SUNY Potsdam
Bridges Program Learning Contract

Welcome to the Bridges Program. Your admission to SUNY Potsdam, through this program, will provide you with transitional support during your first two semesters.

Below, you will find the specific requirements to maintain your enrollment at the college. The purpose of this Learning Contract is to define your obligations based upon your acceptance to Potsdam through the Bridges Program.

Perhaps the most important thing to understand is that the Bridges program is here to help you make a successful transition to college. The primary vehicle through which this is accomplished is regular contact with a Bridges advisor. Simply stated, this provides you with a place to go for academic, personal, college major, or career assistance. Frequent and regular contact with your Bridges adviser will provide you with the tools necessary to assume responsibility for your own academic progress.

Program Restrictions:

- You are limited to scheduling a maximum of 15 credit hours during the fall semester; the only exceptions are students enrolled as Crane, Education or Art students.
- You are required to enroll in the First Year Success Seminar (FYSS 100) and Writing & Critical Thinking (COMP 101) courses during the fall semester. Exceptions will only be made for students who have already earned credit for COMP 101 through their high school coursework or those who are granted permission to take the course during their second semester.

During your first semester you will be expected to:

- Attend all classes and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain at least monthly contact with your Bridges adviser.
- Attend all Fall Group Meetings. You will receive specific notification on all group meetings, when scheduled, early in the fall semester.
- Request group tutoring assistance from the Academic Support Office or individual tutoring assistance from the TRiO Office (if you are eligible) if you are having difficulty with any course.
- Meet with your Bridges adviser to plan for your following semester courses.

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During your second semester you will be expected to:

- Attend all classes and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain regular contact with your Bridges adviser based upon your academic standing at the conclusion of your first semester:

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- Additionally, students who earn less than a 2.0 average will be limited to a maximum course load of 15 credit hours during the spring semester and be REQUIRED to take FY 150 - Metaskills. Metaskills is an 8-week course designed to assist students with study skills and developing a sense of responsibility for their education.
- Attend All-Bridges spring group meetings, as scheduled and announced.
- Request group tutoring assistance from the Academic Support Office if you are having difficulty with any course.
- Meet with your Bridges adviser to plan for your following semester courses.
- Undeclared students may be required to meet additional obligations to help them determine a major.

**Bridges students are REQUIRED** to maintain regular access to their **BearMail accounts (campus email account)** for: program announcements, helpful academic support information and College events.

**Please Note** - Students who do not meet with their Bridges advisor as frequently as required may have an “all-services” hold placed on their accounts preventing: course registration, transcript requests, dormitory room selection, etc.

*I understand that maintaining regular contact with my Bridges adviser is my responsibility.*

*I understand that Bridges students who do not satisfy the requirements of this Learning Contract and who do not achieve acceptable academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA) at the conclusion of either first or second semester may be dismissed from SUNY Potsdam.*

*I have read and understand the Bridges Program Learning Contract, agree to meet the obligations stated above and understand that this contract is in effect for my first two academic semesters at SUNY Potsdam.*

Student Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Coordinator Signature _________________________ Date __________