

**“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, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , 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, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , 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, <i>Enchiridion</i> ; Carlos Sanchez, <i>Blooming in the Ruins</i> (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?
8:30: Breakfast
9:30-11:30: Seminar: Thomas Jefferson, "Declaration of Independence"; James Madison, Federalist Paper #10; Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address"
11:45-12:45: Lunch
12:45-2:00: Dorm Time/Reading Time
2:00-4:00: Dr. Elizabeth Raposa, Mentoring Relationships at School
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?)
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