2020 SUMMER PROGRAMS

ONLINE

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ONLINE THIS SUMMER

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We at TeenLife share society’s goal of providing academic and enrichment opportunities that launch young people into life. Summer is an important time for learning.

Thankfully there are a number of interesting online courses and virtual ways of meaningfully engaging middle and high school-aged students if they are unable to leave home or travel. They include coding classes, academic classes, foreign language learning, art - even virtual internships for high school students! **TeenLife's Guide to Online Summer Programs** includes several that have caught our attention. Our hope is that this new Guide to Online Summer Programs may spark something that can become a lifelong passion.
There are many great reasons to take a course online over the summer. It can put you ahead in terms of credits. It also allows you to pursue subjects that might not be offered at your local high school that might help point the way to a future career.

Online learning can also provide the opportunity to take a course at a prestigious college or university without the need for travel or relocation.

Each program has slightly different ways of offering online classes. It’s important to think about your own personal learning style to choose the best option for you. Independent learners or those with a tight schedule might prefer asynchronous courses.

These types of courses don’t take place in real-time. You have a time frame to complete course work and all discussions or questions occur on discussion boards. This type of course works especially well for students who are balancing school with work or family obligations.

Even though asynchronous courses work really well for those who have a tight schedule, they require a certain amount of self-discipline. To keep you on track, some of the courses will require that you log in on a regular basis, such as once a day. Other classes are more free-wheeling, but it is still a good idea to check in often. The more you put into the course, the more you will get out of it. »
For those who prefer a set schedule or a bit more structure, synchronous online courses might be a better fit. These courses are similar to real-life classes. They take place at set times through computer programs that create video or audio chat rooms. These classes can feel more social if that is an important consideration for you.

Hybrid courses are a blend of the two. Most hybrid or blended courses have a couple of mandatory set times to meet online either with just the professor or with the whole class, and then the rest of the work is done independently. This style of course is especially prevalent in subjects that require more hands-on work such as learning a foreign language.

Online courses can be a great way for high school students to earn college credits while still in high school, but if you are hoping for credits that transfer, be sure the college or university you choose is accredited. The amount of credit, if any, varies from school to school.

Earning credit isn't the only reason to take an online course. Some programs and courses are geared to teach specific technical skills such as computer coding or computer science. Other programs offer online design experiences or private lessons in technology that build future skills.

Some online college programs offer both high school and college credit for the same course – a way to double your money, so to speak. Other programs offer just college credits. A lot of students use online courses to complete some of the general requirements of freshman year like English or math, so they can dive right into the classes they are most interested in when they begin college. This is especially useful for students who have already chosen their major.

Other online courses are designed to allow students to explore subject matter they find interesting such as premed, fashion or creative writing. These courses are not generally offered for credit, but they can help a student figure out a career path because they offer a deeper exploration of subjects that might be of interest. Many of them offer a certificate of completion that can be listed on college applications.

The classes that are offered for credit cost more than those that don't offer credit. The price range for credit classes tend to cost between $2,000 and $3,000 for a three-credit class. Courses that don't offer credit are less expensive. Prices average around $1,000 per course.

Most online courses that offer college credit are limited to rising juniors and seniors, but some of the non-credit courses are open to all high school students.

It's important to remember that online courses are not for everyone. They are not any easier than regular college courses and, in some cases, may be more difficult. Many students underestimate the amount of time they'll spend studying for a class. With online learning, you can expect to spend the same amount of time as you would in a traditional on-campus class.

Good time-management skills are crucial to success. Without set deadlines, it's easy to procrastinate. Online courses also require a personal computer, tablet and a reliable internet connection. Before you start, it's a good idea to familiarize yourself with the software platform such as Blackboard that the class will be using.

Despite some of the obstacles, online courses work extremely well for a growing number of students. They allow you to work at your own pace and integrate your studies into your schedule at your convenience. They can also offer a glimpse into what is expected in college, which will make you more prepared when you do attend.
AMDA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER VIRTUAL CONSERVATORY ARTS

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) High School Virtual Conservatory is a two-week online program that provides extraordinary performing arts training for passionate artists. This program offers cutting-edge learning opportunities that are uniquely personal and specifically designed for today's emerging performing artists. Learn More »

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: DISCOVER THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATION ONLINE

Ready to build your college portfolio, learn something new, or explore an area in communication that you've never had an opportunity to before? American University Discover the World of Communication pre-college program also has an online component. Taking the skills and instruction you need right to your computer... wherever you are! Learn More »

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE VIRTUAL SUMMER ACADEMY: HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN EXPLORATION

Curious about design, a career in architecture, interior design, landscape design or working on a portfolio for college admissions? The Virtual Summer Academy at Boston Architectural College (BAC) offers an opportunity to study design with peers and design professionals. No design experience is required! Learn More »
BROWN PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS: SUMMER@BROWN ONLINE

Academic and STEM

Two to Six Week Sessions, June 15 - August 12
$473 to $1571/course
Entering Grades: 10-College

Brown's Pre-College online courses are rigorous, active learning experiences designed and led by Brown's innovative, dedicated instructors for high school students around the world. Explore challenging subjects through coursework designed to inspire curiosity and discovery, engage in intellectual discussion, and connect with students from around the world – enthusiastic, creative, and accomplished students like you. Learn More »

COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION: SUMMER JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

Academic

Five Day Sessions (M-F) in June & July
$849/session
Entering Grades: 10-12

Improve your journalism skills of reporting, writing, design and editorial leadership. Rethink your publication and how to make the best use of journalism practices. We’re offering five-day classes throughout this summer. Take part in this virtual learning experience in the media with the best scholastic journalism instructors in the country. Learn More »

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY: ONLINE SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Academic, Arts, and STEM

Three Week Sessions (June, July), One Week Session (Aug)
$1551 for 1 week, $3865 for 3 weeks
Entering Grades: 9-College

Dive into a world-class Ivy League education this summer with Columbia's world-class instructors, and a dynamic online learning platform. Students select one curricular option for an in-depth examination of a specific subject area for 1 or 3 weeks. A wide range of course options is available - courses are rigorous but do not provide college credit. Learn More »
CORNELL UNIVERSITY: SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE STUDIES ONLINE

Academic, Arts, and STEM

๒ Three or Six Weeks, June 1 - August 6
๑ $1520/credit (2 credit minimum)
๓ Entering Grades: 10-12

Get a head start on college by earning credits from Cornell online! You can choose from dozens of regular university courses, work with a Cornell faculty member, study alongside undergraduate students, and improve your college study skills. It’s a great chance to earn college credits without leaving home. Learn More »

ID TECH: VIRTUAL TECH CAMPS

STEM

๒ One Week Sessions
๑ $499 (use code TOGETHER to get $100 off)
๓ Entering Grades: 6-12

Virtual Tech Camps are the perfect, home-based option for students seeking the collaborative spirit of our on-campus programs. For many, learning alongside others is a vital social component. Let’s keep your child advancing their skills, engaging with other students, and building confidence! Learn More »

ⅠLLINOIS TECH: ONLINE PRE-COLLEGE STEM PROGRAMS

STEM

๒ One or Two Week Sessions, June 15 - August 7
๑ $99-$249/program
๓ Entering Grades: 9-12

Illinois Tech offers year-round opportunities for high school students to explore their intellectual curiosity in STEM. This summer, flex your skills in game design and development, cybersecurity, computing and technology, computational science, and mathematics. All courses are taught by faculty-no prior experience necessary! Learn More »

Ⅰnward Bound Mindfulness Education (iBme) Retreats and Courses are a one-of-a-kind online experience. iBme retreats helps reduce stress and cope with normal school, life, and social demands in a self-empowering way. An iBme retreat reconnects individuals with their own natural confidence and ease. Learn More »
INTERLOCHEN ARTS CAMP ONLINE

Arts
- Three Weeks, June 29 - July 17
- $2950
- Entering Grades: 6-12

Interlochen Arts Camp Online is a world-renowned summer arts program where emerging artists learn to transform their passion and potential into purpose. From across the nation and around the world, artistic teens hone their skills and expand their capacity in music, theatre, dance, creative writing, visual arts, and film. Learn More »

IVY INSIGHT: EMERGING LEADER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Internships
- Six Weeks, June 22 - July 31
- $2995
- Entering Grades: 10-12, University

The Emerging Leader Internship Program is a special 6-week, virtual experience that allows you to work remotely in an internship that aligns best with your unique set of skills, talents, and interests while receiving coaching, mentorship, and professional development. Application (age 16+) is required. Admission is competitive. Learn More »

LANGUAGEBIRD® - ONLINE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS & MORE

Language
- 1-to-1 Virtual Lessons
- $429 for 6 hours
- Entering Grades: 7-12

LanguageBird® creates a community of learners who master speaking new languages with confidence. Students connect one-to-one with an engaged instructor for accredited, self-paced language learning and cultural discovery. Choose from 13 languages. Engage with native speakers live via video chat on your schedule. Learn More »

NETWORK VOLUNTEERS: VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Community Service/Volunteer
- Five to six week, July & August
- $495 for High School Students/ $295 for College Age
- Entering Grades: 10-12, University

Volunteer Internships offered by NetWork Volunteers are perfect for high school and college students looking to get engaged and make a difference this summer. Students are matched to customized online and/or in-person community-based internships opportunities across the country. Learn More »

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT: ACCELERATED SUMMER OPTION

Academic and Gifted
- Nine Weeks, June 15 - August 17
- $725/one course, $1190/two courses
- Entering Grades: 6-12

The Accelerated Summer Option (ASO) offers students the opportunity to take a select number of Honors Elective, Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP®) courses in nine weeks. ASO courses can be an excellent fit for highly-motivated students seeking opportunities for summer online academic acceleration, or the chance to take a desired course outside the limits of the traditional school calendar. School year courses are also available. Learn More »
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF ARTS & COMMUNICATION (SAC) ACADEMY
Arts
📅 Five Days, July 12 - July 17
💰 $250
📚 Entering Grades: 9-12

Oregon State University: School of Arts & Communication (SAC) Academy offers an online version of our JumpstART pre-college program. JumpstART provides students ages 14-18 with a week of accelerated instruction with instructors who are current artists, exhibiting their work world-wide. Learn More »

PARSONS PARIS: VIRTUAL PRE-COLLEGE COURSE IN THE BUSINESS OF FASHION
Academic and Arts
📅 6 Two Week Sessions, June 6 - August 19
💰 $1195/session
📚 Entering Grades: 9-12

Learn about the history of fashion, how trends are made, and the skills you need to pursue a career in fashion in this flexible, online pre-college course for high school students by Parsons Paris. You'll be mentored by a Parsons graduate and taught by Parsons Paris faculty. Learn More »

SCI-ARC’S DESIGN IMMERSION DAYS ONLINE
Arts and STEM
📅 Three week sessions
💰 $1,250
📚 Entering Grades: 9-12

Southern California Institute of Architecture's SCI-Arc Design Immersion Days (DID) is a 3-week online summer program that introduces high school students of varying backgrounds to design and architecture. The intention is to inspire curiosity about the world of design, introduce basic design knowledge and critical thinking skills. Learn More »
uCODE

STEM

- Six 70-minute sessions/month
- $99/month
- Entering Grades: 9-12

With UCode, students **learn to be proficient in coding and computational thinking**. UCode uses an experiential approach to learning that allows students to immerse themselves in real-world problems.  

Learn More »

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UC SAN DIEGO: SALLY RIDE SCIENCE PROGRAM

STEM

- 4 Five Day Sessions, June 29 - July 24
- $160/course
- Entering Grades: 4-12

The Sally Ride Science Junior Academy summer program offers science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) workshops for students entering the 4th-12th grade. Students will assume the roles of space explorers, marine biologists, computer programmers, and more as they immerse themselves in hands-on projects.  

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WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: VIRTUAL PRE-COLLEGE COURSES IN MEDICINE AND BUSINESS

Academic and STEM

- Two Week Session, June 7 - August 29
- $995/two week session
- Entering Grades: 9-12

Wake Forest University’s Online Immersion Program offers flexible, online courses in **Medicine and Business for high school students**. You’ll learn from Wake Forest University or Wake Forest School of Medicine professors, be mentored by a WFU graduate, and earn a Certificate of Completion.  

Learn More »
WILLIAM PATTERSON UNIVERSITY: ONLINE TEEN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Arts** and **STEM**

- **One and two week sessions**
- **$135-$399**
- **Entering Grades: 4-12**

William Paterson University's Summer 2020 Online Youth Programs have been reimagined into an online format for middle and high school students. **We offer classes to embrace and enrich all forms of interest from the ARTS to STEM.** Use ONLINEATWP for 15% Discount.  Learn More »

WORLD SCHOLARS ACADEMY: WORLD BUSINESS ACADEMY ONLINE

**Academic** and **Gifted**

- **4 Two-Week Sessions,**  
  **June 15 - September 18**
- **$1485/session**
- **Entering Grades: 9-12**

**World Business Academy Online** is an elite two-week pre-collegiate summer course introducing advanced study skills and high-level concepts in economics and business. **Learn from a world-leading professional scholar** together with exceptional peers from around the world. Whether your teen is already keen on a business career or is simply curious, our course will provide a lifelong foundation for academic excellence and financial success. Learn More »

XRTERRA: INTRODUCTORY VIRTUAL REALITY DEVELOPER PROGRAM

**STEM**

- **Six Weeks, June 29 - August 7**
- **$2500** (use code TEENLIFE to get $500 off)
- **Entering Grades: 9-12**

The XR Terra High School six weeks Introductory Virtual Reality (VR) Developer Program prepares students to **understand the elements of immersive experience design and Unity, an industry-standard XR development tool.** Learn More »
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