Summer Teaching Information Session

Summer Session Office
The College
Will Classes Be Taught Remotely in Summer 2021?

- Right now, we are planning to offer in-person classes, while also making contingency plans for these courses to move to remote learning if necessary.
- Some undergraduate courses will be remotely taught by design.
- The Summer Session Office will work closely with university leadership to determine what the final outcome will be.
Why teach during the summer?

• Expand your teaching experience (e.g., different format, different students, different material or assignments)
• Experiment pedagogically in ways that can inform your regular academic year teaching
• Earn extra service income (if on a 9-month appointment)
Who takes summer quarter courses?

• College students
• Precollege students
• Visiting undergraduates
• Graduate students
Undergraduate Courses

• Core / General Education or major requirements
  • Especially if these are oversubscribed the rest of the year
• Open to College students, visiting undergraduates, and precollege students (select rising seniors only)
• Remotely taught (by design) or in-person (COVID permitting)
• Taught on three or five-week intensive schedules (for at least 30 total contact hours)
  • Session I: 3-week courses, June 21 – July 9, 2021; no class July 5
  • Session I: 5-week courses, June 21 – July 23, 2021; no class July 5
  • Session II: 3-week courses, July 12 – July 30, 2021
  • Session III: 5-week courses, July 26 – August 27, 2021
  • Session IV: 3-week courses, August 2 – August 20, 2021
Precollege Courses

• Designed specifically for academically advanced high school students (rising 10-12 graders) ready to tackle undergraduate-level work
  • Competitive application process vetted by College Admissions (over 1 in 10 eventually matriculate in the College)
  • Students from around the country and all over the world (about 40% international)
  • Students officially enrolled at UChicago, receive quality, letter grade
  • Include experiences such as labs, field trips, guest lectures, and group projects
• In-person (COVID permitting) with dedicated residential staff
• Taught in three-week intensive schedule, with morning and afternoon class sessions
  • Session I: Monday, June 21 – Thursday, July 8, 2021; no class July 5
  • Session II: Tuesday, July 13 – Thursday, July 29, 2021
How does precollege teaching compare to undergraduate teaching?

• “I find the students to be the most appealing aspect of the course. They are very eager to learn and work hard and no complaints if the course is challenging. They want the challenge.” – David Reid (Physics)

• “They work so hard to finalize the methodology for their research projects, and when they get to put it into practice, collect actual data from human subjects, and present the results they are thrilled.” – Katherine O’Doherty (Psychology)

• “The extended period of interaction each day and the ability to meet daily allows us to do experiments that we can’t do very easily during the school year. We can have students perform experiments in a more natural manner, similar to the way they would perform them in a research lab.” – Christopher Schonbaum (Biological Sciences)
How to Submit a Proposal

• Review the detailed “Guide to Summer 2021 Course Proposals” document.
• Check the current summer.uchicago.edu website to review current pre-college course offerings or MyUChicago to review undergraduate offerings. New course proposals should avoid replicating existing Summer Session course topics, and instead expand offerings.
• Confirm with your home department that you are approved to take on additional teaching duties during the summer before submitting your proposal.
• Submit your proposal through the online Summer 2021 Course Proposal Form.
• Proposals must be submitted by October 19, 2020.
• Our office will notify you whether your proposal has been accepted in November.
Contact Us

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