



2019 Summer School Academic Overview

These three courses will meet for the duration of the program:

Reading: This course develops the skills needed for reading comprehension in high school literature classes. Students are taught how to locate the main idea in reading, develop vocabulary and know the basic terminology needed for an understanding of literature. An essential part of the program is the study of the various elements of the novel *The Last Summer of The Death Warriors*.

Composition: This course develops practical skills necessary for high school writers. The curriculum focuses on the basics of grammar and writing as a process. Students will plan, outline, write, and edit a basic essay. The assignments will be designed to introduce students to expectations from multiple subjects offered in high school.

Mathematics: This course develops the necessary skills for success in Algebra 1. Students use the ALEKS software platform to work at their own pace, with support from the instructor as needed. Students completing this course will show proficiency in all pre-algebra skills: arithmetic computation, number classification, the number line, performing operations with fractions and decimals, and skill development necessary for solving word problems. It provides an opportunity for stronger students in mathematics to work ahead.

These two courses will each meet for a portion of the program:

Science: This course develops the skills needed by all freshmen for laboratory science. Students will learn vocabulary, procedures, and basic scientific identification for successfully completing laboratory experiments. Students learn the proper format for lab reports, research techniques, the use of formulas and test-taking skills in science. Assessment includes the completion of a minimum of three lab reports and a final, comprehensive exam.

Travel Narratives in Scripture and Beyond: This course develops key concepts in the study of theology and social studies. Students will examine travel narratives in Sacred Scripture and additional travel narratives from ancient and modern history. Students will learn close and careful reading skills, chronology, map reading skills, and cause and effect. The student acquire an understanding of how to prepare for class, with a particular emphasis on the skills needed in Biblical Literature and World History. Mastering content for assessments and preparing for detailed quizzes will be emphasized.