# SC INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

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Welcome to SC International Summer School! At SCISS, we provide a unique blend of academic excellence and exciting activities. Our goal is to create an enriching and memorable summer experience for students from around the world.



Angelene Huang **President** 

# Welcome to Springfield Commonwealth International Summer School!

We are delighted to extend our warmest greetings to you as you embark on this exciting journey with us. As you prepare to join us for an amazing two weeks, we want to assure you that you are about to embark on an enriching and memorable experience.

At Springfield Commonwealth International Summer School, our mission is to foster a dynamic learning environment where curiosity thrives, friendships flourish, and personal growth is nurtured. Whether you're joining us to explore new subjects, enhance your skills, or simply make the most of your summer break, we have crafted a program that we believe will exceed your expectations.

Throughout your time with us, you will have the opportunity to engage with passionate instructors who are experts in their fields, participate in hands-on activities that bring learning to life, and connect with peers from diverse backgrounds who share your enthusiasm for knowledge and discovery.

In addition to our academic curriculum, we have curated a range of extracurricular activities designed to complement your learning experience and ensure that your time with us is both fulfilling and enjoyable. From outdoor adventures to creative workshops, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

As you prepare for your arrival, please take some time to review the enclosed materials, including your schedule, packing list, and any additional information you may need to make the most of your time with us. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Once again, welcome to Springfield Commonwealth International Summer School. We are thrilled to have you join us, and we look forward to helping you make the most of your summer!



**SESSION 1:** July 5<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup> SESSION 2:

July 21<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

# **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

## **Daily Schedule and Courses**

Each weekday morning, students participate in one academic either 1 or 2 classes of their choice.

## **Courses Offered:**

### Select 1

- Global Finance and Investment (Session 1 only)
- Global Entrepreneurship (Session 2 only)

## Select 2

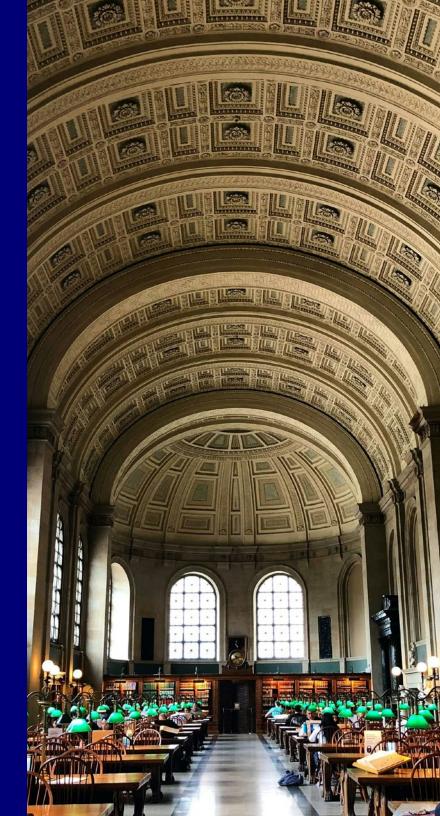
- Emergent Tech
- Public Speaking and Debate
- English Language (Beginner to Intensive)
- Mandarin Language (Beginner to Intensive)
- Spanish Language (Beginner to Intensive)

## **Elective Activities**

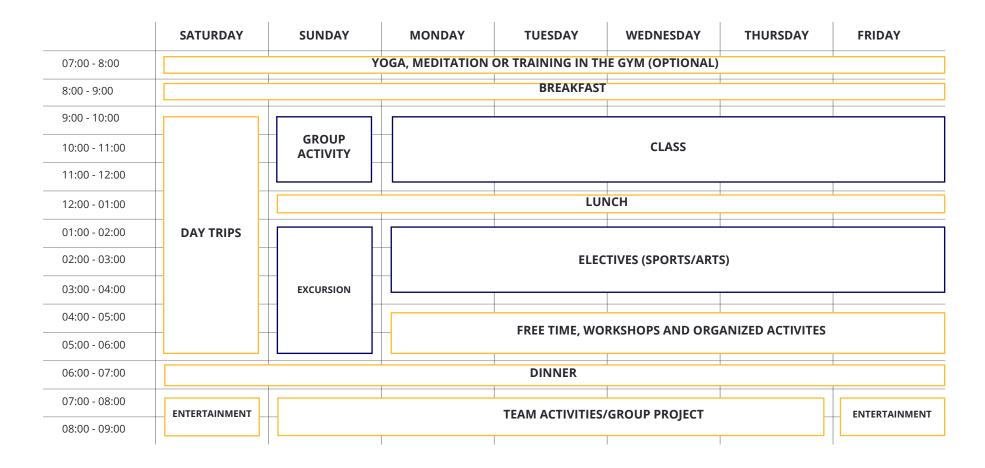
In the afternoon, students choose one elective to focus on:

Each weekday afternoon, students participate in one academic either 1 or 2 classes of their choice.

- Rowing Crew
- Basketball
- Fitness Training
- Photography
- Theater
- Painting and Drawing



# **YOUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE**





Every student at SCISS will relish a distinctive experience customized to match their interests and talents. However, this chart provides a glimpse into what lies ahead.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

Our inclusive award-winning summer program is designed for students from all nationalities and backgrounds aged between 8 and 18.

All tuition, activities, entertainment and meals including off-campus excursions are part of the package, although a few activities – such as access to golf courses for advanced students – may be subject to availability and additional payment. Students require just spending money for day trips.

To reserve your spot, please apply online at <u>sciss.org</u> and include the course(s) and elective that you choose as first option and a second option just in case it's full.academically and personally.

#### Fees include:

- Historic multi-unit accommodation (2-4 per room)
- 24-hour supervision and care
- All meals
- Up to 30 hours of academic tuition
- Up to 30 hours of elective tuition
- All course materials
- All evening and weekend games and activities
- All excursions and special workshops
- Final report and course completion certificate
- Welcome Pack including SCISS t-shirt
- SCISS elective t-shirt
- Awards ceremony
- Formal graduation party
- An unforgettable USA summer school experience!



# PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES

Springfield, Massachusetts



Session 1: July 5<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>

# \$4950

**Session 2:** July 21<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

# COURSES

# GLOBAL FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

This course will provide students with fundamental knowledge about investment strategies, stock markets, and financial planning. Students will be able to:

- Understand basic investment principles
- Analyze market trends
- Develop a personal investment plan
- Learn budgeting, saving, and financial planning
- Manage a personal budget
- Understand credit and loans
- Plan for financial goals
- Learn about blockchain technology and its uses
- Understand blockchain principles
- Explore cryptocurrency
- Discuss real-world applications

# Only available during session 1:

July 5th - July 20th



# **GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Focused on entrepreneurship, this course will guide students through the process of creating a startup, from ideation to execution. Students will be able to:

- Develop a business idea
- Create a business plan
- Pitch their startup to potential investors
- Public speaking Build confidence and improve articulation
- Deliver speeches effectively
- Engage with an audience
- Overcome public speaking anxiety
- Study environmental science and sustainability
- Understand environmental issues
- Explore ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices
- Develop sustainability projects

# Only available during session 2:

July 21st - August 3rd





# **EMERGENT TECH**

The Coding and AI program introduces students to computer programming and artificial intelligence. Through hands-on projects, they will learn to code in languages like Python or JavaScript and explore AI concepts such as machine learning and neural networks. The course enhances problem-solving skills and logical thinking, enabling students to develop coding projects and basic AI applications while understanding AI's ethical implications.

Explore artificial intelligence concepts and applications. Students will be able to:

- Understand AI basics
- Explore machine learning
- Discuss ethical implications



# PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATE

The Public Speaking and Debate course is designed to develop students' abilities to articulate their ideas clearly and persuasively in a variety of settings. Through structured practice and constructive feedback, students will learn the fundamentals of effective communication, from crafting compelling speeches to engaging in rigorous debates.

### **Benefits:**

- Professional Value: Essential for careers in advocacy, marketing, public relations, management, and leadership.
  Effective communication can significantly enhance professional success and opportunities.
- Confidence & Critical Thinking: Boosts self-assurance, enabling students to speak assertively in various scenarios, and sharpens analytical skills crucial for evaluating information and forming sound arguments.
- Academic Advantage: Equips students with skills necessary for excelling in academic presentations, dissertations, and class discussions, fostering a deeper engagement with course material.
- Negotiation & Mediation: Prepares students for roles requiring negotiation, mediation, and idea presentation, where persuasion and clarity are key to achieving desired outcomes.
- Personal Growth: Encourages personal development by improving interpersonal skills, self-expression, and the ability to articulate thoughts and emotions effectively.





# LANGUAGE PROGRAMS OFFERED

Our comprehensive language programs provide courses in English, Mandarin, and Spanish, catering to all proficiency levels from beginners to advanced learners. These programs are designed to enhance students' language skills through immersive activities, interactive exercises, and cultural exploration. Each course focuses on developing proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, ensuring a well-rounded language education tailored to each student's needs.

- English: Beginners build foundational skills, intermediate students improve fluency, and intensive learners focus on advanced language use
- Mandarin: Start with basics like pinyin and tones, progress to complex grammar and characters, and master advanced fluency and cultural nuances
- Spanish: Learn basic vocabulary and grammar, advance to complex conversations and verb conjugations, and achieve fluency with advanced grammar and idiomatic expressions

## **Benefits**:

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- Cultural Competence: Gain insight into the cultures associated with the languages, enhancing global awareness and sensitivity.
- Professional Edge: Language proficiency is a valuable asset in today's globalized job market, opening up opportunities in various fields such as business, education, travel, and diplomacy.
- Cognitive Benefits: Learning a new language improves memory, problem-solving skills, and cognitive flexibility.

# ELECTIVES

# **ROWING CREW**

The Rowing Crew program at SCISS focuses on developing teamwork, physical endurance, and technical skills essential for rowing. Through comprehensive training, students will master the fundamentals of rowing techniques, boat handling, and team coordination, preparing them for both recreational and competitive rowing.

## Highlights:

- Rowing Techniques
- Teamwork Skills
- Physical Endurance
- Boat Handling
- Competitive Aspects

## **Benefits**:

- Skill Development
- Physical Fitness
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Competitive Experience



# BASKETBALL

A dynamic sport that improves teamwork, coordination, and physical fitness.

# Highlights:

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- Develops athletic skills
- Encourages teamwork
- Enhances strategic thinking

# **BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME**

- Learn about the game, experience the interactive exhibits, and test skills
- Knowledge of basketball history
- Hands-on activities
- Skill testing and improvement



**2016-2019** New England Regional Power 5 AAA League Champion

#### 2018-2019

Fifth in the nation in the Private School Basketball League

#### 2019-2020

New England Power 5 AAA League No. 2 Men's Basketball: **2016-2018** New England Region Power 5 AAA League 5th

#### 2019-2020

New England Regional Power 5 AAA League Champion

#### 2019-2020

Private School Basketball Tournament ranked eighth in the nation

Basketball is a dynamic team sport that involves skillful dribbling, shooting, passing, and strategic gameplay. Over the course of two weeks, students will engage in intensive training focused on improving their physical fitness, technical skills, and understanding of the game's strategies. They will master basic basketball skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive techniques. The program also emphasizes teamwork and communication, enhancing students' ability to work effectively in a team, communicate on the court, and develop plays. As they improve their overall fitness levels, including cardiovascular health, agility, and strength, they will also gain a deeper understanding of game strategies, positioning, and tactics for both offense and defense. Additionally, students will develop sportsmanship and fair play ethics.

# **FITNESS TRAINING**

Focused on building strength, endurance, and overall health through various exercises.

## Highlights:

- Improves physical health
- Boosts energy and endurance
- Promotes healthy habits







# PHOTOGRAPHY

An artistic discipline held outdoors that teaches technical skills and creative expression through the lens.

## Highlights:

- Enhances creativity
- Develops technical skills
- Encourages artistic expression

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• Held in outdoor settings





# THEATER

A creative outlet that improves acting, public speaking, and confidence through performance.

# Highlights:

- Boosts confidence
- Enhances public speaking
- Fosters creativity

# PAINTING AND DRAWING

Art classes that develop creativity and technical skills in various visual media.

## Highlights:

- Encourages artistic expression
- Develops fine motor skills
- Enhances creativity
- Held in outdoor settings

# ACTIVITIES

# **ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS AT SCISS**

A detailed look at the various activities and social events designed to create an engaging and memorable camp experience for all students.

### **Social Events**

- Evening Activities: Each evening, students can participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities. Whether it's movie nights under the stars, competitive game nights, or talent shows, there's always something exciting happening.
- Weekend Activities: Weekends at SCISS are packed with special events and themed parties that bring everyone together. From cultural nights where students showcase their heritage to festive celebrations and creative workshops, weekends are designed to foster a sense of community and belonging.
- Themed Parties: Our themed parties are a highlight of the summer. Students dress up, dance, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. Themes vary each week, ensuring there's always something new to look forward to.
- Talent Shows: Talent shows offer students a chance to shine. Whether it's singing, dancing, magic tricks, or other unique talents, students can showcase their skills and cheer on their friends.
- Games and Competitions: Friendly competitions and games are a great way to bond and build teamwork skills. Activities like scavenger hunts, trivia nights, and sports tournaments keep the spirit of fun and camaraderie alive.

## Activities:

- Hiking
- Softball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Yoga
- Dodgeball
- Soccer
- Badminton

- Volleyball Baseball
- Basketball
- Drone Flying
- Table Tennis
- Arts and Crafts
- Cookery

- Fencing
- Gardening
- Rock Climbing
- Archery
- Golf
- Swimming
- and more

# WORKSHOPS, TEAM, AND ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES

A comprehensive overview of the diverse workshops, team-building activities, and organized events at SCISS, designed to enrich students' summer experience through learning, creativity, and communitybuilding.

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## Workshops

- Leadership: Decision-making, problem-solving, communication
- Creative: Art, music, writing
- Skill Development: Public speaking, coding, study techniques

## **Team-Building**

- · Outdoor Challenges: Teamwork and resilience
- Group Projects: Collaborative tasks
- Sports and Games: Team sports, competition

## **Organized Activities**

- Themed Events: Fun themes
- Cultural Nights: Cultural exchange
- Evening Programs: Movies, campfires, socializing

# **EXCURSIONS**

At SCISS, we offer a range of exciting excursions designed to provide students with unique experiences and valuable learning opportunities. Our trips to Boston, New York, and Yale combine educational insights, cultural exposure, and fun activities, ensuring a well-rounded and memorable experience for all participants.

## Boston Trip (Harvard & MIT, Full Day)

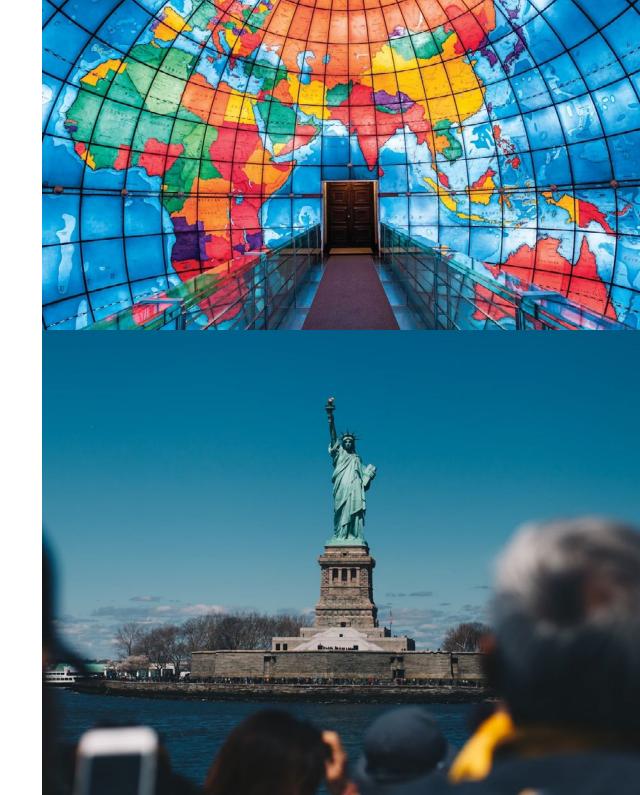
A visit to Boston combined with a tour of Harvard University and MIT offers students a unique opportunity to explore one of America's most historic and culturally rich cities while experiencing the prestigious academic environment of two of the world's leading universities.

## New York Trip (Full Day)

A full-day excursion to New York City offers students the chance to explore one of the most iconic and dynamic cities in the world. This trip provides a blend of educational, cultural, and recreational experiences that highlight the vibrant energy and unique character of New York.

## Yale Trip (Half Day)

A half-day excursion to Yale University offers students a glimpse into the life and environment of one of America's most prestigious academic institutions.





# RESOURCES

## ECONOMICS

National Economics Challenge (NEC) Harvard/Pre-Collegiate Economics Challenge (HPEC) Harvard International Economics Essay Contest (HIEEC) Northwestern Economics Tournament (NET) FBLA Economics Berkeley Economic Review High School Essay Contest Harvard International Review (HIR) Academic Writing Contest John Locke Essay Competition LSESU Economics Society Economics Essay Competition The Economic Club of Grand Rapids Annual Essay Contest

## FINANCE

Wharton Global High School Investment Competition National Personal Finance Challenge Global Stock Pitch Competition Stevens Trading Day University of Texas at Dallas Top Trader Competition

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Conrad Challenge Diamond Challenge Blue Ocean Entrepreneurship Competition World Series of Innovation (WSI) High School Business Plan Competition (HSBPC) FBLA Business Plan BizWorld YES! Program High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge Big Idea Competition Innovate UNG

### ACADEMICS

National Merit Scholar Georgia Certificate of Merit AP Scholar with Distinction

## OTHER

Gold Presidential Volunteer Award Forsyth County Social Studies Fair Georgia Social Studies Fair Northwest Georgia History Day National History Day





Pictured above: The Championship team of The Global High School Innovation and Business Competition 2023. Advised by Angelene Huang.



The Championship Winners of The Global High School Investment Competition of 2022. Advised by Viswise instructors.

# **Credit Recovery**



The Credit Recovery Program at SCA provides personalized support to help students recover credits, boost their confidence, and ensure academic success.

### **Program Overview**

- Purpose: Helps students catch up on missed credits and stay on track for graduation.
- Subjects Covered: Core subjects like Math, Science, English, and History.
- Flexible Learning: Tailored to individual student needs with one-on-one tutoring and small group classes.

### Key Features

- Personalized Plans: Customized study plans to address specific academic gaps.
- Experienced Tutors: Qualified instructors dedicated to student success.
- Supportive Environment: Encourages a positive attitude towards learning and improvement.

### **Benefits**

- Academic Success: Ensures students meet graduation requirements.
- Confidence Boost: Helps build academic confidence and skills.
- Future Preparedness: Prepares students for future educational endeavors.

### **School Accreditation:**

National Honor Society (NHS) National National Junior Honor Society (NJSHS) New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)



# Additional Learning Opportunities



# **SC Academy**

We offer a dynamic learning environment that emphasizes academic excellence, personal growth, and future readiness. Students can benefit from enrichment courses, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, study abroad programs, and internships.

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# **Global Online School**

Experience flexible, high-quality education from anywhere with our robust remote learning platform. Join our global community to gain diverse, international perspectives through our Global School programs, connecting students worldwide.

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