2025 Urban University Summer Course Schedule

June 9-12 Tie Dye Explosion

Get immersed into the art of Tie-Dye as you learn its history and explore color blending with several different types of folds and techniques.

Course Lead: Tie Dye Louis

Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French St)

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

June 16-20 Multi-Course Week (choose one course only)

Mixed Media Art

Learn an array of mixed media techniques including collage, multi-layered elements, textures, and mark making to create a personalized art journal.

Course Lead: Mr. Scott Kennedy

Hospitality & Culinary Arts

Student chefs will learn hands-on kitchen and hospitality management as they daily prepare, cook, and serve lunch in a professional kitchen. This will be fast-paced, and require students to exercise focus, work ethic, multi-tasking, and teamwork.

Course Lead: Ms. Elaine Ghazinour

Sewing & Design

Beginner and advanced students will have the opportunity to learn and enhance their sewing machine skills as they uniquely design and create a midi or crossbody hag

Course Lead: Mrs. Susan Hershelman

Location: First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant (250 West 7th St)

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Student Showcase: Friday, June 20, 1:15 p.m.

June 23-27 Crocheting

Learn the art of crochet; read patterns, understand yarn, and create fun Amigurumis.

Course Lead: Pastor Andy Muscella

Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French St)

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

July 7-11 Physics

Explore physics, the study of everything in the universe and how and why it works, through a variety of hands-on labs with science professors at Mercyhurst University.

Course Lead: Dr. Joe Johnson

Location: Mercyhurst University (501 East 38th St)

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Student Showcase: Friday, July 11, 1:00 p.m.

July 14-18 The Science of Presque Isle

Take a deeper look as we study the plant, animal, and water life on Presque Isle State Park and be a part of the Regional Science Consortium's team for behind the scenes testing and research that helps to maintain one of Erie's greatest assets and resources.

Course Lead: Dr. Jeanette Schnars

Location: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (301 Peninsula Dr)

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Student Showcase: Friday, July 18, 1:00 p.m.

July 22-26 Diorama/3D Art

3D Diorama is a three-dimensional visual art form that combines elements of sculpture, modeling, and storytelling. Challenge your creativity using a variety of everyday materials to model, design, detail, and paint in the world of miniatures.

Course Lead: Miss Serena Godoy

Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French St)

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Jul 28-Aug 1 Get Healthy 101

Understand the science behind taking care of your mind, body, and soul with good nutrition and fitness. Learn how to prepare healthy foods, apply mindfulness practices, and begin fun fitness habits.

Course Lead: Mrs. Jessica Lake, MS, RDN, LD

Location: Erie City Mission Youth Classroom (1017 French St) Includes off-site field trips

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

August 4-9 MAXX Leadership at WLD Ranch & the Global Leadership Summit

This week is specifically designed to challenge personal, team, and spiritual growth. We will start with 4 days and 3 nights serving at WLD Ranch that will also include horseback riding, canoeing, archery, campfires, and much more! We will conclude Thursday and Friday by attending the Global Leadership Summit and hearing from world-renowned leaders telecasted live at Grace Church.

Course Leads: Urban University Staff

Locations: WLD Ranch (7351 Woolsey Rd, Girard) & Grace Church (2420 Cumberland Rd, Harborousell)

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Time: August 3 – Drop Off: 2:30 p.m. at WLD.

August 6 – Pick Up: 3:15 p.m. August 7 & 8 – 9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Prerequisite: Must participate in at least two other summer courses and serve on the student leadership team at a minimum of three or more of our Neighborhood Outreaches.

Thursdays Servant Leadership Neighborhood Outreaches *

To apply and practice servant leadership, we will co-host weekly connection picnic for the neighborhood around the Frontier Picnic Pavilion (East 6th & Bayfront Parkway)

*All summer students must participate in at least one or more of these outreach dates.

*All students accepted into the MAXX Leadership course must serve on the student leadership team for three or more of these outreach dates.

Thursdays: June 19, 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

August 10 Summer Family Celebration

All summer mentors student families are invited to an end of semester picnic at Baldwin Park (2419 Geist Road) for food, fellowship, games, pickleball lessons and play with the Erie Pickleball Players Association. More details TBA.

• Questions? Call the Director of Youth Ministries at 814-572-2365.