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Summer Bridge 2026 Handbook

Welcome to EOP Summer Bridge 2026!
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026 – Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026

Welcome to the Educational Opportunity Program at Cal Poly Maritime Academy! We look forward to getting to know you through the Summer Bridge experience.

Summer Bridge provides you with an advantage as an incoming first-time student at Cal Poly Maritime Academy. You will learn from returning Cal Poly Maritime Academy students who can share their experiences. You will come together with other EOP students to support each other as you embark on your college education and form lasting friendships. You will develop self-confidence in your surroundings and capabilities. You will also learn helpful strategies to be successful at Cal Poly Maritime Academy and how to do it before most first-year students have even stepped onto campus.

Please read through the following information to familiarize yourself with program expectations and other relevant information.

What is Summer Bridge?

Summer Bridge is a mandatory summer program and experience for all first-time EOP students that is offered free of cost. The primary focus of the program is to support EOP students towards a successful transition to Cal Poly Maritime Academy and provide the opportunity to begin building a community with others before the academic school year begins. The program includes skill and community building activities designed to promote personal growth, academic competency, and a sense of belonging. Summer Bridge lasts 5 days and 4 nights, and will take place on-campus (with the exception of off-campus excursions), including lodging in the residence hall.

Learning Outcomes:

- Teambuilding with peers
- Understanding university and EOP expectations and responsibilities
- Developing independent, practical skills for academic success
- Building self-confidence and a sense of belonging
- Learning about EOP services and campus resources
- Preparation for the beginning of the Fall semester

What are the benefits?

- Develop a support network with campus staff and faculty
- Gain lasting new friends and a social support network with EOP peers
- Engagement in educational and resourceful workshops
- Gain familiarity with campus resources and support services

Transportation Information

All students are responsible for their own transportation to campus on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026. Since Summer Bridge takes place before Orientation, ***students should plan to completely move into their residence hall when they come to Summer Bridge.*** After Summer Bridge ends, students will remain on campus and immediately participate in Orientation, followed by the start of the semester. If you have any questions or concerns about transportation and arrival on move-in day, please contact EOP immediately (EOP@csum.edu).

More information about the location (where students will be housed, check-in, etc.) will be sent approximately 2 weeks before the first day of the program. For directions, a map of campus has been included in this packet.

Housing Information

EOP students participating in Summer Bridge will be housed in the residence hall throughout the entire duration of the program; students should anticipate potentially sharing a room with one roommate of the same gender. Since the first day of Summer Bridge acts as move-in day for EOP students, please plan accordingly to bring in ALL your move-in items on this day, including personal belongings. For more general information regarding housing at Cal Poly Maritime Academy, please visit the Cal Poly Housing webpage and click on the tab for Cal Poly Maritime Academy: <https://housing.calpoly.edu/>

If there are any questions regarding housing, please contact housing@csum.edu or 707-654-1400

Who and What Should I Bring with Me?

Summer Bridge is intended to be a fully immersive experience in helping students transition to the Cal Poly Maritime Academy campus and college environment; **therefore, guests are NOT allowed during the Summer Bridge program, nor are students permitted to leave campus during Summer Bridge – outside of scheduled off-campus excursions - except for emergency circumstances.** Parents and families are welcome to bring students to campus and participate in the afternoon programming through dinner on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026. However, all parents are expected to depart from campus by 6:30pm.

All meals, housing, and excursions are provided during Summer Bridge at no cost to students; however, we do encourage students to ensure they have personal funds to make personal purchases during off-campus activities. Our Housing & Residential Life department provides a guidance list on what to bring; below is a list of items students are highly encouraged to bring for Summer Bridge:

- Seasonally appropriate clothing for the duration of the Summer Bridge program, including: at least one pair of long pants, socks, a sweatshirt or jacket, and closed-toed, rubber soled shoes
- Swimsuit and towel
- Toiletries and hygiene supplies (shower items, toothbrush, etc.) and any necessary medication
- Health insurance cards (Kaiser, MediCal, etc.)

- Black socks and a white undershirt for uniform fitting, plus hair ties for students with long hair (Corps of Cadets only)
- Laptop/tablet device (for class schedule assistance)
- Cash/Money for personal purchases during off-campus excursions

Group Sessions

During Summer Bridge 2026, students will participate in two 1-hour classroom-style sessions per day, unless otherwise stated. These sessions – facilitated by our campus' Director of Inclusion Initiatives, Meagan Nance – will focus on topics and themes meant to assist EOP students with seamlessly transitioning from high school/community college into Cal Poly Maritime Academy and will include hands-on activity and discussion. Students will also get the opportunity to meet with – and hear from – Student Affairs professional staff who will speak on specific campus departments and resources that will benefit first-time students during their first academic year on campus.

These sessions are considered an integral part to the curriculum of Summer Bridge. As such, all participating students are **required** to attend and participate in these sessions, except in the case of severe emergency circumstances

Uniforms

Uniforms are not worn during Summer Bridge. Students who are enrolled in the Corps of Cadets – either through your major or by opt-in - will have the opportunity to be measured and fitted for uniforms during Summer Bridge to allow for any specific modifications to be made to uniform pieces prior to distribution. Uniform pieces will be distributed to you during Orientation along with your sea bags (Corps of Cadets only).

Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026	EOP Summer Bridge move-in day (program begins at 3pm)
Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026	Last day of EOP Summer Bridge
Monday, Aug. 17, 2026	Orientation for all Cal Maritime students begins
Monday, Aug. 24, 2026	1 st Day of Fall 2026 Instruction Begins

If you have any questions regarding anything listed in this handbook, please contact the following:

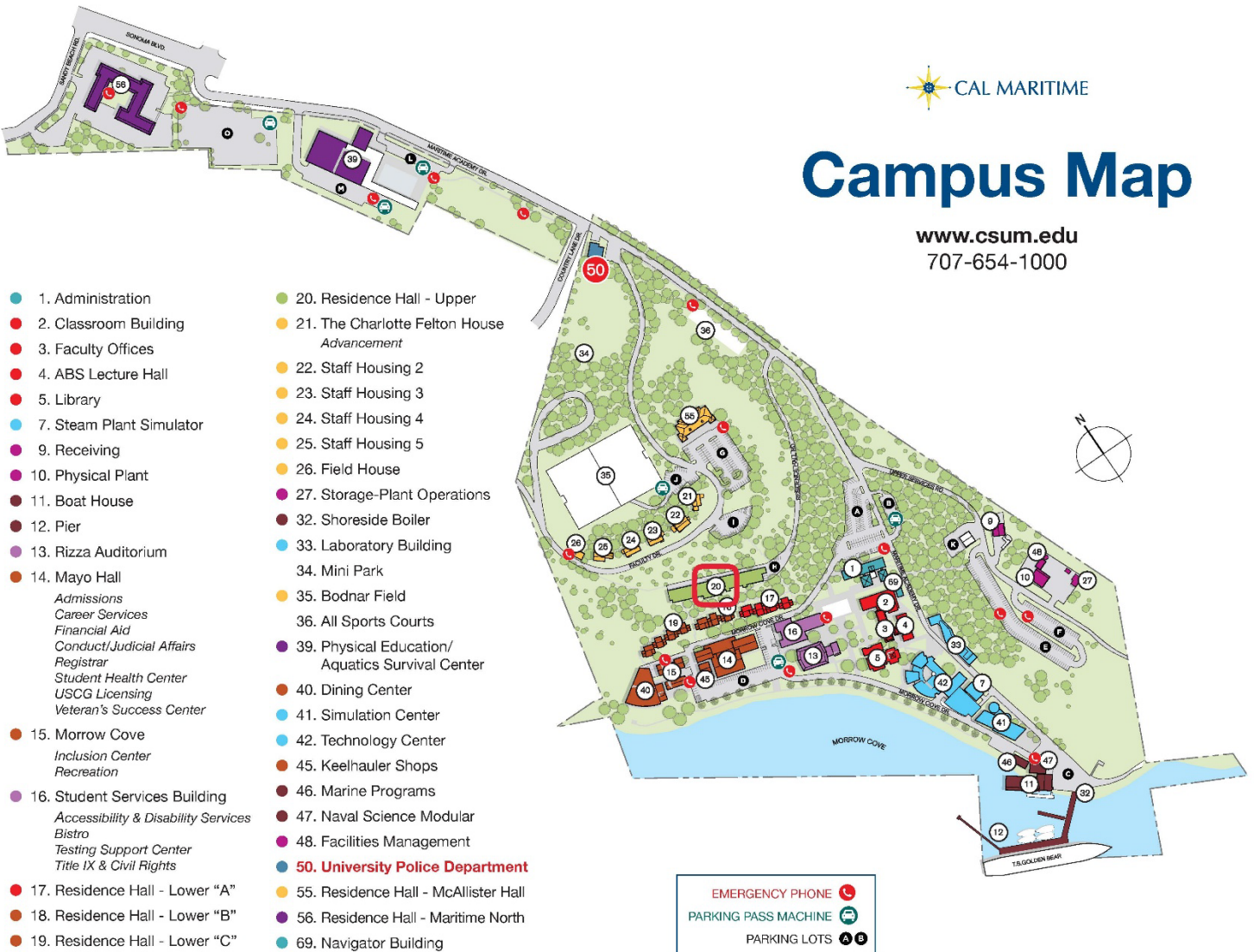
- EOP Office: (707)-654-1082
- EOP Email: EOP@csum.edu

Campus Map



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www.csum.edu
707-654-1000



For check in on Tuesday, Aug. 11th, please check in at Upper Residence Hall (outlined in the red box).

Following your check in and unloading of your belongings, please park all accompanying vehicles in Lot D (parking lot in front of Mayo Hall, labeled 14).