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A+ Summer

Critical Thinking programs for rising 6th – 12th graders



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\$100**

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Welcome

A+ Summer Critical Thinking



For students who are driven by creative ideas or intuitive talents, who are above average in the classroom and want a fun, intellectual challenge this summer, A+ Summer is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to be immersed in an environment that encourages advanced thinking, creative problem solving, and a lifelong love of learning.

A+ Summer is divided into three separate sessions— one for middle school students, one for rising 9th and 10th graders, and one for entering 11th and 12th graders. Each program boasts an exciting schedule of classes and unforgettable recreational activities, including local excursions, guest speakers and daily entertainment.

A+ Summer Pre-College

Rising 11th and 12th grade students prepare for college-level academics and build skills to qualify for top colleges at A+ Summer Pre-College, held on the campuses of Stanford University and Yale University. Students attend courses in logic, research, writing, and presentations, and develop the vocabulary, problem solving, and critical reading skills necessary for success on exams and in college-level courses.

College-Level Writing

Perhaps the most important skill for college-bound students is the ability to write well-reasoned papers. Therefore, the foundation of the A+ Summer Pre-College program is the College Level Writing Workshop. Our experienced instructors introduce students to college-level writing and take them through the process of conceiving and developing a research report. Instructors will challenge students to move beyond simply regurgitating facts in their essays and will encourage them to use advanced methods of comparison and contrast, argumentation, and rhetorical analysis. Each student will write several drafts of an original research paper as well as complete a number of shorter writing assignments.

College Reading and Research

Students at A+ Summer Pre-College will conduct primary research on a social science or humanities topic, allowing them to go beyond what they've read in books to actually investigate a question of interest. Our instructors will help students focus their research questions, collect and analyze data, and support their findings with evidence. Students will have access to university libraries to conduct their research, and they will craft a college-level bibliography and literature review akin to what they will be expected to write in college. To further prepare students for college-level thinking, students will be trained in foundational methods for logical reasoning in order that they may apply them to their own research projects, in addition to classic texts and contemporary editorials.

Presentation Skills

College students are often asked to explain and defend their work in presentations, but many students do not feel prepared for this challenge. The presentation skills class gives students practical skills and experience delivering effective oral presentations. Many students lack experience making concrete arguments in a presentation, so our instructors will provide students with techniques to stay on topic, speak in coherent, logical, and complete sentences, and answer questions. Instructors will work one-on-one with students to give them specific and individualized feedback. In addition, students will prepare a final presentation of their research report to be delivered at the end of the program. Instructors use frequent interactive practices to make the class engaging and fun for all students.

Summer Courses

for gifted and motivated students

A+ Summer High School

This program challenges rising 9th and 10th grade students with high-level academic activities that develop the skills needed for high school success and achievement. Over the course of seven days, students will attend classes in advanced argumentative writing, critical reading, and logic/problem solving. Students will also receive seminars and lectures covering study skills and strategies such as time management, note taking, and course planning. The program is designed to give students who are already doing well in school an experience that is both challenging and fun. Participants will gain new academic tools that will help them excel even further academically. Our unique classes give students the one-on-one attention that is often missing in school, allowing them to explore their potential as writers, thinkers, and doers.

When students leave the program, they will have:

- Challenged themselves to solve advanced logic problems and puzzles
- Read and analyzed different literary genres in a college-like seminar
- Produced and directed a video project based on classic texts with a team of peers
- Written and developed several drafts of a well-argued persuasive essay

A+ Summer Middle School

This program immerses rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in an environment that encourages advanced thinking, creative problem solving, and a lifelong love of learning. For six days, students will explore their potential as inventors, detectives, and strategists. Interdisciplinary classes will strengthen students' talents in reading, writing, math, and science, while pushing them to employ these skills in new and imaginative ways.

Middle School attendees will select one of two majors: Future Studies or Mystery Summer.

Future Studies

What will the world look like in 100 years? 1,000 years? For forward-thinking students ready to build their vision of a new world, the Future Studies track is an opportunity to think creatively and practically about today's dilemmas and tomorrow's possibilities. In this track, students will invent useful objects for the future. They will learn how to think like an inventor, draw up a project proposal, and test and modify their inventions.

Students will also read notable "authors of the future," such as HG Wells, Ray Bradbury, and Mary Shelley, while asking the central question, what does a vision of the future have to do with the present? Students will learn advanced principles of effective storytelling, as they build their own out-of-this world settings, extraordinary characters, and clear, original narratives.

Mystery Summer

Conspiracies! Crime! Murder! Theft! In the Mystery Summer track, students will become gumshoe readers and first-rate sleuths. They will learn to identify fallacies of reasoning, distinguish between evidence and inference, and detect clues and hints. Students will read mystery masters, such as Edgar Allen Poe and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in addition to more contemporary writers of detective fiction.

Students will also learn the basics of crime scene forensics in a class that employs deductive logic as a way to piece together evidence to identify a culprit. In one week, students will learn about code breaking, fingerprinting, blood examination, and ink and handwriting analysis.

From the perfect crime to the clue that unravels the entire plot, writing a detective story is one of the best exercises for young writers because it requires thoughtful plot development and meticulous story mapping. With the help of top-notch writing instructors, students will author their own slice of detective fiction for fellow students to solve in a final reading that will have everyone trying to figure out "Who Dunit?"

**DESCRIPTIONS, PROGRAM DURATION, ACTIVITIES, STAFF AND LOCATIONS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
NOTE: SOME LOCATIONS OFFER ONLY ONE MAJOR.

"The experience was even better than the brochure described. The greatest strengths of the program were the quality of the instructors and the variety of subjects taught. The staff was exceptional – each and every one – bright, enthusiastic, upbeat and their love of children was obvious."

Joanne Alex, A+ Middle School Parent

Selected Faculty

Profiles of our outstanding instructors



Dr. John Kephart

John received his B.A. and M.A. in Communication from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication. He finished his Ph.D. at USC in 2008, with an emphasis on Rhetorical Theory and Criticism and Gender Studies. He is currently an Associate Professor and the Director of the Speech and Debate Team at California State University, Northridge. John has taught a variety of classes and curricula, spanning from middle school students through graduate students, and has coached competitors of all ages. In teaching college students at both the graduate and undergraduate level, John's philosophy is based around students' active engagement in their learning. Rather than merely providing students with information to be memorized, John focuses on encouraging students to find their own voices and perspectives on contemporary issues, helping them to be more avid learners, and more engaged citizens.

Vickie Obenchain

Since 2008, Vickie has been teaching for Education Unlimited as a Marine Science and Astronomy instructor, and as a lead instructor with the A+ Middle School program.

She has two degrees in Environmental Science, a Bachelors of Science from Elon University, NC., and a Masters from Montclair State University, NJ. While she enjoys teaching during the summers for EU, she spends the rest of the year at an independent school in Moraga, CA as a K – 8th grade science teacher.

Michael Kroesche

Michael was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, but has lived and taught all over the world. He received his BA in creative writing from the Univ. of Southern California where he was awarded the Virginia Middleton Scholarship for excellence in academics and creative writing, and he earned his MFA in poetry from the Univ. of Las Vegas, Nevada. His poetry and fiction has appeared in Interim, Bayou, Foliage Oak, Cactus Heart, The Chiron Review, among others, and he has been a regular panelist at the Far West Pop Culture Contest. He currently resides in Las Vegas where he teaches English at UNLV.

"I feel totally prepared for college thesis papers. . . [A+ College] made me improve the way I thought, wrote and spoke."

Katlyn Roobian, A+ Summer participant

2018 Information

Dates and schedule



Admission Requirements

A+ Summer programs are selective. Students must demonstrate academic abilities by submitting a copy of their report card or transcript evidencing a 3.0 GPA or equivalent. Exceptions to this rule are made on a case-by-case basis and require a writing sample.

“The instructors
were great, and I
learned so much. It was also a
great way
to end summer.”

A+ High School participant

2018 dates

PROGRAM	LOCATION	GRADE	DATES
A+ Middle School	Stanford	6 - 8	Jun 24 - Jun 29
A+ High School	Yale	9 - 10	Jun 24 - Jun 30
A+ Pre-College	Yale	11 - 12	Jun 17 - Jun 30
A+ Pre-College	UC Berkeley	11 - 12	Jun 24 - Jul 7
A+ Middle School	Yale	6 - 8	Jul 1 - Jul 6
A+ Middle School	UC Berkeley	6 - 8	Jul 8 - Jul 13
A+ High School	UCLA	9 - 10	Jul 8 - Jul 14
A+ Middle School	Georgetown	6 - 8	Jul 15 - Jul 20
A+ High School	Georgetown	9 - 10	Jul 15 - Jul 21
A+ Pre-College	Stanford	11 - 12	Jul 15 - Jul 28
A+ Middle School	UCLA	6 - 8	Jul 22 - Jul 27
A+ High School	UC Berkeley	9 - 10	Jul 22 - Jul 28
A+ High School	Stanford	9 - 10	Jul 29 - Aug 4
A+ Middle School	Stanford	6 - 8	Aug 5 - Aug 10

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Regular Enrollment A check for full tuition or a deposit, (credited toward the total program cost), must accompany your application. Applicants are considered on a first come, first served basis except for Summer Focus, A+ Summer, and CAPC Intensive, which are competitive. Applicants not accepted to the program will have their tuition payment returned, otherwise no refund of any kind is offered without the Protection Plan.

Tuition Assistance Students with financial need are encouraged to call or write for tuition assistance information, or send an email to campinfo@educationunlimited.com. See website for details.

Mail the Following

- Completed application.
- Deposit check (\$495 deposit for programs under \$2,300; \$695 for programs \$2,300–\$3,500; \$995 for programs over \$3,500), including the Tuition Protection Plan fee, if desired (*it may not be added after application*). See website for details.
- International students add \$100.
- Wait for your enrollment confirmation! (*Please do not make any travel plans until you receive final program details.*)

Sign me up for the following 2018 Camp:

Camp Name	Grade Range
Camp Location	
Camp Dates	Camp Tuition

I am ready to apply!

Enroll me as a (circle one):	Overnight Camper	Extended Day Camper (9am - 9pm)	Day Camper (9am - 5pm)
Student's Name	Age	Grade Fall 2018	
Home Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Student Email		
Date of Birth			
Parent (No. 1) Name	Parent (No. 2) Name		
Work Phone	Work Phone		
Cell Phone	Cell Phone		
Email	Email		
School Name			
School Address	City	State	Zip
How did you first hear about the program?			

Reminder You must remit the \$495, \$695 or \$995 deposit with your completed application. Make checks payable to Education Unlimited. Without the Tuition Protection Plan (TPP) this deposit is non-refundable unless the student is not accepted into the program. We recommend that you purchase the TPP, which provides a full or partial refund, as explained in our enrollment policies. The fee for the Protection Plan is 10% of the total tuition before any discounts and must be purchased with this application. No refund of any kind is offered without the TPP. If you answer yes for the TPP, full payment for the Protection Plan must be sent in with this application. With TPP, cancel 31 days or more before camp and receive 100% refund of tuition, cancel 15 - 30 days before camp for a 70% refund, cancel 3 - 14 days before camp for 40% refund. Cancel 2 days before camp or fewer, no refund is provided.

TPP Payment Enclosed: Yes No	Total Enclosed \$
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I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the above indicated program. I am also indicating my agreement to, and full acceptance of, all terms and conditions of enrollment listed on the Education Unlimited website and this brochure. See www.educationunlimited.com/pages/enrollmentpolicies.

Signature of Parent	Date
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Please note: Each student's progress in the program is dependent on the individual student's motivation and abilities.

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