

PreCollege FAQs

Application +/-or Forms Questions

Please read in full the Immersion Course Descriptions before completing your application.

Please READ +/-or WATCH the video INSTRUCTIONS to successfully complete the forms.

Who should I contact if I have questions or need assistance when applying to PreCollege?

After reviewing the Handbook and FAQs, email: precollege@ringling.edu for the fastest response.

PROGRAM FAQs

What are the dates for the PreCollege 2023 Program?

On Campus - June 18- July 15, 2023

How much does the PreCollege program cost?

On Campus - \$6,200 + the \$300 refundable housing deposit, please read the total fees on the last page in the [PreCollege Brochure](#), and in the PreCollege Student Handbook.

What are the requirements for PreCollege Acceptance?

Must be 16-18 years of age and currently enrolled in the 10th-12th grades in high school.

Can international students attend PreCollege?

Yes! Students from all over the world attend this program each year. All students must have a United States cell phone number for campus communications and the emergency broadcast system.

Can I apply for need-based financial assistance for PreCollege?

Limited need-based financial assistance is available through application. When offered, funding ranges from \$500 up to \$3500 for students who demonstrate need and who show evidence of growth and potential through their personal statement and letters of support. Please review the Scholarship/Financial Grant Application information at www.ringling.edu/precollege. This application closes March 3, 2023. **PLEASE READ THE FORMS INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETION.**

Can I work or attend other programs and special activities throughout the 4-week program?

No, PreCollege is a challenging robust academic program. Students may not overlap their schedules while attending. Remember students who successfully complete this program will receive 3 college credits and therefore are required to attend all classes and complete the homework assignments each week; this is a full-time program.

Are Open Studio hours required?

Students are provided evening open studio hours from 7:00 to 10:00pm. It is recommended they develop strong working habits by attending a minimum of 1-hour per evening offered. Students have the choice to leave open studio sessions at 8:00pm, and all students are required to leave classrooms at 10:00pm.

Once returned to residence, all students are required to be in their rooms by 11:00pm, and lights out is expected no later than 11:30pm. With that being said, students often choose to stay up in their rooms to continue working. This practice is not required, expected, or condoned. Our goal as educators is to model a healthy balance between academic and personal life.

Figure Drawing, the nude?

While the students are minors, our intentions are to teach them at the collegiate level. Our staff, faculty, and teaching assistants take this responsibility seriously and with the highest degree of respect for both the students and the models. Students are instructed not only on how to draw the figure, but also the proper, respectful behavior when working with the nude model.

Does one need a portfolio to get into the precollege program?

No, the intention is to provide skill development for students to create their best portfolio

Will this program enable one to have what is needed for a portfolio to apply to art colleges?

You may find that many of your completed pieces are portfolio worthy for the application process.

Does one earn college credits? Please visit www.ringling.edu/precollege.

The site and the linked catalog provide many details. Yes, if PreCollege is completed successfully, the student will earn 3 elective credits.

Do you know if one is able to pay with money from a 529 account?

A number of 529 accounts did support PreCollege in 2022. Please check with your individual 529 provider.

What % of applications are accepted into the summer program?

Very few students are denied acceptance. It is important to follow the application enrollment instructions to secure space once an acceptance is offered. If there is a question/concern about the application, we will reach out to the applicant in an effort to resolve it.

Completing the *required* "For Accepted Students" PreCollege Forms

March 1, 2023: Forms for Accepted PreCollege Students will be online at www.ringling.edu/precollege

READ the instructions and WATCH the videos first to successfully complete the forms.

- **Students** are to create their own Dynamic Forms account - which is different from the augusoft account used for payments. Once set up, the student completes their portion of each form. This should NOT BE DONE BY PARENTS!
- After the student completes their sections and submits as instructed, they should logout and close the browser window.
- The parent will then receive an email invitation to complete their sections only.
- The parent will then open a new browser window, on a different computer or browser (ie: Safari vs Chrome), and proceed to create their own Dynamic forms account and complete the forms.

How do I make payments due on my account?

To submit a payment, please visit <https://rcad.augusoft.net> and login using the username and password you set up when you paid your application fee.

- Click on "**Go to my dashboard**" on the homepage.
- From the top tabs, select "**My Transactions.**"

- Under the tabs, you will see your full A/R Account Balance. Click "**Pay Now.**" A table of charges will appear.
- Select "**Make a payment.**"

Don't know your user ID or password: email precollege@ringling.edu.

Living On Campus FAQs

How are roommates determined?

PreCollege students live in a modern, air-conditioned first-year residence hall. Rooms are double occupancy and roommates will be randomly assigned. Roommate assignments are not announced in advance of check-in.

Is there a curfew on campus?

Curfews are strictly enforced in order to ensure the safety of all students. The curfew is 11:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Can students leave campus to see the city?

Due to the brief and intensive nature of Precollege, and our desire to build a cooperative community, leaving during the program is strongly discouraged. Student Life may offer off-site field trips.

- Students may not leave campus, even with family members, without prior permission of the Office of Student Life/Office of Residence Life.
- For safety and liability reasons, PreCollege students are not permitted to use or ride in private cars or other motor vehicles (mopeds, motorcycles, etc.) during the program.
- If a student drives a motor vehicle to the PreCollege program, they will park the car for the duration of the program in a patrolled but, not necessarily gated lot. Please consider leaving your vehicle safely at home.

Requesting guest campus visits +/-or campus leave:

Family support is important.

We respectfully appeal to families and students to refrain from requesting campus visits and/or student leave from campus for non-emergency reasons during this short challenging program.

Please allow your student to immerse in their work and community, to utilize the College's resources and to network with their peers during this exceptional opportunity. Plan family and friend visits before or after the PreCollege program to support your students' steps into young adulthood.

It is our goal to provide a friendly, comfortable and supportive atmosphere for all PreCollege students. We look forward to welcoming you to the Ringling College PreCollege Community!

I have specific dietary requirements; will I be able to eat on-campus meals?

Students take their meals in the Cunniffe Commons at the heart of the campus. Meals are cafeteria-style, and students may choose from a range of traditional and vegetarian options at each meal. A typical lunch might include fresh fruit, salad bar, soup, hot entrees, deli sandwiches made to order, hamburgers/hotdogs, French fries, and desserts. Students will have access to a fridge and microwave in their residence.

Students with allergy questions requiring **special dietary restrictions** must monitor their own meals, however the College will make sure that options for those with dietary restrictions are always available. Please email Food Services at David.Byrne@compass-usa.com or Maria.Mallon@compass-usa.com.

Students seeking **alternate dietary arrangements due to medical reasons**, should contact **Student Access Services** at SAS@ringling.edu, and complete the SAS form in Dynamic Forms For Accepted PreCollege students.

What to bring? What not to bring?

Please refer to this PreCollege Student Handbook page **19**.

Do I need to bring a laptop or a tablet?

Yes, if you have a preferred tablet, please bring this to campus.

Students will have access to computer labs on a regular basis for assignments, research and communications. A laptop is helpful if you are in a writing class or a tablet if you are accustomed to using it for concept development, however assigned work will be required to be done in the assigned method for the course.

PHONES

A **smartphone** is recommended. A U.S. cell phone is required for students to have access to announcements and the emergency broadcast system.

SENDING MAIL/PACKAGES TO STUDENTS

Students may ship non-perishable items to themselves ONE WEEK prior to the start of PreCollege. Packages will be available at Residence Life once you are checked in. Please refer to this PreCollege Student Handbook page **20** for instructions.

What Covid Protocols will Ringling College have in place?

Students will be required to follow the Ringling College Safe Community Standards for Covid-19 that are deemed necessary during the time period for PreCollege. Students will receive additional updates on requirements closer to the start of the PreCollege Program, but should review current [Standards](#). Additionally, students who test positive for Covid-19 during the PreCollege program, will be required to isolate in their residence or return home if safe to do so for the required period of time until cleared by Student Health Services.

TROUBLE SHOOTING THE APPLICATION STEPS

STEP 1 OF 3

ISSUE: I entered my student's birthday and it said she's not an adult, to enter an adult's birthday, so I put mine and it said that I'm too old for the program.

- This typically happens when the student does not themselves up properly as a "**LEARNER**", not as a Household.
- Please notify precollege@ringling.edu that this issue has occurred so the Household account is deleted
- Please have the student complete this part as instructed.
- Select the LEARNER Student Type
- DO NOT select the Household
- Resume following the instructions provided