

“Visions of the Good in the Bronx”
2025 Summer Seminar
Fordham University
DRAFT Seminar Schedule
[subject to change]

Week I

[Arrival early afternoon on Sunday, 7/13: introductions, ice breakers, tour of campus]

Day #1
July 14, Monday: What Does It Mean to Examine One’s Life?
8:30: Breakfast
9:30-11:30: Seminar: Plato, <i>Apology</i> ; Roosevelt Montas, Introduction, <i>Rescuing Socrates</i>
11:45-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Dr. Elizabeth Raposa (Fordham), “What is a Mentor and How Can Mentors Help Me?”
4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity
5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time
6:00-7:00: Dinner
7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs
9:30-10:30: Free Time
10:30: Curfew
11:00: Lights out

Day #2
July 15, Tuesday: What Is the Value of Education?
8:30: Breakfast
9:30-11:30: Seminar: Plato, <i>Republic</i> , “The Allegory of the Cave”; bell hooks, “Democratic Education”
11:45-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Visit from Visions Alumni
4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity
5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time
6:00-7:00: Dinner
7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs
9:30-10:30: Free Time
10:30: Curfew
11:00: Lights out

Day #3**July 16, Wednesday: What Is Happiness?**

8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Seminar: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book I; Epicurus, "Letter to Menoeceus"

11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time

2:00-4:00: Dr. Elizabeth Raposa (Fordham), "Mapping Out Social Support and Building Social Capital"

4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity

5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time

6:00-7:00: Dinner

7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs

9:30-10:30: Free Time

10:30: Curfew

11:00: Lights out

Day #4**July 17, Thursday: How Do We Build Good Character?**

8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Seminar: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book II; Martin Luther King, Jr., "Three Dimensions of a Good Life"

11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time

2:00-4:00: Cesar Lopez, Fordham Admissions Office, "Navigating the College Application Process"

4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity

5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time

6:00-7:00: Dinner

7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs

9:30-10:30: Free Time

10:30: Curfew

11:00: Lights out

Day #5**July 18, Friday: How Do We Live Well?**

8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Seminar: Epictetus, *Enchiridion*; Carlos Sanchez, *Blooming in the Ruins* (selections)

11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Cheretta Robson, Fordham Career Center
4:00+: Return home for weekend

Week II

Day #6

July 21, Monday: What Is the Basis for Governing Society?

8:30: Breakfast
9:30-11:30: Seminar: Rousseau, <i>On the Social Contract</i> , Book I; Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i> , selections
11:45-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Dr. Elizabeth Raposa, "Navigating a Successful Mentoring Meeting"
4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity
5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time
6:00-7:00: Dinner
7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs
9:30-10:30: Free Time
10:30: Curfew
11:00: Lights out

Day #7

July 22, Tuesday: Who Is Included in the Society?

8:30: Breakfast
9:30-11:30: Seminar: Gouges, "Declaration of the Rights of Women"; Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I a Woman?"; Universal Declaration of Human Rights
11:45-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Field Trip: New York Historical Society (Frederick Douglass Exhibit, Tour)
4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity
5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time
6:00-7:00: Dinner
7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs
9:30-10:30: Free Time
10:30: Curfew
11:00: Lights out

Day #8

July 23, Wednesday: What Are the Foundational Principles of American Society?
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8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Seminar: Thomas Jefferson, "Declaration of Independence"; James Madison, Federalist Paper #10; Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address"
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11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time

2:00-4:00: Dr. Elizabeth Raposa, Mentoring Relationships at School
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4:00-5:00: Outdoor Time/Activity

5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time

6:00-7:00: Dinner

7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs

9:30-10:30: Free Time

10:30: Curfew

11:00: Lights out

Day #9

July 24, Thursday: How Do We Build a Just Society?

8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Seminar: Frederick Douglass, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"; Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time

2:00-5:00: Field Trip: Visit to Columbia (Capture the flag? Kickball?)
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5:00-6:00: Shower/Relax Time

6:00-7:00: Dinner

7:00-9:30: Reading & Writing Time with RTAs

9:30-10:30: Free Time

10:30: Curfew

11:00: Lights out

Day #10

July 25, Friday: Visions of the Good for the Planet?

8:30: Breakfast

9:30-11:30: Earth Charter; <i>Laudato Si</i> (selections)

11:45-12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:00: Clean Dorm Room, Pack for Departure

2:00-3:00: Graduation Ceremony

3:00-3:30: Departure
