



Personalized Assistance

Academic and Social Excellence

Long-Term Success

Pre-College Summer Programs

Delve into the complete college experience when you decide to participate in a Pre-College Summer Program

Why our Pre-College Summer Programs?

When a student applies to college or university it is a turning point in their lives. Once a student applies, enrolls and then is admitted to a college or university, he or she faces new challenges, opportunities to try new things and make new friends. The anticipation and reality of leaving home is normal. As a so-called “rite of passage” for a student, it is ultimately the right time to leave the security of home, including life-long friends and supportive parents, to experience independence. However, as a first year college or university student, you may face many new or unfamiliar situations, encounter more challenging academic courses, and be in a position to make new friends. In moving from high school to college or university you should expect to experience an adaptation or transition period. Therefore, a student and their family must acknowledge that it will take time to adjust to cultural and language differences. As a result, these new experiences and adjustments may produce high levels of stress for a student.

What can a student and their family do to anticipate or address these changes and transitions? We recommend a Pre-College Summer Program. A Pre-College Summer Program is a great way to experience college life in advance. It provides an opportunity to take a college or university course, allows you to learn to become more independent, adapt to the American culture/environment, and meet new people. In the end, even if the student applies to another college or university, he or she has gained experience and independence in the long run.

The benefits of a Pre-College Summer Program are significant both academically and socially. Statistically, as many as 50% of college students start school without any idea of what they want to major in. Upwards of 75% of students switch majors before they graduate. Applying to, then arriving at college or university as an “undeclared” major may be costly to a student and their family, translating



into more time in school as well as a higher tuition bill. The Pre-College Summer Program can help to identify your interests and passions. As a result, you will get closer to identifying a career path.

In addition, a Pre-College Summer Program also extends the opportunity to learn about college-level courses. Therefore, when it's time for you to apply to college or university and register for your courses, you may be more familiar with the courses you want to select or study.

What is a Pre-College Summer Program?

A Pre-College Summer Program provides the opportunity for high school students to attend college or university and experience college life. The duration of the Program can last from one week to eight weeks and offer either commuting or dormitory options.

While participating in a Pre-College Summer Program, you can take courses on different topics such as writing, leadership, entrepreneurship and engineering. Typically, Summer Programs also offer accommodations (room and board) or commuting options. Therefore, if students have relatives who live near the school, they can arrange accommodations with them and commute to the program.

Both university professors and visiting scholars teach Summer classes. As a bonus, students can also attend alumni lectures and participate in extracurricular activities. We can evaluate your goals and help you to choose the appropriate Pre-College Summer Program for you at a selective college or university. Harvard University, Stanford University, Columbia University, Brown University, etc., all provide high school students with a wide selection of college-level summer courses to prepare for the next step.



The range of options are significant. While some Pre-College Summer preparatory courses are “open enrollment” -- anyone over the age of 15 can participate, others require an application. Applications usually include teacher recommendations, application forms, and standardized test scores to be considered or evaluated for participation in the program with fixed deadlines.

The Benefits of our Pre-College Summer Programs?

While sacrificing your summer months and vacation time to classes at a college or university may not appeal to you at first, it can offer many potential short and long term benefits. The short term and long term benefits include the following for you to:

- **Learn how to Adapt to College Life**

Adapting to college life requires adjustment--academically, emotionally and socially for all students, especially for an international student who has not studied abroad previously. The Pre-

College Summer Program allows you to experience campus culture and life in advance. For instance, a student who participates in a program lives in a college or university dormitory, eats at a cafeteria, listens to academic lectures, and more. Therefore, a Pre-College Summer Program offers you not only an easy way to transition to college, but also the best way to become more familiar with university courses and life in America first-hand.

- **Develop a Focus on Future Careers; Discover Internship Opportunities**

While a Pre-College Summer Program may focus on a specific subject or profession, others allow you to choose the course you are interested in or discover new interests. You may choose from a variety of courses, such as computer science, engineering, drama, economics, philosophy, and more. Typically,



these courses are taught by college or university professors or professionals in their field, and as a bonus, the class assignments may include visits to “real-time” workplaces.

- **Obtain College or University Credits**

When you participate in a Pre-College Summer Program, it is recommended you sign up for college credits. As a result, you may earn “advanced” or college credit. It depends upon the program you enroll in. Also, it may help you register for a higher level class when you are officially enrolled in a college or university. Either way, once enrolled in college or university, the experience will provide cost-savings measures in terms of time and money.

- **Impress the College or University**

How does participation in a Pre-College Summer Program benefit you as a student? It shows that you are motivated. Also, it demonstrates that you are invested in learning and willing to spend most of your vacation time pursuing academic studies. The best outcome is that it also shows you like to challenge yourself as you prepare for college.

- **Acquire New Skills**

Pre-College Summer Programs vary in courses offered as well as duration, but they all have one thing in common--they are all learning-centered. It is quite common for students to acquire new skills to improve their scope of knowledge, continue to learn based on existing knowledge, or learn about totally new subjects or topics. On the other hand, if you just want to experience college life, then you are more free to try something totally new! The results will be more “experiential” and will expand your horizons and knowledge base, rather than being focused on the grade or results.

- **Network with and Meet Students from all Over the World**

In addition to academic opportunities, the social benefits of attending a Pre-College Summer Program provides you multiple chances to meet new students from all over the world. When you participate in a summer program you will make new friends, communicate with them during (and after the program) and create lasting memories with these new friends.

How can you determine which Pre-College Summer Program you should attend?

What's the next step for you as a student? We recommend that you select a Pre-College Summer Program designed to address your interests and take courses that are related to your dream university major. Often you can request a recommendation from a Summer Program professor. This recommendation will add to your application and help increase your chances of getting into the school you dream about attending for college or university.



We Can...

Success Pathway evaluates your goals and helps you to choose the appropriate Pre-College Summer Program at a selective college or university that targets your interests and passions. Before we give advice to a student, we will communicate with you to assess your interests and goals. That way, we make sure that the Pre-College Summer Program you select is tailored to your individual needs and is the best option for you. It assures that the opportunity to experience college life, explore academic interests and make new friends is the “best fit” for you as an individual student.

If you are interested in our Pre-College Summer Programs, please leave us a message. Then, we can also provide options to take summer courses at colleges or universities across the U.S. Ultimately, you will be able to take more subjects that might not be available in high school with qualified college or university-level professors! When you select and attend one of our Pre-College Summer Programs, it will be a life-changing experience. You will become more familiar with the U.S. culture, study interesting topics, and make new friends.



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