participants, by completing the 2020-2021 FAFSA and financial aid verification requirements, will utilize their Federal Pell Grant funds toward their Summer Term I tuition and fees. The ETSU UB program will pay the unpaid tuition and fee balance that remains once a student's financial aid award has been applied to the student's tuition and fees for Summer Term I.

Financial Aid: Students must complete all Financial Aid and Verification requirements and have summer aid awarded before beginning Bridge classes. Failure to complete this process could result in the student not being able to participate in the Summer Bridge Program. Bridge participants should actively be involved in the financial aid process. It is their responsibility to secure funds for Summer Term I. Students must use Goldlink to view Financial Aid information and track completion of Financial Aid requirements. The UB staff is available for consultation and it is the student's responsibility to contact the UB staff for support.

Stipend: Students will earn a weekly stipend of \$10 per week for participation in the Bridge program. If students fail to return textbooks or incur damage fees in dorms/apartments, this stipend will be forfeited to reimburse Upward Bound for lost deposits.

Textbooks: Textbooks for course(s) will be provided by the ETSU Upward Bound in the format of e-books. Students will receive the e-book access via email to their ETSU Email account the week before courses begin.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) and Bridge Meetings: ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge participants are required to attend every scheduled Supplemental Instruction session and Bridge meeting that is arranged by the program. Absences from SI and Bridge meetings are only permissible with an excuse from a medical doctor. Failure to attend all required sessions or to provide adequate documentation for absences will result in disciplinary action from the program up to and including dismissal from the program. Two unexcused absences from SI will result in a mandatory conference with UB staff and possible dismissal from the Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program.

GPA Requirements: ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge participants must earn a 2.50 or higher in their coursework during the Summer Bridge Program. The Upward Bound Program staff reserve the right to remove any Summer Bridge participant from the program for failure to meet basic course requirements. Failure to meet academic performance criteria could result in the Summer Bridge participant being required to reimburse the ETSU Upward Program the full cost for any tuition, fees, books, and housing paid by the ETSU Upward Bound program on their behalf for participation in the Summer Bridge Program. Participation in the Upward Bound Summer Trip will be denied to any Summer Bridge participant who earns less than a 2.50 GPA overall in their coursework.