



- 4 hours of college credit
- Field trips to historic places, museums, and archaeology sites
- Small 10-person discussion seminars
- Electronic journals in which students synthesize, analyze, and evaluate nightly readings with field trips and discussions
- Strengthening of reading, writing and analytical skills
- Intellectual stimulation
- Participation in an archaeology dig
- Guest speakers: experts in History, Archaeology, and Museum Education
- Character interpreters from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Optional Music instruction in colonial and early nineteenth century music
- Rigorous, demanding, and Great Fun!!

Course Strengths:



Pre-Collegiate Program in Early American History

FACT SHEET

Our National Institute of American History and Democracy (NIAHD) at the College of William and Mary began in Fall 2001 as a joint partnership between the College and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The institute offered the first Pre-Collegiate Program in Early American History in Summer 2002. The academic course offers four hours of college credit and is an extension of a W&M freshman seminar. Dr. Carolyn Whittenburg is the director of the NIAHD.

PROGRAM GROWTH

The program attracts students from throughout the United States to take the academic course. In Summers 2002 and 2003, the program offered one session. Between 50 and 60 students came each summer. Due to a growing demand from students, we expanded to two sessions in Summer 2004 and doubled the number of students attending.

The COURSES

- We currently offer two courses in the summer program:
- **“From Jamestown through the American Revolution”**
 - **“From the American Revolution through the Civil War.”**



Almost 800 students have attended the program from 44 states and Europe and from 600 high schools nationwide.

THE STUDENTS

- Sharing a passion for the study of History
- Experiencing college and dorm life under the supervision and guidance of a large staff of Instructors and RAs
- Creating friendships with students from throughout the United States
- Meeting with W&M Admissions Staff for college applications guidance

Other Program Strengths:



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High school students who completed the Pre-Collegiate Program in Early American History have gone on to attend...

Agnes Scott College	George Mason University	Rollins College	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	George Washington University	Roanoke College	University of Notre Dame
American University	Georgetown College	Rutgers University	University of the Pacific
Arizona State University	Georgetown University	Salem College	University of Pennsylvania
Augustana College, SD	Georgia Institute of Technology	Skidmore College	University of Pittsburgh
Ball State University	Gettysburg College	St. Francis University	University of Portland
Birmingham-Southern College	Grand Valley State University	St. John's College	University of Redlands
Boston University	Hamilton College	St. Mary's College	University of Richmond
Boston College	Harvard University	Southern Methodist University	University of Rochester
Bowdoin College	Hollins University	Stanford University	University of the South
Brandeis University	James Madison University	SUNY – Albany, Geneseo	University of South Carolina
Bridgewater College	Johns Hopkins University	Swarthmore College	University of South Florida
Brigham Young University	Kalamazoo College	Syracuse University	University of St. Andrews
Brown University	Kansas State University	Texas A&M University	University of Texas, Austin
Bucknell University	Longwood University	Texas Tech University	University of Texas, Pan American
Carnegie Mellon University	Louisiana State University	Tufts University	University of Vermont
Centre College	Lynchburg College	Tulane University	University of Virginia
Christopher Newport University	Marquette University	University of Arizona	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
Clemson University	Mary Baldwin College	University of California, Berkeley, Davis, San Diego, Los Angeles	University of Wyoming
Colgate University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago	Vanderbilt University
College of Charleston	Moravian College	University of Colorado – Bolder	Vassar College
College of the Holy Cross	Mount Holyoke College	University of Colorado at Denver	Villanova University
College of St. Rose	New York University	University of Delaware	Virginia Tech
The College of William and Mary	North Carolina State University	University of Georgia	Wake Forest University
College of Wooster	Northwestern University	University of Illinois	Washington & Lee University
Columbia University	Occidental College	University of Maryland	Washington College
Connecticut College	Ohio State University	University of Miami	Wellesley College
Cornell University	Oklahoma State University	University of Michigan	Wheaton College
Creighton University	Old Dominion University	University of Missouri, Columbia	Wofford College
Dickinson College	Pennsylvania State University	University of New York	Xavier University
Duke University	Princeton University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Yale University
East Carolina University	Purdue University		
Emory University	Quinnipiac University		
Ferrum College	Randolph-Macon College		

UNSOLICITED COMMENTS

PARENTS' COMMENTS

"I remain in awe of the program that you have put together at William and Mary. The intellectual maturation I witnessed while my daughter was under your tutelage continues to astound me."

"We wanted to compliment you on a fine summer program thus far. We are really impressed with your educational and enjoyable course. The faculty and speakers have shared remarkable knowledge/background and sparked new ideas, and the details for the daily schedule, overall goal of the course, and the well being of the visiting students is so well thought out. We know this because of the experience and enthusiasm we're hearing from our daughter."

"I want to thank you for putting together such an incredible program. It was well done at every level. My son has learned so much about VA history and in fact, we did as well from reading his website. Further, you were sensitive to the needs of high school kids and that concern came through loud and clear!"

"I wanted to again praise the William & Mary summer program in early American History. It has been such a phenomenal development for my daughter that there is no way I can praise it enough....My daughter now considers it one of the most significant experiences of her life."

"Your program has given our sixteen year old daughter the intellectual stimulation and curiosity that she has been craving. There are a hundred light bulbs going off in her head. All at the same time. You and your staff have made an impact in someone's life. Thank you."



STUDENTS' COMMENTS

"I had an incredible experience while I was there, which was contributed to by the field trips, readings, discussions and dorm life. I really feel that I have grown as a student as well as a person by immersing myself in Colonial history. The challenge of putting together the pieces of history by visiting the sites and understanding the readings caused me to think in a way that I have never done before, and form my own opinions of history's events and people."

"I cannot express to you my gratitude for all that you have done for me these past weeks in the NIAHD Pre-Collegiate program. Your kindness, companionship and generosity throughout the entire program helped to make this July one of the most incredible times of my life. I have learned so much in these past weeks due to your unfailing dedication to teach and inspire your students. The knowledge both of colonial history and Civil War history with which you provided me truly is invaluable....This program has changed my life in so many incredible ways."

"This experience has become the most memorable of my life. I created friendships that will forever impact me....Another alteration I've undergone is the exposure to life and my new found zeal for knowledge. Thank you for creating such a wonderful program, you have taken the fear of college life away and replaced it with a yearning to discover."

"Participating in your program reaffirmed my love and interest for history. In addition to meeting so many wonderful and kind people I was provided with the opportunity to carefully examine the way in which studying the past can be so influential in paving the future."

"It was one of the best experiences of my life. I'll really never forget those three weeks. The readings and discussions really made you think. It wasn't just memorizing facts or dates. There was room to make connections and think about WHY things happened and not just when and how. I enjoyed that."

"Thank you so much for putting the Summer Program together. I had so much fun on all the trips, and learned a lot during the three weeks I was with you. Studying American History, my favorite subject, at such an intense and hands-on level was a great experience. Being able to meet with important scholars was very interesting, and getting to know others from all over the country was amazing."

"Since the moment I arrived on campus, I felt welcome and important and I knew that the Pre-Collegiate Program would be a life changing experience. The professors and guest speakers were incredible and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such scholarly instructors."

"It was an unforgettable experience, enhanced by great counselors and professors, and the opportunity to meet and make new friends from across the nation. I learned so much from our site visits, and had fun while doing so—the ultimate way to learn!"

