

# Summer Experiences

## Academic Information

### High School Summer Scholars

It's important to note that the High School Summer Scholars Program is academically rigorous. Students will be attending courses alongside undergraduate students and will be expected to produce work at the undergraduate level. There may be any combination of: assigned readings, in-class assignments, essays, quizzes, tests, and final projects or exams. Students should take the time to make sure they are ready for this environment. If there are any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact our office at (314) 935-4807.

#### Daily Schedule

Summer undergraduate courses include as much material as a regular semester course. When offered during the school year, these courses are given over 16 weeks, so the pace during the summer is quite accelerated. Students should plan on spending 2-3 hours working outside of class for every hour spent in class. Because missing one summer class is equivalent to missing well over a half week of a semester course, attendance is extremely important and monitored.

#### Academic Support Groups

Regular academic support groups provide an opportunity for students enrolled in the same courses to meet and discuss issues outside of the classroom. These groups, led by our academic supervisor, are designed to assist with time management as well as understanding the syllabus and course curriculum. These groups also aid in identifying students who may need tutoring or other additional support during the program. Attendance at these academic support groups is mandatory. Academic support groups meet on Mondays at 5:00pm. For students who may have a course schedule at 5:00pm, make-up sessions will be scheduled.

#### Textbooks

Summer Scholars will need to purchase textbooks for their courses. The cost of textbooks can vary greatly depending on the course and instructor. Students may spend as much as \$300 on textbooks. Beginning in May, textbook requirements and costs are posted on the Campus Bookstore website at [www.wustl.bkstr.com](http://www.wustl.bkstr.com). This list is updated as instructors submit requests. When you visit the website you will be asked to identify a section number which are indicated below:

- Session A is section 21
- Session B is section 41
- Session C 8-week courses are section 31.

A few courses will have no required textbooks, so don't be alarmed if a textbook is not listed or it says "no information received from instructor" or "course materials for this course have not been determined." If a student changes their course schedule after the first day of classes, they will be responsible for returning textbooks no longer needed.

Textbooks can be purchased from the campus bookstore upon arrival to campus or purchased ahead of time. Many students purchase their textbooks from various online sources to find a better bargain. **Books should not be sent to school prior to student's arrival.**

Students under the age of 18 are not permitted to rent textbooks. See below for online textbook rental instructions with parental support.

#### Disability Resources

Disability resources assist students with hearing, visual, orthopedic, learning, or other disabilities. If you require accommodations during the program due to a 504 or IEP plan, please contact Heather Stout, [stout.h@wustl.edu](mailto:stout.h@wustl.edu), to request accommodations.

## **Grades and Transcripts**

At the conclusion of the program, participation in the program, as well as grades or credits if earned, will be recorded and will become part of the student's academic record at Washington University. Summer Scholars will receive an official Washington University transcript (available upon request).

## **Online Textbook Rental Instructions**

If you are under the age of 18 and would like to rent a textbook online through the campus bookstore, your parent or guardian will need to create an account through both the eFollett system, as well as the "Rent the Text" system. The instructions below are step by step instructions for how to rent the textbooks online. Should you have any questions, please contact the Campus Store at 314-935-5500.

1. Go to <http://www.bkstr.com/washingtonstore/home>.
2. Select "Books."
3. Click "Textbooks and Course Materials."
4. Select Program: "All."
5. Select Term: "Summer 2019."
6. Select Department: "Appropriate one for your course." This information is found on the student schedule.
7. Select Course. This information is found on the student schedule.
8. Select Section. This information is found on the student schedule.
9. Click submit.
10. Select the book listed on the screen for your course by pressing the "+" button.
11. Check the box next to the rental option according to the amount that you want to pay for the rental.
12. Click "Add to Cart."
13. Click "Go to Cart" once you've finished selecting all of your textbooks.
14. Before proceeding, you will need to select your preference regarding the condition of the textbook.
15. After that, select "Check Out."
16. On the right side of the screen select "Create Account."
17. You will now be prompted to create an eFollett Account.
18. Enter in all of the required fields.
19. After you've completed registration for the eFollett Account, you will then be prompted to register for a "Rent the Text" account. You need to register for both of these accounts.
20. After you've completed this process, you will be redirected back to process and complete the payment.