Get a head start on college and set yourself up for success. Our summer programs for incoming freshmen will provide you with the opportunities to meet other students, gain leadership skills, and familiarize yourself with Ball State University—all before your first day of classes. Challenge yourself, make friends, and have fun as you prepare for your first year on campus.

To register or get more information about our programs, visit bsu.edu/summerprograms or contact Ball State’s Office of Student Life at summerprog@bsu.edu or 765-285-2621.

Register today!

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Cardinal Leadership and Service Seminar (C.L.A.S.S.)

Move in to campus a few days early and gain valuable leadership skills. During this three-day program, you will reflect on your expectations of college, meet fellow freshmen, and learn about the campus and the resources it has to offer. Your upper class mentors will point you in the right direction as you sharpen your leadership style and get connected to involvement opportunities on campus.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, C.L.A.S.S. is a Ball State tradition that has helped thousands of new students ease into college life. Past participants have gone on to serve in a wide variety of prominent campus leadership roles.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and event activities)

Program Dates: August 13–15

Itinerary

August 13
Morning—Check-in, move in to your residence hall
Afternoon—Welcome! Meet your small cluster group and mentors, Leadership Challenge Course
Evening—Leadership and You, movie and game night

August 14
Morning—Exploring Purpose and Passion, small cluster group time
Afternoon—Seek and Find interactive team challenge, small cluster group time
Evening—Culture Shock diversity hypnotist, group activities, cosmic bowling

August 15
Morning—Pick Your Passion: Active Citizenship and Service
Afternoon—Leadership keynote
Evening—Cookout, social and recreational activities
White Water Expedition

Join Outdoor Pursuits on this West Virginia outdoor adventure, designed for beginners with an adventurous spirit. Spend three nights camping, making lifelong friends, and preparing meals around a campfire. Activities include a mud obstacle course, day hiking (no previous hiking experience needed), and swimming, sliding, and jumping at the spring-fed mountain lake water park. The lake offers something for every adventure level including 40-foot waterslides, water trampolines, and a zipline. You’ll also enjoy a full day rafting on the Lower New River through the 1,000-foot deep gorge lined with jaw dropping views of the West Virginia mountains (intermediate rafting skills). Don’t miss out!

Program Fee: $350 (includes travel, activities, meals on site, and camping)

Program Dates: July 10–13

Itinerary

July 10
Morning—Travel to ACE Adventure Center
Afternoon—Set up campsite
Evening—Introduction to trip and activities

July 11
Morning—Hiking
Afternoon—Mud obstacle course
Evening—Campfire and activities

July 12
All-Day—Lower New River rafting
Evening—Campfire and activities

July 13
Travel back to Ball State
Career Connections: A Helpful Foundation

Explore your interests, define your path, meet employers and successful alumni, and most important, gain a competitive edge. Studies have shown that students coming into college with a defined plan for their majors, internships, and career opportunities are more likely to graduate in four years than their peers. During the Career Connections three-day program, career professionals and student leaders will help you create an action plan for success that will carry you through graduation and into the world of work. You will also meet fellow freshmen, learn about campus resources and opportunities, and meet with industry leaders and professionals.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and activities)

Program Dates: August 13–15

Itinerary

August 13
Morning—Move in to residence hall
Afternoon—Welcome Session–Getting to Know Each Other
Evening—Exploring Yourself to Find a Career Fit, movie and game night

August 14
Morning—Day 1 debrief and Exploring Yourself activity
Afternoon—Etiquette Lunch and networking, Leadership opportunities
Evening—Your Professional Social Network and campus speaker

August 15
Morning—Visit the Career Center
Afternoon—Employer site visit in Indianapolis
Evening—Return to campus, cookout, and recreational activities
EXCEL Summer Mentor Program

Geared toward first-year students of color and first-generation college students, EXCEL features workshops to expose students to common aspects of college life. You will learn techniques to help you focus on academic and social development and make new friends. Participants will be paired with a mentor who will guide mentees through the social and academic aspects of Ball State.

The EXCEL program ends in time to allow students to participate in an additional summer bridge program that will further enhance this pre-college experience.

**Program Fee:** $65 (includes meals, lodging, and activities)

**Program Dates:** August 9–12

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**Itinerary**

**August 9**
- Morning and Afternoon—Move in to residence hall
- **Evening**—Welcome and social activities

**August 10**
- Morning and Afternoon—Opening sessions and college transition workshops
- **Evening**—Social activities

**August 11**
- **Morning**—Community service project
- **Afternoon**—College transition workshops
- **Evening**—Social activities

**August 12**
- **Morning**—Workshop session
- **Afternoon**—Activity and closing reception
Smoky Mountains National Park and Rafting

Your adventure will begin with a meet and greet at the Outdoor Pursuits climbing wall. You will enjoy climbing, group activities, and a pizza party. You will also have the opportunity to stay in a Ball State residence hall to get the full college experience. The following morning, you will head to North Carolina and spend three nights camping in the Smoky Mountains, preparing meals around a campfire, and exploring the natural wonders of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and its surrounding areas. You will have the option to either day hike a short portion of the Appalachian Trail to Charlies Bunion, where you will experience panoramic views of the North Carolina Smokies, or visit Clingmans Dome, the highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The week will conclude with an introductory white water rafting trip down one of the America’s most popular white water runs on the Nantahala River.

Program Fee: $275 (includes travel, activities, meals on site, and lodging)

Program Dates: July 24–28

Itinerary

July 24
Afternoon—Pizza and trip orientation on campus
Evening—Climbing wall social and games at the Rec Center

July 25
Morning—Travel to Nantahala Outdoor Center, North Carolina
Afternoon—Stop for lunch, arrive and set up campsite
Evening—Campfire and activities

July 26
Morning—Group hike in Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Afternoon—Explore the park
Evening—Campfire and activities

July 27
Morning—Local hike on the Appalachian Trail
Afternoon—Nantahala white water rafting
Evening—Campfire and activities

July 28
Travel Back to Ball State
EARLY START

Experience a college course with Early Start, the only Summer Bridge program that offers academic credit. With no more than 20 students per class, these three-day, one credit hour courses are designed to enable you to make friends and interact with some of Ball State’s favorite professors as you explore various topics. Choose from the seminar options listed below.

Program Fee: $135 (includes meals, lodging, and activities)

Program Dates: August 13–16

Early Start Seminars

• Becoming a Master Student: Topics include: time management skills, dealing with stress, becoming an “active” reader, living a healthy lifestyle, writing and note-taking skills, dealing with test anxiety, and developing critical thinking strategies.

• Bridge the GAPS: Group Activities to Promote Success: This discussion-based workshop focuses on making a smooth transition from high school to college. We will learn about academic success strategies, different resources on campus, and become familiar with the layout of campus through collaborative group activities.

• Clueless? A Workshop for Students Looking for a Major: This interactive workshop will lead students through a variety of assessments and strategies to begin the academic major decision making process and support success in other areas of academic life.

• College Prep 101: How to Plan and Prepare for the First Year: Let an expert address your college myths, answer all of your questions, and welcome you to the world of Ball State University.

• Criminal Justice in the News: Every day our news feeds are filled with tales of crime and justice. In this workshop, students will examine and discuss current hot topics in the field of criminal justice.

• Elemental: A Sexual Assault Protection Program: Learn how to recognize sexual threats early, give and get consent, communicate with partners about sex, and use a variety of self-protection techniques.

• Fun and Creativity with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign: In this fun, hands-on workshop, students will have the opportunity to create designs using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and related technologies such as digital cameras.

• POWER into Math: This is designed for students whose placement test scores are close to the cutoff for a particular math course or who just want to develop college-level math skills. Adaptive technology will be used to allow students to work individually to fill in the gaps in their math skill set. Instructors will provide guidance with study skill techniques.
• **Television News:** Get a glimpse of the business of television news from a TV news veteran. Students will have the opportunity to visit a working professional TV newsroom, create a news story, and develop a mini-newscast.

• **The United States of Spanish:** Explore how the U.S. has become one of the largest Spanish-speaking countries in the world. Learn to critically evaluate and contribute to the discussion of Latinx in the media, and develop investigative and analytical skills through our exploration of news articles, census data, interviews, and television shows.

• **What Do You See? An Introduction to the Elements of Visual Design:** Explore the basic elements of visual design in advertising, entertainment, and architecture, and how design can influence our thoughts and feelings towards a certain topic.

**Itinerary**

**August 13**
- **Morning**—Check in to Early Start and move in to residence hall
- **Afternoon**—Welcome session
- **Evening**—Social activities, movie and game night

**August 14 and 15**
- **Morning**—Class sessions, workshops
- **Afternoon**—Tours and activities
- **Evening**—Social activities and recreation

**August 16**
- **Morning**—Class sessions, workshops
- **Afternoon**—Tours and activities
Frequently Asked Questions

How can I learn more about these programs?

During your two day summer orientation, there is a presentation focused specifically on these experiences. We will provide more in-depth information about general outcomes of participation and specifics about each of the programs. You can also go to bsu.edu/summerprograms.

Do any of these provide academic credit?

The Early Start seminars each offer one unit of academic credit. Early Start is the only Summer Bridge program that offers academic credit.

Can I participate in more than one program?

Yes, you can! The two Outdoor Pursuit programs and EXCEL occur prior to C.L.A.S.S., Career Connections, and Early Start. We encourage you to look at dates in this brochure to ensure you are signing up for programs that do not overlap.

Where will I stay during the program?

If you are attending any program other than one of the Outdoor Pursuit programs, you will be able to move into your permanent, first year residence hall. If you are a commuter student, you will commute from home just as you will during the school year.

How do I register for one of these programs?

To sign up, simply complete the registration form at bsu.edu/summerprograms and either pay online or contact the Office of Student Life (765-285-2621) about other payment options. You will receive additional information once your registration and payment have been received.

How much does it cost?

The cost ranges from $65–$350. The cost includes lodging, meals, and activities.

Ball State University practices equal opportunity in education and employment and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

Ball State wants its programs and services to be accessible to all people. For information about access and accommodations, please call the Office of Disability Services at 765-285-5293 (TTY users only 765-285-2206) or visit bsu.edu/disabilityservices.

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AD Administration Building, Frank A. Bracken
   Office of the President, Administration, Accounting, Human Resources, Information Technology, Planning, and Budgets
AL Alumni Center
AT Applied Technology Building
AB Architecture Building
AJ Art and Journalism Building
AC Arts and Communications Building
BD Ball Communication Building
PR Bracken House
BB Burnett Building
BJ Burns School/Indiana Academy
BW Business Building, Whitinger
CT CAP Design Build Lab
CA Carmichael Hall
CC Central Dining Plant
CL Cooper Life
CN Cooper Nursing
CP Cooper Physical Science
CS Child Study Center
CK Child Study Center Infant/Toddler Lab
EF Enlace Energy Station North
AI Alf Emens Auditorium
F5 Facilities Planning and Management Building, Showalter
AR Fine Arts Building and David Owsley Museum of Art
GL Glick Center for Glass, Marilyn K.
Graduate School: see West Quadrangle Building
GH Greenhouse, Dr. Joe and Alice Rinnard Orchard
GH Greenhouse
GH Greenhouse, Juneau/Meichi Media Building
NG Grounds Building (North)
SG Grounds Building (South)
HP Health and Physical Activity Building
HC Health Center, Amelia T. Wood
BH Heat Plant
BA Honors House, Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball
IU Human Performance Lab, see Health and Physical Activity Building
AY Indiana Academy House
KC Kislomis Center
LB Lettermen Communication and Media Building
BL Library, Bracken
LU Luina Hall and Ball Welcome Center (Admissions, Bureau, Career Center, Counseling Center, Registration, and Scholarships)
NF North Quadrangle Building
ON Online and Distance Education, Division of, see Lettermen Communication and Media Building
PE Peace and Conflict Studies, Center for
MB Maria Bringham Hall
MT Medical Education Building, E/F/P.
MC Miller College of Business, see Business Building, Whitinger
MA Multicultural Center
MH Museum of Art, David Owsley, see Fine Arts Building
MM Music Building
ML Music Instruction Building and Sursa Performance Hall
NG North Quadrangle Building
SM Online and Distance Education, Division of, see Lettermen Communication and Media Building
SC Student Center, L.A. Pittenger
SS South Service/Chris Woods Office
SH Sponsored Programs and Contracts and Grants
SMU Student Media Union
ST South Quadrangle Building
SS South Service/Chris Woods Office
TH University Theatre
BH Ball Center for Creative Inquiry, see Kislomis Center
UC University College
VE Welcome Center, see Luina Hall
WG West Quadrangle Building

HOUSING AND DINING
AN Anthropy Apartments
DH Derflin Complex
Dining Services Office, see Carmichael Hall
EL Ellott Hall
EW Ellot/Wagner Dining
EH Enlace Housing and Residence Life office, see La Follette Complex
IA La Follette Complex
IB La Follette Complex, Housing and Residence Life, Main office, Braylon/Cleverge, Knotts/Edwards, Mysch/Hunt, Woody/Shively, and Shively hall
IK Kington Hall
KP Kipps Hall
LA La Follette Complex
LC La Follette Complex
ND New Complex, Howd/Wilkins and Baker/Kipps halls
PP Park Hall
SR Schneider Apartments
SE Student Life, see Carmichael Hall
SW StudentLife West Complex

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