

Leadership and Career Academy Orlando

July 5 – 17, 2027 • University of Central Florida • Ages 14-18 • Residential \$5,950 • Day Camp \$4,550

- Discover your strengths
- Explore future pathways
- Develop leadership in action through case studies and immersive Disney workshops.

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Program Background

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Why Orlando?

Leadership & Career Exploration through University Learning and Disney Experiences



University Immersion

Experience student life at the University of Central Florida (UCF) while learning in a dynamic and welcoming university environment.

- ✓ On-campus residence halls
- ✓ University dining facilities



Leadership & Career Exploration

Explore potential majors and career paths while developing practical skills in leadership, communication and teamwork.

- ✓ University faculty-led major seminars
- ✓ Leadership development workshops



Disney Imagination Campus

Discover how leadership and teamwork are applied inside Disney parks through two facilitator-led educational workshops.

- ✓ Leadership the Disney Way – EPCOT
- ✓ Teamwork Program – Disney's Hollywood Studios



Orlando: Innovation & Experience

Explore a destination shaped by hospitality, technology, entertainment and creative industries—and connect classroom learning with real-world applications.

- ✓ Career and industry visits
- ✓ Cultural and recreational experiences

Explore Your Future. Learn to Lead.

Discover Majors and Career Paths

Explore academic disciplines and future careers through university-led seminars, interactive workshops and real-world industry experiences.

Still deciding what to study in the future?

That's exactly what this program is designed for. Students examine different fields, connect their interests and strengths with potential pathways, and gain insight to support future academic and career decisions.

Leadership at Every Level

- Lead Myself: Build self-awareness, confidence and a stronger understanding of your personal leadership style.
- Lead Others: Strengthen communication, teamwork and problem-solving through collaborative challenges.
- Lead the Community: Examine ethics, global citizenship and leadership in the age of AI—and consider how leadership decisions affect organizations and society.

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Discover where you want to go—
and develop the leadership skills
to help you get there.”

Program Philosophy

Three Modules for Structured Academic Preparation

From self-awareness → leading others → understanding impact

1 Lead Myself

Self-Awareness, Strengths & Growth

- > Develop a personal definition of leadership
- > Explore emotional intelligence and self-awareness
- > Identify strengths, leadership instincts and growth areas
- > Consider the leader you want to become

Goal: Begin building an individual Personal Leadership Plan.

2 Lead Others

Communication, Influence & Teamwork

- > Practice active listening and effective communication
- > Explore influence without formal authority
- > Build psychological safety and lead team conversations
- > Apply decision-making frameworks under uncertainty

Goal: Develop the skills to communicate, influence and lead a team.

3 Lead the Community

Ethics, AI & Global Citizenship

- > Examine ethics and leadership responsibility
- > Discuss leadership in the age of AI
- > Connect leadership goals with global citizenship
- > Complete a team Leadership Case Study Capstone

Goal: Apply leadership frameworks to a real situation and defend an evidence-based position.

 **Structured Leadership Journey: Self → Others → Community and Systems**

Beyond the Classroom



University Immersive Life

-  **Campus Experience:** Live and learn in a university environment while experiencing student life at UCF.
-  **Safety:** Students live and study on the UCF campus with 24/7 program supervision.

Experience authentic U.S. university campus life



Orlando City Exploration

-  **Disney Park Excursion:** Enjoy time exploring Disney theme parks.
-  **Local Life:** Discover Orlando through cultural, recreational and group activities.

Experience Orlando's energy and world-famous attractions.



Global Leadership Community

-  **Multicultural Collaboration:** Learn and complete challenges with students from different cultures and backgrounds.
-  **Lead Others:** Practice communication, teamwork and respect for different perspectives.

Grow as a leader in an international community.

What Students Take Home

Tangible Outcomes



Personal Leadership Plan

A reflection on personal strengths, career interests and future goals.



Leadership Case Study Capstone

Research a real leadership situation, apply course frameworks, and defend a team position through a final presentation and one-page brief.



Certificate of Completion + Comprehensive Evaluation

Includes personalized academic feedback.

Intangible Growth

1

Greater Self-Awareness

Understand personal strengths, leadership instincts and areas for growth.

2

Stronger Leadership and Reasoning Skills

Develop communication, teamwork, decision-making and evidence-based reasoning.

3

Confidence Expressing and Defending Ideas

Learn to take a position, respond to questions and revise ideas when presented with new evidence.



Practical plan + stronger leadership skills + clearer personal direction



Who This Program Is For

Designed for students ages 14–18 in Grades 8–12 or international equivalent.



Grades 9–10: Explore Possibilities

Students beginning to explore their interests, university majors and potential careers.

- ✓ Experience different academic fields
- ✓ Connect interests with possible career paths
- ✓ Gain early exposure to university learning



Grades 11–12: Clarify Next Steps

Students preparing to make more focused academic and university decisions.

- ✓ Evaluate majors and career options
- ✓ Strengthen university and career readiness
- ✓ Build confidence in future decisions



All Grade Levels: Grow as a Leader

Students who want to develop leadership skills through collaborative and international experiences.

- ✓ Lead themselves with greater self-awareness
- ✓ Communicate and collaborate with others
- ✓ Develop a global perspective and sense of purpose

Program Details

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Sample Timetable

ACADEMIC	CAMPUS VISIT	ACTIVITY	ROUTINE	MILESTONE
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TIME	MONDAY July 5	TUESDAY July 6	WEDNESDAY July 7	THURSDAY July 8	FRIDAY July 9	SATURDAY July 10	SUNDAY July 11
8:30–9:30		Breakfast	Breakfast Travel to Disney EPCOT	Breakfast	8:45 Breakfast	8:45 Breakfast	9:00 Brunch
9:30–12:00	Cohort arrival Check-in • Site tour	UCF campus tour	Leadership the Disney Way	UCF Arboretum walk	UCF Lab Visit	Kennedy Space Center Exploration	Sports Fest
12:00–1:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch and Relax
1:00–3:00		Leadership Seminars	EPCOT park experience	Career Exploration Seminar	Leadership Seminars	Kennedy Space Center Exploration	Disney Springs Shopping
3:00–5:30	Orientation & icebreaker	Team Building Activities		Career reflection and team challenge	Leadership Case Studies	Beach Relaxation	
5:30–7:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	18:00 Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7:00+	Grocery shopping	Social	Social	Social	19:15 Social	Free time	Free time

*Our goal is to provide the best possible experience. Activities and excursions may be adjusted due to weather, availability, or other unforeseen circumstances to ensure safety and quality.

Sample Timetable

ACADEMIC	CAMPUS VISIT	ACTIVITY	ROUTINE	MILESTONE
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TIME	MONDAY July 12	TUESDAY July 13	WEDNESDAY July 14	THURSDAY July 15	FRIDAY July 16	SATURDAY July 17
8:30–9:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast Travel to Disney	Breakfast	8:45 Breakfast	8:45 Breakfast
9:30–12:00	Leadership Seminar	UCF Scavenger hunt	Teamwork the Disney Way (Hollywood Studios)	Leadership Seminar	Personal Leadership Plan Sharing	11:30 Departure
12:00–1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00–3:00	Career Exploration Seminar	Career Exploration Seminar	Hollywood Studios experience	Career Exploration Seminar	Leadership Project Final presentation	
3:00–5:30	Project Discussion	Leadership Seminar		Project Preparation	Graduation	
5:30–7:00	Dinner	Dinner	18:00 Dinner	18:00 Dinner	18:00 Dinner	
7:00+	Social	Social	Social	Talent show practice	19:15 Talent show	

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Academic Content – Leadership Seminars

Lead Myself

- Leadership identity
- Emotional intelligence
- Strengths and growth mindset
- The leader I want to become

Lead the Community

- Ethics and leadership responsibility
- Leadership in the age of AI
- Global citizenship
- Applying leadership to real situations

Lead Others

- Communication and active listening
- Influence without authority
- Building psychologically safe teams
- Decision-making under uncertainty

Leadership in Practice

- Disney Imagination Campus
 - Leadership the Disney Way at EPCOT
 - Teamwork Program at Disney's Hollywood Studios

Final outcomes

- Personal Leadership Plan
- Team Leadership Case Study
- Final presentation and position brief

Academic Content – Career Exploration Seminars

Introduce students to majors, university learning and related career paths



Business and Entrepreneurship

Barry S. Miller College of Business

Explore majors and careers in areas such as business, finance, marketing, management and entrepreneurship.



Hospitality, Events and Entertainment

Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Learn about careers connected to hospitality, tourism, theme parks, events and entertainment management.



Health Sciences and Helping Professions

College of Health Professions and Sciences

Explore academic pathways related to health sciences, human performance, communication disorders and social work.



Engineering, Computer Science and AI

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Explore engineering and technology pathways through a college information session and visits to selected laboratories.

What Students Learn in Each Session

- Majors and academic pathways offered by the college
- What students study and how they learn
- Careers connected to each field
- Skills and personal interests that fit the field
- Questions to ask when comparing university majors

*Participating UCF colleges, speakers, laboratory visits and session topics are subject to final availability and confirmation.

Cultural Immersions and Social Life



Kennedy Space Center



Beach Relaxation



UCF Arboretum



Talent Show



Shopping



Design your T-shirt

Price and Registration

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Price Includes

Program Tuition

Lectures, Seminars, Disney Workshops, Case studies etc.

Student Services

Visa support (letters and 1 mock interview session), program supervision, airport transfers on scheduled dates between 8 am and 5 pm, program transportations, health insurance.

Program Activities

Museum and theme park tickets, campus visits, social events etc.



Residential: **\$5,950**
Day Camp: **\$4,550**

Room and Board:

Meals:

- Three meals per day at the dining hall and catering in the dorm.
- All standard religious and medical dietary requests will be accommodated
- Nearby cafes, restaurants, and shops

UCF Residence Hall:

- Double occupancy
- Close proximity to classes
- Air conditioning
- Internet
- Washer and dryer
- Linen

Registration Requirements

Criteria	Orlando Program
Age Requirement	14–18 years old
Degree Level	Enrolled in high school or recently graduated from high school
English Proficiency	(Recommended) IELTS: 5.5; TOEFL iBT: 3.5 on the new 1–6 scale (or 51 on the previous 0–120 scale); PTE Academic: 39; Duolingo: 95; iTEP Academic: 3.5; Cambridge English: B2 with a Cambridge English Scale score of 162; or equivalent. [Waivers are available]
Visa Requirement	B1/B2 Tourist Visa / ESTA

*Application Deadline: April 30

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What kind of students is this program for?

A: Students aged **14–18**

- Students interested in exploring potential college majors and career paths
- Students who want early exposure to U.S. universities and academic environments
- Students looking to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- Students seeking international experience and personal growth

Q2: What if my English is not strong enough?

A: **IELTS 5.5 or equivalent** is recommended. Students who do not meet this requirement may apply for an **English interview assessment**.

Q3: Can 13- or 19-year-old students participate?

A: Yes. **13- or 19-year-old students may be admitted on a case-by-case basis.**

Q4: Can parents accompany students?

A: Yes. Two options are available:

- **Residential Option:** Stay in **UCF dormitories** with 24/7 supervision
- **Day Option:** Students attend daily classes and return home or to parents afterward

Q5: How do I apply for a visa?

A: Students should apply for a **B1/B2 tourist visa**. Our team provides **visa guidance and preparation support**.

Q6: How is student safety ensured?

A: The program takes place on the **UCF campus** with **24/7 supervision** from dorm staff and program teachers. **Insurance coverage** is included.

Q7: What are the accommodation conditions?

A: Students stay in **UCF residence halls** with air conditioning, internet, laundry facilities, and provided bedding.

Q8: How are meals arranged?

A: The program provides **three meals per day**, accommodating common **religious and medical dietary needs**.

Q9: What will I receive after completing the program?

A:

- Certificate of Completion recognizing successful completion of the program
- Personal Leadership Plan developed during the program
- Opportunity to receive a faculty recommendation letter (for outstanding participants)
- Personalized program feedback with insights on academic interests and future development

Q10: Can I meet students from other countries?

A: Yes. Students from **multiple countries** participate, providing opportunities to **build international friendships and connections**.



Sign your students up today for a life-changing summer experience!

Have a question?

Please let us know!