Welcome to the Bridges Program. Your admission to SUNY Potsdam, through this program, will provide you with transitional support during your first two semesters. Below, you will find the specific requirements to maintain your enrollment at the college. The purpose of this Learning Contract is to define your obligations based upon your acceptance to Potsdam through the Bridges Program.

Perhaps the most important thing to understand is that the Bridges program is here to help you make a successful transition to college. The primary vehicle through which this is accomplished is regular contact with a Bridges advisor. Simply stated, this provides you with a place to go for academic, personal, college major, or career assistance. Frequent and regular contact with your Bridges adviser will provide you with the tools necessary to assume responsibility for your own academic progress.

**Program Restrictions:**

- You are limited to scheduling a maximum of 15 credit hours during the fall semester; the only exceptions are students enrolled as Crane, Education or Art students.
- You are required to enroll in the First Year Success Seminar (FYSS 100) and Writing & Critical Thinking (COMP 101) courses during the fall semester.

**During the fall semester you will be expected to:**

- Attend all class meetings and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain at least monthly contact with your Bridges adviser. You should schedule your first appointment after you arrive on campus by calling (267-2335), sending an AIM message to the Bridges office, or by visiting the Bridges office in Sisson Hall 136.
- Attend all Fall Group Meetings. The All-Bridges Fall Meeting will take place during the first week of class. You will receive specific notification on other group meetings, when scheduled, early in the fall semester.
- Request group tutoring assistance from the Student Success Center or individual tutoring assistance from the Student Support Services Offices (if you are eligible) if you are having difficulty with any course.
- Attend “A Major Affair” in November. You will receive information about this college-wide program early in the fall semester.
- Meet with your Bridges adviser to plan for your spring semester courses.

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During the spring semester you will be expected to:

- Attend all class meetings and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain regular contact with your Bridges adviser based upon your academic standing at the conclusion of the fall semester:

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- Additionally, students who earn less than a 2.0 average will be limited to a maximum course load of 15 credit hours during the spring semester.
- Attend All-Bridges spring group meetings, as scheduled and announced.
- Request group tutoring assistance from the Student Success Center if you are having difficulty with any course.
- Meet with your Bridges adviser to plan for your fall semester courses.
- Undeclared students may be required to meet additional obligations to help them determine a major.

Bridges students should maintain regular access to their BearMail accounts for: program announcements, helpful academic support information and College events.

Students who do not meet with their Bridges advisor as frequently as required may have an “all-services” hold placed on their accounts preventing: course registration, transcript requests, dormitory room selection, etc.

I understand that maintaining regular contact with my Bridges adviser is my responsibility.

I understand that Bridges students who do not satisfy the requirements of this Learning Contract and who do not achieve acceptable academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA) at the conclusion of either the fall or spring semester may be dismissed from SUNY Potsdam.

I have read and understand the Bridges Program Learning Contract, agree to meet the obligations stated above and understand that this contract is in effect for my first two academic semesters at SUNY Potsdam.

Student Signature _______________________________ Date ______________

Director Signature _______________________________ Date ______________