Summer Experiences

Pre-Collegiate Summer Experiences

The Pre-Collegiate Summer Experiences at Washington University in St. Louis offer a variety of summer programs for academically advanced middle and high school students. For more information, visit our Summer Experiences website (https://summerexperiences.wustl.edu) or call 314-935-4807.

High School Summer Scholars Program

The High School Summer Scholars Program, which is open to rising juniors and seniors, allows students to experience all of 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 from our 1-unit noncredit college success workshops. Students meet daily in academic support groups that develop their 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 curricula with organized field trips, guest lectures and hands-on activities. Themes include medicine, engineering, leadership, writing and more.

Early College Scholars

The Early College Scholars program allows academically advanced high school students to enroll, year-round, in courses through University College, the professional and continuing education division of the College of Arts & Sciences. This program is an ideal option for students who meet the following qualifications:

- They have unique academic interests not available through their high schools.
- They are looking for courses beyond their high school curriculum.
- They need to enroll in a college course to fulfill a high school requirement.
- They are exploring alternatives to advanced placement courses.
- They want to advance their knowledge in a particular academic area, such as writing or a foreign language.

For students who are not from the St. Louis area, we offer a select number of online courses through the Early College Scholars program as well.

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 who participate will choose two noncredit courses. This program is open to rising seventh- through ninth-grade students.

For more information about our pre-college programs:

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