Spartan StartUp Bridge Overview

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Five-week, rigorous academic experience which provides a "head start" for first-year students and supports them through the transition to college.

Spartan StartUp Provides

- Exposure to the academic environment with the opportunity to earn 7 credit hours
- Exposure to targeted academic support services
- Exposure to hybrid courses
- Exposure to many of UNCG's campus resources
- Exposure to co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- All costs covered by Pell Grant and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

StartUp Sample Schedule

Time	Activity
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	First-Year Experience Discussion Topics
10:00 a.m.-noon	Biology 105
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	English 101
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Supplemental Instruction
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Free Time/Dinner
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Study Hall

Co-Curricular Activities:
- Civil Rights Museum
- Service Experience
- TeamQuest
- Academic Skills Workshops

Extra-curricular Activities:
- Grasshoppers 4th of July Baseball Game
- Wet-n-Wild
- Piney Lake
- Bowling and Laser Tag
- Movie Trip

Student Feedback

- Students said they felt more prepared for online courses after participating in Start-Up
- Students felt the 5-week time frame and 7 credits was challenging but manageable
- Students enjoyed the opportunity to learn and utilize campus resources
- Students felt faculty were engaging and supportive
- Students noted they struggled with time management and requested more time to complete assignments

Spartan StartUp Students

- Total Number of Enrolled Students: 42
- 83% had a GPA of 2.0 or better
- 50% had a GPA of 3.0 or better
- 40 students enrolled for Fall 2018

2019-2020 Spartan StartUp
Selection Criteria

- Total Number of Enrolled Students: 40
- Cost Associated with Participation
- Targeting students by GPA/Standardized Test Score Ranges
- Focusing on Exploratory Majors
- Candidates must satisfy two of the following
  - Low-income
  - Underrepresented
  - First-Generation