



Penn Summer High School Programs

deliver the challenge of an Ivy League curriculum to talented high school students seeking a pre-collegiate academic experience. Students explore dynamic subjects, engage with leading faculty, and build intellectual connections during accelerated two-, three-, or six-week Penn Summer High School Programs.



Penn Summer Prep Program

Session A: July 6 - July 16, 2021

Session B: July 20 - July 30, 2021

Session C: August 3 - August 13, 2021



Courses offered online



Non-credit program



Eligibility: Current 9th-11th grade students



International students welcome



Financial aid for select Philadelphia students

The two-week program offers non-credit, immersive study in disciplines across the sciences, arts, and humanities. Students choose two modules to focus their studies and benefit from the University's rich educational resources.

Application deadline: May 1, 2021

(Early application strongly recommended)



Pre-College Program

Session I: May 24 - June 30, 2021

Session II: July 1 - August 6, 2021



Courses offered online



Undergraduate credit offered



Eligibility: Current 10th-11th grade students



International students welcome

The Pre-College Program offers undergraduate courses in a wide array of disciplines taught by Penn faculty, staff and visiting scholars. Academic advising, access to University learning resources, and college admission workshops are also provided. Penn Summer sponsors F-1 student visas for international students participating in the Pre-College Program.

Application deadline: May 1, 2021

(Early application strongly recommended)



Young Scholars Program

Session I: May 24 - June 30, 2021

Session II: July 1 - August 6, 2021



Courses offered online



Undergraduate credit offered



Eligibility: Current 10th-11th grade students

The Young Scholars Program is a year-round offering designed for ambitious Philadelphia-area students who are interested in the intellectual challenge of a true undergraduate experience. Students attend online courses alongside Penn undergraduates and have access to outstanding academic resources, including libraries, University learning resources, college admission workshops, and a Penn-appointed academic advisor.

Session I application deadline: May 1, 2021

Session II application deadline: June 1, 2021

For more on tuition, fees, financial aid, and admissions requirements, visit:

www.upenn.edu/summer

* Dates are tentative and subject to change



Summer Academies

July 1 - July 23, 2021



Courses offered online



Non-credit program



Eligibility: Current 9th-11th grade students



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For three intensive weeks, these non-credit academies encourage students to dive deep into exploratory research in a specific subject area, including American Sign Language, biomedical research, chemistry, experimental physics, intercultural communication, mathematics, neuroscience, and social justice.

Application deadline: May 1, 2021

(Early application strongly recommended)

The American Sign Language and Deaf Culture Academy

Learn basic conversation and narrative ASL skills while getting exposure to experiences and issues within the deaf community.

Biomedical Research Academy

Gain insight into the core of biomedical research, including experimental design, cutting-edge technologies, and recent advances in high-interest fields of research.

Chemistry Research Academy

Join in cutting-edge research projects that include nanoscale materials and molecular devices, environmental photochemistry and new materials to solve energy challenges.

Experimental Physics Research Academy

Discover mechanics, optics, electromagnetism, quantum dynamics, and astrophysics through lectures, activities, projects, and discussions with instructors.

Intercultural Communication Academy

Develop a foundation for understanding the intricate and complex relationship between language, culture, communicative practices, and identity.

Mathematics Academy

Explore advanced concepts such as discrete mathematics, algebra and number theory, as well as geometry and topology within a rigorous, proof-oriented program.

Neuroscience Research Academy

Dive into a full study of the brain progressing from the cellular foundations of the neuron to an understanding of the sensory systems, and culminating with higher-order cognitive functions.

Social Justice Research Academy

Engage in project-based learning to examine the historical importance and contemporary relevance of struggles to overcome inequality and injustice.

Profile of successful applicants for all Penn Summer High School Programs

- Minimum 3.3 GPA
- Demonstrated English language proficiency
- Writing that displays technical skill and intellectual depth
- Strong recommendations
- A variety of extracurricular interests
- For non-native English speakers: TOEFL score of 100 (iBT), 250 (CBT), or 600 (PBT); or IELTS score of 7; requirement waived if applicant attends English-medium school

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