

AMERICA 250 YEARS



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REFLECTING OUR PAST
ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE



LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS FOR 7TH-12TH GRADERS

URBAN UNIVERSITY SEEKS TO DEVELOP JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ERIE COUNTY TOWARD SERVANT LEADERSHIP THROUGH A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES THAT INCLUDE CAREER EXPLORATION, SERVICE LEARNING, ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT, COMMERCE, MENTORSHIP, AND FAITH FORMATION.

14 EXPERIENCES to Shape Tomorrow's LEADERS

- SCUBA DIVING
- 3D DIORAMA ART
- LEADERS IN ACTION
- MARQUETRY WOOD ART
- SEWING & DESIGN
- BAKING
- CROCHETING
- SHIP & SHORE
- GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
- HOSPITALITY & CULINARY ARTS
- FITNESS BOOTCAMP
- PICKLEBALL
- ERIE HISTORY INVESTIGATORS



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COURSES



WKS 4 & 5 // JULY 6 - 10 & JULY 13 - 17 ERIE HISTORY INVESTIGATORS

In this two week course, students will explore local historical sites and museums to uncover stories of struggle, sacrifice, and perseverance in our community. Through research and creative project development, they will transform what they discover about those who came before us into a public presentation that shares Erie's history with others. This is the second of four courses over the next year with a focus on history, that will culminate with a historical trip to Washington D.C. in the Spring of 2027. Students will be selected for this experience based on their participation in this, previous, and future historical courses.

TIME: 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$35 **LOCATION:** Erie City Mission Student Showcase for Families, Friday, July 17, 11:00 a.m.

WK 6 // JULY 20 - 24

FITNESS BOOTCAMP

MORNING 10:00 A.M - 12:15 P.M.

PICKLEBALL

AFTERNOON 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

COST: \$15.00 for one or \$25.00 for both

LOCATION: Erie City Mission & Various Locations

Transportation from and to ECM is available only if taking both courses.

Students will be challenged in individual and group cardio and strength training exercises to promote a habit and discipline for life-long fitness while strengthening leadership characteristics.

*Lunch is included.

Beginner and experienced players will learn or improve in the nation's fastest-growing sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Pickleball is easy to learn, fun to play, and an effective cross-training activity.

*OPTIONAL Youth Pickleball Tournament Sunday, July 26

WK 7 // AUGUST 6 - 7

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Global Leadership Summit is an annual conference of world-

renowned leaders that is broadcast to hundreds of host sites across the United States and around the world. It is designed to develop leadership skills for people in business, nonprofit, church, education, and community organizations. Select Urban University students that demonstrate an exceptional level of leadership and maturity will have the opportunity to attend.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Grace Church, Harborcreek

PREREQUISITE: Students must participate in at least two other summer courses, including either or both Leaders in Action or Erie History Investigators. Because this is a professional event, final approval from the Urban University Director is also required.

WK 8 // AUGUST 10 - 14

SHIP & SHORE WITH THE RSC

During this immersive experience, students will explore the

science of Lake Erie, from its shores and lagoons to its open waters. Students will sail aboard the historic Lettie G. Howard tall ship while collecting scientific data, then analyze their samples at the (RSC) Regional Science Consortium labs, testing for bacteria, identifying plankton species, and conducting microscopic analysis. Students will also study Lake Erie's rich maritime history, including its more than 200 recorded shipwrecks, and participate in activities used by shipwreck scientists such as trilateration and 3D modeling.

TIME: 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$30

LOCATION: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (301 Peninsula Drive) Student Showcase for Families, Friday, August 14, 1:00 p.m.

Summer Details

- Erie City Mission (1017 French St., Erie, PA 16501)
- Each course accepts between 6-12 students and includes a nutritious meal.
- It will be expected that you consider dates such as vacation, family events, appointments, etc. against our schedule so that you may ensure your student's attendance for every session, unless they are sick.
- Scholarship and transportation needs are considered for qualifying families.

WK 1 // JUNE 8 - 10

INTRO TO SCUBA DIVING

An introduction to the core principles of scuba diving, including dive equipment,

underwater communication, buoyancy control, descents, hand signals, and proper breathing techniques. Students build confidence above the surface on day 1, then suit up for guided pool dives on days 2 and 3 to practice skills in a controlled underwater environment.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$30 **LOCATION:** Divers World

PREREQUISITE: Students must participate in at least one other course.

Student Showcase for Families, Wednesday, June 10, 1:45 p.m.

WK 2 // JUNE 15 - 19 MULTI-COURSE WEEK

STUDENTS MAY CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM EACH SESSION

COST: 1 Course \$30.00 // 2 Courses \$40.00

SESSION 1: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. // **SESSION 2:** 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant (250 West 7th St.)

SESSION 1

SEWING & DENIM DESIGN

Beginner and advanced students will have the opportunity to learn and enhance their sewing machine skills as they uniquely design and create their choice of a body or throw pillow.

MARQUETRY WOOD ART

Learn the art of creating detailed images and patterns using carefully cut and assembled wood veneers. Students will learn design planning, precision cutting, layering techniques, and finishing methods while crafting their own decorative marquetry artwork.

DIORAMA 3D ART

This 3D visual art form combines elements of sculpture, modeling, and storytelling. Challenge your creativity using a variety of everyday materials to model, design, detail, and paint in the world of miniatures.

HOSPITALITY & CULINARY ARTS

Students will work alongside guest chefs to prepare, cook, and serve lunch. This will be fast-paced, and require students to exercise a strong and focused work ethic, multi-tasking, and teamwork.

PREREQUISITE: Must have previously taken a UU culinary course.

SESSION 2

CROCHET

Learn to crochet! Beginners will learn the basics and crochet an amigurumi project. Advanced students will be challenged to crochet projects at a higher level of difficulty.

BAKING 101

Learn the science, techniques, and art of baking, and how to make a variety of desserts, cookies, and breads from scratch in a professional kitchen.

WK 3 // JUNE 22 - 26

LEADERS IN ACTION SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Students will have the opportunity to plan and implement several outreach days featuring engaging

activities with members of Erie's refugee and immigrant communities, as well as veterans residing at the Soldiers & Sailors Home. Through these experiences, students will practice servant leadership while building meaningful connections across generations and cultures. The week will conclude with a Family Campfire at the Soldiers & Sailors Home on Friday, June 26.

TIME: 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$25 **LOCATION:** Erie City Mission

Family Campfire, Friday, June 26, 6:00 p.m.