Global Bridge International First-Year Interest Groups (iFIGs) provide a great first-year experience for international students that are required to take five or more Academic English for International Students (AEIS) courses. Students in Global Bridge iFIGs will take their required AEIS courses in a package with other university courses that satisfy core education requirements.

What are the benefits of taking an iFIG?
Students who start out in an iFIG earn higher grades during their first year and beyond, and are more likely to graduate in four years. Students are automatically enrolled in the AEIS classes they need and AEIS instructors create coursework that supports students in their General Education course. Additionally, fun social events are built into the structure of the program so students will have the opportunity to explore Oregon and make new friends.

What is College Connections?
“College Connections” is a smaller class you will attend once per week with students from your AEIS classes and your general education class. It is designed to help students make connections to professors, class materials, and other students. The class is taught by an AEIS instructor and a student-mentor known as a FIG Assistant (FA). The instructor and FA will help you to connect the skills you will learn in your language classes with the content you will learn in your general education class.

General Education Course
BA 101 Introduction to Business
Discusses the role of business in society and explores the major functional areas of business (e.g., marketing, accounting, product development, and general management). Useful to anyone who wishes to gain insight into how business people think and why businesses are run the way they are.

Looking Ahead
Last year, our iFIG students went to the Asian Celebration, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and shopping malls throughout the state. Students also explored campus and the Eugene community through guided tours, field trips, and guest speakers. FAs often plan smaller events where students are encouraged to share food, culture, and stories from their home.

The Global Bridge Program is required.
If students drop any of the courses they will be reenrolled.
If you want a different iFIG for fall term, come to the FIG Program Office in 107 Oregon Hall or see an AEIS Advisor in 215 Agate Hall. Space in each iFIG is limited, so ability to switch is based on availability. Changes are allowed through 9/28/18.