



CARTER ACADEMY PROGRAM COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

OVERVIEW

Carter Academy is a premier academic bridge program and supportive Living Learning Community (LLC) at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). The program is designed to empower engineering and computing students as they transition to college and persist through their first two academic years. Carter Academy combines a structured summer experience with ongoing academic, personal, and community-based support.

REQUIRED PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

Participation in Carter Academy includes all three required components:

1. **Online Math Course:** July 5 – July 24 (3 weeks completed online)
2. **Summer Bridge:** July 25 – August 21 (4 weeks completed on campus)
3. **Living Learning Community:** Two academic years (Freshman and Sophomore)

PROGRAM GOALS

By participating in the Carter Academy program, students are expected to:

- Transition successfully to MSOE by learning how to access academic and campus resources and understand university expectations.
- Build confidence in academic, personal, and professional skills through collaborative learning and structured support.
- Develop a strong sense of belonging through meaningful connections with peers, faculty, and staff.

PROGRAM COMMITMENT & DURATION

Participation in Carter Academy represents a **two-year commitment**, beginning with the summer prior to the first year and continuing through the end of the sophomore academic year.

Students are expected to fully engage in all required program components, including academic support services, community programming, and success coaching throughout this period.

CARTER ACADEMY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Program expectations may change. Specific requirements for the freshman and sophomore academic years will be provided at the beginning of each semester.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Maintain full-time enrollment during both the freshman and sophomore academic years.
- Remain in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher).
- Follow all Carter Academy community expectations, Residence Life policies, and the University's Student Code of Conduct.

SUMMER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (First Year Only)

- Commit approximately 10 hours per week to complete the Summer Online Math Course.
- Fully participate in the on-campus Summer Bridge Program, including all classes, workshops, and required programming.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC) REQUIREMENTS

During both the freshman and sophomore academic years, Scholars are expected to:

- **Residency Requirement:** Live on campus in the Carter Academy LLC in Hermann Viets Tower.
- **Academic Engagement:** Attend Carter Study Hours for a minimum of one hour per week, utilize the Raider Center for Academic Support Services when advised, and submit midterm progress reports as required.
- **Success Coaching:** Meet regularly with Carter Academy staff for individualized success coaching and academic planning.
- **Community Participation:** Actively participate in Carter Academy–sponsored events and workshops to support community engagement and personal development.

WORKSHOPS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **Carter Community Workshop Series (Summer & Fall):** Interactive sessions focused on community building, inclusion, collaboration, and personal growth.
- **Carter Career Readiness Program (Sophomore Year):** Career-focused workshops and experiences designed to build confidence, professional skills, and readiness for future opportunities.

SCHOLARSHIP & ACCOUNTABILITY

The Carter Academy partial residential scholarship is provided in recognition of the student's commitment to the program. Continued eligibility for the scholarship is contingent upon active participation and compliance with program expectations.

Failure to meet Carter Academy requirements may result in:

- Additional support or corrective action
- Reduction or loss of scholarship support
- Removal from the Living Learning Community or the Carter Academy program

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the expectations of the Carter Academy program and the level of commitment required. I agree to actively participate in all required components and understand that continued participation and scholarship support are contingent upon meeting program expectations.

This document serves as a preview of the Carter Academy Program Commitment Agreement. Once you have been accepted into the program and have confirmed your decision to participate, you will be provided with a formal agreement to review and sign.