

## PreCollege Discovery FAQs

After reviewing the Handbook and FAQs, email [PreCollege@ringling.edu](mailto:PreCollege@ringling.edu) for the fastest response.

### PROGRAM FAQs

**What are the dates for the PreCollege Discovery 2025 Program?**

July 20-25, 2025.

**How much does the PreCollege Discovery program cost?**

\$2,150 + the \$150 refundable deposit.

Please read the total fees on page 6 of the Handbook.

**What are the requirements for PreCollege Discovery Acceptance?**

Must be 15-18 years of age and currently enrolled in the 9th-12th grades in high school.

**Can international students attend PreCollege Discovery?**

Yes! Students from all over the world attend this program each year.

**Can I work or attend other programs and special activities throughout the program?**

No, PreCollege Discovery is a challenging robust academic program. Students may not overlap their schedules while attending.

**Does one need a portfolio to get into PreCollege Discovery?**

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?**

No, students will not receive college credits.

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

Please contact your 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.

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

Forms for Accepted PreCollege Discovery Students can be found in your Student Portal.

### Living On Campus FAQs

**Is there a curfew on campus?**

Yes. See page 25 in the Handbook.

**Can students leave campus to see the city?**

No, students may not leave campus individually. See page 26 of the Handbook.

### Requesting guest campus visits +/- or campus leave:

Due to the brief and intensive nature of PreCollege Discovery, leaving during the program or inviting guests to campus is prohibited, barring an extenuating circumstance. We work diligently to maintain a safe and healthy community for PreCollege Discovery. If an exception is granted, students may not leave campus, even with family members, without prior permission of the PreCollege Discovery Director.

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

Yes. 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, hamburgers/hotdogs, French fries, and desserts. Students will have access to a fridge and microwave in their residence.

Students with **special dietary restrictions** must monitor their own meals, however the College will make sure that options for those with dietary restrictions are always available. Students with dietary restrictions are required to attend a lunch meeting with staff from Cunniffe Commons on the first day of PreCollege Discovery. Students seeking **alternate dietary arrangements due to medical reasons**, should contact **Student Access Services** at [SAS@ringling.edu](mailto:SAS@ringling.edu), and complete the SAS form in your Accepted PreCollege Discovery students.

### **What to bring? What not to bring?**

Please refer to the Handbook page 14.

#### **Do I need to bring a laptop or a tablet?**

No, however, if you have a preferred laptop or 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 U.S. cell phone is **required** for students to have access to announcements and the emergency broadcast system. A **smartphone** is recommended.

#### **Sending Mail / Packages to Students**

Students may ship non-perishable items to themselves ONE WEEK prior to the start of PreCollege Discovery. Packages will be available at the mailroom once you are checked in. Please refer to this PreCollege Discovery Student Handbook page 15 for instructions.

#### **What COVID Protocols will Ringling College have in place?**

Please visit <https://www.ringling.edu/covid/> for more information.