

Academy of Civic Life FAQs for Parents and Guardians

Who can I contact in case of an emergency?

In case of an emergency, you should contact the Program Director, Dr. Amy Cook, the Pedagogy Coordinator, Abigail Nishimura, or the Faculty Director, Dr. Tracey Walters.

- **Amy Cook (Program Director):**
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 - Email: amy.cook@stonybrook.edu
- **Abigail Nishimura (Project Manager):**
 - Phone: 631-371-2793;
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- **Tracey Walters (Course Instructor):**
 - Phone: 631-371-3581
 - Email: tracey.walters@stonybrook.edu
- **Stony Brook University Police Department:** 631-632-3333

What happens if my student is sick or injured while living on campus?

The Academy of Civic Life has developed detailed protocols and emergency procedures. If the situation is urgent, you have given us permission to act on your behalf in the signed paperwork. Our staff's first priority will be securing the necessary emergency services in order to address the situation. In this event, once emergency services are secured, every effort will be made to get in touch with you or the emergency contact.

Academy of Civic Life participants will *not* have access to the Stony Brook University Student Health Services while on campus. In the event of a mild sickness or health concern, parents or guardians may be requested to pick students up from campus to seek medical attention.

What happens if my student tests positive for Covid during the ACL Summer Residency?

If a student tests positive for Covid-19 during the course of the program, Campus Residences has mandated that they need to leave campus within 24 hours of the positive test result and will need to quarantine off-campus for the length of time recommended by the CDC, the State of New York, and Stony Brook University before they can return. In the event of this occurring, the ACL will not be able to provide transportation and it will be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to retrieve them from campus during the designated time frame.

What happens if my student has to miss class due to illness or emergency?

Accommodations for students who miss classes because of Covid-19 or other illness will be made at the discretion of the course instructor, Dr. Tracey Walters, and the program director, Dr. Amy Cook. If a student misses class for any reason, the student is expected to keep up with missed readings and assignments.

What are the complete vaccine requirements for the ACL Summer Residency?

The vaccine requirements for the Academy of Civic Life are informed by the requirements of the State of New York, Stony Brook University, and Campus Residences. In order to live on campus, students will need to demonstrate proof of

- Vaccination against MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Meningitis Vaccination
- Covid-19

In order to verify your student's receipt of these vaccines, a vaccination form (emailed to students and available on the Academy of Civic Life website) must be completed by a health professional.

Where will my student be living during the ACL Summer Residency? Will they have a roommate?

ACL participants will be with other members of the Academy in James College Hall. Participants will be living in single rooms on floors that will be separated by gender. Undergraduate Teaching Assistants of the same gender will live in the hall with students as chaperones and Resident Assistants.

What food options will be available to my student?

Students will be provided with a daily \$30.00 food stipend from which to purchase food from campus vendors. There will be a wide variety of options available that will be able to accommodate all dietary restrictions.

Will snacks be available throughout the day?

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and small snacks will be provided. There are also campus vending machines that take cash or cards located in most of the buildings on campus. In addition, students are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to have in the dorms during their night time study and relaxation hours.

Will my student have access to a gym or recreation center during the ACL Summer Residency?

No, the student participants will *not* have access to the campus gym or recreation facilities during the three weeks that they will be living on campus.

Is there any school work that my student needs to complete prior to the start of the ACL Summer Residency?

Dr. Walters has asked that students familiarize themselves with the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights prior to the start of the summer class. This is a good opportunity for students to practice active reading, one the college reading skills they will work on during the program. We have provided students with a hard copy of both documents. As they read through them, they should underline or highlight important words or phrases.

Will transportation to Stony Brook University campus be provided?

The Academy of Civic Life will provide free transportation to Stony Brook University campus for ACL participants. The transportation schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, 7/11/2022:** 7:30 am, Bus departs Brentwood High School for SBU
- Friday, 7/15/2022:** 5:15 pm, Students dropped off at BHS
- Sunday 7/17/2022:** 3:15 pm, Bus departs Brentwood High School for SBU
- Friday 7/22/2022:** 5:15 pm, Students dropped off at BHS
- Sunday 7/24/2022:** 3:15 pm, Bus departs Brentwood High School for SBU
- Friday 7/29/2022:** 6:00 pm, Students dropped off at BHS

What happens if my student misses the bus?

Our expectation is that every student will make the bus. The program relies on group activities with full attendance. Students and parents are responsible for ensuring that they keep up with all program requirements, including making it to the bus on time and assignments.

Students and parents/approved guardians are also responsible for arranging transportation to campus if they miss the program bus.

If a student misses the bus and the parent or guardian has not yet spoken with a representative from the ACL, they must contact one of the program staff listed above. They must tell us who is going to drop off the student on campus as well as the arrival time so that we can make arrangements for the student's arrival. Our program will need to speak with the parent or guardian to ensure that the student arrives safely.

What is the protocol for student pick-up at Brentwood High School?

When the bus arrives at Brentwood High School on Friday afternoon, students will be released only to their parent or guardian or an adult (at least 18 years of age) who has been authorized by the parent/guardian to pick up the student.

The person picking up the student will be required to show a picture identification and will be asked to sign a document indicating that the student has been transferred into their custody. In order to ensure their safety, students will not be released to an individual who does not present the required identification or who has not been approved by parents for pick up.

Is my student required to participate in the Academic Year portion of the Academy of Civic Life?

Yes, participation in the Academy of Civic Life requires a year-long commitment from students. By signing up for the program, students are committing to not just the Summer Residency, but they are also agreeing to attend a minimum of 90% of the Academic Year meetings.

More Questions?

Please email additional questions to us at academyofciviclif@stonybrook.edu.