

University of Southern California
SummerTIME Program: A Preparation for College Writing and Research
College Knowledge Curriculum
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Course Topic:

This is a four week course in which students will gain access to important tools to successfully transition and thrive at a college/university.

Course Objectives:

- *Week 1:* Students will learn how to strategize and maintain healthy study behaviors by practicing effective techniques to manage note-taking, reading, and time management.
- *Week 2:* Students will learn how maximize their financial resources.
- *Week 3:* Students will gain institutional knowledge and techniques to successfully navigate their college campuses and construct their sense of belonging within their communities. In doing so, students will learn how to successfully advocate for themselves.
- *Week 4:* Students will learn how to prepare for post-graduate opportunities. In doing so, they will learn how to create meaningful relationships with staff and faculty at their college campuses.

Seminars: Schedule

Week 1: Time Management

Monday, June 20: Orientation

- Orientation
- Introduction
- Free write up on how they (students) invest their time studying

Tuesday, June 2: Reading and Note Taking

- Strategies on reading and note taking

Wednesday, June 21: Budgeting

- Developing budget for writing proposal

Thursday, June 22

- Time management skills
 - Setting smart goals
 - 2 weeks action plan

Friday, June 23

- Panel by Mateo Corby: Living on a budget

Week 2: Financial Literacy

Monday, June 27: Why should I have a bank account during college?

- Difference between Checking account
- Loans
 - Subsidized vs unsubsidized

Tuesday, June 28: Work study and summer Internships

- Looking for work-study on campus
- Where do I get my summer internship?

Wednesday, June 29: Budget

- Budgeting: Writing Proposal

Thursday, June 30: Keeping track of your expenses

- Wants vs needs
- Creating a personal budget
- Keeping track of where your money goes
 - Keeping receipts
 - Introduction to mobile apps to track finances

Friday, July 1

- Panel

Week 3: Good Academic Standing

Tuesday, July 5: Campus Resources

- Maintaining good academic standing
 - College resources
 - Cultural Communities
 - Elevator speech

Wednesday, July 6: Budgeting

- Budgeting

Thursday, July 7: If I am not in good academic standing, what should I do?

- Developing relationship with your academic advisor
- Faculty and Office Hours

Friday, July 8: Panel

- How to deal with cultural shock

Week 4: What to Expect in College and Beyond

Monday, July 11

- Failing a class is not the end of the world, but it could be!

Tuesday, July 12

- GPA matters and so that's your networking

Wednesday, July 13: Budget

- Finalize budget for writing proposal

Thursday, July 14

- Studying abroad
 - How to pay for it?

Friday, July 15

- Closing Ceremony