



# Summer College Programs For High School Students

## OVERVIEW

- Nearly every college and university offers a summer program for high school students.
- Students challenge themselves — both personally and academically — by taking college courses, living in a dorm, and meeting new friends.
- Juniors and seniors can test out the responsibilities of college, while earning undergraduate college credits, which in most cases are transferable.
- Attending a college summer program and performing well is not a guarantee of admission, but it will strengthen a student's application to any college or university.

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Summer college programs vary in length — some are for 2 weeks, 4 weeks, or 5-8 weeks.
- Check the starting date. Many college summer programs begin before Stuyvesant is finished giving Regent Exams. (Cornell Summer School offers NY State Regent Exams for high school students.)
- Summer programs have demanding work loads. Colleges cram a semester's worth of work into a 4-8 week summer course. (Example: Harvard 4-week summer course: classes meet 4 days a week for 2 and 1/2 hours each day, curriculum includes a reading list of 8 books, with a 500 word essay due every day the course meets, and a 1,000 word essay due on the fifth day.)
- Know the maturity level of your child; students are living on their own, often times with minimal adult supervision, no curfews, and are not required to attend classes.

## COSTS

- Approximate cost is about \$1,000 per college credit, which includes room and board. (\$2,000-\$8,000 for the summer.)
- Scholarships are available, but they are limited and students need to apply early.

## CHOOSING A PROGRAM – WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Choose a college your child is possibly interested in attending.
- Choose a college where actual professors from the college are teaching courses. (Many colleges employ teachers from other universities to teach their summer programs.)
- Students should choose a course with a limited enrollment of about 15-20 students, so the professor can get to personally know the student.
- At the end of the course, the student should ask the professor for a recommendation to the college.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Each college has their own application requirements. Some colleges want a transcript, letters of recommendation from student's current teacher, and a graded writing assignment. Other colleges want just a financial commitment.
- Students may submit applications starting in January of 2009. Many popular college summer programs have long waiting lists — apply early to first choice schools.

# Popular Summer College Programs For High School Students

**Questbridge Full Scholarships to Summer School Programs at Harvard, Stanford, or Yale**

[http://www.questbridge.org/cps/awards/summer\\_school.html](http://www.questbridge.org/cps/awards/summer_school.html)

**Harvard Summer School For High School Students**

<http://www.summer.harvard.edu/2009/programs/ssp/>

**Yale Summer Pre-College**

<http://www.yale.edu/summer/application/information/precollege.html>

**Stanford University High School Summer Programs**

<http://summer.stanford.edu/highschool/summercollege.asp>

**University of Pennsylvania Summer Programs for High School Students**

<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/highschool/summer>

**Columbia University Summer Programs for High School Students**

<http://www.ce.columbia.edu/hs/about.cfm?PID=4>

**NYU Summer School Programs for High School Students**

<http://www.nyu.edu/summer>

**Carnegie Mellon Pre-College**

<http://www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college>

**Boston University High School Summer Programs**

[http://www.bu.edu/summer/program\\_high\\_school\\_students](http://www.bu.edu/summer/program_high_school_students)

**Cornell Summer College Program For High School Students**

<http://www.sce.cornell.edu/sc>

**Brown University Summer College Programs**

<http://brown.edu/scs/pre-college/overview.php>

**Syracuse University Summer College**

<http://www.summercollege.syr.edu>

**Barnard Pre-College Programs**

<http://www.barnard.columbia.edu/pcp/>

**Marymount Manhattan Summer College in NYC**

<http://summer.mmm.edu/summer-college-nyc.html>

**Georgetown University Summer Programs For High School Students**

<http://www12.georgetown.edu/scs/sphs/index.cfm>

**George Washington University Summer Scholars Pre-College Program**

<http://www.gwu.edu/summer/scholars>

**Tufts University Summer School Programs**

<http://ase.tufts.edu/summer>

**Northwestern University Summer College Preparatory Programs**

<http://www.scs.northwestern.edu/collegeprep>

**Ithaca Summer College For High School Students**

[http://www.ithaca.edu/gps/summer\\_college](http://www.ithaca.edu/gps/summer_college)