



CHICAGO

JULY 25 - AUGUST 8, 2020



WHEATON ACADEMY'S PREMIER SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Training International Students in **English Development,**
Cultural Acclimation, and **Active-Learning Travel**

W GLOBAL
A NETWORK

WHEATON ACADEMY'S SUMMER ENGLISH INSTITUTE

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS STUDYING IN AMERICA!

WHEATON ACADEMY

Wheaton Academy was founded in 1853 and continues as one of the oldest and most respected private high schools in America. Wheaton Academy is characterized by high academic standards, a mature student culture, opportunities for leadership, a beautiful 50-acre college-style campus, consistently positive parent and student feedback, and state of the art facilities.



**WHEATON ACADEMY HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
FOR 2019.**

The Blue Ribbon award is the highest honor an American school can receive. Only eight private high schools in the United States received this recognition in 2019. Honored for their important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives, Blue Ribbon Schools demonstrate what is possible when in innovative cultures of teaching and learning.



WA GLOBAL NETWORK

WA Global Network is the office of international student programs and initiatives for Wheaton Academy.

WA Global Network exists to equip schools in America to care for international students, prepare international students for success, and recruit and place students in top American middle and high schools.

WHAT IS SEI?

- SEI is **Wheaton Academy's academic and character training program** for students interested in studying abroad in middle school, high school or college.
- SEI is a unique experience **modeled after Wheaton Academy's rigorous academics** and college readiness skills.
- **Students at SEI improve in academic vocabulary** and English conversation and build their confidence in relationships with teachers and peers.
- **Students are known individually** and given advice on future study abroad options and even intended college majors.
- SEI also provides many **active learning travel experiences** visiting museums, highly selective colleges and famous sites.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Student safety at SEI is our #1 priority. SEI has a full-time nurse on site at all times and additional medical resources are within five minutes of campus. Students have easy and close access to adults for any need 24 hours a day.



10

of years SEI has
been training
students

1,100

students have
studied at SEI

20

of countries SEI
students come from

WHO ATTENDS SEI?

Any student **ages 11-18** may attend SEI. Additionally, all students entering a WA Global Network school also attend SEI and may earn a high school credit before even arriving on their school's campus.

WHERE IS SEI?

Students will fly into **Chicago** O'Hare International Airport and will be greeted by SEI staff members at the airport. Students will then ride to **Wheaton Academy** located 30 minutes west of the airport in West Chicago, IL. All classes will take place on Wheaton Academy's beautiful campus. Students will enjoy Wheaton Academy's beautiful campus, summer weather, and state-of-the-art facilities.

WHEN IS SEI?

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A STRONG HISTORY

Over the past 10 years, over 1,100 students from over 20 countries have been a part of the life-transforming, unforgettable SEI experience!

WA Global Network staff have been privileged to work with hundreds of international students who have graduated from the Summer English Institute. Many SEI graduates have gone on to return to their home country with improved English skills and a new sense of confidence. Other graduates have gone on to excel in their American high schools and universities.

Students who attend SEI leave with fond memories of being challenged to improve their English and critical thinking skills by their teachers. They leave with a better understanding of western culture. They leave with many important life skills learned and life-long relationships made.

Flying to America is an exciting opportunity for a student and their parents. **We count it both a privilege and important responsibility to treat students with the utmost care and respect while providing a top quality safe and nurturing environment.**

SEI GRADUATES HAVE GONE ON TO ATTEND...





GOALS OF SEI

- 1 English Language Improvement
- 2 Preparation for American Education
- 3 Building Character & Confidence
- 4 Leadership & Life Skills Development
- 5 Cultural Acclimation
- 6 Highly Ranked University Visits

**“MY EXPERIENCE AT SEI WAS
INTERESTING, EXCITING,
MEANINGFUL, & MEMORABLE.”**

— SEI STUDENT '19



SEI STAFF

Each year, a team of outstanding teachers and staff are recruited from around the United States from top private high schools and universities to educate students at SEI

The teachers and staff at the Summer English Institute are recruited from throughout the United States. They include university students, certified and experienced high school teachers at some of the top private high schools in the country, businessmen, businesswomen, and university professors. All employees are carefully screened and interviewed by WA Global Network to ensure only the most qualified and trustworthy people are working with SEI students.

SEI is proud to have many returning employees each year, providing incredibly valuable continuity from year to year. Our staff truly cares about each and every student and loves getting to know students and challenging them to improve. Every employee is not only equipped with the experience and training for their role, but are also a role model for students to immitate.

The SEI leadership and staff is committed to making SEI one of the most memorable and valuable months of our students' lives each summer.

**“I HAD SO MUCH FUN AT SEI!
THE TEACHERS TAUGHT IN A
WAY THAT MADE IT FUN TO
LEARN AND I MADE A LOT OF
NEW FRIENDS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD.”**

- SEI STUDENT '19





LIFE AT SEI

SUPERVISION

- Our 2019 staff to student ratio was 1 to 3
- Personal attention and coaching by native speakers
- Our staff will model positive life patterns for students

HOUSING

All students stay in modern air-conditioned host homes near Wheaton Academy. All host families have been recruited, approved, trained, and supervised by Wheaton Academy. Students will be closely supervised and parented by Wheaton Academy host families during the entire class portion of the program.

FOOD

Students will eat breakfast daily in the host home and will enjoy a variety of catered food for lunch and dinner on Wheaton Academy's campus. Wheaton Academy offers spacious dining areas and meals include fresh vegetables and fruit, traditional American food, and Asian-themed dishes.



INSURANCE COVERAGE

Comprehensive medical and travel insurance is included in the price of attending SEI. In the unlikely event a student becomes ill or is injured, the insurance policy covers medical for illnesses or injuries which occur while the student is at SEI. The insurance policy does not cover pre-existing conditions, dental care, or psychological care. Complete policy coverage details are available at waglobalnetwork.org/sei/insurance.

FAMILY COLOR

In addition to the supervision by SEI teachers and staff, each student is part of an SEI Family color group. Each family is known by its family color which leads to family identity and pride. Families have friendly but intense competitions all throughout SEI. Students may choose their Family identify preference in April.

AWARDS

SEI presents weekly awards to students for their outstanding performance and character, including: Shakespeare Writing Award, Churchill Leadership Award, Aristotle Thinking Award, Carnegie Improvement Award, Jeremy Lin Activity Award, Amelia Earhart Risk Award, Student of the Week, and more. Students are rewarded for strong efforts and achievements.

★ ADVISORY GROUPS | NEW THIS YEAR ★

Modeled after Wheaton Academy's Advisory Program, **SEI advisory groups are faculty/staff-led small groups of students committed to providing individual support and guidance in the areas of academics, future goal-setting, college planning, school culture, and leadership.** Groups meet daily and offer students the opportunity to grow and develop relationships with their peers as well as their advisor. Through this guidance and support, students learn to achieve excellence as well as find places to serve and discover their gifts. Everything from the responsible use of social media to our college-ready character traits of perseverance, social intelligence, self-control, gratitude, passion, and hope is covered by our Advisory Curriculum.



SEI CURRICULUM

PLACEMENT INTO CLASSES

Students are placed into classes based on the following available criteria:

- WA Global Network's assessment, a consultation conducted via Skype or Wechat to determine
 - student's English and academic skills
 - student interests and intended college major
- Group interview assessment at an SEI meeting in the student's home country
- An itep or TOEFL score when available
- Years of English study

SPECIALIZATION BY AGE AND ENGLISH LEVEL

SEI students are separated into middle school and high school groups, and further separated by English level ability.

INTEREST-BASED LEARNING

Because all students learn better when studying something they are interested in, many of our SEI classes and experiences give choices to students.

TYPES OF CLASSES

SEI includes both **English Core** and **English Elective classes**. Core English classes include focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Elective English classes continue to work on improving English skills while focusing on a wide range of topics.

CLUB ACTIVITY OPTIONS INCLUDE...



ROBOTICS



MOVIE
TRAILERS



GRILLING



COOKING



BOARD
GAMES



CALLIGRAPHY

CLASS OPTIONS:

CORE ENGLISH

HISTORY

American History
Eagle and Dragon
Heroes and Villains

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Anatomy
Building Blocks of Engineering
Advanced Engineering
Physics in Practice
Medical Chemistry

TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS AND MATH

Programming
Spatial Math
Robotics
Advanced Robotics
Mathematics in Business

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Psychology
Leadership
Communication
Introduction to Health and Fitness

ARTS

Journalism and Graphic Design
Improv and Drama
Illustration and Architecture
Photography

ACT/SAT/TOEFL Prep Classes





SEI DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00-7:50	Breakfast in Host Homes
8:00-10:50	Periods 1-3
11:00-11:50	Lunch
12:00-12:30	Advisory Groups
12:40-15:20	Periods 4-6
15:30-16:30	Clubs
16:30-17:00	Flex Time
17:00-18:00	Dinner
18:00-18:45	Community Time
19:00-21:00	Evening Activity Options & Technology Time
21:00	Return to Host Home, Technology off and away
22:00	In Rooms
22:30	Lights Out

OFF-CAMPUS OUTINGS & FIELD LEARNING

SEI provides exciting group outings for students to pick from including museums, shopping trips, famous landmarks, star gazing, trips to the beach, and more.

EVENINGS

Students may use their evening activity time to participate in special evening activities led by counselors, exercise or play games, contact parents, get extra rest, or spend time socializing with friends.

PHONE & TECHNOLOGY USE

SEI helps students learn and practice wise habits in their use of technology. In order to focus on learning, students leave their cell phones, tablet, and computers off during the day. Students are given specific time in the evening to contact their parents, then turn in their phones and all technology to their host parent for safe keeping and charging overnight.

BUILD YOUR PERSONALIZED SCHEDULE

English Level Placement and Class Selection: Each student is placed in one of four levels (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, School Preparation Track) within their age category (Middle School or High School). Students will be able to choose their classes and club preferences.

PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	ADVISORY	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 6	CLUB ACTIVITY
Core English Class Basic Intermediate Advanced School Preparation Track		Elective You Choose!	Small Group Life Skills Instruction	Elective You Choose!	Elective You Choose!	Elective You Choose!	You Choose each week!

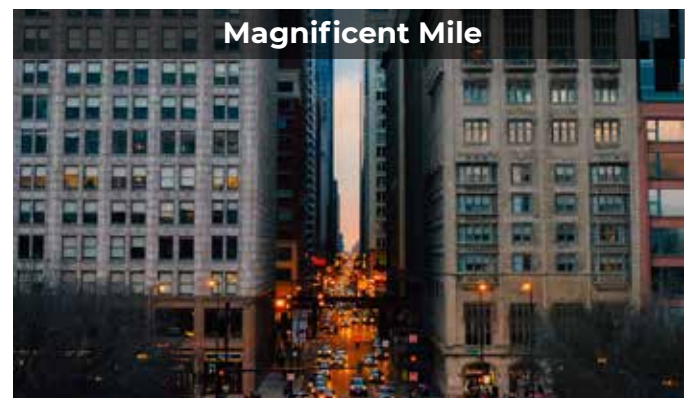
CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Fly to Chicago Be picked up by SEI staff at the airport
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1
Recovery and Orientation	Classes and Clubs Begin	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs	Field Learning Day: Northwestern University, Millennium Park, Magnificent Mile and Navy Pier
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Afternoon activity: Pick 1 of 3 options	Field trip to University of Chicago and Museum of Science and Industry	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs	Classes and Clubs End Graduation Ceremony	Fly Home or to School



ACTIVE LEARNING TRAVEL IN CHICAGO

One of the best ways to learn and become a more well-rounded individual is to travel to new places. In addition to innovative and engaging classroom learning at SEI, students continue their learning, cultural acclimation, and English practice by visiting Chicago's universities and attractions. With each day of Active Learning Travel at SEI students receive information on what students will explore in the morning, then head out to learn and explore under the guidance of the American staff. Students complete their SEI Active Learning Travel Guide throughout the trip!



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

MENTORING PROGRAM

If your student could benefit from additional personal instruction in a key area, consider the SEI 1-to-1 Mentor Program. Students are provided individual mentoring throughout SEI by our outstanding staff that can be life changing.

SAMPLE 1-TO-1 MENTOR PROGRAMS

- **College Guidance:** teaches the students how to develop a personal “marketing plan” to give them a great opportunity at outstanding American universities.
- **Health, Nutrition & Fitness:** teaches the student the life time habits of a physically fit and healthy person.
- **Confidence and Communication:** teaches the shy and timid student how to grow their confidence, become a self-advocate and effectively communicate in all situations.
- **Leadership:** teaches the student with leadership inclinations to convert their potential into reality even as a teenager.
- **Social Skills:** teaches the student who might find it difficult to make or keep friends how to establish and maintain meaningful friendships.
- **Technology Use:** teaches the student who might have challenges to make good time and content decisions with the use of technology how to get this potentially addictive area of their life under control.
- **What am I good at:** teaches the student who is searching for what they are good at to identify internal tendencies and innate strengths that will logically translate to career paths.
- **You name it:** if you have a specific concern about your student or identify a weakness, let us help. We can craft an individual mentoring program to address any area that might be holding your student back.

Registration: When completing your SEI application, select the 1-to-1 Mentor Program and specify your area of interest.

Cost: \$800 USD [Limited Spots Available]



VIP PHOTO-A-DAY SERVICE

Receive a personalized, professional picture of your student each day by WeChat and email. While all parents receive daily updates with 20-30 pictures per day, the VIP Photo-a-Day service guarantees you'll receive a picture of your son or daughter. Experience SEI along with your student with a personalized message to you each day with a new picture of your child!

Cost: \$500 USD [Limited Spots Available]

BUILD YOUR SEI EXPERIENCE!

1 APPLY ONLINE

at waglobalnetwork.org

2 CHOOSE YOUR ADDITIONAL SERVICES (OPTIONAL)

- ☐ **Mentoring Program** (\$800 USD)
Limited spots available
- ☐ **VIP Photo-a-Day Service** (\$500 USD)
Limited spots available

3 CHOOSE YOUR FAMILY COLOR (AFTER APRIL 30)

RED



GREEN



BLUE



YELLOW



4 CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES (AFTER APRIL 30)



APPLY ONLINE
FROM YOUR PHONE!



WECHAT
ACCOUNT

TRAVEL TO AMERICA

BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS

Students must **arrive in Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) between 6:00a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25**. The student's family is responsible for all international flights.

Students returning to their home country after SEI must schedule flights to depart from Chicago O'Hare on Saturday, August 8 between 6:00am and 7:00pm.

ADULT CHAPERONES

Students may fly with an adult chaperone and a group of other students from select cities. Specific cities and flight information is available upon request from WA Global Network. Get connected to a trusted adult and other students to make sure the trip from China to America is stress-free. Families are still responsible for purchasing their flights individually.



Learn more and apply online at
waglobalnetwork.org



PRICING & DATES*

SEI Classes and Active Learning Opportunities

July 25 - August 8, 2020

Payment must be received within these times frames to receive the following prices:

2/20-4/15: \$4,200 [regular price]
4/16-5/31: \$4,500 [late price]

**Cost not including international flight and visa*

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SEI

Register for SEI 2020 by following these simple steps!

1. Submit an Application online at waglobalnetwork.org

A hard copy of the application is available upon request

2. Submit Supporting Documents

Passport copy & current picture of student

3. Sign Enrollment Contract & Make Full Payment

Sign contract and make payment (bank wire or credit card) within 10 days

4. Video interview for English assessment & class selection

A 10-minute video or in-person interview

5. Schedule Visa Appointment

Obtain your B-2 Visitor Visa

6. Send Immunization Records

You must send your immunization records no later than May 31.

7. Buy Flights and Submit Travel Information

Purchase flights between April 16 and May 31, 2020

SEI ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Ages: 11-18

Admission Requirements:

- Studied English for a minimum of 3 years
- Supportive parents & obedient, respectful student
- Online application at waglobalnetwork.org
- Video or in-person interview

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