



Early Academic Outreach Program's
Pre-College Academy
UC Berkeley
2011

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Diagnostic Test
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Applications are available at eaop.berkeley.edu



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General Information

The Pre-College Academy (PCA) is a six-week college-preparatory summer program hosted by the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) at the University of California, Berkeley. For over 25 years, PCA has provided intensive academic enrichment for EAOP students from partner high schools in the Bay Area. PCA prepares students for their academic and professional future by providing them with the opportunity to share the University of California's tradition of educational excellence and diversity. PCA prepares students for academic success for the following school year, in classes that meet the University of California's and California State University's A-G subject requirements.

PCA offers students rigorous coursework, college-style expectations and an environment of challenging academic camaraderie. Students have the choice between enrolling in a theme based Writing or a Math (Geometry or Algebra II/Trig) course. All students also attend weekly activity sessions that include team building activities, college counseling and guest lectures by UC Berkeley faculty. All activities are offered on the UC Berkeley campus.



Selection Process

The PCA selection committee will screen each applicant on the basis of the completed EAOP PCA Application for 9th and 10th Grade Students using a comprehensive review process. Please read and follow the instructions carefully.

Selection will be based on an applicant's demonstrated level of scholarship in preparing for university work, as well as past participation in the EAOP program. In addition, selection will be based on evidence of outstanding personal leadership skills in your school or community as reflected in your personal statement. In some cases, EAOP Staff may employ a lottery system when selecting students.

Notification of Admission: Students who apply by the deadline will be notified of admission decisions in April.

Statement of Intent to Register: Students who are accepted to PCA will need to fill out a Statement of Intent to Register and other pertinent registration forms. Failure to return these forms on time may result in forfeiture of acceptance.



Student Expectations

Students are expected to arrive to all PCA activities promptly and regularly, to complete all assignments, and to conduct themselves according to the *EAOP Student Expectations* listed in the PCA Student Handbook which will be distributed and reviewed at the **Student and Family Orientation on June 11, 2011**. Students who do not adhere to the expected policies will be subject to dismissal at the discretion of the EAOP administration.



Attendance Requirements

Students may be dropped from PCA if they are absent more than twice from any class; two tardies are equivalent to one absence. Attendance at all PCA activities is mandatory.



Program Fees, Transportation & Food

Students do not pay PCA program fees. Students are responsible for the cost of transportation. Financial support for public transportation tickets will be available to students who qualify. Please fill out the Financial Assistance Form and turn it into your EAOP representative if you feel you may qualify for travel subsidies.

Students are expected to provide their own lunches. Every day, students will be given a lunch period during which they may eat, purchasing lunch on or around campus if necessary.



Admission Requirements

PCA can accommodate a limited number of students. The selection process is designed to select a group of highly qualified students. For acceptance, students must demonstrate academic qualifications and participation in EAOP activities during the school year.

Academic requirement: Students must have a 2.5 minimum grade point average in their college preparatory courses.



Application Deadline

To be considered for admission to PCA, completed **applications must be filled out online by March 18, 2011**. Incomplete applications and applications turned in after this date will not be accepted.



Program Schedule

During the summer, students attend PCA four days a week, Monday through Thursday. PCA hours are approximately 9:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.. However, students' schedules will vary throughout the week (final schedule will be included in acceptance materials). Participating students **MUST** attend the entire program.



2011 PCA Courses

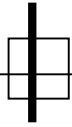
PCA's Writing and Math courses are designed to introduce students to the fundamental concepts and methods of the field, and prepare them to excel in the upcoming academic year. No class is intended to supply a semester's worth of curriculum. All classes emphasize independent critical thinking and small group and collaborative learning strategies. PCA courses do not fulfill A-G course requirements.

Mathematics Courses

PCA Math courses are designed to help students further their skills and prepare to excel in Geometry or Algebra II/Trigonometry. Students will be required to take a Math diagnostic test on **June 11, 2011**

College Writing Courses

PCA College Writing courses will help students further develop their writing skills, and to familiarize themselves with the critical reading and analysis necessary for becoming stronger writers. Courses will be theme-based with readings drawn from various academic disciplines. Students will be required to take a Writing diagnostic test on **June 11, 2011**



PCA Activities

Students will interact and build community together through weekly activities, both small and large. The smaller group activities will serve to provide extra-curricular learning experiences on topics not necessarily explored in their Writing and Math Courses, while the larger PCA-wide activities will provide a space for the whole community to come together. Large group activities in the past have included Guest Faculty Lectures, PCA Picnic Extravaganza, PCA Amazing Race, and a Talent Show.

Leadership Academy

(For Returning Students)

Returning PCA participants will automatically be enrolled in a special Leadership Learning Community, in which they will participate in a series of interactive workshops that explore such questions as:

- 1) Who is a leader? What makes someone a leader?
- 2) What are different leadership styles?
- 3) What are the ways participants have already participated as leaders?
- 4) What kinds of leadership opportunities are available in college?

Leadership Academy Participants will also have a chance to put to practice what they discuss in Leadership Academy, by assisting EAOP staff with the creation and implementation of certain PCA activities.

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