Get a head start on your college education this summer!

Get a jump on your college career by taking classes this summer at NU. This opportunity is open to incoming NU freshmen and high school students who will be juniors and seniors in the fall of 2013.

- Attend small classes taught by NU faculty
- Earn three credits
- Hands-on applications and field trips
- Live on campus!
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**Who Can Attend?**
Deposited NU freshmen and students entering the 11th and 12th grades of high school.

**Why Should I Attend?**
You will experience college in a unique setting. You’ll learn from some of the best instructors and use the resources of the campus to get ahead on your college credits. Guest lecturers, field trips and experiential learning are all part of the Summer Academy program.

**When Are Classes Held?**
July 22-Aug. 2, 2013

- **Week one:** Classes — 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
  - Friday scheduled off to work on project
- **Week two:** Classes — 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
  - Friday — 8:30 a.m.-Noon

The final day of classes (Aug. 2) will be an academy project presentation day, in which all students in all classes will participate by presenting class projects to the university community, family and friends.

**Where Can I Find More Information?**
Office of Continuing Education • Dunleavy Hall, Room 103
716.286.8181 • wwww.niagara.edu/nustep

**What Is the Cost?**
For day students — $300 which includes:
- Three credit-hour course
- Snack
- Field trip

For resident students — $895 which includes:
- Three credit-hour course
- Meals and snack
- Field trip
- Accommodations and linens
- Evening activities

**Other Considerations**

**Parking** — All students are required to register their vehicle with the Office of Campus Safety by calling 716.286.8111.

**College credit** — NU will accept the credits you earn during summer college toward the completion of a degree at NU. Credits may be transferable to other colleges as well. Keep in mind, however, that each institution has its own credit transfer policies and may not accept credits earned at NU.

**Permission slip** — All students will need parent-signed permission and liability forms.

**Payment** — A $50 non-refundable deposit is required with your application. You will be billed for the balance.

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**Summer Course Offerings**

**Introduction to American Sign Language and Deaf Studies — ASL 100 (AS/CD)**
Interested in learning American Sign Language? This course introduces the fundamentals of American Sign Language used by the deaf community, including basic vocabulary, finger spelling and common phrases. Field trips and group practice will be used to develop and enhance cultural knowledge and increase understanding of the deaf community. This course fulfills your foreign language requirement and is qualified as an analytical skill and cultural diversity course.

**Forensic Science — CHE 108 (NS)**
A bank has been robbed, a person has been shot and a building has been blown up. What do all of these events have in common? Finding the answer to who is responsible for all of these actions is the work of the forensic chemist. Come and explore the scientific techniques used by these forensic analysts as they solve crimes and find justice for victims. Enter the world of forensic chemistry and unlock cold cases, in the lab and on campus. In this class, we will also look at some of the most infamous local cases such as the bike path rapist to understand how forensic science freed one man and caught the true criminal. A field trip and guest speaker are also scheduled.

**Theatre Appreciation — THR 130 (H)**
Immerse yourself in the world of theatre, working with professionals in the field. This intensive course will teach students about the active role of theatre performance and spectacle play in society. Students will learn through doing, as well as lecture, experiencing the entire theatrical field. Participants will watch historically important filmed performances, attend live theatre, devise their own performance events and explore all aspects of theatre in the classroom. Guest artists will present and discuss their areas of specialty and to lead workshops in all areas of theatre.

**Computer Hardware Design — CIS 270 (AS)**
This course presents the students with the fundamentals of computer hardware, operating systems, data communications and networking fundamentals and theory. The students will have the opportunity to assemble and upgrade computers, set up and configure a computer as well as troubleshooting investigation. Students will be exposed to tools and technologies necessary to take the A+ certification upon completion of this class.

**Introduction to Sociology — SOC 101 (SS)**
Learn about the fascinating field of sociology by studying culture, gender, social class, race, ethnicity, education, families, deviant behavior, sex, social interaction, technology and media (including Facebook) and much more. Discover how the sociological perspective helps us understand problems in society, and see how sociology provides ideas for creating change. Sociology leads us to imagine (and work toward) a better way of life.

**Introduction to Digital Media Production — CMS 245**
Do you love movies? Don’t just watch movies, make them this summer! This hands-on course covers all aspects of digital media production including on-location and in-studio video shooting and editing. Students will work in small groups to develop and produce their very own short film using digital technology. No previous filmmaking experience is needed and students will have access to all necessary equipment including cameras.

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**Space is limited, so register early.**

Questions? Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 716.286.8181 • wwww.niagara.edu/ce
Guidelines for Students

Students in the NU Summer Academy program seek a challenging, engaging educational experience. This program is designed to be both rigorous and rewarding.

It is Niagara University's expectation and understanding that students who apply and are accepted into the Summer Academy program do so based on a strong personal desire to learn. Students are expected to adhere to all school rules and regulations. Students should act independently to the extent possible, but will be subject to guidance and advice from NU staff. If inappropriate behavior occurs, the NU staff will intervene and discourage such actions. The university has additional policies and procedures, including but not limited to the following:

Attendance — Attendance is mandatory for the entire class. Based on the nature of the program, students have only nine days in the classroom during which all of the academic lessons will be taught. It is imperative that students attend all classes and events.

Assignments — Students are required to complete all assignments by the due date designated by the course instructor.

Participation — Students are required to actively participate in the classroom, on field trips, during events, and with guest lecturers. Students are expected to participate in a respectful and cooperative manner, and to be conscientious of ways in which their participation contributes to the overall learning environment.

Respect for Others — The NU community consists of people of different backgrounds and beliefs. Niagara University accommodates students who participate in a wide variety of programs, including middle and high school students participating in academic and athletic programs, collegiate students who are pursing undergraduate and graduate degrees, and other students who enroll in a variety of workshops. Every effort is made to provide for the needs of all our students.

Conduct that is disrespectful or in violation of the rights of others, including but not limited to verbal, physical, or sexual harassment and bias-related graffiti, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action and sanctions, including possible dismissal from the program. Students are expected to be respectful of all faculty, staff, and other students they come in contact with while on campus, both in and out of the classroom.

Illegal Substances — Possession, use, distribution, or being in the presence of alcohol and illegal drugs is not permitted. Violation of this policy is grounds for dismissal from the program.

This course will take you through a number of exciting art movements beginning around the turn of 20th century in Paris and ending with the American Pop Art Scene. Explore the work of Matisse, Picasso, Dalí, Warhol and others as we ponder the question, “What is art? We’ll look at art’s purpose and function, discover how to look at and understand great works of art and explore the materials and techniques artist’s use to create their masterpieces. In addition to slides, video presentations, and tours of the Castellani Art Museum’s exhibitions, students will make art in the styles studied.

Smoking — Niagara University mandates a smoke-free environment. There is absolutely no smoking anywhere in the residence halls, including in student rooms, the lounges, lobbies, bathrooms, hallways, or dining hall, nor is smoking allowed in areas adjacent to the residence halls, classrooms, or offices on campus that are not designated for smoking.

Weapons — Dangerous weapons such as firearms, explosive materials, knives, or other weapons are strictly prohibited. These weapons will be confiscated and an investigation of students who possess them will be conducted. In addition, these students will be dismissed from the program.

Disorderly Conduct — Tampering with fire or emergency equipment, unauthorized possession of master keys, or failure to comply with a reasonable request of school officials acting in performance with their duties are all contrary to school regulations. Students who have exhibited disregard for these and other school regulations will be dismissed from the program.

Damage or Loss — Students are expected to respect the property of Niagara University and others. Students shall assume all financial responsibility for loss or damage they cause to the property of Niagara University and others. The responsibility to damaged/lost school property may include replacement, cleanup, and labor costs.

Failure to abide by the policies and procedures may result in disciplinary action, which may include a warning, probation, consultation with parents, or in the case of serious or repeated behavior problems, dismissal from the program. Financial obligations arising from dismissal from the program are the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians. Should a student be dismissed from the program for any reason, tuition and any other program-related expenses will not be refunded.

If a student does not abide by these rules, he/she may receive a warning from an instructor, program manager, or other staff member. Warnings will be documented in the student's file. Following the first warning, a repeat offense will result in a meeting between the student and the program manager or other university administrators. Any misconduct on the student's part following this meeting will result in immediate dismissal.

Students will not be allowed to participate in classes or activities after being dismissed from the program. Some misconduct, including those involving illegal substances, and/or possession of weapons, will result in immediate dismissal.

Please sign the consent form. Your signature indicates that you have read the policies listed above and that you agree to abide by them.

Student signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

Parent/Guardian signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________
Application for Admission

(Please return this to the Office of Continuing Education at Niagara University)

Name______________________________________________________________________________ Gender (circle one)  F  M

Social security no. ________________________________________________________ Date of birth ________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________________________________________

(Street) (City, State, Zip)

Telephone _________________________________________________ E-mail _________________________________________________

Parents’ full names _________________________________________________________________________________________________

(Mother) (Father)

Name of high school you are presently attending ________________________________________________ Graduation year ______________

Please check _________ Day program _________ Overnight program (both require student liability forms)

Parent signature ________________________________________________ Date _______________________

Student signature ________________________________________________ Date _______________________

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR AND SENIORS:

This section should be completed and signed by the school principal/counselor

High school cumulative average _________ Unweighted _________ Weighted

This student is in good standing and has a cumulative average of 80 percent or higher in his/her high school record. He/she is approved to take the following course(s) _________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of school official completing this form _______________________________________________________________________________

Title ________________________________________________ Signature ____________________________________________________

Phone ________________________________________________ Date _____________________________

Acceptance into Summer Academy is not a guarantee of admission to Niagara University as an undergraduate degree candidate.

For office use only

Student number ________________________________________________________________________________ Approved date ________________________ By ________________________
This form **MUST** be filled out in its entirety and signed where indicated by parent signature in order for your child to participate in the Summer Academy Program at Niagara University.

Please return this form to: Christine Schwartz, associate director, Office of Continuing Education, Dunleavy Hall, Room 104, Niagara University, N.Y. 14109. If you have any questions, please call 716.286.8181.

**Personal Information**

Student first name ______________________________________ Last name _____________________________________________

Birth date _____________________________________________ Gender    M     F

Parent/Guardian first name ________________________________ Last name _____________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

City _________________________________ State _________________ Zip ___________________

Home phone __________________________ Work phone __________________________ Cell phone __________________________

**Insurance**

The program does not provide accident and health insurance. Participants are required to provide their own coverage.

Insurance carrier _______________________________________ Policy number _____________________________________________

Subscriber’s name ______________________________________

Primary care physician ___________________________________ Physician’s phone __________________________

**Medical Information**

Please list any allergies (Please note: NU cannot administer medication)

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Does your child wear contact lenses, a hearing aid, or other assistive device? ☐Yes ☐No

Does your child have a chronic disease or condition that we should be aware of? ☐Yes ☐No

Does your child have any special needs? ☐Yes ☐No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please specify ___________________________________________________________

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**Emergency Contact Person**

Name _______________________________________________ Relationship ______________________________________________

Home phone __________________________ Work phone __________________________ Cell phone __________________________

1. I will not hold Niagara University, its employees, or agents responsible for any injury or other harm that results from program participation.

**Permissions**

**Publicity** — Students participating in the Summer Academy Program may have opportunities to speak about their experience with the program to the media during in-school presentations and for other publicity-related events.

☐ I agree to allow my child to participate in publicity opportunities for the Summer Academy Program.

☐ I do not want my child to participate in publicity opportunities for the Summer Academy Program.

**Field Trips**

☐ I give my child permission to leave the NIAGARA UNIVERSITY grounds with his/her teacher and classroom assistant using official university transportation.

☐ My child does not have permission to leave the NIAGARA UNIVERSITY grounds.

In consideration for allowing ________________ to participate in the Summer Academy Program at Niagara University, I, as his/her parent/guardian hereby confer on Niagara University the absolute and irrevocable right and permission with respect to the images that it has taken of my minor child:

1. The right to copyright the same in the Niagara University name or any other name that it may select,

2. The right to use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, separately or in conjunction with other videos or photographs, in any medium now or hereafter known, and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not by way of limitation) illustration, promotion, advertising and trade,

3. The right to use my child’s image, voice and name in any and all media for purposes of promotion for the university and/or the program, and;

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I hereby release and discharge Niagara University from all and any claims and demands ensuing from or in connection with their participation in the program. This authorization and release shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, licensees and assigns of Niagara University.

Name of parent/guardian _________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ________________________________________________________________ Date ________________________________
Q. I am concerned for my child’s safety. What measures are in place that will keep my child safe?

A. Niagara University has campus safety coverage 24/7. Routine patrols are made hourly, and emergency telephones are located throughout the campus, indicated by a blue light.

In the event of any type of medical emergency, the Upper Mountain Fire Department will respond and transport individuals to Mount St. Mary’s Hospital, a five-minute drive from campus.

In addition, all conference and event staff are trained in first aid, CPR, and AED.

Certain event staff live in the dorms throughout the summer and overnight students will be housed on the same floor as the event staff.

Q. What will my child do once class is over at 12:30 p.m.?

A. All overnight students will eat meals in the on-campus dining hall and use the afternoon for homework, library research, or recreation on campus. At 5 p.m., students will return to their dorm and eat together with other students and event staff in the college dining hall. Various evening activities are planned each night, both on and off campus. For example, a trip on the world famous Maid of the Mist will be included. Additionally, there will be quiet time set aside for completion of course assignments/studying.

Q. Will my child be assigned a roommate?

A. Yes, where possible. Having a roommate is part of the college experience. Should there be an odd number of the same gender participating in the program, your child may have his/her own room.

Q. Can my child have his/her own room?

A. Yes, if requested. A single supplement of $50 for the week will be added to the cost.

Q. Are males and females housed on the same floor?

A. There will be primarily male floors and female floors. We may, for example, have a soccer team where a mother and her son are sharing a room. The bathroom/shower facilities are single gender by floor.

Q. When should a student arrive on campus for class?

A. Day students should be prepared to arrive on campus on Monday at 8 a.m. There will be a 30-minute orientation to the week’s activities and it is required that everyone attend.

Resident students should be prepared to arrive on campus on Sunday evening between 4 and 6 p.m. Dinner is included Sunday evening. Should a student need to arrive earlier, arrangements may be made to accommodate the student’s arrival time.

If a resident student needs to arrive a day earlier or leave a day later, accommodations are available at an additional charge of $39 per day. Additional meal packages will be available for $30 per day.

Q. What are the expectations for all students?

A. Niagara University expects that students will conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of themselves and others and their surroundings. Students will be asked to sign a code of conduct statement adhering to the rules and regulations of the university.

Q. Who are the teachers for these courses?

A. The courses are taught by university professors, who teach in the discipline at the university during the regular school year. In the case of the sign language course, the instructors are certified to teach sign language. Other university personnel may guest lecture during the week as well.

Q. What does the cost of the program cover?

A. The program cost includes the course (a three-credit-hour course is normally $2,600+), meals and snacks, transportation for field trips and overnight accommodations if that option was selected.