

Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy



2016-2017 Winterim Catalog

Winterim

Winterim is a great opportunity for students and teachers to explore together subjects that wouldn't fit into a normal school routine. Exploration, hands-on learning, in-depth study, and fun combine to give students a unique opportunity to explore new interests.

Winterim is held during the first three weeks of school after Christmas vacation. In 2017, **Winterim will begin on January 2, 2017** and culminate with students showcasing their Winterim projects at **Winterfest on January 21**. Students may apply to complete an independent, in-depth project or will choose an on-campus option. Independent projects must be approved by the Independent Study Winterim Committee. On-campus course offerings will be presented to students during first term. The cost for Winterim will vary based on travel and activities associated with each offering. All Winterim courses have an associated fee, but there will always be inexpensive offerings.

Important Dates

Monday, Sept. 19: Winterim requests open
Monday, Sept. 19: Independent Winterim proposals are due
Friday, Sept. 22 : Winterim requests close
Friday, Nov 4th: Final Winterim payments are due

Expectations

Students are expected to adhere to all of the objectives and activities designated for their chosen Winterim courses and must observe all Maeser Prep standards and regulations during the Winterim period. Grades earned for Winterim are determined by the satisfactory completion of all school and course requirements, as well as an acceptable evaluation from the course sponsor(s). Students are expected to prepare for their Winterim courses and projects by completing any reading assignments or other activities that are considered prerequisites before the Winterim term begins.

Signed Student and Parent Contracts (available from the front office) must be submitted along with full fee payment by November 4th, 2016 in order to secure a spot in your chosen Winterim. Students whose fees and contracts are not submitted by the deadline may be dropped from their Winterims and placed in another Winterim course. A \$25 late payment fee will also be assessed.

****Note:** Basketball players have historically had conflicts choosing travel Winterims. Please check with your coach regarding team responsibilities prior to signing up for a travel Winterim.

****Travel Winterim participants cannot be credit deficient for graduation, be habitual uniform violators, or have a GPA lower than 2.5 (cumulative). Students may be dropped from their travel winterim (and fees already paid may be forfeit) if they do not meet these requirements.**

Course Requests

PowerSchool will be available for students to request Winterim courses (and one alternate choices) beginning September 19th. **Note that these are only requests.**

Students wishing to register for an Independent Study Winterim must first submit an Independent Study Proposal (attached). Independent Study requests for students whose proposals are not received by the deadline or are not approved will be dropped.

Please note: Requesting a Winterim course does not guarantee a student's spot. Final registration will be prioritized by grade and is subject to meeting course prerequisites and paying fees by established deadlines.

Art Critics



Teachers: Ms. Kelly

Cost: \$75

Capacity: 30

Students will enjoy an immersion into the arts with the intent of learning to critically evaluate these forms. During a three-week Winterim period, students will ideally view three performances in three separate mediums of artistic expression—tentatively to include a performance from the Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, and Ballet West or Ririe Woodbury’s dance company. Preparatory to these performances, students will learn terminology specific to technically evaluating each artistic form in order to meld their aesthetic experiences into intellectually thoughtful critiques of the same.

CERT for Teens



Teachers: Ms. Sorenson

Cost: TBD

Capacity: 35

Are You Ready To...

Learn about the hazards in your area?

Help others in the event of a disaster?

Be a leader in your school?

Teen CERT members answer, “Yes!” and here is why:

Teen CERT training teaches you readiness and response skills. Hands-on practice and realistic exercises prepare you for the unexpected in your community. Newly learned leadership skills empower you to safely respond to an emergency and assist victims without endangering yourself or others. You’ll be equipped with skills that last a lifetime.

Teachers: Mrs. Smith & Mr. Vernon

Cost: \$600

Capacity: 25

Immerse yourself in Chinese Culture and Language in Chinatown San Francisco, CA. Students will travel to San Francisco and spend 4 days and 3 nights engaging in everything possible Chinese. Cuisine, arts, worship, symbolism and history to name a few. An opportunity for service will be available, as well as career exploration. Understanding the interconnectedness of the world is the number one skill for success in career and life. Some local field trips will prepare us for our learning experience. Prior to departure, Mr. Vernon will teach an introduction to language and culture mini-course. Then, in Chinatown, students will have the opportunity to learn practical vocabulary and use their newfound language skills in a real-world setting. For students with no Mandarin Chinese language ability, this will be an opportunity to engage in a brand new skill. Students will be able to understand and articulate the importance of language and culture.

Chinatown



Clay Sculpture & Ceramics

Teachers: Ms. Ballard & Mrs. Fosse

Cost: \$200

Capacity: 20

Students will have the opportunity to create clay jewelry, ceramic sculptures and other pottery projects using both handbuilding and wheel throwing techniques. Professional ceramicists and sculptors will discuss their work and teach their methods at Maeser on in their studios. During Winterfest students will sell some of their smaller projects to raise money and promote the new ceramics class beginning as part of the Maeser curriculum in Fall 2017. Students will leave the Clay Sculpture and Ceramics Winterim with several original clay artworks and skills that they can enjoy themselves or gift to someone else for many years to come.



Crafty Sewing



Teachers: Mrs. Plott

Cost: \$125

Capacity: 20

During this Winterim, students will learn to sew simple crafts such as pillows, stuffed animals, aprons, bean bags, tote bags, and other crafts the students choose. During the first week of class, students will take field trips to fabric and craft stores to learn how to choose fabric and other supplies. Students will learn to read and follow a pattern for some of their projects, but will learn how to create their own patterns and designs during the second and third weeks of Winterim. Students will learn to use both a sewing machine and a serger to complete their projects. This Winterim will fulfill requirements for CTE credit. A major component of this Winterim is to hold a craft sale at Winterfest to sell our cute products and as a fundraiser for charities in Zambia.

Discover Capitol Reef



Teachers: Mr. Ensign

Cost: \$100

Capacity: 30

Discover Capitol Reef from different perspectives: cultural, historical, geological, and ecological. In cooperation with Capitol Reef National Park and UVU, students will take part in an in-depth study and discussion of the central Colorado Plateau. Students will have the opportunity to stay at the field station during part of this Winterim.

Teachers: Mrs. Cannon & Mrs. Martinez
Cost: \$3500
Capacity: 20

Join us for a life-changing humanitarian Winterim in Cuenca, Ecuador this coming January. You will spend fourteen days of culture, service, and fun. We will serve in five different orphanages: playing with the children, feeding them, dressing them, and giving them much-needed love and attention. This service will be mixed with several cultural opportunities, including visiting local fruit and craft markets, cathedrals, and eating local cuisine. The end of the trip will include three days exploring the jungle. This winterim will be a great opportunity for you to expand your horizons and do service you can include on your college applications. Don't miss out!

Ecuador Humanitarian



Teachers: Mr. Simmons
Cost: \$100
Capacity: 30

Humanity has used mythology to explain the unexplainable and connect with the world around them. Some of the most powerful and well-known stories come from the ancient Greeks and Romans. This winterim will be spent studying and exploring Greek & Roman mythology and its connections to our own world. Topics include: the nature and purpose of mythology, the world and the Gods, the Hero's Journey, glory and heroism, the theme of recognition, reception of Classical mythology.

There will be homework and significant reading and writing in this winterim. We will be taking a serious academic approach to these questions, not simply talking about comic book characters and watching movies.

Gods & Heroes: A Study of Classical Mythology



JaNoWriMo



Teachers: Mrs. Butler & Mr. Wooley

Cost: \$110

Capacity: 25

JaNoWriMo is an intense creative writing experience for the serious writer. Modeled after the National Novel Writing Month, where participants strive to write 50,000 words in one month, JaNoWriMo students can expect to write for several hours a day, and participate in weekly reading and writing critique groups. Designed to help students brainstorm ideas, push past writer's block, and develop plot, character, and voice, this winterim offers writing instruction, writing exercises, guest speakers, literature, and food. Lots and lots of food.

Leave a Legacy: Record Yourself!



Teachers: Mrs. Fairbanks & Mrs. Vincent

Cost: \$250

Capacity: 35

Do you wish you could freeze a moment in time and keep it forever? Want to send an audio-snapshot to Grandma, or record your talent for posterity? Record yourself! With the best recording engineer around to help you sound your best, you will have something you will be proud to pass on!

This class is for music students of all persuasions, theater students, as well as any who would like to read books out loud as a service.

Students will gain professional experience and see firsthand how the recording industry works as they select creative projects, prepare for performance, and record in a professional studio.

Get ready for an incredibly rewarding performance-intensive experience as you collaborate with fellow artists to prepare your projects for preservation!

LEGO Movie Studios

Teachers: Mr. Gilbert & Mr. Olsen

Cost: \$200

Capacity: 30

The LEGO Movie Studios Winterim will be a combination of writing, set building, and cinematography. Students will write and edit original screenplays, outline and storyboard their films, build their own characters and sets, film stop-motion animation, edit and present their own movie made completely with LEGO bricks and Mini-Figs.

Put your childhood skills to the test and become the master builder and filmmaker you always knew you could be!



Teachers: Mr. Kreitzer & Mrs. Russell

Cost: \$550

Capacity: 25

Come discover the beauty and wonder of the oceans of the world! You will observe marine life through visiting aquariums, viewing specimen collections, whale (and dolphin) watching, biking along the Pacific coast, kayaking in an ocean bay, exploring tide pools, and attending an educational session at a marine animal rescue facility.

You will learn about some of the imminent threats to our oceans and how we can work together to alleviate those threats. You will also participate in a community beach cleanup effort. In addition, you will study the life cycle and habitat of a marine animal and present your observations and research.

Marine Biology



Shakespeare's Theatre



Teachers: Mr. Hults

Cost: \$100

Capacity: 20

Students will explore Shakespeare in his context as a theatre professional, in counterpoint to his role as a literary genius. They will learn first-hand (by producing their own OP play) about early renaissance performance practices. They will also explore the historiography and the cultural implications of how Shakespeare became today's "Shakespeare".

So You Want to be a Blackbelt?



Teachers: Ms. Nielsen & Ms. Winkler

Cost: \$125

Capacity: 25

Students will learn self-confidence and basic self-defense which will prepare students to recognize and avoid dangerous situations and/or defend themselves should the need arise. It will also give students a chance to get out of their comfort zones and try something new while providing the opportunity for a lifelong hobby, a way to meet new people, exercise, and possibly a career path. The students will have hands on learning experiences and discussions and the opportunity to do their own research and share their findings. The students will be learning three styles of Martial Arts: Karate, Tae Kwon Do, and Judo/Jujitsu (MMA). Instructors will be brought in from each of these arts and students will visit the martial arts dojos a few times.

World War History Tour

Teachers: Mr. Dowdle & Mrs. MacDuff

Cost: \$3700

Capacity: 48

We will be visiting World War sites in Europe, including major cities (Berlin, Paris, and London) and war sites (Normandy, Verdun). We will be travelling with EF Tours, and it's anticipated that we will spend most of the Winterim overseas. After the tour, class work will include discussing readings and the experiences we had while away.



Teachers: Staff

Cost: \$50 per semester per class

Students will work on completing missing credits for graduation. Students who have NGs or who have failed classes from Semester 1 of the school year will be placed in this Winterim regardless of their requests, previous registration or fees paid for other Winterim options.

Credit Recovery



Independent Study



Teachers: Dr. Barlow
Cost: \$25
Capacity: 50

This module exemplifies the mission of Maeser Prep, which strives to integrate various disciplines into student learning. Such integration will help you experience success as an individual, leader, and as a member of the community. With the help of a sponsoring individual or organization, we hope that your Independent Winterim will be a valuable experience to help you make important decisions about your career, future, and life. We are committed to the notion that you can and will develop skills, responsibility, greater awareness, and a sense of purpose in carrying out your project.

Guidelines for Independent Winterim Proposals

Winterim is a distinctive program and feature of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy (Maeser). Winterim enhances student learning by providing an intensive, focused educational experience. Independent Winterim offerings allow students to direct their own learning as they explore their own academic and/or career interests. All Winterim offerings, including the Independent Winterim option, should meet at least TWO of the following objectives:

1. Academically rigorous/expands students academic knowledge
2. Serves as a humanitarian service opportunity
3. Extra-curricular opportunities that make a relevant application to classroom theory and life experiences (college/career)

Additionally, any Independent Winterim must also meet the same 60-hour requirement as regular Winterim offerings. Remember, Winterim is not simply a break or vacation from school. As you plan your proposal, here are some things to keep in mind and include:

What are you trying to learn? In other words, what is your research question/purpose for your project?

What will your daily schedule look like? A detailed schedule showing how you will spend your time.

How will your winterim experience help you grow and develop?

Detail what your Winterfest project will be.

Include a signed commitment from your mentor to oversee your experience and help direct your learning.

Mentors should NOT be a parent or relative.

Note that family vacations do not normally make strong Independent Winterim proposals. Additionally, Independent Winterim proposals that are similar to traditional Winterim offerings will not be approved.