

First-Year Bridge Program



WHAT?



FYB is an opportunity for students who are admitted on a conditional basis to begin their college career in a year-long academic success program. Admissions makes the decision about who is admitted into this program. Bridge students are considered UWM students.

WHY?



The mission is to support students in developing the foundational skills needed for successful attainment of a bachelor's degree. After successfully completing the first-year experience, students are transferred into an undergraduate degree program at UWM.

HOW?



Students are supported through personalized advising, professional tutoring, dedicated faculty, and a structured curriculum.

WHO?



An advisor, math specialist and writing specialist.

Program Benefits

Hands-on Advising

Math Support

Transferable credits

Writing Support

Career Exploration Course Associate degree tuition rate for the first-year.

FYB students who have selected a major and are on track to meet the requirements for that major are identified. Students are encouraged to meet with a program advisor in the appropriate School/College for an initial meeting about the major and to plan courses for the following semester.

Alerts are issued in Navigate indicating that advising is requested for a student in a certain School/College.

Admissions will handle the internal transfer of students based on information provided by Bridge staff.

Bridge staff will communicate with other advisors to let them know who is being transitioned.

The Bridge advisor will support students through the completion of their 2nd semester in Bridge and will assist them with course registration for the following semester.

Transitioning Out

What's Next?

Please be on the lookout for Navigate alerts, and communications from me and from FYB students looking to see you for advising appointments in March.

It is helpful for me, if you can keep me in the loop!

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We will continue to closely monitor student progress.

Once students have made a decision and are meeting the necessary requirements, information will be sent to Admissions for the internal transfers. (This will happen in batches)