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Course Offerings – *side one*

The ARC of Opportunity

Students will spend each day volunteering at ARC Community Services, a center in Fitchburg, Mass., which provides employment and daily activities for adults with mental and physical handicaps.

Clay & Kiln

Students will learn about techniques and firing methods used all over the world, and about some ceramics history as well. Each day, we will practice and improve hand-building skills and sculpting techniques and we will follow each piece through, from concept to object,

Belize: Kayaking and Snorkeling in the Caribbean

Students will explore the pristine landscapes and diverse coral reefs in the Southwater Caye Reserve and nearby regions in the Caribbean, off the coast of Belize. Each day, we will kayak and explore uninhabited islands and complex mangrove channels.

In Darwin's Footsteps: Evolutionary Environmental Responsibility in the Galapagos Islands

We'll travel to the Galapagos Islands, where we will observe and research wildlife, conduct field-based research, study the unique evolution of organisms, and analyze human ecological footprints. We'll also explore sustainability efforts in this fragile ecosystem.

Beyond Monopoly: Modern Board Game Design

Students will be introduced to the world of modern games. They will analyze and categorize the games, with the goal of producing a playable prototype for an original board game.

Dominican Service Project: Kids & Community

On this service-learning trip, you will work with children, build a chicken coop, and clean a mangrove river estuary. Most importantly you'll make friends. Students will explore the culture and learn a new language in a beautiful tropical setting.

Can you Dig It: Archaeology in Italy

Students will excavate for seven days at the site of a medieval town destroyed in the 14th century in order to discover the archaeological record of this beautiful site; three days will also be spent traveling to different archaeological sites.

Everyone's a Critic

We will spend days and nights seeing music, dance, theatre, and visual art around the Boston area, including two Broadway touring productions. We'll determine which of those performances and exhibits we see are worth seeing, and we'll spread the word by creating a blog of reviews.

A Canoe By You

During this Winterim course, you will learn about the design of sail canoes and employ the “stitch and glue” monocoque method of boatbuilding to produce your very own wood and fiberglass boat — a fast, and pretty, durable sail canoe completely outfitted and ready to paddle and sail.

Give Kids the World

Students will learn to appreciate the diversity of human conditions, working in close proximity with adults and children of varying abilities. You will be challenged in many ways and will develop the essential human skills of kindness, awareness, empathy, and determination.

Canoeing the Rio Grande River

On this trip, you will spend nine days paddling through the lower canyons of the Rio Grande, one of the most highly-regarded canoe trips in America. It is challenging and exciting, but entirely suitable for beginning paddlers. We also plan to spend our last day in the markets of Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Hawai'i Islands: Ua Mauke Ea oka Aina Pono

We will support a local school — working with their students and — maintenance needs around the property. and perform agricultural tasks in their greenhouse as well. In Volcanos National Park we will help park service employees and local residents to plant trees and eradicate invasive ginger plants in an ongoing reforestation program.

Chess

Students will learn the basics of the game through instructional talks and exercises and, most importantly, by playing the game with each other. Friendly competition will be encouraged as students try to outplay each other in a ladder format, as well as during in-house tournaments.

HeadStart

Our students will work as classroom teachers for two weeks at HeadStart facilities in Lowell, Mass., where 3- and 4-year-olds come to school each day. Participants will work with a professional, an aide, and about 20 children in a classroom and on the playground, assisting a teaching team throughout the day.

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Course Offerings – *side two*

Humans of Morocco

Students will be use their camera to understand a magical region and the people that inhabit this varied landscape. We will be visiting five main areas in Morocco, meeting with local artisans to learn about their crafts and have them become subjects for our photographs.

Life Skills and Paying Bills

Students will learn the following: basic financial literacy, concepts of credit cards versus debit or cash expenses, loans and financing, sewing and laundry skills, cooking, table etiquette, and basic car care.

Quilting Is Sew Easy

Students will be making beautiful quilts that reflect their creative ideas. You will produce two major quilting projects, and, as a service to your community — produce a small quilt for a resident of the Seven Hills Pediatric Center.

Society & Culture in Spain

We'll travel to the region of Andalusia, in southern Spain, where you will spend three days interacting with students in a local school, learning and practicing Spanish. We'll also travel to Granada and work with families who have suffered economic setbacks or who are looking for a new start in Spain.

Sports Journalism

The course will educate students about the life of a sports journalist. You will be under pressure to complete your articles and to muster up the courage to interview players and fans. You will also have the opportunity to create, design, and complete your own magazine

The System

Students will see and experience firsthand some of the realities of “the system” — mainly, that it is housed in real buildings and administered by real people. Students will see that people embroiled in the midst of the legal system are in various forms of struggle

The Transcendentalists

The goal of the course is for students to be able to notice details in what is happening around them, consider how those details affect them, and express their experience in writing. Ideally, students will learn to enjoy being present, aware of their environment, and eager to better themselves and their community.

Two Chinas: From 200 B.C. to Bullet Trains

Understand contemporary China by exploring the relationship between ancient and modern China; students will visit this country and see for themselves if there is any evidence supporting stereotypes they have of the Chinese people. We will learn some Mandarin, and will be introduced to Tai Ji Quan (Tai Chi).

Underwater Discovery

In Curacao, you will earn your PADI Open-Water SCUBA certification as a group and then use your newfound diving skills to study aquatic life. We'll truly experience what life is like under the sea.

Unleashing Your Unique Family Story

You will be able to work with a professional genealogist and travel to research facilities, where genealogy librarians will help you uncover clues to your family's past. You will work with the results of your own DNA from a test kit and will perform some genetics lab work.

Web Reporting & Social Media

Students will help the Communications Office cover all of the different experiences happening in and around LA's annual experiential learning program. You will publish actual posts to www.lacademy.edu, and to the official LA Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram accounts. We'll also travel locally to gain some first-hand experience.

Windrush Farm: Horses, Helping, and Hippotherapy

This course will explore and expose students to the discipline of therapeutic horseback riding. The goal of the therapy is to improve the physical and emotional health of participants, while also furthering their behavioral and cognitive skills, independence, and sense of well-being.

Woodworking: Build Your Own Adirondack Chair, Leave Your Legacy

Working with their hands, students will design and build their own Adirondack chairs: one to take home and one to donate to Lawrence Academy's campus.

Yoga Beyond the Mat

Students will develop a full understanding of yoga culture. In addition to physical benefits, students will develop better discipline and will learn to reduce stress, increase energy, improve concentration, and increase awareness of their world.