



OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
The Higher Education Initiative

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Dear Philadelphia-Area High School Principals and Guidance Counselors,

La Salle University is pleased to announce that applications for our second annual Summer Scholars program are now available. As you may know, the Summer Scholars Program is an entirely free, credit-bearing, coursework opportunity for high performing rising junior and senior high school students. This summer, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between June 25th and August 15th, each successful applicant will take a free, transcribed, 3-credit course, receive free textbooks, free lunch, and participate in weekly seminars designed to aid in career path exploration, and the development of college readiness skills (a total value of over \$3,750.00 per student). In keeping with La Salle's mission to serve our community, 30 of this program's 60 seats are reserved for first generation college students, and each admitted student's parents and high school administrators will be invited to relevant events. All rising junior and senior high school students in the Philadelphia area are invited to apply; students enrolled in our fall and spring programs (Archdiocesan, Community, and Transformation Scholars) are especially encouraged. Students who participated in this program as rising juniors are also welcome to apply.

The 2019 Summer Scholars program features coursework options in four disciplines: Business, Criminal Justice, English, and La Salle's unique major of Integrated Science, Business, and Technology. Course titles and descriptions are available at: <https://www.lasalle.edu/admission/higher-education-initiative/>. Accepted students will enroll in one course each, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12 pm. Coursework will be supplemented with exciting guest speakers, educational field trips, and opportunities to engage in ongoing conversations with professors.

In addition to coursework, all Summer Scholars will participate in a series of seminars on the topic of career path exploration and college readiness. Students will commit to a weekly seminar on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, to be held after academic classes and lunch. In the fall, students, parents, and administrators will be invited to a day of career exploration on La Salle's campus.

Interested students should complete and submit both the "Higher Education Initiative Application," and the "Summer Scholars Supplementary Application," found at the link above. Complete applications must be submitted by mail, and received on or before April 1, 2019. Notifications of applications status will be returned on or before April 19th. Qualified students will have G.P.A.s of at least 3.5, and no history of series disciplinary violations. All courses are college-level, and identical to college for matriculated students. Students are required to commit to the full program, including career and college readiness workshops; students and parents are advised to consider work and personal summer schedules carefully, as attendance is likely, at the discretion of individual college professors, to be an aspect of overall course grades.

We hope that you and your students are as excited about this opportunity as we are! Please distribute this letter to interested students and parents, and feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liz Langemak', written over a printed name.

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Higher Education Initiative Application Form

SECTION 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
STREET ADDRESS		PHONE
CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING	EXPECTED GRADUATION YEAR	WEIGHTED GPA
		UNWEIGHTED GPA

Scores (please list at least one):

- ☐ PSAT Test _____
☐ SAT Test _____
☐ ACT Test _____

Program (check one):

Students applying to multiple programs MUST submit full applications for each program.

- ☐ Community Scholars Program (free, Fall or Spring Dual Credit courses, co-sponsored the Philadelphia Public School District)
☐ Diocesan Scholars Program (free, Fall and Spring Dual Credit courses, sponsored by La Salle University, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
☐ Summer Scholars Program (free, Summer term College Credit courses for high school students)
☐ Transformation Scholars Program (free, Fall or Spring Dual Credit courses, sponsored by La Salle University)
☐ Travel Study Partners Program (Summer College Credit Courses, offered in partnerships between La Salle University and selected high schools)

Have you previously enrolled in Dual or College Credit courses?

- ☐ Yes _____
 NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ENROLLED WITH
☐ No

Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you ever been found responsible for a serious disciplinary violation at any educational institution attended from the 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, which resulted in disciplinary action?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please use the space below to describe your interest in taking Dual or College Credit courses at La Salle University:

Please attach a current, official, or unofficial transcript (with official PSAT or SAT scores listed), and any college transcripts for this student.

SECTION 2 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The student ("Student") named above and his or her parent(s) or guardian ("Parent") desire that the Student participate in the Higher Education Initiative at La Salle University ("Dual Credit" or "Dual Enrollment" or "College Credit") and, as a condition to the Student being considered for participation, the Student and the Student's parent(s) or guardian acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. To apply to participate in Dual Enrollment or College Credit the Student must have junior or senior standing at the time of the course, and submit to La Salle University (together with this document) a copy of the Student's high school transcript, which must indicate a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. To be eligible for the Travel Study Partners Program, Students must adhere to additional requirements, including but not limited to enrollment in the GeoBlue International Health Insurance for Higher Education, meeting all financial obligations, and completing all required La Salle University forms.
2. If eligible for Dual Enrollment or College Credit, the Student will, subject to the payment of all applicable course fees and the completion of the registration process, become a student at La Salle University and will have privileges equivalent to those enjoyed by part-time students at La Salle University. As such, the Student will become subject to all rules, regulations, and policies applicable to part-time students at La Salle University, including those pertaining to attendance, academic performance, and discipline, all as set forth in the La Salle University catalog and the La Salle University website. Failure to abide by these rules, regulations, and policies, and/or failure to remain in good standing at the high school may result in the Student no longer being eligible for Dual Enrollment or College Credit.
3. Courses offered for Dual Credit or College Credit are college level courses and no adjustments will be made to the curriculum to take into account the age and maturity of the students participating in Dual Enrollment or College Credit.
4. The Community Scholars, Diocesan Scholars, and Transformation Scholars programs are Dual Credit programs. The college credits earned will become part of the official academic history of the Student and must be reported when applying to other academic institutions. In addition, if any Dual Credit course is dropped after any applicable add/drop period, that fact will be reflected in the Student's official academic record and could have a negative impact on future applications to other academic institutions. Grades earned in Dual Credit courses will become part of Student's high school transcript and may be used by the high school in calculating final grade point average.
5. La Salle's Center for Academic Achievement provides services and coordinates academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Students who wish to receive accommodations for a Dual Credit or College Credit course due to a disability must (1) notify both the high school and La Salle University at least two months before the semester begins and (2) adhere to steps outlined by La Salle's Center for Academic Achievement in order to receive the services. The steps and contact information can be found on La Salle University's website under lasalle.edu/academiclearningsupport/classroom-accommodations. The attending high school and La Salle University will coordinate the academic accommodations needed.
6. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA gives parents and guardians certain rights with respect to education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Due to FERPA, La Salle University is unable to disclose any information other than directory information to anyone other than the student. Although a student choosing to enroll in Dual Credit or College Credit courses will typically be under the age of 18, FERPA prohibits any discussion of any student's enrollment, academic progress or history, class attendance, grading, or other information with the student's parent or guardian. A full description of La Salle University's obligations under FERPA may be found in the La Salle University catalog and website. The attending high school and La Salle University may exchange information on a student without the consent of the student or the parents and guardians. If the student is under 18, the rights of parents and guardians to receive education records from the high school are not affected by the enrollment of the Student in Dual Credit or College Credit courses. If a student chooses to give a parent/guardian access to his/her academic records, the student may complete a "Student Consent to Release Educational Records" form in the University Registrar's Office.
7. The purchase of textbooks and supplies and the cost for the same will be the responsibility of the Student or his or her parent or guardian (or of the Philadelphia School District, in the case of the Community Scholars Philadelphia School District Dual Enrollment Program). Students in the Travel Study Partners Program shall also be responsible for travel study expenses including at a minimum: (1) transportation expenses, (2) lodging expenses, (3) travel insurance, (4) excursion fees, and (5) applicable passport/visa fees.
8. The Dual-Credit and College Credit courses will take place on the La Salle University campus and will be taught by La Salle University professors utilizing La Salle University curriculum. La Salle University assumes no responsibility for the supervision of the Students outside of the classroom setting. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are appropriately supervised before, after class, and if or when a class is cancelled or dismissed at an early time. The Travel Study Partners Program will include supervision abroad by chaperones provided by the high school.
9. By signing below, the parent and/or guardian of the minor student hereby authorizes La Salle University in the event of an emergency to seek any and all medical treatment reasonably necessary to care for the minor student hereby acknowledges their responsibility to pay all costs associated therewith and authorizes all insurance payments to be made directly to medical providers.
10. I hereby give permission for my minor child to participate in the Higher Education Initiative. I recognize and understand that the minor child will be participating in activities which may expose the minor child to some level of risk of injury and that the minor child will be participating at his/her own risk. I agree to and hereby do release and hold harmless La Salle University and its trustees, agents, officers, servants, and employees against loss (including reasonable attorneys' fees) from any and all claims, or causes of action of any kind or nature that may be brought by or on behalf of the said minor child or by me arising out of any and all known or unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily or personal injuries, damages to property and consequences thereof which may be sustained by the said minor or by me arising out of or in connection with the Program. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify La Salle University for any loss or damage to the premises, facility, or equipment caused by my minor child. Such indemnification shall include costs and expenses incurred by La Salle University, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
11. I, the undersigned, hereby consent to and authorize the unrestricted use and reproduction by La Salle University, or anyone authorized by La Salle University, of my photograph, video, image, likeness, picture, or portrait ("my image") for any purpose, without compensation to me. I hereby agree to grant La Salle University world-wide rights in perpetuity to use my image in materials used to market La Salle University in perpetuity.

All negatives and positives, together with prints, slides, digital images, or any other format of my image are owned by La Salle University. I will make no monetary or other claim against La Salle University for the use of my image and I release La Salle University and its licensees and assigns from any liability arising from the use of same. I intend to be legally bound by this release. This release is made under, and is to be governed by, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Student and Parent, intending to be legally bound, have signed and delivered this document on the date or dates set forth below:

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT'S EMAIL

DATE

DATE

Emergency Information:

CONTACT NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR CELL PHONE NUMBER

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY/POLICY NUMBER

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES/SPECIAL NEEDS

The following items are optional and are used for statistical and reporting purposes only:

Religious Affiliation _____

Please check the most appropriate:

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black, African American (non-Hispanic)

- ☐ Hispanic (including Puerto Rican)
- ☐ White, Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) _____

SECTION 3 – TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON CAPABLE OF TESTIFYING TO THE FOLLOWING:

The above student will be in grade 11 or higher before beginning Dual Credit coursework, has a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 3.5, and has not been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution attended from the 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in disciplinary action.

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR LIAISON NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

TITLE

EMAIL

SIGNATURE

DATE

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY ID #

The Higher Education Program at La Salle University Summer Scholars Supplementary Application Form

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MI

STREET ADDRESS PHONE

CITY STATE ZIP

1. Are you a first generation college student?
(For these purposes, "first generation" means that neither of your parents or legal guardians have completed a four-year bachelor's degree)
☐ Yes
☐ No
2. Please attach a typed response of 300-500 words describing a moment in your life in which one of your beliefs or ideas about the world was challenged. What led to this moment? What was the outcome?
3. Please include, in the same envelope as your application, a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher who can speak to your capacity to succeed in college-level coursework. The letter should be written on school stationery, sealed in an envelope, bearing the teacher's signature across the seal.
☐ We (student and parent/s or guardian/s) waive our rights to read this letter.

Rank the following courses in order of preference. Do not rank any courses you are not interested in taking. Efforts will be made—but not guaranteed—to assign each student to his or her top selections.

_____ **BUS 170** Business Perspectives _____ **CRJ 161** Introduction to Criminal Justice
_____ **ENG 204** Creative Writing _____ **ISBT 270** Pandemics

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I verify that I am available to attend classes associated with a college course, June 25 – August 13, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – noon.
- ☐ I verify that I am available to attend career and college readiness seminars once per week on the following days (please check all that apply)
- ☐ Tuesday (1-2:30 p.m.)
- ☐ Thursday (1-2:30 p.m.)

By my signature below, I certify the information provided on and in connection with this application to the Summer Scholars Program at La Salle University is true, complete, and correct. I also understand that any false statements or deliberate omissions on this document or any other document submitted in connection with this application to this program may be grounds for dismissal from this program.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

DATE

DATE

Please list email addresses for:

PARENT OR GUARDIANS

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

PARENT OR GUARDIANS

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL