PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO, NOT JUST WHAT, YOU WANT TO BE.
WHY ATTEND?

At the University of Rochester, students pursue only what they’re interested in. With Rochester’s Pre-College Programs, high school students get that same freedom. For over twenty-five years, these programs have welcomed students from around the globe to explore the University and its resources to broaden their educational experience, sharpen academic skills, and help them learn more about who—not just what—they want to be.

Classes are taught by University faculty and graduate students and top local educators who have demonstrated their enthusiastic commitment to cultivating the minds of young students. With small class sizes, instructors mentor each student and give valuable insights into the theories, technologies, and principles of their field.

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS...

➤ Get a true sense of college life.

➤ Gain new perspectives on academic abilities and potential.

➤ Explore career possibilities.

➤ Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity.

➤ Build lasting relationships with peers who share similar interests.

➤ Learn in a rigorous and enjoyable environment.
INTENSIVE STUDIES

With these featured programs, students get a deeper look into non-credit college-level material and focus on a specific area of interest for three full weeks.

MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL
This unique and selective program is open to students interested in pursuing careers in medicine. This rigorous program offers research labs, rotations, and service learning. Students get firsthand experience with the clinical, community service, and public health aspects of medicine, gaining a real taste of the medical school experience. RO | 11–12 | 3-wk

HAJIM ENGINEERING
The Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences celebrates independence, advanced research, invention, and problem-solving skills. This hands-on engineering program allows students to explore topics like biomedical engineering, optics, and audio and music, using the vast resources of the Hajim School. RR | 11–12 | 3-wk

THE ART OF A SHORT FILM
This in-depth workshop recaptures some of the magic, fun, and rigor of the art of moviemaking and introduces students to old (16 mm black and white film stock, 1980s VCR cameras) and new (Vine, iMovie) traditions of short filmmaking. Through experiential activities like visiting the world-renowned George Eastman House of Film and Photography, students will plunge headfirst into an intimate relationship with the art of short visual storytelling. RO | 11–12 | 3-wk

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM
Designed for non-native English speakers interested in improving their English language skills, this program focuses on the skills students will need for future success: essay writing, TOEFL preparation, and oral communication. Through classroom study and cultural exploration, students will strengthen their speaking abilities and learn more about life in America. Students will also engage in the local community by visiting museums, Niagara Falls, and other local areas of interest. RO | 9–12 | 3-wk | Int’l

PROGRAM OPTIONS

| RR: Residential required | 9–12: For rising 9th- through 12th-grade students |
| RO: Residential optional | 11–12: For rising 11th- through 12th-grade students |
| UR: Semester options | Int’l: Recommended for international students |
| 1-wk/2-wk/3-wk: Week length options |
NON-CREDIT COURSES

With **Rochester Scholars**, students use Rochester’s open curriculum as a model by selecting classes they’re most passionate about. The noncredit course offerings reflect Rochester’s areas of study and are structured like college seminars. Students can choose up to two courses per session, from fields like the arts, engineering, English, history, humanities, mathematics, medicine, modern languages, music, and sciences. Partners include the Eastman School of Music, the Medical Center, the School of Nursing, and the **Hajim School of Engineering**. Students participate in class discussions, field trips, group projects, experiments, and labs, putting newfound knowledge to use in creative ways. **RO | 9–12 | 1-wk | 2-wk | 3-wk**

**SAMPLE NON-CREDIT COURSES:**

- Arduino Constructor
- Biomedical Technology: Engineer, Doctor or Both?
- Exploring Mixed Identities
- Handcrafted Photography
- The Infinite Wonder of Space
- Introduction to Elementary Japanese
- The Language of Cinema: How Moviemakers Tell Stories
- The Magic of Molars and the Wisdom of Teeth: Exploring Oral Health
- Managing and Imagining your Future
- Nursing: Is It In Your Future?
- Rochester CSI
- Strangeness in Quantum Physics
- Summer Connection at Eastman School of Music
- What’s Up Doc? Exploring the Pre-Med Experience

OFF-CAMPUS AND ABROAD

These program options are challenging and transformative opportunities for students to gain field research training and knowledge in anthropology, ecology, economics, environmental studies, international development, and public health. In the past, programs in Malawi and Samoa have combined academics and adventure, preparing students for the college classroom while reminding them that the best classrooms are often found in unexpected places. **RR | 11–12 | 2-wk**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
[ENROLLMENT.ROCHESTER.EDU/PRECOLLEGE](http://ENROLLMENT.ROCHESTER.EDU/PRECOLLEGE)
CREDIT COURSES

With Taste of College, students get a jump-start on their college career. This program allows students to earn college credit and study among Rochester undergraduates. The classes motivate students to explore subjects typically reserved for study on a collegiate level. Courses are offered during the University’s fall, spring, and summer academic semesters, and credits are transferable to most colleges and universities.

RO | 11–12 | UR | Int’l

SAMPLE CREDIT COURSES:

- Calculus I
- Contemporary Issues & Anthropology
- Introduction to Computer Programming
- Introduction to International Politics
- Introduction to Psychology
- Prep for College Chemistry
- Principles of Biology I
- Principles of Economics
- Ways of Seeing: Comparative Post-War Global Cinema

SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES

After class, Pre-College students can complement their academic experience by joining college preparatory workshops sponsored by the Office of Admissions. Topics have included tips on admissions, application essays, financial aid, interviewing, and résumés.
**WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING**

“I was surprised by how much growth my son experienced in just one week. He gained knowledge in the subject area of CSI and that helped him narrow down the areas of study he’s interested in. He made a lot of friends, gained confidence, and is excited for college next year.”

“From this experience, my daughter made wonderful memories with new friends and learned the ability to manage her classes while also having some campus involvement. She was also able to interact with teachers who helped her explore her interest in a health career.”

“My child learned how to be independent and responsible. She definitely needed this taste of college so it won’t be so new and overwhelming once she finally enrolls in college!”

**WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING**

“My favorite part was being in an environment that was at the college level rather than being in an AP class. I also enjoyed being surrounded by college students and I understand more clearly what it is like to be a student at the next level of education.” —Gabrielle

“I enjoyed learning about topics I would have never learned about in high school and sharing that time with students who were eager to learn about the topic as well.” —Marisa

“I liked the atmosphere of the courses. They were high-level and greatly immersive, but there was also a level of informality to them. I also liked the amount of information and relevant activities we were able to participate in. Nowhere else would I have the opportunity to record a song with a Grammy-winning producer!” —Nate
EXPLORING ROCHESTER

Rochester’s campus is an intimate and lively community. Students will have access to campus libraries, grassy quads, and athletic facilities. Beyond campus, the City of Rochester offers countless exciting opportunities that include the Eastman School of Music, amusement parks, sporting events, huge fairs and festivals, and many beautiful parks.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University welcomes international students to apply to Pre-College Programs. International students make significant contributions to campus learning by fostering awareness of and respect for other cultures and by bringing unique perspectives into the classroom. Our Pre-College Counselors are prepared to help them adjust to a new culture, environment, and educational system. **International applicants must apply by April 1.**

MEALS

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided as part of the program cost for students in the residential program. Students will enjoy a variety of options from campus dining facilities and local eateries. For commuter students, lunch in a campus dining hall is provided daily.
APPLY NOW

Class sizes are limited, so be sure to enroll early. Sessions run during the months of July and August. See our website for program specifics and dates.

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HOW TO APPLY

1. Register online at enrollment.rochester.edu/precollege.

2. Submit required forms (including the recommendation, personal statement, $50 nonrefundable application fee, necessary supplements, etc.). These will be specified through the student’s online account.

Please note the application fee will be applied to the final tuition bill. A 10% community discount applies if a parent, grandparent, or sibling is a University of Rochester employee, alumnus/a, or current student.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Limited aid is available and will be awarded on the basis of financial need.
- Awards are primarily for tuition expenses; students are encouraged to seek other sources of funding.
- Funds received are nontransferable and can only be used for the requested session.
- Financial assistance and application deadlines are one in the same and funds will not be considered for incomplete applications.

While Rochester’s Pre-College Programs cannot guarantee participants’ admission to the University of Rochester or its Professional Degree Programs, successful participation will enhance a student’s résumé, which may prove beneficial when applying to selective universities.
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