



HONORS ACADEMY

Discover, Imagine, Create

ACU Honors Summer Academy is a life-changing journey inviting high school students to grow academically, creatively and spiritually in a close mentoring and peer community.

This weeklong summer program is designed to provide high-achieving students with challenging and exciting learning opportunities. Participants will work in small groups with university Honors faculty to explore and discover big ideas and connections, imagine how their unique perspective can shape new approaches to these concepts, and further develop their own creativity.



JUNE 10-15, 2018

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THE COURSES

All students will attend one morning symposium and one afternoon workshop.

For the morning session, students will select one of the core symposia, each of which will academically address the theme of creativity from different approaches.

For the afternoon session, students will select one of the three creative workshops in which they will design and create their own interpretive products under the supervision of university Honors faculty members. These courses include Creative Writing, Visual Arts, and Engineering Innovations.

CORE SYMPOSIA *(select one)*

IMAGINATION AND STORY: EVER-INCREASING WORLDS

J.R.R. Tolkien describes story as a great tree that is always growing as new ideas and narratives branch out from existing roots. Using J.K. Rowling's ever-increasing *Harry Potter* world (including the new play and film), students will be challenged to think, read, watch and interact with the idea of myth and story across a variety of media. We will investigate the ways story shapes our own identities, faith, and culture as well as empowers our own creative abilities. Calling all Hogwarts houses and Quidditch teams: this is not your average *Harry Potter* class!

THINK WRONG

In this course students will explore creative methods in problem solving combined with principles of design thinking. Class time will include hands-on, project-based exercises embracing interdisciplinary collaboration and encouraging solutions across multiple contexts. This course will be offered in ACU's Maker Lab, where students will learn how to generate ideas and bring them to life through prototyping, and then present their solutions at the end of the course.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS *(select one)*

CREATIVE WRITING: THE MAGIC OF ANY THING AND ALL THINGS

What's the most common question writers get? It's probably where do you find ideas to write about. In our time together we'll explore the many places ideas lurk, taking our inspiration from C. S. Lewis, who said, "You can make anything by writing," and proved it with his fantastic world of Narnia. We'll also turn Lewis's phrase around as we discover, "Almost anything can be a source for fascinating writing." To loosen up our imaginations, we'll go for walks, read stories and poems by famous writers, and talk about how a seed of an idea can bloom into something truly creative. Then we'll sit down and get to work, using fun writing exercises. To tie it all together, we'll share what we've written and assemble a collection of our best writing that you'll be proud to show others.

ENGINEERING INNOVATIONS

Nearly every aspect of everyday life is affected by the work of engineers. While providing the world with common things such as clean water, electricity, and cars, engineers are also innovators who solve problems, improving the world as we know it. In this course, we will explore some typical engineering practices and will discuss several challenges that have baffled engineers for many generations. By the end of this creative workshop, we will design and build some working prototypes in an attempt to solve these problems and maybe change the world forever.

MESSY HANDS, LOFTY MINDS: HOW TO BE A RENAISSANCE ARTIST

Travel back in time to the Italian Renaissance, and learn why this cultural event had such a big impact on visual art. Through creative projects such as sculpture, fresco painting, and sketching we'll explore the astonishing range of skills brought to bear by some of the greatest artists in history. Along the way, we'll look at a lot of pictures and discuss the idea of the Renaissance Man (or Woman). Do these people still exist? Could you possibly be one? Find out in this workshop! No previous artistic experience required.

HONORS ACADEMY AFTER-HOURS

Morning academic development sessions will be balanced with a variety of fun cultural and recreational activities. Alongside fun dinners and periods of free time, the evenings will include experiences such as exploring Abilene, enjoying movie nights, and visiting ACU's innovative Maker Lab for a hands-on activity session. Honors Academy After-Hours will be sponsored by the university's Department of History and Global Studies.

THE FACULTY

ACU professors will teach Honors Academy classes. Emphasis is given to active learning as a strategy for engaging students in the process of discovery.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Participants should be students who are highly motivated to learn, explore ideas, solve problems and develop their creativity. They should be interested in attending college, university and/or professional school in the future. Applications will only be accepted for students who will still be enrolled in high school in Fall 2018.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to provide SAT, ACT or PSAT scores and high school GPA. All applicants must provide contact information for an academic reference in support of their application. References will receive the recommendation form via email.

APPLY ONLINE NOW

Complete application materials must be received by **April 1, 2018**. Limited spaces are available. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

PROGRAM FEE - \$600



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