



Greetings Students and Parents,

Thank you for considering a summer adventure in youth leadership here at Urban University.

**Steps to Apply:**

- Parent and student review course schedule and program contract (see below).
  - Since program spots are limited, we ask that you carefully consider and commit to the schedule of the courses you intend to apply for.
- Student complete and submit online [leadership questionnaire](#).
- Schedule interview with Program Director
  - Both parent and student are expected to participate in the interview as we see this communication and connection as a critical part of the equation in partnering with you in the character development of your child.

We would look forward to meeting you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Marie Croce".

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## 2023 Summer Course Schedule:

**June 12-16 Multi-Course Week (one course per student only)**  
**Parent drop off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick up: 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant – 250 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Student Showcase:** Friday, June 16 from 1 – 2 PM at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

### **Creative Writing: This is my Story**

Develop a passion for creative writing, expressive language, and the art of words through fun activities and imaginative techniques. Students and mentors will create a collaborative work of life lesson narratives that will be published to encourage and inspire readers. **\$30 registration fee**

### **Culinary & Hospitality Services**

Student chefs will learn hands-on kitchen and hospitality management as they daily prepare, cook, and serve lunch in a professional kitchen. It will be fast-paced and require students to be stretched in congeniality, focus, initiative, work ethic, the ability to multi-tasking, and teamwork. **\$30 registration fee**

### **Sewing & Denim Designs**

Beginner and advanced students will have the opportunity to learn and enhance their sewing machine skills as they design and create a quilt or pillow from repurposed denim material. **\$30 registration fee**

### **Wood Art**

Create and customize a table by learning tool safety, joinery techniques, veneer application, and finishing processes. Gain knowledge from professionals and amateurs who specialize in this art and design process. **\$30 registration fee**

**June 19-23 Multi-Course Week (one course per student only)**

### **Physics 101**

Take science to another level with Mercyhurst University's Zurn College of Natural Sciences professors. Through lab experiments and activities, explore physics – the study of everything in the universe, and how and why it works. **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Mercyhurst University, 501 E 38<sup>th</sup> St**

**Student Showcase:** Friday, June 24 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at Mercyhurst University

### **The Art of Color**

Experiment how colors mix to create exciting designs through a variety of unpredictable techniques such as tie dyeing, paper marbling and "alcohol ink" art. **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Erie City Mission – 1017 French Street**

**June 26-30 Junior Police Academy & CSI**

With PA State Police, learn different aspects of law enforcement such as Patrol, SWAT Team, Drug Enforcement, Forensics, K-9, Investigation, Simulation Training, and in-depth Crime Scene Investigation. (Transportation to both Iroquois and Meadville Stations provided by the Erie City Mission). **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Erie City Mission – 1017 French Street**

**Course Prerequisite:** Must take at least one other FULL summer course to be considered.

## **July 10-14 Multi-Course Week**

### **Documentary & Filmmaking**

Collaboratively create a short film or documentary with focused instruction in the areas of film production, lighting, storytelling, script writing, time management, and postproduction. **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Community Access Media – 142 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

### **FITNESS 101: CIRCUIT TRAINING - \$15**

A great way to get in shape because it can be modified or intensified to get the best possible results regardless of fitness level. Rotate through a circuit of timed exercises targeting different muscle groups to strengthen the entire body, which also can be continued at home. **\$15 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 3:20 p.m./parent pick-up: 5:00 p.m. at Trinity Karate Organization – 421 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

## **July 21-29 Mission trip to serve the youth community at Kingswood Home for Children, Bean Station, TN**

For more information, contact Director of Youth Ministries at Erie City Mission.

## **August 7-11 Multi-Course Week (one course per student only)**

### **Media Editing & Production**

Discover the process of how a video goes from idea to release and learn basic and advanced video, photo and audio editing, plus graphic design and media marketing. **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Community Access Media – 142 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

### **American Sign Language**

An introduction to ASL in an immersive environment where students will learn through a variety of creative activities, basic conversation, and deaf culture. **\$30 registration fee**

**Parent drop-off: 8:30 a.m./parent pick-up: 1:00 p.m. at Erie City Mission – 1017 French Street**

## **August 12 End of Summer Family Celebration**

Bon fire, drum circle, salsa competition and more – details TBA

## **Semester Details**

- Scholarships and transportation needs are considered upon request.
- Each course accepts between 6-12 students and includes a nutritious meal.
- Questions, call Director of Youth Ministries at 814-572-2365.



## **Program Contract**

### **Our Mission:**

Urban University seeks to develop junior high and high school students in Erie County toward servant leadership through a variety of experiences that include career exploration, academic enrichment, commerce, service learning, mentorship, and faith formation. Students or families are not required to be of Christian faith to participate in UU, however, components of our program incorporate life and leadership principles from the Bible which are encouraged and practiced for character development and life-long success.)

### **We (Parent and Student) understand the following expectations of Urban University:**

1. Participation is non-negotiable; I have decided to be a part of this program, therefore, I will take full advantage of the opportunity.
2. Be open to challenge; I am willing to stretch myself to grow.  
Respect: I understand the importance of respecting my leaders, my peers, and the property and materials I have the privilege to use.
3. Grades: I commit to giving my best in my education
4. Language: I will use my words to build others up and not tear them down.
5. Cell Phones: I understand that cell phones/media devices are not permitted to be used during program hours, unless a leader allow for an educational purpose or experience. Cell phones are collected upon arrival to the program and redistributed upon dismissal.
6. Communication: If I do not understand a UU policy or decision, I will take responsibility to share my questions or concerns to the staff.
7. Travel: I will practice respect when traveling in UU vehicles, properly using seatbelts, demonstrating appropriate voice/noise levels, and keeping my hands to myself.
8. Dress Code: I understand the expected dress code is neat and modest (no tank tops or camisoles, no pants below waistline, shorts must be at least fingertip length, no undergarments should be visible, and closed toed shoes are required)
9. Due to the investment of financial resources by donors and time by staff and volunteer mentors, I understand that I am committing to 100% attendance and to giving my best. I also understand that I am expected to communicate in advance if my student is sick or not able to attend the UU program.

### **We (Parent and Student) also understand if these expectations are not followed, or any of the following conduct occurs, it may result in immediate dismissal from the Urban University program.**

1. A behavior that threatens any person's right to feel and be safe.
2. A behavior that includes inappropriate touching of a person's body, and/or using disrespectful or sexual language, inferences, or actions.
3. Any behavior involving purposeful destruction of property or theft.
4. Choices that involve use of vaping, smoking, drugs or alcohol.
5. Disrespect or refusing to follow directions of Urban University staff or mentors.

**By completing the Urban University Program Application, we (Parent and Student) acknowledge we have read and carefully considered these program expectations and commit to giving our best to get the most from this opportunity.**

## **Biblical Leadership Principles**

### **Compassion**

- And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 MEV
- Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12 NIV

### **Excellence/Giving Your Best**

- And whoever compels you to go a mile, go with him two. Matthew 5:41 MEV
- Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 CEV

### **Integrity**

- Say only yes if you mean yes, and no if you mean no. Matthew 5:37a NCV
- Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, Titus 2:7 ESV
- God delights in those who keep their promises and abhors those who don't. Proverbs 12:22 TLB  
Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived. James 1:22 The Voice
- Stop judging by the way things look. Be fair and judge by what is really right. John 7:24 ERV

### **Perseverance**

- And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. Galatians 6:9 TLB
- Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. James 1:2-4 TLB

### **Positive Attitude**

- Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. Philippians 4:8 NCV
- Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14 NCV
- A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired. Proverbs 17:22 MSG

### **Power of Words**

- Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person. Colossians 4:6 CEB
- My dear brothers and sisters, always be willing to listen and slow to speak. Do not become angry easily. James 1:19 NCV Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29 NLT
- Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24
- A gentle answer makes anger disappear, but a rough answer makes it grow. Proverbs 15:1 ERV

### **Respect**

- Treat people the same way you want them to treat you. Luke 6:31 NASB
- Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. Romans 12:10 CEV

### **Service**

- When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others. Philippians 2:3-4 NCV
- "Help each other in troubles and problems. This is the kind of law Christ asks us to obey." (Galatians 6:2 NLT)