A National Model For Student Success

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What is Puente?

• A UC Sponsored Transfer Program
• 1 year commitment of a linked English and Counseling Class
  – Fall Semester: ENGL 838 and CRER 128
  – Spring Semester: ENGL 105 and CRER 129
• Incorporates English, Counseling, Mentoring Components
• Embedded with Culturally Relevant Curriculum and Activities emphasizing the Latino Experience in the United States
• Genuine integration of Instruction and Student Services with overlapping themes, discussions, and assignments
• Student leadership and community involvement
• Out of class field trips, events, and activities
• Sustained academic guidance and counseling until transfer
The Puente Project Mission

To increase the number of educationally underrepresented students who

- Enroll in four-year colleges & universities
- Earn college degrees
- Return to the community as leaders and mentors
Puente Student Profile

• Transfer-bound
• Eligible for ENGL 838/848
• Open to 1 year commitment of linked CRER/ENGL Courses
• Willing to participate in out of class events and activities
• Interested in learning about Latino literature and culture
• Enjoys team building and collaborative learning
Teaching Pedagogy

- Student Centered Learning
- Culturally Relevant Curriculum
- Contextualized Project Based Learning (Muertos/ Latino Social Justice Research Project)
- Integrated Curriculum between ENGL and CRER
- Emphasis on Reflective and Critical Thinking
- Utilize various modes Teaching Methods
- Collaboration with CSM Faculty across disciplines and other CSM programs across campus (Muertos/Human Rights Day)
- Recognize and incorporate the cultural wealth and experiences students bring to the classroom
- Education “also happens outside the four walls of a classroom”
Benefits

• Culturally relevant learning community with high success and transfer rates

• Mentor Component

• University Trips

• On-going counseling support until transfer

• Focus on Latino literature and culture

• Spirit of ‘Familia’
¡Si Se Puede!