Summer School

The Summer School at Washington University offers both College of Arts & Sciences and University College courses to meet the goals and interests of a variety of student populations, from the pre-college learner to the nontraditional adult. Administered primarily by University College, the Summer School runs day and evening courses, workshops and institutes for current and visiting students. Summer School courses are scheduled over five separate sessions, and many are offered in flexible hybrid or online formats.

Master of Science in Biology for Science Teachers

This two-year program is designed to fit the schedules of working teachers. It consists of two summer institutes, three weeks each, in residence at Washington University. The remaining course work during the academic years is completed online. For more information, visit our MS in Biology for Science Teachers webpage (https://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/graduate/masters-biology-science-teachers) or call 314-935-8974.

International Summer Study

Undergraduate university students from around the world join us each year for International Summer Study. Current undergraduate students can participate in our five-week program, during which they will take two courses, attend social and cultural events, and meet with university deans and directors. For more information, visit our International Summer Study webpage (http://summerschool.wustl.edu/international) or call 314-935-4695.

Summer Writers Institute

The Summer Writers Institute brings together writers of all levels from St. Louis and beyond. The two-week program features workshops in various genres as well as panels, readings, craft talks, individual conferences with instructors, and a final open mic. Small class sizes encourage dynamic discussions and allow students to hone their craft and explore new approaches. Workshops are led by professional published writers who are experts in their fields and accomplished in providing constructive critique. For more information, visit our Summer Writers Institute webpage (http://summerschool.wustl.edu/swi) or call 314-935-4695.

WUSTL-ALLEX Intensive Chinese and Japanese Language Institutes

Students jump-start Chinese and Japanese language proficiency in this seven-week, 4-unit program. Small classes are taught by master professors who represent many of the country’s preeminent Asian language programs as well as native speakers from China, Taiwan and Japan. With two teachers for every language student, the program features frequent and meaningful cultural exchanges in the target language and teaches students to speak and act in a culturally appropriate way. For more information, visit our Intensive Chinese & Japanese Institutes webpage (https://summerschool.wustl.edu/intensive-chinese-japanese-institute) or call 314-935-4695.

WUSTL-ALLEX Chinese and Japanese Teacher Training Institute

Post-baccalaureate students from China, Japan and Taiwan study Chinese and Japanese pedagogy in this seven-week, 4.5-unit program. After learning from master professors, students go on to colleges and universities across the country to launch or enhance Chinese and Japanese language programs. For more information, visit our Intensive Chinese & Japanese Institutes webpage (https://summerschool.wustl.edu/intensive-chinese-japanese-institute) or call 314-935-4695.

Additional Information

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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.
- They prefer a commuter option to our residential Summer Experiences programs.

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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