

# Tulane Pre-College launches 20 new summer courses for middle and high school students

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High school students attend a Zine workshop during a session on Women's Literature at Newcomb Institute. Tulane's summer programs for middle and high school students are expanding by over 20 new courses this year. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

[Tulane University's Pre-College programs](#) have announced expanded summer offerings for 2020, with an increased class list in STEM and the addition of the Young Public Scholars Program, among others. [Registration](#) is now open for the 2020 summer session.

"It is important to Tulane Pre-College to continue to expand [summer course offerings](#) to set our attendees up for success through innovation and critical thinking. Our Pre-College students understand that the world is facing some big challenges, but know they are the future and the solution," said Desirée Packard, executive director of Strategic Summer Programs at Tulane. "We are laying the foundation for students who want to do big things with their education."

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Tulane University

The new offerings include 15 [STEM enrichment courses](#) including Animals in Research, Biomedical Engineering: Biometrics, Coastal Preservation, Video Game Character Animation, Mysteries in Medicine and NASA's Astro Camp®: Roving Mars. These new classes will encourage students to realize the importance of finding solutions to real-world problems, with an interactive, hands-on curriculum that keeps them engaged and will showcase the vast reaches of career opportunities. The STEM enrichment courses serve as a precursor and complement to the high school STEM credit course offerings from the School of Science and Engineering.

Tulane Pre-College is fully customizable to fit individual student goals, with four areas of study including STEM, gender equality, architecture and humanities. Students can pursue either residential or day student options, and college credit or enrichment courses.

“The ideal Tulane Pre-College student is a rising sixth- to 12th-grade student who wants to expand their college resumes while imagining a way to make an impact on their communities,” added Packard. “The course curricula are intended to allow the student to explore their artistic, intellectual and professional passions while experiencing college life.”

*2020 session dates include:*

*Session 1 (day course offerings only): June 8 – June 12, 2020*

*Session 2: June 15 – June 26, 2020*

*Session 3: July 6 – July 17, 2020*

*Session 4: July 20 – July 31, 2020*

The Tulane Young Public Scholars Program is a new, selective program for high school students who want to create a public impact on topics such as climate change, social inequalities, inclusive diversity and restorative justice. This program expands the humanities pre-college offerings, which also include Newcomb Summer Session. The summer 2020 humanities courses now range from women in technology to intersectional literature to social justice and more.

The new course offerings show immense growth from Tulane's first Pre-College offering, which was started by the School of Architecture. While students now have more to choose from than they did 30 years ago, the original Career Explorations in Architecture is still going strong.

Tulane Pre-College accepts applications for college credit courses and summer enrichment courses from rising sixth- through 12th-grade students. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis, and students are encouraged to apply early to ensure a seat in their preferred courses. The deadline for regular admissions is Friday, April 17, 2020. For more information visit [summer.tulane.edu](http://summer.tulane.edu) or contact the Office of Strategic Summer Programs at (504) 314-7619 or [summer@tulane.edu](mailto:summer@tulane.edu).