## The University of Texas at Austin Bridging Disciplines Programs School of Undergraduate Studies

## **University Extension Credit**

CONNECTING EXPERIENCE CONTRACT

**University Extension Credit (UEX).** You have the option of registering your **BDP 320K, 320L, and 321K** through University Extension Credit (UEX) to earn credit for a BDP Connecting Experience. If you are earning credit through another department, UEX is not an option for you. UEX is only available for summer Connecting Experiences. Registering your Connecting Experience through UEX reduces your summer tuition for this 3-hour course to \$200. Your faculty mentor must agree to assign this credit through UEX. Please read the following information carefully.

## **Information for Students**

**How UEX Credit is similar to regular UT Credit:** You will receive a grade, and the credit will count towards your certificate. The course and grade will appear on your transcript and will count toward your cumulative GPA. UT financial aid is available if you maintain a minimum daytime enrollment. Check with Office of Student Financial Services to see if you qualify: http://finaid.utexas.edu/.

**How UEX Credit is different than regular UT Credit:** The cost of BDP 320K, 320L, or 321K (3-hour course) through UEX is \$200. The cost for regular UT registration for the same course in the summer session will be \$1,750 or more, depending on your college.

UEX credit does **NOT** count as in-residence credit. If you believe you need your summer Connecting Experience to count as in-residence credit, you should not request UEX credit. Please speak with your academic advisor in your major or contact your undergraduate advising office if you are unsure if you need these hours to count as in-residence hours. Also, see the UEX advising website for more information: http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/advising/

Remember: at least half of the required BDP certificate coursework must be completed in-residence at the University. Please contact your BDP advisor if you have questions about UEX credit.

**Registration:** If your Connecting Experience proposal is approved by the BDP office, we will provide a link where you will register yourself for the course.

**Payment:** You will pay UEX directly through an online link provided by the BDP office. You are responsible for paying your bill by the deadline day.

## **Information for Faculty**

Thank you for considering allowing your student to earn credit through University Extension this summer. This credit option significantly reduces the cost for the student to be enrolled in a BDP Connecting Experience over the summer, when most students do not have access to financial aid. As a result, for some students this credit option will make it possible for the student to engage in the research/internship experience when it otherwise would not have been financially feasible. If you have any questions, please contact Larissa Noake (512-232-7586, larissa.noake@austin.utexas.edu).

**Faculty Appointment:** All faculty members who are supervising a BDP student's Connecting Experience through UEX credit will be appointed collectively with a 0% time appointment. Upon request, our office would be happy to provide a letter for your faculty annual report file detailing the work you did over the summer with our students.

Grade Reporting: The BDP office will be in touch with you about how to report the grade for this summer course.

<b>Student and Faculty Mentor Signatures.</b> We have read, discussed, and agreed to the terms outlined in the University Extension Credit Handout.	
Faculty Mentor Signature:	Date:
Student Signature:	Date: