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Welcome

Congratulations and welcome to the **University of Miami Pre-College Programs—Summer Scholars and UM Academies!** You are about to embark on an exciting and memorable college experience in preparation for your future undergraduate academic career.

Your academic and personal achievements demonstrate that you are up for the challenge. As you prepare to attend your pre-college program, it is important that you arrive on campus ready to perform to the best of your ability and conduct yourself as a mature student. We look forward to welcoming you to campus this summer!

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Student Responsibilities, Rules and Policies

Our expectations of student conduct are outlined in the Student Responsibilities, Rules and Policies included in Post-Acceptance documents which must be reviewed and signed by students and parents.

Program policies promote a positive and inclusive academic and social experience, encourage consistent ethical behavior among students, and protect the academic integrity of the University. All students participating in the Pre-College Program are expected to conduct themselves accordingly and will be held responsible for violations to University and program policies.

If a student’s behavior is deemed to negatively impact the community or if University or program policies are violated, parents will be contacted and the student disciplined accordingly to include dismissal from the program at the parents/guardians expense – program tuition and fees will not be refunded and academic credit will not be awarded. University and program policies have been created to ensure student safety and well-being.

All program participants will have a minimum of one Community Assistant (CA) who will live on the floor with program participants. Our Community Assistants are current University of Miami students who are there to assist with the adjustment to campus, the enforcement of policies, foster community, and assist with students with their pre-college experience. Community Assistants serve as a role model and a resource for all students. Community Assistants will also assist with any potential student conflict and will involve the supervising Assistant Area Director, Area Director, and Program Leadership as needed.

Arrival Information

Student Move-In/Check-In | Saturday, June 29

All residential and commuter students must check-in at **Lakeside Pavilion**.

9:00 am	Residential Student Check-In by Program Begins
2:30 pm	General Check-In
3:00 pm	Commuter Student Check-In
4:00 pm	“Meet Your CA”; Parents/Guardians Depart Campus
5:00 pm	Student Welcome Dinner
8:00 pm	Mandatory Floor Meetings (Residential Students)

Residential Student Check-In by Program

9:00 am - 10:30 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business of Real Estate ● Business Strategy, Communication, and Leadership ● Business, Ethics and Leadership ● Global Business and International Relations ● Money and Marketing: Succeeding in Business ● Sport Administration: The Business of Sport ● The Business of Music
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business Academy ● Crime Scene Investigation and Forensic Science Academy ● Criminal Law at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Power ● Hurricane Academy ● Spanish Immersion Academy ● Explorations in Architecture and Design
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications of Mechanical, Aerospace, Civil and Architectural Engineering ● Computing and Mobile App Development ● Industrial and Systems Engineering ● Innovations in Biomedical, Computer and Electrical Engineering ● Digital Media, Podcast Production, and Electronic Media for the Future ● Exploring Sports Communication and Culture ● Filmmaking and Storytelling ● Marine Animal Biology and Conservation ● Oceanography and Marine Environments ● Tropical Marine Biology
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cancer Biology ● Microbiology, Immunology, and Public Health ● Music Therapy and the Brain ● Neuroscience and Public Health ● Sports Medicine ● Business, Law, and Society ● Law: Litigation and the Legal Profession
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Residential Student Check-In
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commuter Student Check-in

Airport Shuttle

An airport shuttle is available to pick-up and drop-off students flying unaccompanied via Miami International Airport (MIA) during the shuttle hours of operation.

- Students arriving during the shuttle hours of operation will be met by staff from our residential team and transported to campus by bus
- Airport shuttle is not available for students flying to and from Fort Lauderdale (FLL)

- Students must submit their Airport Shuttle Request Form on the Pre-College Enrollment Portal Checklist (found on the Pre-College Status Portal)

When making travel arrangements, please note the following arrival and departure requirements if using the airport shuttle service:

- **Arrival**
 - Students must arrive at MIA between 9 am and 5 pm on check-in day. Students who arrive outside of the designated check-in window can report directly to Residential College upon arrival. A member of our staff will be available to assist the student with check-in.
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- **Departure**
 - UM Academies Two-Week, Non-Credit Program – Shuttle service to MIA will depart campus at 10:30 am. All students must be checked out and off campus by 11 am at the latest if providing their own transportation. Students using the airport shuttle to get to MIA for their departure from Miami should schedule their flight no earlier than 2:00 pm on check-out/move-out day.
 - Summer Scholars Three-Week, Credit Program – Shuttle service to MIA will depart campus at 10 am and 11:30 am. All students must be checked out and depart campus by 11:30 am.
 - On departure day, the airport shuttle drops students at the designated bus drop-off point (Airport North or Airport South).
 - It is recommended to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours before domestic flights and 3 hours before international flights.
 - If a flight is canceled or missed, students should contact their parents/guardians and work with the airline to rebook their departure, as airlines have specific instructions for passengers. Students will not be brought back to campus and should not return to campus as the Pre-College program has concluded.
 - Students flying unaccompanied are required to use the program shuttle. On the rare occasion when a student needs to depart campus earlier than the scheduled airport shuttles, the student is required to provide their own transportation to the airport at the student's expense. **Pre-approval from the Pre-College Office is required for early departure.** Requests must be submitted in writing in advance to precollege@miami.edu.

Student Orientation

Lakeside Expo Center | Sunday, June 30

Student orientation is **mandatory** for all commuter and residence students in both the UM Academies and Summer Scholars Credit Program. Commuter students should plan to arrive on campus by 8:30 am in front of the Lakeside Expo Center. Scheduled events for orientation will conclude at 1 pm.

Housing

Residence students will live in a Residence College on the Coral Gables campus. The residence team resides among the students.

Rooms

Rooms in the residence hall are furnished with an extra-long twin bed, one dresser, closet, desk, and chair for each student. Rooms are double occupancy.

While a limited amount of basic bedding/linens and towels can be requested, it is **highly** recommended to bring your bedding and towels. The beds are extra-long twin size or XL, and the mattress dimensions are 80 x 36 in.

Each suite has two double occupancy rooms in semi-suites connected by a shared bathroom – shared by the same gender. Students are responsible for cleaning their own room and bathroom for the duration of the program.

Rooms are equipped with air conditioning and wireless internet access. Computers are not provided in the rooms/residential hall; and students are **strongly encouraged** to bring their own computer. Please note that textbooks will be provided in a digital format. If you do not have a computer available to you, please contact the Pre-College Office for on-campus resources that may be available to you.

Access

Students will access their room using their Cane Card (student ID). If students lose their Cane Card, they should immediately alert the front desk and request a new Cane Card from the Cane Central building (open during business hours) for a fee of \$25. If the student's Cane Card is lost after business hours, the student can receive a temporary room access card from the front desk. Upon receiving a new Cane Card, students need to have their access reinstated at the front desk and must return their temporary room access room card.

Roommates

The Pre-College Program aims to match each resident with compatible roommates to create comfortable living and learning environments. We strive to keep students matched within their same academic specialty; however, factors such as the number of participants per program and gender breakdown create some limitations.

The Roommate Matching Survey will be sent via email in late May with a unique link that corresponds to the student's academic specialty and must be completed within the timeframe noted in the email (note: extensions will not be granted). A roommate request can be made; however there is no guarantee it will be honored. Requests can be made by emailing precollege@miami.edu. **Please note that *each* roommate must email the Pre-College office with their request and should not complete the Roommate Matching Survey.** Additionally, both students must be in the same program (i.e. students in the 3-week Summer Scholars program cannot room with students in the 2-week UM Academies program). Requests from parents/guardians will **not** be considered.

Laundry Facilities

Community laundry rooms are available in the Residential Colleges. All laundry is free for residents. Students need to provide their own detergent and supplies. Students must complete their laundry by 9:30 pm before curfew.

Security

The residential hall front doors are locked from 10 pm to 7 am. The front desk is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The front desk in the lobby is staffed by UM Residential Life Security from 10 pm to 7 am. The residential buildings are locked at all times. Students access their residential building and room with their Cane Card.

Residential Hall Curfew

Residential Hall curfew is 10 pm. All residential students must be in the residence hall and in their own rooms by 10 pm. Residential room checks will be conducted at 10 pm. Residential students must sleep on campus in their assigned room.

When ordering food for delivery, students are financially responsible for their food delivery order. Food must be scheduled to arrive before 9:30 pm at the residence hall and students must retrieve their own food order. Staff members will not be permitted to collect or deliver students' food orders. Food delivered after 9:45 pm will be forfeited and students will not be reimbursed for any food that has been forfeited due to late arrival.

Note: commuter students and guests are not permitted beyond the lobby of the residence hall and must depart campus by 10 pm.

Mail

Outgoing Mail: Students can send outgoing mail, including packages, from the U.S. Post Office located on campus inside the UM Bookstore or The UPS Store at Lakeside Village.

Incoming Mail: Incoming mail is not available during the summer term.

Sign Out Policy

To ensure academic success and community building, which is achieved through time spent on-campus, evening and weekend sign-out requests will **not** be approved unless there is an extreme circumstance or special need (i.e. medical, family emergency, observing religious holy days). Sign-out requests for ACT/SAT testing or the Fourth of July holiday will **not** be approved.

On Campus Dining

Welcome Dinner | Saturday, June 29

Student meals start with the Welcome Dinner on check-in/move-in day at 5 pm at the Mahoney-Pearson Dining Hall. Students will walk together after the "Meet Your CA" event. The Welcome Dinner is for commuter and residential students (Summer Scholars and UM Academies).

Meal Plans at Mahoney-Pearson Dining Hall

On-campus meals are provided at the Mahoney-Pearson Dining Hall. Students use their Cane Card (student ID) for admittance to the dining hall.

The following menu options are available in the dining hall: vegan, vegetarian, and “avoiding gluten”. Unfortunately, we do not offer Kosher options at this time. If you have questions regarding summer dining and special dietary needs, please contact the Pre-College Program Office at precollege@miami.edu.

Residential Meal Plans

The on-campus residential meal plan includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Residential meal plans begin with lunch on check-in/move-in day and conclude with breakfast on check-out/move-out day of the respective programs.

Commuter Meal Plans

The commuter meal plan offers on-campus breakfast and lunch at the dining hall and meals for special events (Welcome Dinner, Fourth of July BBQ, Student Send-Off). Commuter students may purchase dinner on a per-meal-basis at the dining center. Meal plans begin on check-in day and conclude on the last day of classes.

Campus Restaurants

Students have the option to purchase meals or snacks at the various campus restaurants; please note these options are not included in the student’s meal plan and are at an additional cost to the student. Evening and weekend restaurant hours are limited in summer. For menu and dining hours visit [UM Dining's](#) website.

Commuters

To promote an authentic commuter college experience, we encourage community building, achieved through social interaction on campus with the Pre-College community. Commuters should plan to spend time on campus in the evening and on weekends to participate in co-curricular programming, study sessions and social activities.

Activities outside of the classroom provide commuters with time to bond with other Pre-College students – a diverse group of students from around the world. Commuters in the Summer Scholars Three-Week Credit program have access to the Wellness Center (fitness center) and are included in evening activities and weekend field trips. Activity choices and level of involvement shape individual student experiences. Parents are encouraged to be flexible and accommodate evening and weekend study groups and activities.

Commuter Parking

Commuter students are permitted to have a car on campus with a valid parking permit. Parking permits are required 7 days/week. Commuter students can purchase a day pass (\$10)* via the PayByPhone app until the monthly pass (\$50)* is obtained in person at the Parking and Transportation Office. Permits can be purchased during lunch on the first day of class or after class before 5pm via **credit card, debit card, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, Google Pay, or money order; cash is not accepted.** *Prices are subject to change

Note: Residential students are not permitted to have vehicles on campus at any time or allowed to travel in the cars of commuter students.

Office of Parking and Transportation

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday

McKnight Building, 5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd

Coral Gables, Florida 33146-0712

Contact: 305-284-3096

<https://pt.fop.miami.edu/>

Campus Resources

Office of Disability Services (ODS)

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) at the [Camner Center for Academic Resources](#) provides academic accommodations and support to ensure that students with disabilities can access and participate in the opportunities available at the University of Miami. Individuals with disabilities must complete an online [Accommodation Request Form](#) and submit current and comprehensive documentation of the disability at least six (6) weeks prior to the first day of class.

Sports & Fitness

All Pre-College Summer students (residential and commuter) have access to the [Wellness Center](#) which offers tennis, volleyball, an indoor swimming pool, basketball courts and fitness classes.

Library & Computer Lab

Computer facilities are available on campus at the [Richter library](#), which is open from 7:30 am to 9 pm. Most students bring a laptop for the convenience of taking notes in class, reading digital textbooks/course materials, and studying in their rooms. The residence halls are equipped with wireless internet.

ATM

ATMs are located in various places on campus, including the Wellness Center and University Center.

Campus Map

A map of the Coral Gables campus can be found [here](#).

Medical Insurance

All students, including international, **must have active health insurance** to attend the program. Students will be required to submit proof of insurance before arrival to campus. Each student must bring a copy of their insurance information as they will be responsible for providing their insurance and billing information at patient intake, and responsible for subsequent medical bills.

All students have access to the campus [Student Health Center](#) and pharmacy for occasions of illness, minor injuries and prescriptions during hours of operation. For more information, visit [Student Health's](#) website or call 305-284-9100.

For health incidents after hours, students are brought to Baptist Health Urgent Care (Coral Gables University Center) or the emergency room. Niklaus Children's Hospital, Baptist Health South Florida, and Doctors Hospital are located near the University. In the event of a medical emergency or serious injury, 911 emergency services are used.

What Should I Bring to UM?

There is no formal dress code, however, students should dress appropriately for class the same way they would if they were attending their school during the academic year. Miami is hot and humid during July and all the buildings are equipped with air conditioning. The residence hall and classrooms tend to be cold, so it is recommended to bring a light jacket or sweater for use inside buildings. Outside, students should be comfortable in normal summer attire such as t-shirts and shorts. **It will rain** so be prepared with an umbrella, waterproof shoes, flip flops, etc.

All Students

- Health Insurance Card
- Personal identification (government issued ID/high school ID)
- Personal medication (prescription or over the counter)
- School supplies (textbooks and other course-specific materials will be distributed when students arrive)
 - Book bag/backpack
 - Pens/pencils
 - Notebooks/paper
 - Folder/binder
 - Laptop (recommended) + charger
- Business casual attire is suggested for some academic field trips, class presentations, and Pre-College events, including the Student Send-Off Celebrations
 - Clothing that is **not** appropriate when students are required to dress in business casual attire: torn/ripped/baggy clothing, jeans, shorts, flip flops, graphic t-shirts, etc.
 - Males: slacks, khakis, polo shirt, dress shirt; oxfords/loafers/boat shoes/nice sneakers
 - Females: dress, dress shirts, slacks, skirt, jacket, khakis, dress sandals/espadrilles, heels/pumps
- Specific clothing required for your academic specialty, if applicable (see below)

International Students

- Passport
- I-20 Form
- Visa (if applicable)

Residential Students

- Clothing including casual clothing for classroom and recreational activities, a swimsuit, and a rain jacket/poncho (it will rain!)
- Clothes hangers*
- Laundry supplies*
- Laundry basket or bag*

- Twin extra-long sheets, pillows, blanket, or comforter
- Toiletries*
- Towels*

Recommended

- Laptop
- Spending money (approximately \$75/week)
- Shower caddy*
- Shower flip-flops*
- Waterproof SPF 30+ sunscreen and sunglasses*
- Gym/work-out clothes

**A trip to Target will be offered to students after student orientation so they can pick up items they forget to pack or prefer to buy locally. Personal items can also be purchased at the campus convenience store. School supplies can also be purchased at the UM bookstore located on campus.*

Business, Law, and Global Studies Tracks

Students should pack **business/professional attire** appropriate for program-specific activities (e.g. classroom presentations, field trips to professional offices, courtroom presentations, etc.). **Attire should be professional and fit appropriately.**

- *Males* – slacks, khakis, dress shirt, dress shoes, tie; suit/sports jacket (recommended but not required)
- *Females* – dress, dress shirts, slacks, skirt, jacket, khakis, dress shoes (closed toe shoes)

Explorations in Architecture Tracks

Students should pack a **personal** laptop and mouse to follow along in their classes. Students will be required to install course specific software to use throughout the program. Students are discouraged from bringing and using their respective school laptops in the event there are restrictions to downloading and installing external software.

Marine Animal Biology and Marine Conservation Track

Students should pack outdoor gear: a wide-brimmed hat, lightweight long-sleeve shirts/rash guards you can wear on all field trips, reusable water bottle, waterproof sunscreen (SPF 30+), insect repellent, sunglasses, swimsuits, and towel. For shoes on shark tagging trips, you will need either snorkel booties (black is OK) or old sneakers that you can tie tightly and do not have a black sole (please note flip-flops or Crocs are not acceptable in the field).

Tropical Marine Biology and Oceanography Tracks

Students should pack outdoor and snorkeling gear: mask, fins, snorkel, wide-brimmed hat, lightweight long-sleeve shirts/rash guards you can wear on all field trips, reusable water bottle, waterproof sunscreen (SPF 30+), insect repellent, sunglasses, swimsuits, and towel. For shoes for walking in the water and on shark tagging trips, you will need either snorkel booties (black is OK) or old sneakers that you can tie tightly and do not have a black sole (please note flip-flops or Crocs are not acceptable in the field).

We look forward to welcoming you to campus this summer!

