

GEAR UP First-Year Services

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GEAR UP First-Year Services

- Overview of Utah's State Grant First-Year Services (FYS)
- Group Activity – Issues Regarding FYS
- FYS Timeline of Events
- Summer Programming
- Communication Issues
- Data Gathering and Tracking
- Questions and Answers



GEAR UP First-Year Services

- State Grant using a priority student model
- Provides direct services to students versus funds to schools
- Partnerships with Weber State University, Salt Lake Community College, Utah State University-Eastern, and San Juan Foundation
- Served 6167 students in 51 schools within 14 districts, both rural and urban
- First-Year Services has served first-year students for three years
- Students served in Fall of 2015: 559 (526 in-state students and 33 out-of-state)
- Students served life-of-grant: 1,824 in-state and 98 out-of-state



GEAR UP First-Year Services

First-Year Services GEAR UP at Utah Valley University (UVU)

- We serve students who attend colleges where we do not have partnerships
- UVU Staff: FT First-Year Coordinator and 2 outreach mentors

First-Year Services at Partner Colleges & Community Organization

- Weber State University
- Salt Lake Community College
- Utah State University-Eastern
- San Juan Foundation
- Partners staff: 1-2 PT First-Year specialists



GEAR UP First-Year Services

- Individual college counseling
- Senior Transition activities and events: College Application Week, FAFSA Nights, Wolverine Weekend, high school lunch visits
- First-Year Workshops: FAFSA, note taking, choosing a major, reducing test anxiety, etc.
- Introducing GEAR UP First-Year students to programs and events on their campus
- GEAR UP Orientation Days
- Summer Bridge Programs at various campuses



FYS Group Discussion

Split into small groups (no more than four)

Discuss issues to consider when:

- Creating and implementing a first-year services program
- Supporting students in transition from high school to college
- Serving students during their first year of college



Challenges We Encountered

- Staying in communication with the students
- Summer Melt
- Informing students about First-Year Services
- Being held accountable & more responsibility
- Residency, financial aid, registrations complications
- Social & Cultural change
- Collection and reporting of data on the APR
- Other Issues?



Fall Timeline of Events

High School Seniors

FAFSA Nights Start

Utah College Application
Week

Wolverine Weekend

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Student Success
Workshop: *Stop Your
Procrastination*

Student Success
Workshop: *Make It Stick-
Study Smarter*

Student Success
Workshop: *Notetaking
Ninja*

Student Success
Workshop: *Tackling Test
Anxiety*

Text after first week of
college

Scholarship Week

Registration Help

FAFSA Week

Introduction to
Retention



First-Year Students

Spring Timeline of Events

High School Seniors



Summer Timeline of Events

High School Seniors

FYS Intro Letter to all
graduates

Summer Melt
Texting/Contact

Summer Melt
Texting/Contact

Summer Melt
Texting/Contact

Summer Bridge Begins
(27)

Summer Bridge Ends
(19)

Orientation Days
JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

Ready for Fall Semester of Sophomore Year
FAFSA
Academic Probation
Other Issues

First-Year Students



Summer Transition

Summer Melt Texting and Contact

- Welcome to FYS
- College Admission
- Residency
- FAFSA/Financial Aid
- Meeting with Advisor
- Orientation
- Registering for Classes
- Summer Bridge



Summer Programming

Orientation Days

What we did

- Have GEAR UP students attend same orientation
- Post-Orientation Activity with FYS
- Guest Speakers
- Questions and Answer

Future Ideas

- Departmental Collaboration: Retention, Academic Success Counselors, Financial Aid Office, Advisors, etc.
- Extend time for student questions



Summer Programming

Summer Bridge

- Math and English Cohorts
- SLSS class
- 4 weeks
- Monday-Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm
- Prep for college
- Meet other students
- Connect with faculty



Summer Bridge

How it all began: Cross-campus collaboration

Committee representing different departments (November-August)

- GEAR UP
- Program Completion-Academic Affairs
- Developmental Math Department
- English Department
- Department of Student Leadership and Success Studies
- Admissions



Summer Bridge

Recruitment (January-June)

- High school lunch visits
- Follow up with their GEAR UP Counselors
- Follow up texts
- Upon graduation, text and called students to recruit and confirm attendance



2016 Summer Bridge Application



Don't miss out on this opportunity to improve your skills and get ahead before Fall semester begins!!



Save your spot before May 16th, 2016!!

UVU WOLVERGREEN SUMMER BRIDGE & FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS PROGRAM!!

PLANNING TO ATTEND UVU??? THEN THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!!!

- Get a **jump start** on your first year in college by focusing on your math or English skills and college success:
 - **Math session:** Refresh your math skills and possibly skip to the next level of math, based on your progress.
 - **English session:** Move directly into English 1010 by completing this session.
 - **Student Leadership & Success (SLSS) session (2 credits):** Learn the best skills for college success and get ready to start Fall Semester. The two credits will be included in Fall Semester tuition.
 - **SAVE MONEY:** Based on your summer bridge performance and scores, students who participate in the program **may** save about **\$900** in tuition and fees by advancing to higher level courses.
 - Learn strategies for being **successful** in college.
 - Receive **individualized** attention.
 - Receive **assistance** with enrolling in fall and spring courses (required courses listed below)
 - Receive **continued support** through your fall and spring courses (listed below).
 - Connect with advisors, professors, and mentors - all focused on your **success**
- Great opportunity to meet other students!!**
- July 27-Aug 19, Monday – Thursday from 9:30-12:30

HOW IT WORKS:

Summer Bridge Options (choose one option)

- 1) English and Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS)
- 2) Math and Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS)
- 3) Math and English

Fall & Spring semesters required Courses

These courses are based on your summer performance & offer you support in your first year in college.

Fall 2016 (Aug. 22-Dec.17)
English 1010 and Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS)
Math is required

Spring 2017 (Jan 9-May 4)
Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS) 2100
Major & Career Exploration

Apply today at www.tinyurl.com/UVUsummer or turn in application to your GEAR UP counselor. Questions? Contact First Year Services @ UVU at 801-863-6000.



2016 Summer Bridge Application

UVU WOLVERGREEN SUMMER BRIDGE & FIRST -YEAR SUCCESS!!

Complete the form below and turn it in to your GEAR UP counselor, or apply online (www.tinyurl.com/UVUsummer) before May 16th, 2016.

Requirements to attend:

- GEAR UP student with completed acceptance into UVU who is committed to attend Fall & Spring 2016-17.
- Acceptance into the Summer Bridge Program & First-Year Success Program.
- Complete online orientation (orientation about attending UVU) and sign up for Jumpstart Orientation (getting to know campus and resources) at orientation.uvu.edu. For more info: www.uvu.edu/orientation/
- Commitment to attend all GEAR UP Summer Bridge and First-Year Success Experience activities

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
HIGH SCHOOL: _____ PHONE: (____) _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____ GEAR UP STUDENT? YES ____ NO ____

____ (initial) I will commit to completing my UVU application and FAFSA **BEFORE** the first day of Summer Bridge (July 27)

____ (initial) I will commit to adjusting my personal, work, and class schedule, in order to attend the entire program.

I would like to participate in the following Summer Bridge session: (choose one)

- English session and Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS)
- Math session and Student Leadership & Success Studies (SLSS)
- Math session and English session

ACT Score: Composite _____ Math _____ English _____

Last math class taken _____ Date _____ Grade _____

Please briefly answer the following questions:

What do you look forward to most about college? _____

What are your concerns about starting college? _____

The responses on this application sheet are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if accepted to the Summer Bridge & First-Year Success Program, I will be asked to complete college-level course work, and that the grade I receive will be included on my official UVU transcript. I commit to fully participating in the Summer Bridge & First-Year Success Program. I will work hard in my classes, demonstrate maturity, and be on time for all activities. I understand that failure to comply with program regulations will result in my dismissal from the program. I give UVU permission to use photographs of me taken during the Summer Bridge & First-Year Success Program in marketing materials. All photos become the property of UVU, and I will not be compensated for their use.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Communication

Students

→ **Texting**

→ **Face-to-Face**

→ **Email**

→ **Phone Calls**





June Intro to FYS College Confirmation	July FAFSA Financial Aid Status Tuition	August Books and Supplies Ready for Fall Semester	September Add/Drop Deadlines Midterms approaching
October Heading back for Spring? Registration	November Non-college goers	December Finals	January How are/were classes?
February FAFSA	March Registration	April Ready for Finals?	May Finals

- Reminders
- Appointments
- Student Questions



Hey [redacted] say I received a scholarship from the woodbury school of business and then the following year I decide to switch majors, would I need to pay back that scholarship ?

   [redacted] 2/26/16 9:31 AM

We need to look at the specific of the scholarship and see if they stated where the funds need to be used. Do you have some time to come in and we can check?

 [redacted] 2/26/16 9:33 AM

Yeah when would you like me to go in?

   [redacted] 2/26/16 9:33 AM

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Scheduled for *immediate delivery*

 SCHEDULE

NOW

 SEND



Hi [redacted]! We would like to confirm if you decided to go to college. Text back 'yes' or 'no'

Utah-GEARUP-16-17_Y13 6/28/16 12:57 PM

Yes but I will be deferring for two years.

[redacted] 6/29/16 6:26 PM

Which college are you deferring from?

Tiegan Hatch 6/30/16 8:21 AM

Utah Valley University.

[redacted] 6/30/16 12:01 PM

Awesome. Have you already filled out the deferment forms?

Tiegan Hatch 6/30/16 12:06 PM

Not yet.

[redacted] 6/30/16 12:11 PM

That's okay. we can definitely help you. Would you like help?

Tiegan Hatch 6/30/16 12:16 PM

Ues

[redacted] 6/30/16 12:18 PM

Yes

[redacted] 6/30/16 12:19 PM

we can schedule an appointment to meet at our office. What day/time works best for you?

Tiegan Hatch 6/30/16 12:32 PM

Hi Tiegan I just got the letter in the mail for summer bridge. I need to sign up for another orientation?

   [redacted] 6/28/16 8:03 AM

Hey [redacted]! There is an Orientation for summer bridge on July 12. Your family is invited and there will be food. It'll be from 6pm-8pm.

 **Tiegan Hatch** 6/28/16 8:31 AM

We just need an RSVP (info on your acceptance letter) so we can get an estimate of how many people will be there. :)

 **Tiegan Hatch** 6/28/16 8:31 AM

Where will it be? I mailed it off today

   [redacted] 6/28/16 8:32 AM

Here at UVU in SC206ABC. Immediate family members are invited too. You can RSVP to [redacted] at [redacted]@uvu.edu

 **Tiegan Hatch** 6/28/16 8:33 AM



Hi, it's Tiegan and team again. Still going to USU in the fall or have plans changed?

 GEAR_UP-Texting_2016 6/16/16 12:36 PM

Still going just need to register for classes. Is it too late to do that?

   6/16/16 12:42 PM

It's definitely not too late. Have you attended an Orientation?

 Tiegan Hatch 6/16/16 1:16 PM

Yes I have but had to leave early

   6/16/16 1:18 PM

That's alright. You can register for classes by going here:
<http://www.usu.edu/registrar/htm/registration/during>

 Tiegan Hatch 6/16/16 1:21 PM

You'll have to log in with your USU account. If you have troubles let me know.

 Tiegan Hatch 6/16/16 1:21 PM



Data Collection

- Completing Release of Student Information form
- Administering Senior Exit Forms
- Recording and confirming FAFSA completion
- Confirming college attendance
 - Senior Exit Forms
 - National Clearinghouse
 - First-Year Coordinator/Specialists
- Updating contact information
- Recording different types of workshop



Senior Exit Form



Utah's Statewide GEAR UP Education Program Senior Exit Form 2016



Student Name: _____ School: _____

State Student ID: _____ Date Exited High School: _____

Exit Method: Early Graduation Graduation Dropped Out GED End of Year

Did you graduate from high school? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Did you apply to any institution(s) of higher education? Yes No

If yes, where? (list all): _____

Were you accepted at any institution(s) of higher education? Yes No

If yes, where? (list all): _____

Which college/university are you planning on attending? _____

Are you planning to enroll full time (12 + credits) or part time (11 or less credits)?

When do plan on starting college? (Month / Year) _____

If you do not plan on continuing with higher education immediately after high school, please explain why and when you believe you will start college:

I will be deferring, why? _____

I plan on starting college. (Month/ Year) _____

I do not plan on attending college now, why? _____

I plan on starting college. (Month/ Year) _____

Did you complete the FAFSA? Yes No If no, why not? _____

Were you awarded a Pell grant? Yes No If yes, amount? _____

Did you apply for any financial aid or scholarship awards? Yes No

Did you receive any financial aid or scholarship awards? Yes No

Please list financial aid or scholarship awards that you received (include source and amount):

Source: _____ Amount: _____

Source: _____ Amount: _____

Source: _____ Amount: _____

Preferred mailing address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Student's printed name

Student's signature

Date

The first page of the Senior Exit Form should be completed by student before graduation from High School.



Senior Exit Form

For Counselor Use Only.

Counselors, please update/verify the following after the first week of college has begun.

Did the student attend a College/University as of the first day of the fall semester? *(if the student did not attend the exact first day of class but did attend class within the first few weeks you can still count that as a yes.)*

Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Did the student enroll full time *(12 + credits)* or part time *(11 or less credits)*

If the student did not continue on with higher education, please explain why:

Did the student complete the FAFSA? Yes No If no, why? _____

Was the student awarded a Pell grant? Yes No If yes, amount? _____

Did the student apply for any financial aid or scholarship awards? Yes No

Did the student receive any financial aid or scholarship awards? Yes No

Please list financial aid or scholarship awards that the student received (include source and amount):

Source: _____ Amount _____

Source: _____ Amount _____

Source: _____ Amount _____

Did the student continue on with First-Year GEAR UP services at a college/university?

Yes No

Counselor printed name

Counselor signature

Date



Recording & Confirming FAFSA Completion

Senior Exit Form

Did the student complete the FAFSA? Yes No If no, why? _____

Was the student awarded a Pell grant? Yes No If yes, amount? _____



- No matches found for this student
- Yes – they have been selected for verifications
- No – they have not been selected for verifications



Recording Student Services

Academic Planning

Services span a spectrum of activities with individual students or small groups of students

- Counseling
- Advising
- Academic planning
- Career counseling



Recording Student Services

Financial Aid

Financial aid counseling/advising services assist students in:

- Understanding financial aid
- Hands-on assistance with the FAFSA and scholarship applications
- Presentations on financial aid or literacy
- Benefits and how-to's of participation in college savings plans



Recording Student Services

Workshops

Interactive informational in large- or small-group that involve hands-on experience for each student

- Study skills
- Goal-setting
- Time management
- Problem-solving
- Guest speakers that motivate students and highlight careers



Next Steps

- Orientation Days/Housing Tours at other colleges/universities
- Increase office hours on college campuses
- Additional training for First-Year Services to our partners
- Work with other colleges/universities to offer summer bridge programs
- Communicating and collaborating with more college and university departments



Questions and Answers



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Thank you!!

