

Summer Experiences

Academic Information

Middle School Summer Challenge

It is important to note that this program is not a summer camp, but an academic program. There are assigned readings, in-class assignments, and final projects. This program is academically rigorous. Students should take the time to make sure they are ready for this environment. If there are questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact our office at (314) 935-4807.

Daily Schedule

The Summer Challenge schedule is a busy one. Students are supervised during the day by staff, who lead activities and escort students around campus. Timeliness and earnest engagement are imperative to the general success of the program and student performance.

8:30-9:00am: Student Drop-off
9:00am-12:00pm: Morning Class
12:00-1:00pm: Lunch Break
1:00-2:30pm: Group Think Activities
2:30-5:30pm: Afternoon Class
5:30-5:50pm: Student Pick-up

Students should wear tennis shoes or other closed-toe walking shoes each day of the program. They will be moving around campus, as well as, participating in activities and need to have proper foot wear. Students should be dressed appropriately for the hot St. Louis weather. While most of our activities are indoors, students will still be traveling between classrooms and dining spaces that require them to be outside. **Please be sure to send rain gear (poncho or umbrella) with the students as needed.**

Students cannot make changes to their course selections after the start of the program. Be sure to email our office at summerexperiences@wustl.edu by Wednesday, June 13th if a change needs to be made.

Supplies and Books

Textbooks and/or reading packets are included in the program fee and will be provided to students during orientation and throughout the program. We recommend students bring a 3-ring binder, pens or pencils, and a spiral notebook for use during the program.

Disability Resources

Disability resources assist students with hearing, visual, orthopedic, learning, or other disabilities. Please contact Becki Baker at summerexperiences@wustl.edu or (314) 935-4807 before arrival to campus if a student requires these resources.

Evaluation and Certificate of Participation

Students are evaluated based on attendance, completion of assignments, quality of work produced, participation in discussions, interaction with peers, engagement during guest lectures and field trips, as well as the ability to adhere to academic integrity standards and program policies. A completed evaluation will be mailed home at the end of the program with a certificate of participation.