

ATU SUMMER BRIDGE EXPERIENCE (SBE) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. Who should apply to the 2021 ATU Summer Bridge Experience?** Incoming Fall 2021 ATU Freshmen who have a MATH ACT score < 19 and within commuting distance of Arkansas Tech University.
- 2. Why should I attend?**
The ATU Summer Bridge Experience will impact your future success as a college student. The program will give you a head start in making social and academic transitions to college. You will enhance your study skills and learn to set priorities to balance school, work and the many social aspects of the ATU campus.
- 3. What paperwork do I need to complete when applying to the Summer Bridge Experience?**
You will need to complete all information included under the “APPLY NOW” tab on this website.
- 4. How many students are accepted into the Summer Bridge Experience?**
For Summer 2021, approximately 25 students will be accepted into SBE.
- 5. When will I know if I have been accepted into the program?**
Students will be notified of their acceptance or nonacceptance on Friday, April 23, 2021 by email using the address provided on your application. An acceptance letter and contract will also be mailed to you if you have been selected.
- 6. What courses will I take during the Summer Bridge Experience?** During SBE, students will experience interactive learning in the following college courses for a total of 7 credit hours. These courses include Orientation to the University and a choice of College Mathematics/Foundations of College Mathematics or College Algebra/Intermediate Algebra depending on your intended major or course of study.

TECH 1001: Orientation to the University

A course designed to provide information and enhance skills that will enable students to take responsibility for a successful transition to college. The course will expose students to college resources and requirements and promote the development of practical skills for college success.

MATH 0803: Foundations of College Mathematics

The purpose of this course is to prepare for college level mathematics those students whose mathematics background is inadequate. This course is a review of solving basic equations, operations, exponents, formulas, basic numeracy, statistics percentages, scientific notation, conversions, and other mathematical skills. This course prepares students thought a focus on problem solving, working with data, and emphasis on thinking critically.

MATH 1003: College Mathematics

The course focuses upon the mathematics of contemporary life. Topics include Planning and Scheduling schemes from Management Science, Data Analysis, Probability and inference from Statistics, Voting Systems and Division Schemes from the science of Social Choice, and various Growth Models.

OR

MATH 0903: Intermediate Algebra

The purpose of this course is to prepare for college level mathematics those students whose mathematics background is inadequate. Content of the course is the language of algebra, fundamental operations, signed numbers, various equations, problem solving, special products and factoring, fractions, functions, graphs, exponents, and systems of linear equations.

MATH 1113: College Algebra

Exponents and radicals, introduction to quadratic equations, systems of equations involving quadratics, ratio, proportion, variation, progressions, the binomial theorem, inequalities, logarithms, and partial fractions.

7. What are the dates of the Summer Bridge Experience and how long will I be in class?

SBE runs daily (Monday - Friday) from June 1st to July 2nd. You will be in class from 9:30am to noon and 1:00pm to 3:30pm each day. The daily schedule is as follows:

9:00am- Opening assembly

9:30am – noon Corequisite College Mathematics/Foundations of Mathematics or College Algebra/Intermediate Algebra

Noon-12:45 pm Complimentary Lunch

1:00pm-3:30pm Orientation to Tech, discussion, and activities

8. If I cannot attend all days, can I still be a part of the program?

No. The Summer Bridge Experience is designed as a comprehensive enrichment program to develop the student individually, academically, and socially. To achieve this goal, each student is required to make a full commitment to SBE for the full duration of the program.

9. Does the ATU Summer Bridge Experience cost money?

This program is FREE if you are selected after completing the application process.

10. Why do I need to fill out two financial aid FASFA forms?

As part of the application process, you will need to complete the FASFA 2021-2022 form which covers financial aid for Fall 2021 and the FASFA 2020-2021 form which covers financial aid for Summer 2021. If you are eligible to receive a federal grant after filling out the FASFA 2020-2021 for the summer, we apply the grant first and then cover the rest of your tuition and fees for the 7 hours of college credit.

11. Do I have to pay for my books?

No. Any books, academic resources, or learning aids needed for SBE will be provided free of charge. Free use of laptops and hotspots will be provided, if needed.

12. Will housing be provided during the Summer Bridge Experience?

No. Because of COVID, this summer SBE will be commuter-based only so participants will need to be able drive to campus each day.

13. Can I participate in the ATU Summer Bridge Experience if I am planning on going to another college in the fall semester?

No. The ATU Summer Bridge Experience is only for students who plan on attending ATU in the fall.

14. Will SBE be on campus or virtual?

ATU's Summer Bridge Experience will be on-campus in a socially-distanced setting. Participants will need to be within commuting distance of ATU as campus housing will not be provided due to COVID.

15. How are students with disabilities supported?

You may contact disability services at (479) 968-0302 or email disabilities@atu.edu to find out more information about disability support services.

16. If I have questions about the Summer Bridge Experience or, if I need assistance filling out the required forms, whom do I contact?

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