Summer Experiences

The Summer Experiences at Washington University in St. Louis offer a variety of summer programs for academically advanced middle and high school students.

High School Summer Scholars Program

The High School Summer Scholars Program, open to rising juniors and seniors, allows students to experience all the facets of college life. As a participant in this selective five-week program, students live on campus, enroll in courses, and study alongside undergraduates. Students choose from a broad range of courses as well as our one-unit, noncredit college success workshops. Students meet daily in academic support groups that develop students’ skills in time management, presentations, and research methods. In addition to course work, students enjoy a variety of educational, social, and cultural opportunities with fellow students from across the country and around the world. Scholarship assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need.

High School Summer Institutes

The noncredit High School Summer Institutes explore a specialized interest, career, or major. Institutes combine traditional class and lab curriculum with organized field trips, guest lectures, and hands-on activities. Themes include medicine, engineering, leadership, writing, and more. Space is limited, so students should consider applying early. Scholarship assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need.

High School College Access

The High School College Access program allows juniors and seniors in high school to enroll in one or two introductory-level evening courses during the fall or spring semesters, and day or evening courses during the summer semester, while commuting from home. There are also a select number of online courses for students living both in St. Louis and outside of the St. Louis area.

EducationUSA Academy

The EducationUSA Academy at Washington University in St. Louis is a noncredit program for international students seeking to improve their English proficiency while learning about the American college experience. This three-week residential program is open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors students living outside of the United States. Limited scholarship assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need.

Middle School Summer Challenge

The Middle School Summer Challenge is designed to expand students’ critical thinking skills in a challenging and innovative environment that includes hands-on learning, field trips, and much more. Students choose two noncredit courses. Residential and commuter options are available. This program is open to rising seventh through ninth grade students. Scholarship assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need.

For more information on any of our programs:

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