

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Foreign Affairs Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Acquire an overview of the field of international relations, including its historical development and major theories
- Explore the roles of various stakeholders in the international system, including states, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and transnational corporations
- Examine pressing global challenges, such as human rights abuses, environmental issues, global health crises, and refugee crises while discussing the roles of responsibilities those addressing the challenges
- Gain a foundational understanding of the concepts and practices of diplomacy, negotiation, governance, and policy

2027 Dates

University of Washington

- Session 1: July 25 - August 6

Academic Program Overview

Foreign Affairs will equip students with a broad perspective on international relations and global challenges. Students will be introduced to a range of career paths, encouraged to engage more actively in discussions, and develop strong research and comprehension skills. Seattle is an ideal place to take this course, as the city contributes to the U.S. foreign affairs agenda through its economic and cultural ties and its participation in global initiatives. Students will work on a group project that enhances their public speaking, decision-making, and analytical skills. A previous class project included students exploring topics such as NATO, the refugee crisis stemming from the Russia-Ukraine War, economic and trade relationships, and the risks of escalating tensions with Russia. Each student represented a country in negotiations and delivered arguments on how their country's decisions would impact Europe.

Excursions

Academic excursions provide students with the opportunity to explore foreign and international affairs across different career pathways. Previous excursions have included visits to Seattle City Hall, the Port of Seattle Headquarters, and the South Korean Consulate, where students met officials and learned about diplomacy, trade, and global partnerships.

Instructor

To Be Announced

Courses are taught by accomplished and passionate faculty recruited from many area colleges, universities and professional forums. Each faculty member is selected for their subject area expertise and proven ability to both challenge and captivate students.

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $5,798

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price**: $2,998

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Afternoons in both weeks are dedicated to students' preferred College Readiness Workshops (CRW), True You, and Academics in Action, with Academics in Action including academic excursions, guest speakers, and course-related activities, such as an instructor-led project or student-led, independent study.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academics in Action or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	CRWs, True You, or Academics in Action
5-5:15PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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