



PRECOLLEGE FAQS

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

What are the dates for the PreCollege 2025 Program?

June 21 - July 18, 2026.

How much does the PreCollege program cost?

Please read the total fees on our website at www.ringling.edu/precollege.

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.

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

Yes! Please refer to page 6 in the Handbook. Applications close March 1.

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.

Are Open Studio hours required?

Students are required to attend one hour of open studios Monday to Thursday, with optional open studios Saturday.

Figure Drawing, the nude?

All morning Core Class Figure Models will be clothed. Please refer to page 12 in the Handbook.

Does one need a portfolio to get into PreCollege?

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?

Yes, if PreCollege is completed successfully, the student will earn 3 elective credits.

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

A number of 529 accounts do support PreCollege students. 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.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

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. Field trips are arranged through academics and student activities programming. See page 26 of the Handbook.

Prescription Refills?

See page 16 in the Handbook.

Am I able to leave campus or have a guest visit campus?

Due to the brief and intensive nature of PreCollege, leaving during the program or inviting guests to campus is disruptive and strongly discouraged, barring an extenuating circumstance. We work diligently to maintain a safe and healthy community for PreCollege. If an exception is granted, students may not leave campus, even with family members, without prior permission of the PreCollege Director. Residential students are prohibited from leaving campus without the written permission of the PreCollege Director. [Leave request form / Parent Visitation Request form](#)

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

Yes. Meals are cafeteria-style, and students may choose from a range of traditional and vegetarian options at each meal. 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. Please be sure to complete the Food Allergy section in the Parental Consent form if you have any dietary restrictions. Students with dietary restrictions are required to attend a lunch meeting with staff from Cunniffe Commons during orientation.

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.

Do I need a mobile phone?

A U.S. mobile phone is required for students to have access to announcements and the emergency broadcast system.

Can I ship my items prior to arriving at campus for check-in?

Students may ship non-perishable items to themselves one week prior to the start of PreCollege. Packages will be available at the mailroom once you are checked in. Please refer to this PreCollege Student Handbook page 7 for instructions.