



Welcome to the 2024 Summer Immersion Program!

We are very excited to have you join us at Wake Forest University. This summer you and your peers will embark on journeys into the fields of Bioscience, Business, Debate and Public Advocacy, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Filmmaking, Finance and Investing, Health and Exercise Science, Law, Leadership, Medicine, Neuroscience, Policy and Politics, Psychology, Screenwriting, Sports Business, Sports Medicine, Technology, and Writing for Life. As you dive into a particular career pathway and explore a field of study, your personal goals and a clear vision for your future will be illuminated! We hope that this summer experience at Wake Forest shapes you in positive ways and that you walk away with excitement, clarity, and an unforgettable week of learning and fun.

Through our summer institutes, we aim to:

- *Give students hands-on experience and exposure to a career pathway or academic field of their choice*
- *Execute an exceptional, 1-week pre-college program that balances career immersion and fun through guest lecturers, field trips, and simulations*
- *Provide a high-quality immersive environment on the Wake Forest University campus that builds and sustains relationships with both students, families, community, and corporate partners*
- *Establish a culture of curiosity, discussion, and unity among students*

Read below for information about logistical items.

Attire

Students can dress casually but should keep in mind that they will spend time in classrooms and professional businesses/organizations and therefore should dress in a way that is neat, professional, and appropriate for daily activities. T-shirts and shorts are appropriate as students will spend a good deal of time walking in the summer sun around campus. Students should wear comfortable walking shoes and check the weather and schedule ahead of time, to plan accordingly. In addition, students should bring a pair of close-toed shoes (sneakers are fine), a pair of long pants, and a light jacket, sweater or sweatshirt as classrooms are air-conditioned. A Summer Immersion Program T-Shirt will be provided and should be worn on the day students participate in the Wake Forest University Admissions Information Session. Please review your institute schedule, as some institutes visit professional organizations and business casual attire is required. Crop tops and shorts that are not fingertip length are not permitted, and dress-code violators will be asked to change. Registered students will receive a packing list with a comprehensive list of items to bring.

Check-In

Student check-in will be on the Sunday of programming between 3:00 and 5:00 pm EST. Registered students will receive a full planning packet with specific residence hall and parking information. Families should **NOT** park in reserved spaces, no parking areas, unauthorized zones, or in a created space. All vehicles must be parked in a valid, designated parking space. To ease congestion please use the designated parking areas suggested for loading/unloading only. If you wish to stay and visit the campus, please relocate to a lot designated as general for the remainder of your visit. Our WFU general campus map can be found [here](#) and the WFU parking map can be found [here](#).

Room Keys and Access Cards: During check-in, students will receive a metal key that will give them access to their personal dorm room and an access card that will give them entry to residence halls, academic buildings, the dining hall, and library. **Students will be responsible for paying a replacement charge of \$75.00 for each lost key and \$15.00 for each lost access card.**

Late Check-In: For students traveling from the West Coast or internationally, we acknowledge that it can be difficult to arrive at Wake Forest University by 5:00 pm EST on Sunday. Registered students who need to request a late check-in can find the Late Check-In Form linked in our full planning packet. Although transportation will not be provided from the airport, we will provide 24/7 support and have staff members available to assist with check-in, even if it is outside of regular hours.

Check-Out

Student check-out will be at 12:00 noon EST on Friday upon the conclusion of the program. This check-out time leaves time for families to meet with Admissions and/or explore Wake Forest University and the Winston-Salem community. As outlined above in the "Check-In" section, specific parking information will be in the full planning packet shared with students who have officially registered for an institute. And again on Friday, families should **NOT** park in reserved spaces, no parking areas, unauthorized zones, or in a created space. All vehicles must be parked in a valid, designated parking space. To ease congestion please use the designated parking areas suggested for loading/unloading only. If you wish to stay and visit the campus, please relocate to a lot designated as general for the remainder of your visit. Our WFU general campus map can be found [here](#) and the WFU parking map can be found [here](#). Students are required to exit the residence halls by 12:30 pm at the latest to ensure the residence halls can be cleaned prior to the incoming group of students. Students should pack belongings, throw away trash and tidy up their rooms on Thursday night to expedite check-out on Friday.

Lost Items: It is critical that students return their dorm keys, dining cards, and building access cards at the conclusion of the program to maintain campus security. Lost dorm keys require the University to change the locks. Therefore, lost dorm keys result in a \$75 fee. Lost access cards result in a \$15 fee per card. Students are provided a lanyard at check-in to avoid misplacing their keys and cards.

Early Check-Out: While we do encourage students to stay until programming ends on Friday at noon, students are allowed to check out early, whether that is to make a flight or to be picked up by parents or guardians. Registered students who need to request an early check-out can find the Early Check-Out Form linked in our full planning packet.

Construction

Like many colleges and universities, Wake Forest often schedules large construction projects to be completed during the summer months in order to improve our beautiful campus. Where these projects take place changes each summer, and we are not given much notice about which on-campus roads might be closed due to construction. We will do our best to keep you informed about which entrance to campus will be the best option to arrive to and depart by during your scheduled institute.

Housing

Students will reside on campus in one of our residence halls this summer. Within each room, two students will share a living space. Heating, air conditioning, micro fridge combination microwave-refrigerator/freezer unit, bed frame and mattress, desk and desk chair, dresser and wardrobe, and a sink are provided in each room. Residence Halls and room assignments will be given upon checking in.

Roommates: Rooming assignments are made based upon institute, grade level and gender. Besides those factors, all roommates will be chosen at random to mimic an authentic college experience. Depending upon our 2024 residence halls, males and females will either be separated by floor in the residence halls or will be housed in completely separate residence halls. Students can request a specific roommate once both students have been accepted into the Summer Immersion Program. Both students should email summerimmersion@wfu.edu to request a form that needs to be completed to request a roommate. Please note that not all requests are guaranteed. **The last day to request a roommate is April 26, 2024.**

Hotels

If families need lodging before or after the Summer Immersion Program, please find a list of hotels close to campus [here](#).

Important Documents and Forms

All students must complete and submit the following Campus Life Forms prior to coming to campus. Please complete these on the [Student Status Page](#).

- Medical Authorization Form
- Code of Conduct Agreement
- Parental Consent Form
- Travel and Transportation Survey

Meals

Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the Wake Forest University [dining hall](#), commonly known as The Pit. Lunch will be provided in the dining hall or by an outside caterer. Students can check the daily menu in the Pit [here](#). We strive to provide nutritious and well-balanced meals to support the physical and mental wellbeing of students. Students have a combination microwave-mini fridge/freezer unit in their dorm rooms.

Dietary Restrictions: All dietary restrictions and food allergies should be communicated in the Medical Authorization Form. Meal accommodations will be made for students who have dietary restrictions/food allergies noted *in advance*. Our dining hall is completely peanut/tree nut-free and has a food counter (the “allgood” station) that provides food free of the top 9 allergens for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Please see our [Food Allergy page](#) for more information. You can contact our registered dietician, Madison Fishler, [here](#) with any questions or concerns. Feel free to pack additional food and/or snack items if you prefer something other than the food provided.

Catering: Catered lunch accommodations will be made for students who have dietary restrictions/food allergies noted *in advance*. Some institutes have at least one catered meal from a local restaurant during the week, and we order these meals prior to the beginning of the week. We are not able to make changes to catering orders after they have been made, so we *must* know about dietary restrictions well in advance. We treat every dietary restriction as seriously as an extreme food allergy, so when filling out the Medical Authorization Form please only include things that your student cannot (or actively does not) eat. For students with allergies that preclude them from eating restaurant meals, we will provide a personalized meal from our on-campus catering company, Harvest Table. Feel free to pack additional food and/or snack items if you prefer something other than the food provided.

Packing List

Registered students will receive access to our Summer Immersion Packing List. As a reminder, linens will *not* be provided. Students should plan on bringing a pillow, towel(s), and extra-long twin bed linens. **Please clearly label all your belongings and bring a refillable water bottle.**

Participating in More Than One Institute

Students can participate in more than one institute during the Summer Immersion Program. If a student is participating in back-to-back institutes, the Summer Immersion Program **does not** provide housing or supervision over the weekend. If a student is participating in back-to-back institutes, they must check out of their residence hall at 12:30 pm on Friday and check back in on Sunday between 3:00 and 5:00 pm. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to secure transportation, meals, and accommodations over the weekend. A list of hotels near Wake Forest University can be found [here](#).

Pay Remaining Balance

If you have not submitted your final tuition payment, this is a reminder that final payments are due on **April 26, 2024**. Payments can be made incrementally leading up to 4/26 by clicking “Edit Amount” as seen below. Please log onto the [Student Status Page](#) to pay the remaining balance.

Payment Due: 1,950.00 USD

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Remaining Balance

Submit Payment for 1950.00 USD

Click gold link here to submit payment

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Account First Name	<input type="text"/>
Account Last Name	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit Payment"/>	

Paying with Check: Paying the remaining balance with a check is accepted. Please make the check out to the Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program and ensure that the student's name is listed on the memo line of the check. Please mail the check to the following address: **Campus Financial Services, C/O Summer Immersion Program, P. O. Box 7201, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27109.** Families can also pay via eCheck. Please list the Summer Immersion Program and the student's name in the "Other Payment Type" description. You can pay using an eCheck [here](#). If you make a check payment, please email summerimmersion@wfu.edu to let us know that you have sent or submitted the check for our records and be sure to allow enough time for the check to arrive and clear before the payment deadline.

Personal Items

Electronics and cell phones are allowed; however, we ask that students are respectful of guest speakers and refrain from using them during presentations and group activities. Please note that Wake Forest University is not responsible for any damaged or lost items.

Programming

Our program begins after check-in **at 5:00 pm on Sunday**. Programming will conclude on **Friday at 12:00 pm**. Besides content related to the institute, each student will also learn more about Wake Forest University by participating in an official Undergraduate Admissions Information Session and Wake Forest University campus tour.

Free Time: After programming concludes each day at 4:30 pm EST, students will have free time that will allow them to explore campus, participate in recreational evening activities, hang out with their peers, and have personal time. Students are not permitted to leave campus or enter a vehicle for any reason, unless being picked up by their parents due to a medical emergency. Students are expected to adhere to our Code of Conduct, and check-in with their Program Ambassadors at designated times.

Evening Activities: Each evening Program Ambassadors will host a variety of evening activities from 6:00 - 9:00 pm EST. Activities will include but are not limited to basketball, board games, college essay writing workshop, craft night, field games, kickball, karaoke, movie night, run club, s'mores, soccer, trivia, and volleyball. Students are encouraged to participate in Evening Activities, but they are not required. The goal is to provide students with opportunities to relax, socialize, and learn in a fun and engaging environment.

Working Out: Wake Forest University policy states that minors under the age of 16 are not allowed to use the gym and those over the age of 16 must have 1:1 adult supervision and be accompanied by a staff member. The Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program staff is not able to provide 1:1 supervision for every student and therefore students will not be able to use the gym during their time on campus. In addition, a parent/guardian is not allowed to sign a waiver to relinquish supervision requirements. Throughout the week, students will have access to volleyball and basketball courts, as well as an outdoor track.

Summer Immersion Store

For students that may forget to pack an essential item or run out of an essential item during the week, we will have an unofficial SIP store located within the residence halls with things like toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc. If students need to purchase items during the week, the charge for any items purchased will be added as a remaining balance on their Student Status Page and can be paid via credit card online (we are unable to take payment for items from the store in the form of cash or check.)

Supervision

Students will be supervised by Summer Immersion Program staff, including during recreational and evening activities. Staff members will be available 24/7 to provide support and guidance, as well as to enforce rules and regulations. Students are supported by a team of carefully selected Program Ambassadors, Resident Advisors (RAs), and professional staff members. This team oversees the safety of all students and serves in an on-call rotation 24 hours a day, throughout the week while the program is in session. Professional staff, Program Ambassadors and RAs will live in the residence hall with students to provide overnight supervision throughout all weeks of summer programming. In case of an emergency on campus, the Wake Forest University Police Department is available 24/7.

Transportation

Transportation is provided for all off-campus trips. We will walk as a group and travel by bus to several locations throughout campus and Winston-Salem. For safety, students are not able to leave campus outside of designated field trips throughout the week.

Travel and Transportation to Campus

Students are responsible for coordinating travel plans to Wake Forest University and should arrive on campus between 3:00 and 5:00 pm EST on Sunday. Students typically either fly or drive to campus but are able to coordinate alternate means of transportation as well. Registered students are required to complete the Travel and Transportation Survey prior to arriving on campus, which can be found on the [Student Status Page](#).

Flying: The nearest airport is Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), which is approximately 30 minutes from Wake Forest University by car. If you are planning to travel to Wake Forest by air, we suggest that you fly into the **Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO)** located in Greensboro, NC. Transportation to Wake Forest University will **NOT** be provided from the Charlotte or Raleigh airports. If transportation is required from an alternate airport, reservations for a car service can be requested with [Black Tie Transportation](#). Students should **NOT** be listed as unaccompanied minors

when booking air travel. The Summer Immersion Program will NOT provide staff members to retrieve and drop students off at airline gates.

Airport Shuttle: We will provide shuttles to/from the Piedmont-Triad International Airport (GSO), at the beginning/conclusion of the week. The airport shuttle fee will be announced in early 2024.

Arrival: Program Staff will meet students at GSO in baggage claim at 2:15 pm EST in front of the American/Allegiant Door with a Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program sign. The Wake Forest shuttle service will depart from the GSO airport at 2:30 pm EST to bring students to campus.

Departure: Upon conclusion of the institute on Friday, shuttles will depart campus for the airport at 12:30 pm EST. Students are encouraged to book flights that take off after 2:30 pm EST to ensure smooth travel.

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Driving: If you are planning to travel to Wake Forest by car, you should navigate directly to the residence hall(s) listed in our full planning packet. For driving directions, our residence halls can be found in Google Maps and Waze.

Parking: If students plan on driving to campus, they will be provided a parking pass upon check-in. Students who wish to park on campus for the week must purchase a parking pass on the Travel and Transportation Survey. The campus parking pass fee will be announced in early 2024. Students are not allowed to drive or use their cars during the week of programming and will be required to relinquish their car keys during check-in. All student car keys will be returned Friday upon check-out. Be sure to follow any parking guidelines and regulations, and to allow enough time to find parking and check-in well before 5:00 pm.

Train: The closest Amtrak station is in High Point, North Carolina, which is about 20 minutes from Wake Forest University by car.

Bus: Greyhound and Megabus both have stops in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Other Transportation: To get to campus from alternate airports, train stations, and bus stations, students have the option of taking a taxicab, Uber/Lyft or reserve a car service through [Black Tie Transportation](#).

What We Provide

- Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program T-Shirt
- Meals and snacks daily

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Families staying near campus may want to take advantage of some of our local gems in town (and nearby). Find things to do and see by exploring our short guide - [Things to Explore in Winston-Salem, NC](#).

We look forward to an incredible summer! Please follow us on social media @wakeprecollege to keep up with our summer adventures and to share your own!

To contact us with any questions, please email summerimmersion@wfu.edu or at (980) 224-9298. Students/parents may also visit our [FAQ page](#) for additional information.