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Take discussion-based college level classes at St. John's College—the preeminent liberal arts college for intellectual students who love to read.

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SUMMER ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS | SANTA FE



JOIN THE DISCUSSION AT
OUR PRE-COLLEGE
PROGRAM FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Summer Academy at St. John's College

Organized in five, week-long sessions, each with a different theme, the St. John's College Summer Academy immerses high school students into a college experience like no other.

St. John's College is the preeminent liberal arts college for intellectual students who want to surround themselves with great books in philosophy, literature, math, science, and more. Just like undergraduate students at St. John's, Summer Academy students explore books by some of the world's greatest thinkers and talk about their ideas in discussion-based classes led by our full-time faculty. Participating in real, college-level coursework helps students prepare for college and college applications. Having the opportunity to engage with other students who are excited to learn makes the experience even more rewarding!

Living on campus in either Annapolis or Santa Fe, students also get to try their hand at an eclectic array of workshops—from poetry writing to archery to swing dance—and enjoy off-campus excursions to museums and historic sites. Annapolis and Santa Fe are towns rich in culture, art, and history, and each offers exciting outdoor activities—from hiking, rock climbing, and kayaking in Santa Fe to sailing, croquet, and crew in Annapolis. As described by a past participant, the Summer Academy “nourishes the mind, body, and soul.”

SANTA FE | NEW MEXICO

JUNE 24 - JUNE 30

What is courage?

COURAGE & THE SOUL

CLASSES AND READINGS

Seminar

Herodotus, *The Histories*
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Plato, *Laches*

Language

Poetry by Dickinson, Eliot, and Whitman

Laboratory

Darwin, *The Descent of Man*
Wilson, “The Morality of the Gene”

Montaigne, “An Apology for Raymond Sebond”
Lopez, *Of Wolves and Men*
Lorenz, *Man Meets Dog*
Practicum

WORKSHOPS

Archery, yoga, pottery

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS

Visit Lake Abiquiu and Meow Wolf art installation

JULY 1 - JULY 7

What is the nature of love?

CLASSES AND READINGS

Seminar

Plato, *The Symposium*

Language

Sappho poetry
The Bible, “The Parable of the Prodigal Son”
Shakespeare, Sonnets

Math

Ptolemy, *Almagest*

WORKSHOPS

Poetry writing, hiking, archery

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS

Tours of the Historic Santa Fe Plaza and the Canyon Road art district

JULY 8 - JULY 14

Reflecting on the blues and American culture.

THE BLUES

CLASSES AND READINGS

Seminar

Lincoln, “Second Inaugural Address”
Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*
Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk*

Language

Baldwin, “Sonny’s Blues”

Music

Murray, *Stomping the Blues*

WORKSHOPS

Archery, yoga, science experiments

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS

Visit Ghost Ranch and attend a performance at the Santa Fe Opera

Please note: Some readings are excerpts

ANNAPOLIS | MARYLAND

JULY 15 - JULY 21

Are fairness and equality the same?

EQUALITY & INEQUALITY

CLASSES AND READINGS

Seminar

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Rousseau, *Second Discourse on Inequality*
Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

Laboratory

Archimedes, “On the Equilibrium of Planes”
Practicum

Language

The Federalist Papers
Lincoln, “Young Man’s Lyceum”
and the Gettysburg Address

Douglass, “The Hypocrisy of Slavery”
Anthony, “On Women’s Right to Vote”

WORKSHOPS

Croquet, swing dancing, sailing, and choral singing

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS

Tour the Maryland State House and attend a production of *The Tempest* by the Annapolis Shakespeare Company in the Charles Carroll Gardens

JULY 1 - JULY 7

POETS & PERCEPTION

JULY 22 - JULY 28

How do stories shape the human experience?

CLASSES AND READINGS

Seminar

Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
Plato, *Theaetetus*

Laboratory

Aristotle, *On the Soul*
Boethius, “Pythagoras and the hammers”
Practicum

Language

Shakespeare, Sonnet #46
Stevens, “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird”

Dickinson, “There’s a certain slant of Light”
Wordsworth, “Tintern Abbey”

WORKSHOPS

Croquet, swing dancing, sailing, and choral singing

SAMPLE EXCURSIONS

Tour of historic downtown Annapolis and take a sunset boat cruise along the Chesapeake Bay



STAFF

St. John’s professional administrative staff organizes and manages all non-academic Summer Academy activities. Full-time St. John’s faculty lead students in the classroom.

Resident Assistants oversee students by sharing life in the dorms, participating in and leading workshops and recreational activities, and assisting during study time.

Each weekday during the Summer Academy, a nurse is on duty to help students if issues arise. Campus security works 24/7.

APPLICATION

The online application consists of a short answer (100 words minimum) to the question “Why do you want to attend the Summer Academy?” and a copy of your unofficial transcript. Annapolis and Santa Fe make their acceptance decisions separately.

TUITION

Tuition is \$1,100 per week if your deposit is submitted before June 1. Tuition for those depositing after June 1 is \$1,250. Tuition includes the costs of housing, meals, and all activity fees.

For students attending multiple weeks on one campus, weekend activities supervised by program staff are arranged; there is no additional cost to participate in these activities.

Limited financial aid is available. Please contact us for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

More comprehensive information about the St. John’s College Summer Academy may be found at sjc.edu/summer-academy-2018.

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