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College Level Success Programs

Architectural Concepts Institute (ACI)

The ACI program is designed for academically well-prepared entering and transfer students. It is structured to accelerate their entry into the study of architecture by completing some of the freshman courses during the summer prior to their regular admission in the fall. Each student may complete up to twelve semester hours of architecture courses in the design sequence during a very intensive ten-week summer session. These sessions will allow each student to test his or her capabilities and interests in architecture while earning credit toward the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree. Upon successful completion of these courses, coupled with careful selection and scheduling of other courses, the student may complete the five year professional architecture program early.

Admission to the program requires application to the university and receipt of either an honors admission or regular admission. Space is limited. Prospective participants should contact the School of Architecture during fall or spring semester of their senior year in high school to request additional information and materials.

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The Engineering and Science Concepts Institute (ESCI)

The Engineering and Science Concepts Institute (ESCI) is an innovative intensive eight-week freshman summer program that introduces recent high school graduates to the profession of engineering as a viable career choice. Students will earn approximately 8 hours of course credits toward a Bachelor of Science degree. Whether you are majoring in civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical, computer engineering, computer science, computer engineering technology, or electrical engineering technology, you will find the Engineering and Sciences Concepts Institute to be an exciting gateway to all things at Prairie View A&M University. Admission to the program is competitive. It is based on evidence of high school completion, admission to the University, completion/exemption of requirements, SAT Reasoning Test/ACT scores, GPA, and class ranking.

Exceptional opportunities for summer internships and scholarships result from the ESCI experience.

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The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Enhancement Program

The Prairie View A&M University Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Enhancement Program builds upon years of educational enhancements. The goals are: (1) Enhancing the Quality of Undergraduate Education, (2) Stimulating Student Learning and Preparation for Graduate School, (3) Increasing Enrollment and Retention in STEM Disciplines and (4) Developing and Maintaining a Diverse and Intellectually Vigorous Faculty. Incoming college freshman students will participate in a nine-week summer institute designed to strengthen skills in mathematics, communications and computers.

Qualifications
To qualify, students must gain admission to Prairie View A&M University and have achieved the following:
- Be a U.S. Citizen;
- Obtained a SAT Reasoning Test score of 900 or higher or an ACT score of 19 or higher;

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- Passed all sections of the Texas Success Initiative Program (THEA) test or be exempt from THEA testing (www.thea.itesinc.com);
- Earned a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- Have an interest in and aptitude for one of the STEM disciplines

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The International Study Abroad Program

International experiences expand students’ understanding and deepen their knowledge of the world, thus better preparing them for a life of service and professional productivity in the ever increasing global marketplace.

Students participating in the study abroad programs must be approved by an advisor, department or division head, and dean. In selecting programs abroad, they should assess at the outset whether proficiency in a language other than English is required or preferred.

Applicants for the study abroad programs are to present evidence of the following:
- Completion of a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of college level work;
- Enrollment in the University during the semester of application for study abroad plans to enroll in the University during the semester or summer terms that the student expects to be abroad;
- Attainment of a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50;
- Attainment of a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0;
- Agreement to participate in all applicable orientations to the study abroad program;
- Coverage by health insurance that is acceptable by medical providers in the countries of destination;
- Commitment to complete the study abroad assignments;

Applications for Study Abroad Programs should be directed to the Center for International Studies and Research, Room 102, Woolfolk Building, or call (936) 261-3200.