Summer Experiences
Personal Narrative Institute
Sample Schedule

Please note that this is a sample schedule only and that activities are subject to change.

The institute is divided into two daily sessions with a break for lunch:

- Workshop (9:00am-12:00pm)
- Lunch (12:00-1:30pm)
- Afternoon Activity and Independent Writing Sessions (1:30-4:30pm)

Attendance Policy
Timeliness and earnest engagement in all sessions is imperative to the general success of the institute and of your performance. Take care to attend each session on time every time. Your Teaching Assistant will take attendance at all sessions. You are required to attend every session unless otherwise approved by program supervisor.

Course Description
Telling an engaging personal story can be challenging. How do you put into words an experience that changed how you acted, felt, or thought? How do you tell an interesting story while still showing readers the influence the experience had on you? Answer these questions and more as you discover the tips and tools of writing a personal narrative and build your confidence when writing a college admissions essay. Each day of workshop will focus on one of The Common Application personal essay topics. Over the course of the week, you will choose one of these topics for your final essay for the program.

Independent Writing Sessions
While the focus of this program is to develop your writing, we want you to create memories as well. Relax and reflect as you explore the vibrant city of St. Louis. We’ve chosen some of our favorite places to show you…after all Missouri is the “Show Me State.” You’ll end your day with an independent writing session guided by prompts included with this syllabus. Prompts may ask you to reflect on your afternoon activity or to answer a question about yourself. These sessions may take place on location of your afternoon activity, or back on campus. You will discuss your responses to these prompts with your peers and TA.

Academic Integrity Statement
The WashU academic integrity statement applies to all Summer Experiences students at WashU. All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of behavior. To view the policy visit: studentconduct.wustl.edu/academic-integrity/policies-and-procedures/.

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Personal Background</td>
<td>Choose a paragraph-length excerpt of your personal narrative draft to present to the class.</td>
<td>The Delmar Loop</td>
<td>What do you list out as your academic accomplishments? What are the stories behind each?</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Learning from Failure</td>
<td>Readings: TBA (two essays)</td>
<td>City Garden</td>
<td>Write about your impressions of downtown surroundings.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Challenging Beliefs</td>
<td>Add a paragraph to your essay draft and revise introduction and conclusion.</td>
<td>Missouri History Museum and Forest Park</td>
<td>Write about the park from two different perspectives.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Solving a Problem</td>
<td>Readings: TBA (two essays)</td>
<td>Kemper Art Museum</td>
<td>Write about a recent challenge you have faced in the third person.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>Accomplishment</td>
<td>Prepare short two-minute presentation of your essay and turn in final revision for comments.</td>
<td>St. Louis Arch</td>
<td>No writing prompt. Enjoy final afternoon.</td>
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