

OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION: Winterim (Winter Interim) is an innovative curricular feature started at Wheaton Academy in 1991. Modeled after the college January term concept, Winterim is designed to increase learning opportunities and has become an enormously valuable and popular component of a Wheaton Academy education. Not only are students given forty to fifty new classes to choose from each year beyond the normal high school curriculum, they also have the unique opportunity to literally travel around the world through a variety of educational and mission trips. In addition, as juniors and seniors, Wheaton Academy students have the rare opportunity to experience a profession first-hand before deciding on a college or major. Winterim truly means opportunities for Wheaton Academy students. It is also interesting to note that numerous Christian high schools all over America have patterned interim programs after Wheaton Academy's Winterim.

SCHEDULE: The WA school year is divided so that the first semester concludes prior to Christmas vacation. Students will return in January for Winterim. Winterim is an interim "semester" between the first and second semesters. The dates of Winterim are noted on our school calendar. The Winterim school day is divided into two sessions. One course is taken per session.

Morning session	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. on campus
Afternoon session	11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The longer class periods make it possible to offer courses that ordinarily could not be held in a shorter class time. Morning classes tend to be academic in nature with regular homework and preparation required outside of class. Afternoon classes generally are practical in nature and usually involve hands-on participation. Students need to check course descriptions *carefully* to be familiar with individual class expectations. A variety of educational and mission trips are offered each year. Each trip is individually scheduled to accommodate its particular purpose. Internships are only available to juniors and seniors. Typically, one-third of the student body spends Winterim off campus on internships or trips.

CREDITS: All morning and afternoon courses receive one-half of a semester credit (.5) each, while trips and full-day courses receive a full (1.0) semester credit. Each student is required to earn one full Winterim credit per year as a graduation requirement. Winterim courses will not count toward fulfilling non-Winterim graduation requirements.

CONFLICTS: We recognize the Winterim experience may cause conflicts with winter athletics and thus we have established the Winterim Athletic Policy: Students involved in freshman/sophomore/JV level winter athletics may miss part of the season due to a Winterim experience without losing their place on the roster. Students must understand that by missing part of the season, they will need to earn their way back to their prior position. Because of the level of commitment that is expected at the Varsity level, students will need to choose Winterim experiences that do not conflict with winter sports or choose not to participate in Varsity sports.

LUNCH: Wheaton Academy's lunch program - minus ala carte soups and salads - will continue during Winterim as usual. Students are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch - but we will have our usual lunch menu available.

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES: **Winterim Palooza** will take place in the morning on Tuesday, October 27 in the Library and Atrium. This is the time when our students are introduced to the classes offered during Winterim. We will continue our staggered registration process based on grade level; seniors first, then juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Classes will be filled on a first come first served basis. When courses are full, there will be a message that the class is full and students will need to select a different class. We will remove full classes from the drop-down options each day by 4:00 p.m. Winterim classes cannot be repeated during a student's high school career. For more information about registration, please refer to the Registration section of this curriculum guide. Mrs. Veenema or Mrs. Case can assist you with registration questions.

Enrollment will begin for each grade on the following dates:

Seniors Wednesday, November 4 & Thursday, November 5

Juniors Friday, November 6 & Saturday, November 7

Sophomores Monday, November 9 & Tuesday, November 10

Freshmen Wednesday, November 11, Thursday, November 12 & Friday, November 13

Enrollment will be closed on Friday, November 13 at midnight.

REGISTRATION FOR TRIPS: Many of our Winterim trips are announced in late spring or early fall (through parent mailings, student announcements, meetings and chapel presentations) and may require registration prior to the usual Winterim registration in November. These trips are noted as such in this curriculum guide. Additional trip application forms may be required over and above what is included in this publication. For more information about trips, please refer to the Trip section of this curriculum guide. Mr. McDonell or the Trip Sponsor (listed under the trip description) can assist you with trip questions.

REGISTRATION FOR INTERNSHIPS: Parents and students are encouraged to be thinking year round about internship possibilities, but particularly during the spring and summer. Registration deadlines are typically mid-to-late September to insure our Internship Coordinators have adequate time to arrange our nearly one hundred individual internships. For more information about Internships, please refer to the Internship section of this curriculum guide. Mr. Mack can assist you with internship questions.

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