Goals

- Engage and excite students through exploration of classic texts in the humanities in order to deepen understanding of social and moral questions pertinent to modern American democracy

- Sharpen students' critical reading and writing skills to equip them for full participation in American civic life and to prepare them for success in college and future endeavors

- Involve students in college-level seminars on a university campus, increasing their confidence in their ability to undertake college work

- Affirm students' potential to effect change in the Rochester community

The University Environment

One of the great benefits of the program is that high school juniors and seniors get a glimpse of college life at the University of Rochester. The University's beautiful campus nestled between the Genesee River and Mt. Hope Cemetery is an ideal setting to introduce students to the humanities and humanistic social sciences. Participants get a taste of college life while joining in a rigorous academic seminar and meeting current faculty, staff, and students. The students explore academic and civic culture off campus, too, with field trips to museums, parks, and more.

Learn more about the University of Rochester Humanities Center at
sas.rochester.edu/humanities

Register online
**sas.rochester.edu/humanities/programs/
experiencing-civic-life1.html**

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a Rich Experience of College Life

"You'll be glad about all the things you've learned, and you'll just sit back and laugh at the great memories . . . You'll see the rewarding effect of the time you've spent there."

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FIELDTRIPS
College-level seminars
SHARPEN SKILLS

EXPERIENCING CIVIC LIFE
at the University of Rochester

June 29–July 12, 2020

An exciting, residential pre-college summer seminar offered by the University of Rochester Humanities Center allows high school students who will be juniors and seniors in the fall to

experience academic life at a world-class research university
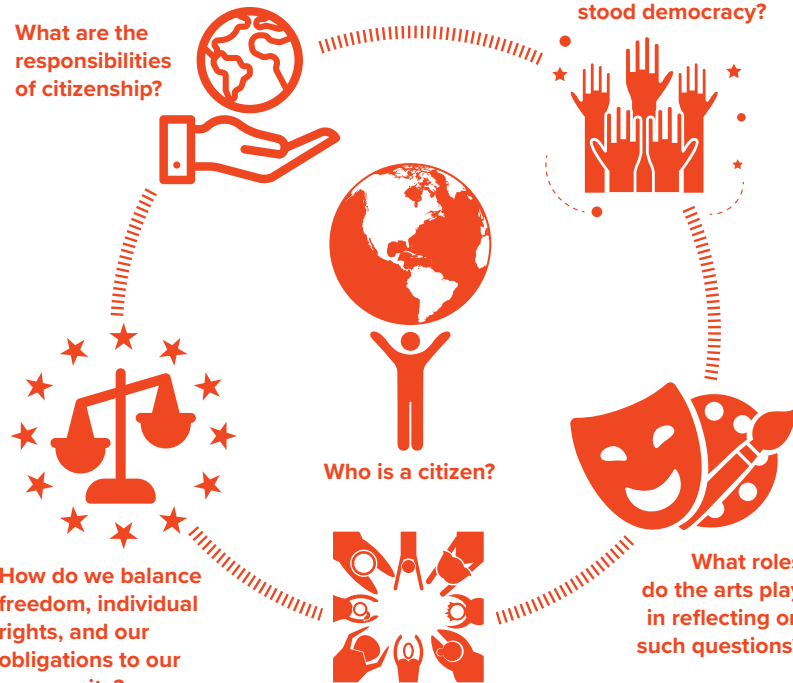
engage with the community

explore why history, philosophy, literature, and the arts are important today.

addressing the Hard Questions in the Humanities

You will discuss:

What are the responsibilities of citizenship?

How have different societies understood democracy?

Who is a citizen?

How do we balance freedom, individual rights, and our obligations to our community?

How have people lived together in diverse communities?

What roles do the arts play in reflecting on such questions?

The Program

This intensive, fully residential summer program for 10–15 students is designed to give participants a strong foundation in the liberal arts. Students will discover new abilities and strengths as they think about a future that may include college.

Experiencing Civic Life meets daily in the newly renovated University of Rochester Humanities Center. Morning discussions are combined with relevant afternoon field trips to such locations as the Ganondagan State Historic Site, a local courtroom, and the George Eastman Museum. Students live on campus for two weeks, from June 29 to July 12, offering them a rich experience of college life.

The program helps students explore classic texts in the humanities to deepen their understanding of fundamental social and moral questions pertinent to a democracy. Participants also enhance their critical reading, writing, and reasoning skills as well as their digital literacy skills at the college level—an important step toward becoming better students and better citizens. They engage with a vibrant scholarly community of University of Rochester faculty members and current undergraduate and graduate students studying the humanities.

Participants are required to attend daily classes and field trips. Reading, writing, and research are integral to the program. Integrating digital tools with the research methods of the humanities, students have the opportunity to explore a variety of technologies such as virtual reality, podcasting, and web building. Upon successful completion of Experiencing Civic Life, graduates receive a certificate and a letter of recommendation from a University of Rochester faculty member. The certificate and letter may be useful for job and college applications.

Students who attend high school in the city of Rochester are eligible to participate, but space is limited. All transportation, meals, lodging, and field trip expenses are included for students accepted into the program.