

## GUIDELINES

- If a student fails to attend EAP courses or withdraws from the EAP portion of their program they will be immediately withdrawn from both their academic courses and the Bridging Program. Fees charged will not be refunded and academic penalties for not completing courses or withdrawing by the deadline may apply.
- Students will have a maximum of six terms within a year in which to complete the EAP requirements of the Bridging Program, and are allowed to attempt each EAP course a maximum of three times. Students who do not complete EAP courses by the end of the 12th month will be withdrawn from the Bridging Program and the faculty. Students who are withdrawn from the Bridging Program will not be readmitted to the Bridging Program.
- Students in the Bridging Program may not use any other English proficiency examinations to replace the required EAP courses. If a student wishes to take an external English proficiency examination such as TOEFL, IELTS, etc., to meet the University of Alberta English Language Proficiency requirements, a written statement informing the Bridging Program Advisor of the intention to withdraw from the program is required. Students will then be required to apply to a faculty for re-admission to the next available term.
- Academic courses taken while in the Bridging Program are credit courses that will be recorded on all future University of Alberta academic transcripts. They will be taken into account for academic assessment after first year as well as for admission to future academic programs. Students planning on continuing in the faculty must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in their academic coursework.
- All participating faculties offer transfer credit for ESL 140 and 145 in most of their programs.

## BRIDGING PROGRAM ACADEMIC CLASS OPTIONS

We have 45 junior level courses for Bridging students to choose from on the North Campus and 32 courses on the Augustana campus. Please refer to the course list and consult your faculty advisor for course selection. Credits from these courses can be counted towards your program of study.

### NORTH CAMPUS (EDMONTON)

ANTHR 101 (*3);	EAS 192 (*3);	MUSIC 141 (*3);
ANTHR 110 (*3);	EASIA 101 (*3);	MUSIC 143 (*3);
ART 134 (*3);	ECON 101 (*3);	MUSIC 144 (*3)
ASTRO 120 (*3);	ECON 102 (*3)	NS 110 (*3);
ASTRO 122 (*3);	MATH 113 (*3);	NS 111 (*3)
CHEM 101 (*3);	MATH 114 (*3);	NU FS 100 (*3);
CHEM 102 (*3);	MATH 115 (*3);	NUTR 100 (*3)
CMPUT 101 (*3);	MATH 117 (*3);	PHYS 114 (*3);
CMPUT 114 (*3);	MATH 118 (*3);	PHYS 124(*3);
CMPUT 115 (*3);	MATH 120 (*3);	PHYS 126 (*3);
CMPUT 174 (*3);	MATH 125 (*3)	PHYS 144 (*3);
CMPUT 175 (*3)	MATH 153 (*3)	PHYS 146 (*3)
DES 135 (*3)	MUSIC 101 (*3);	RLS 100 (*3)
EAS 100 (*3);	MUSIC 102 (*3);	STAT 141 (*3);
EAS 105 (*3);	MUSIC 140 (*3);	STAT 151 (*3)

### AUGUSTANA CAMPUS (CAMROSE)

AUART 111 (*3);	120 (*3)	AUMAT 110 (*3);
AUART 112 (*3)	AUFRE 101 (*3);	AUMAT 112 (*3);
AUBIO 110 (*3);	AUFRE 102 (*3)	AUMAT 120 (*3)
AUBIO 130 (*3)	AUGER 101 (*3);	AUPED 184 (*3);
AUCHE110 (*3);	AUGER102 (*3)	AUPHY 102 (*3)
AUCHE112 (*3);	AUMUS 140-	AUREL 100 (*3)
AUCSC120 (*3)	149 (Choral &	AUSCA 101 (*3);
AUDRA 123 (*3);	instrumental	AUSCA 102 (*3);
AUDRA 141 (*3)	ensembles) (*1 – 3)	AUSOC 105 (*3);
AUECO 101 (*3);	AUMUS 170 (*3);	AUSPA 101 (*3);
AUECO 102 (*3)	AUMUS 190 (*1.5);	AUSPA 102 (*3);
AUENV/AUGEO	AUMUS 193 (*3);	AUSTA 153 (*3)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### FACULTY OF NATIVE STUDIES

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### FACULTY OF SCIENCE

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# U OF A BRIDGING PROGRAM

The University of Alberta Bridging Program provides students the opportunity to combine university degree courses with English for Academic Purposes (EAP) classes, allowing qualified applicants to improve their English Language Proficiency. The Bridging Program is currently offered by five faculties: Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences (ALES), Faculty of Arts, Augustana, Faculty of Native Studies, and Faculty of Science. All applicants to the participating faculties who present a competitive academic average but do not meet the minimum English Language Proficiency requirements for regular academic degree programs will automatically be evaluated for admission to the Bridging Program.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BRIDGING PROGRAM

Bridging Program students are admitted for Fall Term (September), Winter Term (January), and Spring Term (May), depending on the faculty applied to. The application for admission must be submitted by the deadlines <http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/deadlines>.

	FALL TERM (September)	WINTER TERM (January)	SPRING TERM (May)
ALES	✓	✓	
Arts	✓	✓	✓
Augustana	✓	✓	
Native Studies	✓	✓	✓
Science	✓		✓

Admission to the Bridging Program will be evaluated on a number of set criteria. Visit [www.registrar.ualberta.ca/apply](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/apply) for the required courses for each program:

- (1) High school applicants: An average based on the five admission subjects required by your program of choice. (All subjects must be completed at the Grade 12 level – final year of high school)
- (2) Transfer applicants: minimum admission GPA of 2.0–2.7 depending on which faculty you are applying to. Admissions criteria varies - please contact the faculty advisor for details.
- (3) English Language Proficiency score report in one of the following ranges:

- BP Stage 1
  - TOEFL: 500 (Paper-based), iBT 65
  - IELTS: 5.0
  - Successful completion of ESL 130
- BP Stage 2
  - TOEFL: 530–577 (Paper-based), iBT 70–85
  - IELTS: 5.5–6.0
  - Successful completion of ESL 135

To evaluate your application for admission, we will require the following documents.

- Official and complete high school transcript(s)
- Official English Language Proficiency score report
- Official and complete postsecondary transcript (two copies) (transfer applicants only)
- Postsecondary course descriptions (transfer applicants only)

## BENEFITS OF THE BRIDGING PROGRAM

Once admitted into the Bridging Program, you are considered a student in one of the participating faculties and can enjoy all the benefits that degree students can access and more, including the following:

- Academic courses taken while taking EAP courses are counted as credit courses towards your degree
- Becoming an academic degree student in the faculty upon successful completion of the Bridging Program in as short as four months
- Flexible start time and two stages in the program
- Eligible for scholarships
- Transfers credits awarded for ESL 140 and 145 for most programs.
- Access to faculty and University student services and designated advisors.
- Eligibility to apply and stay in student residences
- Eligibility to receive UAlberta ONEcard with U-Pass (for the Edmonton, St. Albert and Strathcona County transit systems)

## HOW DOES THE BRIDGING PROGRAM WORK?

The Bridging Program is focused on improving English proficiency skills while also engaging students in the academic classroom environment in an English immersion setting. There are two stages, depending on the English Language Proficiency level.

### STAGE 1

Students at Stage 1 can take ESL135 and additional non-credit academic support courses. Upon successful completion of ESL 135 in as short as two months, students will be promoted to Stage 2.

### STAGE 2

Stage 2 students are eligible to take a maximum of three credits (one course) per academic term (Fall or Winter) while taking ESL140 and 145. Upon successful completion of the two EAP courses (ESL 140 and ESL 145), students will be eligible to continue in the faculty as full-time academic students. Students wishing to study in another faculty can apply to transfer to that faculty in the next available admission term.

Stage 2 students can complete the Bridging Program in as short as four months. For example, a student who starts in September can pass ESL 140 in October and ESL 145 in December and start full-time academic study in January.

However, students can spend up to 12 months to successfully complete all the required EAP courses in the Bridging Program.

Many students choose not to take any academic courses so that they may focus more fully on EAP studies. This is an acceptable option and is quite common, especially in the first term of studies. Academic courses that are completed as a part of the Bridging Program are considered credit courses and will be considered towards future degree programs and admission to other programs.

## TERM FORMAT\*

### SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER (TWO TERMS)

#### For Stage 1 Students

- ESL 135 (Sept. to Oct; Nov. to Dec.)

#### For Stage 2 Students

- ESL 140 (Sept. to Oct; Nov. to Dec.)
- ESL 145 (Sept. to Oct; Nov. to Dec.)
- Maximum one 3 credit course (September to December)

### JANUARY TO APRIL (TWO TERMS)

#### For Stage 1 Students

- ESL 135 (Jan. to Feb.; March to April)

#### For Stage 2 Students

- ESL 140 (Jan. to Feb.; March to April)
- ESL 145 (Jan. to Feb.; March to April)
- Maximum one 3 credit course (January to April)

### MAY TO JUNE (ONE TERM), JULY TO AUGUST (ONE TERM)

#### For Stage 1 and 2 Students

- ESL 135, 140 or 145

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Academic support courses offered in all terms

\*Augustana campus ESL courses differ in format