

# Frequently Asked Questions



**Q: Can students miss any days of the Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy?**

**A:** No, the programs are short in duration and cover a lot of material.

Students will receive zeros for all missed class activities. Chronically tardy or absent students will be dismissed from the program.

**Q: Can students earn middle/high school credit from completing Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy?**

**A:** No, Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy are enrichment courses that serve as an accelerated introduction to content covered during the school year.

**Q: Should a student attend a Star Program in preparation for an AP course?**

**A:** No, the Star Programs are introductory-level courses and will not sufficiently prepare students for AP courses.

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**Q: Do grades in the Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy/SOAR X count?**

**A:** Grades do count towards successful completion of the program. They do not count towards students' progress in middle or high school. Xavier University will record students' completion of the program(s) but not the grade(s) earned.

**Q: Are Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy/SOAR X students formally enrolled in Xavier University?**

**A:** No, students in these programs are not officially enrolled at the University. They do receive student ID numbers ("900 numbers") that they will retain if they enroll at the university as undergraduates.



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**Q: Will having participated in a Xavier Pre-College Program guarantee my undergraduate acceptance at Xavier?**

**A: No.** While successful completion of a pre-college program will be noted on the student's permanent record, this is not a guarantee of admission to the university.

**Q: Is housing available for Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy?**

**A: No.** Room and board is not provided for Star Programs or Summer STEM Academy participants. Non-local participants must secure off-campus housing in the New Orleans area.

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## Q: What is Before & After Care (BAC)?

A: Before & After Care is a free program for Star Programs and Summer STEM Academy students who need early drop off or late pickup. No prior notice of participation is required - students will sign in daily with the BAC staff. Before Care is 7:00-9:00am in the XULA Cafe (University Center building) and includes free breakfast.\* After Care is 3:00-5:30pm in the Norman C Francis Science Complex and includes a snack.

\*Students who wish to eat breakfast must arrive no later than 8:30am.



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**Q: Are Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy students allowed to leave campus?**

**A:** Students are never permitted to leave campus without supervision. Students leaving the program before dismissal must be signed out by an authorized adult in the Pre-College Programs Office in the St. Joseph Academic and Health Resource Center, room 204. Students arriving late must be checked in at St. Joe 204.

Whenever possible, provide advanced notice of check-ins and check-outs by calling the Pre-College Programs Office at 504-520-5419.

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**Q: Can Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy students have visitors on campus?**

**A:** In order to ensure students can focus on their accelerated course content, unfortunately, students are not allowed visitors on campus.

**Q: What's included in Star Programs/Summer STEM Academy fees?**

**A:** Students receive a t-shirt, drawstring backpack, digital textbook software account, all supplies for projects/activities, school supplies, and lunch provided in the XULA Cafe.



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**Q: Can SOAR X Students have visitors to campus or to their residence hall room?**

**A: No.** Students may not have any guests, including family members, for the duration of the program. Parents and other pre-authorized adults may check students out of the program (with advance notice!) and take them off campus to visit. Keeping parents and other visitors out of the residence hall helps preserve the feeling that students are “away at college.”

**Q: Can SOAR X students choose to live off campus?**

**A: No,** for 2025 all SOAR X students will live on-campus in the residence halls.

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**Q: Can I check my SOAR X participant out of the program?** A: Yes, but we strongly discourage check-outs from Monday to Friday afternoon. Participants are free to be signed out by an authorized adult between Friday at 4pm and Sunday at 10pm. Prior written notice of checkouts must be given by the parent or guardian at least 48 hours in advance of the checkout time, including the name of the adult picking them up.

We understand that emergencies and special circumstances may lead to checkout requests for times outside of the Friday-Sunday window. We kindly ask that those special requests be made with as much notice as possible to be considered on a case-by-case basis. It is important to the program experience that participants stay engaged throughout the four weeks, and excessive check-outs will negatively affect their experience.



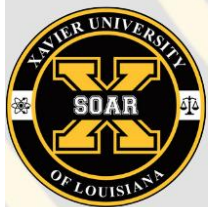
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**Q: What's included in SOAR X fees?**

**A:** Students receive a t-shirt, drawstring backpack, required readings and texts, access to the learning management system, supplies for class projects/activities, fees/tickets and transportation for off-campus activities, 4 weeks of housing and a meal plan with 19 meals a week (2 meals, brunch and dinner, on Saturday and Sunday).

We recommend that students bring spending money for snacks and souvenirs.



**Still Have Questions?  
Contact Us!**

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