Center for Inclusive Academic Excellence

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The Center for Inclusive Academic Excellence offers the Iowa First Nations summer program for high school students and the Iowa Edge program for students entering the University of Iowa.

**Precollege Program of Study**

**Iowa First Nations**

The Iowa First Nations program enables high school students to explore the educational opportunities offered on the University of Iowa campus and by the higher education field. Iowa First Nations students live on campus for a week (Monday through Friday), spending five nights in one of the University’s residence halls. They go on structured field trips to campus departments, participate in hands-on classroom experiences, and take part in activities on campus and in the community.

**Undergraduate Program**

**The Iowa Edge**

The Iowa Edge program is a retention program that supports incoming students as they make their transition to the University of Iowa. The program is held on Sunday through Wednesday, the week before fall semester classes begin. Iowa Edge students move into the residence halls early, learn about campus resources, become familiar with the campus setting, engage in academic sessions with faculty, explore identity, and build community with other students. Current UI students serve as Iowa Edge peer leaders, facilitating the program.

**Courses**

**Center for Inclusive Academic Excellence Courses**

- **CDE:0023 Iowa First Nations**
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- **CDE:2013 Iowa Edge Peer Leader Training**
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Preparation for role of Iowa Edge Peer Leader; working with African American, Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latino/a, and first generation college students; development of leadership, group facilitation, presentation, and peer mentoring skills.