GLOBAL BRIDGE FIGS

PART OF FIRST-YEAR PROGRAMS
Division of Undergraduate Education and Student Success
WHAT IS AN iFIG?

The Global Bridge iFIG Program ensures that students are enrolled in the AEIS classes they need their first year and are making progress in meeting university graduation requirements.

### FALL & WINTER
- 2 AEIS Courses
- 1 Core Education
- College Connection

### SPRING
- 2 AEIS Courses
- Choose Core Education

Global Bridge iFIGs are an opportunity for international students to connect their English learning coursework with core education classes, while also building academic skills to thrive in their studies throughout their time at the university.
WHAT IS A TRANSITION EXPERIENCE iFIG?

The Transition Experience iFIG ensures that students are enrolled in the AEIS classes they need their first term and are making progress in meeting university graduation requirements.

> The Transition Experience iFIG is **1-credit and fall term only**.
> Students **must add 2 AEIS courses** to their fall term schedule.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE iFIG PROGRAM?

1. International students who enter with an IBT TOEFL score below 88, and are placed into 5-6 AEIS courses by the AEIS Placement Test (Accuplacer) are **required to participate in the full year Global Bridge iFIG program**.

2. First-year students who are required to take 4 AEIS classes, and transfer students who place in to 4-6 AEIS courses, are **required to take the Transition Experience iFIG Seminar offered fall term**.

The iFIG Program is required. If students drop any of the courses they will be re-enrolled.
WHAT IS COLLEGE CONNECTIONS?

STUDENT COHORT
1 PROFESSOR
1 PEER MENTOR

GROUP PROJECTS
COMMUNITY
DISCUSSIONS

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS COURSE

In both the Global Bridge iFIGs and the Transition Experience iFIGs, College Connections courses are customized to rapidly introduce non-US students to the culture, resources and requirements of US higher education at the UO.
HOW DOES AN iFIG BENEFIT YOU?

98% OF STUDENTS SURVEYED SAID THEY MADE A PEER CONNECTION IN THEIR iFIG

84% OF iFIG STUDENTS UNDERSTAND UO GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AFTER TAKING AN iFIG

TESTIMONIALS

About their iFIG Assistant: “She was very helpful! I talked about my major with her and she gave me advice.”

On the advice they would give to next year’s iFIG students: “Have fun! Make Connections!”

The most helpful skill they learned in their iFIG: “I learned study skills and how to look for jobs online.”

What they realized in their iFIG: “I realized that there are a lot of offices and places for us to ask [questions.]”

iFIG EVENT EXAMPLES

> Field trip to go shopping at Woodburn Outlets
> Game Night at Mills International Center
> Hot Pot Night
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MANY iFIGS ARE AVAILABLE?
There are four iFIGs:
- 1 with Business/Economics courses
- 2 with a focus on Core Education
- 1 fall term only iFIG for students needing less language support

DO THE iFIG COURSES COUNT TOWARD AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE?
Yes, all iFIG credits count towards degree requirements. The AEIS courses and the College Connections course are elective credits.

DOES AN iFIG COMPREHEND A FULL ACADEMIC SCHEDULE?
Global Bridge iFIGs in fall and winter term are 13 credits, which meets a minimum full time schedule.

Students can add 1-5 credits in fall and winter term, such as a math class (based on placement test results), and/or a physical education course. Students should consult with an Academic Advisor before adding additional courses.

Spring term students will select their own Core Education Course(s) to create a full time schedule. We recommend students meet with an Academic Advisor to aid in course selection.

WHAT SHOULD TRANSITION EXPERIENCE iFIG STUDENTS TAKE FALL TERM?
The Transition Experience iFIG is a 1-credit, fall term only course. Students are required to enroll themselves in two AEIS courses, and a core education course. In addition, students can add 1-5 credits in fall term, such as a math class (based on placement test results), and/or a physical education course. Students should consult with an Academic Advisor.

WHAT IF A STUDENT WANTS TO SWITCH THEIR iFIG?
During fall term, students are allowed to switch in to a different iFIG. Changes are allowed through week 1 of classes. Students can change their iFIG by coming to the FIG Program Office in 107 Oregon Hall or by seeing an AEIS Advisor. Space in each iFIG is limited, so ability to switch is based on availability.
CONTACT

For general questions about the program, you can contact AEIS at aeisinfo@uoregon.edu or by calling 541-346-2936.

To learn more about the iFIG Global Bridge program, please visit our website at https://fyp.uoregon.edu/2019-20-global-bridge-ifigs.