High School Summer Study & Travel Programs

Earn College Credit
SUMMER 2022
Applications Encouraged by February 15

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From the Senior Director of Admissions

High School Summer Study and Travel Programs with Hillsdale College provide a unique opportunity for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to earn three college credits from Hillsdale College while also traveling to cultural and historic destinations domestic and abroad. Courses are open to academically talented high school students interested in any future college major, and are especially enticing to those inspired to learn about some of the great ideas, events, and individuals that have shaped the Western world. All trips are led by members of the Hillsdale faculty, and Hillsdale professors are extraordinary teachers. They bring the past alive with their lectures and discussion, both on site and in the Hillsdale classroom.

Students begin the two-week programs with a short stay at Hillsdale College, where orientation and intensive course instruction are provided. Students learn much in those few days to prepare them for what they will see and do off campus. The course syllabus is sent several months before the trip so participants have ample time to prepare. Because these programs offer the opportunity to earn three Hillsdale College academic credits, students must apply for admission. You will find further information about the application process, as well as scholarship information, in the back of this brochure.

Applicants generally hear from our office regarding acceptance about two weeks after all application materials are received, beginning December 1. Completed applications received after February 15 will be considered until programs reach capacity. Course spaces are limited and held on a first-to-deposit basis, usually capped around 50 students each.

If you have additional questions, our office can be reached during normal business hours at (517) 607-2327, or you can e-mail summerprograms@hillsdale.edu. I hope you’ll decide to study and travel with us this summer.

Sincerely,

Zack Miller, ’11
Senior Director of Admissions
Hillsdale College
The themes of love and war occupy much of the world’s greatest literature. English authors like Chaucer, Shakespeare, Austen, Eliot, and others all present visions of people in the grip of love or the clash of war, people who nevertheless find therein surprising meaning amidst chaotic human experience. Sometimes these visions are comic, sometimes tragic. Sometimes they involve individuals in quiet contemplation, sometimes they involve entire populations engaged in struggle. In all cases, however, these great thinkers and writers present people confronting ultimate things—ultimate desires, commitments, threats, demands. This broad yet intensive survey of English literature will take up great authors as they think about human beings confronting the extreme experiences of their own lives.

LEAD TEACHER

David Whalen, Ph.D.
Professor of English
DAY 9 | OXFORD
A.M. Oxford walking tour starting at Christ Church College, founded in 1524 and college of many famous students, including John Wesley, William Penn, Albert Einstein, and 13 Prime Ministers.
Noon Lunch at the famous “Eagle and Child Pub,” where J.R.R. Tolkien and the Inklings—including C.S. Lewis—met on Tuesday evenings.
P.M. Visit the Ashmolean, Britain’s oldest public museum, opened in 1853, view drawings by Michelangelo, Raphael, and da Vinci, paintings by Picasso, the ceremonial cloak of Chief Powhatan, and more.

DAY 10 | BATH
A.M. Depart for London; visit Tintern Abbey, built in 1131—the inspiration for poems by Wordsworth and Tennyson, as well as paintings by Turner; travel to Bath.
P.M. Visit the famous Roman baths, Royal Crescent, Pultney Bridge, and the Jane Austen Centre to learn about Bath’s best-loved resident.

DAY 11 | LONDON
Full day of London sightseeing, including Trafalgar, Piccadilly, Covent Garden, Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and the Cabinet War Rooms.

DAY 12 | CANTERBURY, HAMPTON COURT
A.M. Travel to Canterbury, a center of Christian worship since St. Augustine arrived in 597 and immortalized by Geoffrey Chaucer in The Canterbury Tales; tour the 11th century Canterbury Cathedral.
P.M. Depart for Hampton Court on the River Thames, where Henry VIII resided with four of his six wives; view the State Apartments and King’s Privy Garden.

DAY 13 | LONDON
A.M. Depart for Westminster Abbey: coronation site for almost every British monarch since 1066, and burial or memorial site for over 3,000 famous people, including kings, queens, writers, playwrights, and poets such as William Shakespeare, Geoffrey Chaucer, Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Emily and Anne Brontë, and T.S. Eliot.
P.M. Visit the British Museum, housing over seven million objects, including the Rosetta Stone, works by Albrecht Dürer, Egyptian mummies, and much more; sightseeing and souvenir shopping in London.
7:30 Performance at Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre.

DAY 14 | DEPARTURE DAY TO USA
A.M. Depart from London to Detroit.
(Various church services will be made available on Sundays.)

JUNE 23-JULY 5, 2022
Sir Winston Churchill and World War II

The Second World War was history’s most terrible, and its outcome hinged on the efforts of “citizen soldiers” from many nations who bravely sacrificed to defeat a murderous tyranny. Visit some of the sites where the valor and leadership of great men decided the fate of millions and inspired future generations to emulate their commitment to noble ideals. Study the greatest seaborne invasion of all time, Operation Overlord, the allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, as well as the life of Sir Winston Churchill, a man who inspired the world as few before. Follow the trail of momentous events and understand what made this time a generation’s “finest hour.”

LEAD TEACHER
Thomas Conner, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of History
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY 1 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Noon Arrive at Detroit Metro Airport; transfer to Hillsdale College campus via Hillsdale shuttle; check into residence halls
P.M. Orientation, lectures with faculty

DAY 2 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Lectures and coursework; activities

DAY 3 | DEPARTURE DAY TO LONDON
A.M. Lectures and coursework
P.M. Depart for Detroit Metro for group flight to London

DAY 4 | LONDON
Arrive in London; travel to Chartwell, the much-loved home of Winston Churchill, including a tour of his private quarters; settle into hotel

DAY 5 | OXFORD
A.M. Depart for Blenheim Palace, where Churchill was born and home of the Duke of Marlborough
P.M. Depart for Oxford, founded in 1249; a full afternoon of sightseeing; dinner at Oxford

DAY 6 | LONDON
A.M. Private bus tour through Churchill’s London, with stops to many places where Churchill lived and worked, including St. James’s Palace, Whitehall, 10 Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament, and the Cabinet War Rooms
P.M. Visit the Imperial War Museum; depart on the Brittany Ferry to cross the English Channel

DAY 7 | NORMANDY
A.M. Arrive in St. Malo and visit the 11th century abbey at Mont St. Michel; depart for Caen, “the city of William the Conqueror”; visit Abbaye-aux-Hommes, housing William the Conqueror’s Tomb
P.M. Visit the Norman Bayeux Tapestry, which was created shortly after 1066 when William the Conqueror invaded England; free time in Bayeux for souvenir shopping

DAY 8 | NORMANDY
A.M. Visit and lecture at the World War II Memorial Museum in Caen
P.M. Depart for Pegasus Bridge, where the first combat engagement of D-Day took place; after visiting the museum, drive along the British landing beaches to Arromanches, site of the artificial “mulberry” harbor and Longues-sur-Mer, where one of the best remaining German batteries can be visited; climb into an observation bunker overlooking the coast

DAY 9 | NORMANDY
A.M. Depart for Utah Beach and Ste. Mère Église, the first town to be liberated by Americans on D-Day, and where American paratrooper John Steele landed on top of the medieval church tower during the invasion
P.M. Visit the Norman Bayeux Tapestry, which was created shortly after 1066 when William the Conqueror invaded England; free time in Bayeux for souvenir shopping

DAY 10 | NORMANDY
A.M. Depart for Pointe du Hoc, where one of the most daring American assaults took place against the Germans
P.M. Walk and drive along Omaha Beach, site of D-Day’s bloodiest fighting; visit the American Cemetery and experience the lowering of the American flag

DAY 11 | VERSAILLES
A.M. Transfer to Paris; visit the Palace of Versailles, one of the world’s grandest historical mansions—the official residence of the Kings of France from 1682 until 1790. World War I ended at the Palace with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.
P.M. Seine river cruise and evening visit to Eiffel Tower

DAY 12 | PARIS
Visit the Louvre Museum, home of the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and more; visit Les Invalides, tomb of Napoleon. Guided tour of Paris concentrating on the sites of greatest significance to WWII: L’Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Prefecture de Police, Hotel de Ville, Monmartre and Place de la Concorde; Hitler visited many of these places on his only tour of Paris in June 1940, before he ordered the city destroyed in 1944

DAY 13 | DEPARTURE TO USA
A.M. Depart from Paris to Detroit (Various church services will be made available on Sundays)
Western Civilization: Visions from Italy

From the politics, philosophy, religion, art, and architecture of Italy, cultural forms evolved that inspired much of later Western Civilization. In Ancient Rome and Renaissance Florence, citizens struggled to find the proper relationship of Man to his God(s) and to his community, both in times of political and cultural domination, and in times of societal collapse and civic despair. Explore the material expression in the artistic and architectural treasures of these two fascinating cities: Rome, a city whose history spans more than 2,500 years, one of the oldest continuously occupied sites in Europe; and Florence, the “Athens of the Middle Ages,” and one of the wealthiest cities of all time.

**TRAVEL TO**
- Rome
- Pompeii
- Florence
- Venice

**Western Civilization: Visions from Italy**

**TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE**
- Noon: Arrive at Detroit Metro Airport; transfer to Hillsdale College campus via Hillsdale shuttle; check into residence halls
- P.M.: Orientation, faculty lectures

**DAY 2 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE**
- A.M.: Lectures and coursework
- P.M.: Depart for Detroit Metro for group flight to Rome

**DAY 3 | DEPARTURE DAY TO ROME**
- A.M.: Arrive in Rome; settle into hotel
- P.M.: Visit St. Peter’s Square, built between 1656 and 1667, and walk through Bernini’s Rome, including St. Peter’s Basilica, which holds Michelangelo’s Pietà (created when the artist was only 25 years old), Piazza Navona, the Fontana dei Fiumi, and the Trevi Fontana

**DAY 4 | ROME**
- A.M.: Visit the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s masterful frescoes of the Last Judgment and the Creation of Adam; the Vatican Museums
- P.M.: Tour of the Pantheon, first built in 27 B.C., containing three celebrated works by Caravaggio—the dome is the widest masonry dome ever raised; Gesu, which occupies the site St. Ignatius chose for his headquarters shortly after he founded the Society of Jesus in 1540

**DAY 5 | ROME**
- A.M.: Depart to Pompeii; a full day of touring and exploring the ancient city, buried with little warning in A.D. 79 by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius—arguably the world’s most important archeological site
- P.M.: Tour Villa Borghese, built by Cardinal Borghese in 1605, housing famous pieces from the end of the Renaissance to the beginning of the Baroque period, including works from Bernini, Michelangelo and Caravaggio; Santa Maria Maggiore, considered one of Rome’s four major basilicas

**DAY 6 | ROME**
- A.M.: Depart for a walk through Circus Maximus, the oldest and largest circus in Rome, where chariot races were held dating back at least to the 6th century B.C.; Colosseum, the largest amphitheater ever built in Rome; Forum, built under the auspices of Julius Caesar; Imperial Palaces, Imperial Fora
- P.M.: Capitoline Museum, considered the oldest public collection in the world devoted to ancient statuary, including a bronze of Marcus Aurelius dating back to A.D. 175

**DAY 7 | ROME**
- A.M.: Lunch and transfer to Florence; dinner at the hotel

**DAY 8 | FLORENCE**
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DAY 9 | FLORENCE
A.M. Visit Santa Croce, housing the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo Galilei and cenotaph of Dante; Uffizi, so named because it housed the offices (uffizi) of the Medici administration—today it “holds more great art per square inch than any other museum in the world”
P.M. Free time and coursework

DAY 10 | FLORENCE
A.M. Visit The Duomo, the fourth largest cathedral in the world; the Baptistery and Campanile; lunch at the Piazza della Signoria
P.M. Tour the Galleria dell’Accademia, displaying Michelangelo’s David, completed around 1504; the Pitti Palace hosting the ruling dynasties of Florence (the Medici, the Lorraine, the Bourbon, the Bonapartes, the Savoys)

DAY 11 | VENICE
A.M. Transfer to Venice
P.M. Walking tour of St. Mark’s Square, the Castello district; Basilica di San Marco, begun in its original form in 829 as an ecclesiastical structure to house and honor the remains of St. Mark brought from Alexandria. St. Mark thereupon replaced St. Theodore as the Patron Saint of Venice

DAY 12 | VENICE
A.M. Tour the Doge’s Palace to comprehend fully the unique and complex history of the Venetian Republic; highlights include the Chambers, Bridge of Sighs, prisons, and works by Tintoretto, Titian, Veronese, and Tiepolo
P.M. Walking tour and free time for souvenir shopping and a gondola ride in one of the most beautiful historical cities in the world

DAY 13 | DEPARTURE TO USA
A.M. Depart from Venice to Detroit
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THE ROOTS AND HISTORY OF AMERICAN LIBERTY

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

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Noon Arrive at Detroit Metro Airport; transfer to Hillsdale College campus via Hillsdale shuttle; check into residence halls
P.M. Orientation activities

DAY 2 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE
A.M. Campus Lectures: Classical and Medieval Roots of American Liberty, The Anglo-American Colonies

DAY 3 | HILLSDALE COLLEGE
A.M. Campus Lectures: Jacksonian Democracy, Slavery
P.M. Campus Lectures: The Civil War, Reconstruction, The Urban-Industrial Revolution

DAY 4 | TRAVEL TO GETTYSBURG
A.M. Depart from Hillsdale by bus to Gettysburg
P.M. Arrive in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, site of the Civil War battle considered to be the war’s turning point; evening historic cemetery tour

DAY 5 | GETTYSBURG
Full day of sightseeing, including guided battlefield tour, Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, the Gettysburg Cyclorama depiction of Pickett’s Charge, and the film “A New Birth of Freedom”

DAY 6 | PHILADELPHIA
A.M. Travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. City sightseeing includes Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell Center, Declaration House, Carpenter’s Hall, Franklin Court, Christ Church and Burial Ground, The First Bank of the United States, Congress Hall, and Old City Hall
P.M. Travel to the nation’s capital, Washington, D.C.

DAY 7 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
A.M. Morning visit to the galleries of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives; guided tour of the United States Capitol
P.M. Visit the National Mall, with monument sites including the Washington Monument, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial; The White House

DAY 8 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
A.M. Kirby Center Lectures: Progressivism, The New Deal
P.M. Journey to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of the first president of the United States, George Washington. Washington’s beautiful plantation on the banks of the Potomac River offers visitors a chance to understand America’s first hero and the world in which he lived. See the gravesite of the President and First Lady.

DAY 9 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
All-day excursion to Monticello. Situated on a mountaintop outside Charlottesville, Virginia, Monticello, a 5,000-acre plantation, was the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, third president of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia.

DAY 10 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
A.M. Kirby Center Lectures: World Wars and The Cold War, Civil Rights
P.M. Visit the National Archives to view the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Uncover priceless artifacts of American history at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

DAY 11 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
A.M. Kirby Center Lectures: The Great Society, The Cultural Revolution

DAY 12 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
A.M. Drive from Washington to Hillsdale via bus or transfer to Reagan National Airport for individual flights home.
(Various church services will be made available on Sundays)
To obtain additional, optional cancellation insurance, please consult your local insurance company, or a third-party travel insurance company. Payment checks should be made out to Hillsdale College with the participant’s name and program title in the memo line and can be mailed to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office, attn.: High School Summer Programs, 33 E. College Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

PAYMENTS & INSURANCE

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For acceptance into the program, the following supplementary items must accompany a completed application:

**APPLY ONLINE** | hillsdale.edu/hs-programs

**TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

One academic letter of recommendation from one of your recent high school teachers and one personal letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative.

**RÉSUMÉ**

Please list in order of importance to you any extracurricular activities in which you have participated, such as: athletics, fine arts, volunteerism, clubs, honor societies, work, etc. Also, please include special offices or positions held, and any awards or honors you have received in these activities. Include dates.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

In 250–500 words, tell us why you would like to participate in this program.

**HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT(S)**

A copy of your ACT, CLT, SAT, PLAN, CLT10, or PSAT score is required. If you have not taken one of these tests, please include a recent written sample of your academic work. We request that your work be of at least two pages but no more than five. Please send us only an 8 ½” x 11” photocopy of the original work, along with your teacher’s grades and remarks.

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COURSES COSTS**

Participants must submit their deposit as soon as possible after admittance to secure a spot in the program. Participation is not confirmed until the deposit is received. Due dates for payments will be customized according to the date of admission to the program, or payments can be consolidated.

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COURSES COSTS**

Program costs include housing and all meals on the Hillsdale campus, land travel via private buses, housing in quality hotels, breakfast and dinner each day while off campus (independent lunch allows for more personalized local selection), all entry fees to site visits, tuition fees for three undergraduate Hillsdale College credits (academic participation is required of all students), transfers to and from the airport (where necessary), and international flight from Detroit Metro Airport for abroad programs.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Thanks to generous donor support, scholarships to cover a portion of program costs are available. Consideration is granted based upon strength of application; no additional paperwork is required. Early application is encouraged, with scholarships being awarded as funds are available.

**REFUND POLICY**

Prior to February 1, 2022: $295 is non-refundable
Prior to May 1, 2022: $895 is non-refundable
After May 1, 2022: No refunds available

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*Students who apply after the first payment date will receive a customized payment schedule if space is still available.*
Hillsdale College welcomes applications for participation from rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

**ELIGIBILITY**
Applications are encouraged by February 15. Completed applications will be considered until programs reach capacity. Admission into the program will generally be determined two weeks after all application materials are received, beginning December 1.

**DEADLINE**
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**AFTER APPLYING**
Once we review your application materials, a letter will be sent regarding acceptance, along with additional information and forms to complete. It is important you apply in advance for your passport if you are hoping to study in an abroad course. It can sometimes take ten weeks to receive a passport after application has been made. No visas are required to travel to Europe. If you already have a passport, please check the expiration date to make sure it is still valid. Please note, students will be required to follow any local safety protocols at the time of travel, which may include vaccination requirements.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**
If you plan to arrive at Hillsdale by air, a Hillsdale College shuttle will pick you up from Detroit Metro Airport. Airline, flight number, and time of arrival will be needed at least 30 days prior to first trip departure. Please schedule your flight arrival time between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A Hillsdale representative will meet each student in the baggage claim area.

Students concluding abroad trips have two options: 1. Pick-up by parents or legal guardians at Detroit Metro Airport, or 2. Hillsdale personnel will assist with movement to connecting flights to hometown airports. Students concluding the D.C. trip have two options: 1. Pick-up by parents or legal guardians at D.C. hotel, or 2. Shuttle to Reagan International Airport for flight to hometown airports, assisted by Hillsdale personnel.

“The program was both challenging and rewarding. Standing in the actual places we were reading about (and that I’ve read about for so long) was particularly inspiring.”

“It was a benefit for me to experience what a college-level class would be like while I was still in high school, and to earn college credit while doing it. Hillsdale’s professors were especially great!”

“It was incredible to learn as much, and see so many sights, but also to make friends from all around the country.”

“The trip was an amazing experience, and really helps students get out of their comfort zone, learning in new places with new people.”

“The course itineraries are certain to intrigue and entertain anyone with a mind for history, I would absolutely recommend it.”
Founded in 1844, Hillsdale College is a private, nonsectarian Christian, classical liberal arts college located on a picturesque 400-acre campus in southern Michigan. With a national reputation for operational independence from government subsidy, the College serves a student body of 1,500 students who study a rigorous, structured core curriculum rooted in the enduring truths of the Western world. Traditional, interdisciplinary, and pre-professional academic programs are led by a distinguished teaching faculty whose first priority is the classroom. A vibrant student life is animated by an Honor Code signed by all students, challenging the goal of self-government. Graduates leave the College shaped by an experience purposed to "develop the minds and improve the hearts," and successfully equipped not only for employment or graduate study, but also for the broader work of virtuous living.

Visit Campus: hillsdale.edu/visit