For Accepted Students Handbook
Location-Based Program: Atlanta, Georgia
For Accepted Students

Congratulations! We are looking forward to your participation in this unique and engaging program. We have compiled some important information for you; please review this carefully with your family and don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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I. Before You Arrive

Next Steps – Required Items
You will soon receive a personalized email outlining a checklist of items that need to be completed in order for you to attend the program. Included in the checklist are student account activations, electronic billing and payment access, travel itinerary request, forms completion via DocuSign and an online tutorial that reviews Brown’s values and policies. As you work through the steps, it is recommended that students and parents write down all usernames and passwords.

Forms are submitted electronically through DocuSign, an electronic signature provider where you can digitally fill out and sign our required forms and waivers. Forms include sections for both students and parents to complete.

You can expect to complete the following forms:

- Pre-College Off-Campus Programs Student Acceptance and Release and Waiver Form
- Medical Authorization Form
- Physician’s Immunization and Medical Report – Requires a medical provider’s signature
- Off Campus Dietary Form

If applicable:

- Disability, Medical, and Dietary Services Request Form
  Students may indicate a need for academic, housing, dietary and/or transportation accommodations when completing the Disability, Medical and Dietary Services Request section of the Medical Authorization and Health History Form. Students will then be sent the link to complete the form which will be submitted to Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS). Please reference the SEAS guidelines for documenting a disability and contact them if you have any questions or concerns: SEAS@brown.edu or 401-863-9588. Students should request accommodations with as much notice as possible to ensure accommodations can be arranged.

You can also expect to receive emails with instructions for how to activate your Brown account, pay your balance online, and complete an online tutorial that reviews Brown’s values and policies.

Online Program Orientation
An online program orientation for you and a parent is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 7:00pm, EDT. We will review important program information and give you an opportunity to ask questions. We require you to attend the online orientation or schedule a follow-up
conversation with the Program Director by emailing precollege@brown.edu. To participate in this orientation, you will need access to a computer (no webcam necessary).

Register for the Orientation here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5981289760078237698

Travel Dates and Times

Program Dates: Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 22

Arrival: July 16, 2017 at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport (ATL) between 11:00am–3:00pm EDT.

Departure: July 22, 2017 from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport (ATL) between 11:00am–4:00pm EDT.

*Please contact a program advisor at 401-863-7900 or precollege@brown.edu before making a reservation if your flight falls outside of these time frames.

Once you have confirmed your flights, please submit the travel itinerary form. This form will be sent to you in your checklist email.

Unaccompanied Minors

Airline, bus, and train company policies and services regarding unaccompanied minors vary. If you plan to use this service provided by your transportation carrier, please contact us in advance so we can discuss its feasibility. There may be instances when we are unable to fulfill the required protocols.

Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Arrival: Students are met at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport by Brown University staff wearing “BROWN” t-shirts. After students collect their luggage at their respective terminals, Brown staff will meet them in the Arrivals hall.

Departure: At the end of the program, students are transported from Agnes Scott College to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport. Staff will accompany students to their respective departure terminal to assist with check-ins and moving through security checkpoints. However, once students are through security, they are responsible for communicating with parents and managing their flight home.
Flight delays
Staff closely monitor all arrival flights and will be available at the airport in the event of unexpected travel delays. If you experience a delay while traveling to Atlanta, please call or text Brown’s On-site Director with your new arrival time.

Please note: Contact information of On-Site Director to come upon program confirmation.

Communication with Families
Program staff will communicate with families during the program via email during key points, such as arrival and departure. Email communication will primarily be intended to inform families that students have arrived safely at destinations.

Families will also receive access to the program blog which will include student posts about program highlights and student learning.

Packing List

Required Items
- Passport (for international students only)
- Round-trip ticket
- Government-issued photo ID
- Photocopies of important documents – passport, credit cards, etc.
- Prescription medicine, including inhalers and Epi-pens, in their original packaging and a copy of the prescription
- Cell phone
- Composition notebook (for classroom and lab use) and pens
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Comfortable and sturdy walking shoes
- Comfortable and sturdy sandals or flip-flops
- Shower robe and slippers
- Pajamas
- Rain jacket/poncho or umbrella
- Day-to-day clothing (shorts, sundresses, jeans, t-shirts)
- Proper attire for the laboratory (see below)
- Toiletries/personal items (i.e. shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc.)
- Mini First Aid Kit (with Band-Aids, antibacterial, gel, bug bite pen, etc.)
- Spending money (see below)
Proper Attire for the Laboratory
Students should keep in mind that there are established practices for lab attire. **Closed toed shoes or sneakers and long pants are required in laboratories.** Sandals, shorts, skirts, and tank tops may NOT be worn in laboratories. Students with long hair should be prepared to tie their hair back for safety reasons as necessary and as required by their instructor or any laboratory personnel at Agnes Scott College or the Center for Disease Control.

Computers
Although a laptop computer is not required, it is **highly recommended** to bring one to do your homework, if one is available to you. There is wireless internet everywhere at Agnes Scott College. Alternatively, computer labs are available for student use.

Laundry
Each residence hall on campus is equipped with free laundry machines.

Spending Money
Meals and housing are covered in the program. Students will only need money while traveling to and from Atlanta, and for any incidental or personal expenses.

What Not to Bring
Students are prohibited from bringing illegal drugs, alcohol, and weapons of any sort, including pocket or Swiss army knives.

II. During the Program
Communication
As a general rule, we try to stay tuned in to each other and to our natural surroundings throughout the program, so we ask that **use of mobile devices** (for phone calls, texting, social media, etc) be **limited to free time in the evening**. Letting go of the frequent connection to our phones helps us form a community and adjust to a new environment more quickly.

To contact us in an emergency, parents may call the On-site Director at 401-323-8140. (**Please note:** this number will not be active until a few days before the program starts.)

Accommodations and Meals
Students reside at Agnes Scott College in double or triple rooms fitted with bed and bathroom linen. Shared hall bathrooms are separated by gender.

Students can expect three healthy meals each day served buffet style in the school’s dining hall. We will work with Agnes Scott staff to make accommodations for dietary restrictions and food allergies if we are notified in advance.
Health and Wellness
Dietary Restrictions and Medical Conditions
We will work with the staff to make accommodations for dietary restrictions and food allergies if we are notified in advance. Students must communicate significant food allergies that require meal accommodations (e.g. gluten, shellfish, soy, eggs, milk) on the Off-Campus Dietary Concerns Form. Please also indicate any dietary preferences, including vegetarians and vegans, to allow us to plan accordingly.

Prescription Medications
Students’ prescription medications will be collected by the On-site Director or his/her designee on the first day of the program. Students must be responsible for requesting and taking prescribed dosage. Students with life-saving asthma and anaphylaxis medications (e.g. inhalers and Epi-Pens) must keep them on their person at all times. All students who are taking prescription medications should bring prescribed medication in the original container, and a copy of their prescription and give it to the On-site Director. Having a copy of the original prescription will enable us to replace medication if needed.

Personal Health and Medical Emergencies
For your safety and comfort during the program, we expect participants to fully disclose any and all pre-existing medical conditions on required medical forms. Program staff maintains a list of medical facilities and providers to provide students with the medical care required. In the event of a medical emergency, students will be transported to a local hospital located within minutes of the Agnes Scott campus.

Adequate Sleep
Our days are busy, requiring the students’ energy and attention throughout the day. Although we ask students to be in their rooms by curfew, we respect the students’ ability to choose when to go to sleep. For some students, this will be a new experience! We encourage students to monitor their sleep requirements and to respect their roommates’ need for sleep.

Safety and Supervision
Evening supervision will be provided by program staff staying at Agnes Scott residence halls. Staff is available for support and assistance 24 hours a day.

Quiet hours on campus are from 9:00pm to 6:00am. Curfew is at 10:00pm, at which point students are expected to be in their rooms and to keep noise to a minimum.

Fellow Students
There will be approximately 30 students from all over the United States and the world in the program. Usually there are slightly more girls than boys ranging from grades 10–12.
III. Policies

**Code of Conduct**
Please review the Brown Pre-College Code of Conduct.

**Financial**
The payment deadline for the program is **Thursday, May 25**. Students must be paid in full PRIOR to the start of the program. Please review our financial policies, including payment and refund information.

**Evaluation**
Students will receive a Course Performance Report, written by program staff and will also be asked to complete a course evaluation. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion. All completion materials, including the evaluation, will be sent 6 weeks after the program concludes. The certificate will be sent via US Mail, but other items will be sent electronically to the email we have on file.