Summer Bridge Orientation Program

The Summer Bridge Program provides all incoming international students the opportunity to engage academically and connect with other new CIIS students before the start of the fall semester. The intensive program is designed to challenge you intellectually, sharpen your academic writing skills and give you an early introduction to Institute expectations and culture.

Course Content
This academic, skills-based program focuses on:

- Preparation for U.S. graduate–level course work or the unique requirements of our undergraduate program
- Practicing reflective writing in which students write about their personal experiences of the course content
- Understanding the U.S. academic environment, writing genres, and citation/plagiarism rules
- Developing a cultural understanding of CIIS classroom interactions and confidence for full participation
- Strengthening English writing skills for academic purposes
- Building skills for effective formal and informal communication in English

Additional Features
- Introduction to CIIS library
- Introduction to San Francisco public transportation through outings
- Opportunity to build a supportive community with other incoming students
- Time to search for housing and campus jobs
- Textbooks provided for this course

Additional Events
- Optional resume and cover letter workshop August 7
- Required New International Student Orientation August 14

Please email International Student Advisor Jody O'Connor at joconnor@ciis.edu if there are any discrepancies with the dates due to your academic program retreat or intensives.

A nominal course fee of $50 is required. Please add the Summer Bridge Program to your eBiz cart on MyCIIS in August. You can pay for this at the same time you pay your fall semester tuition and fees.