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ACADEMY OF AMERICAN STUDIES



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Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academy at the Academy of American Studies

28-01 41st Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101

The Saturday Academy is a tuition-free enrichment program offered to students in grades 9-12. An interest in American Studies is the only prerequisite. The program will be held on five Saturday mornings: October 20, 27, November 3, 17 and December 1. All classes will run from 9:00 – 12:00 PM. All instruction will be based on materials supplied by the teacher. Best of all - no homework - no tests. Students who participate and attend all sessions will receive a certificate of participation and will have a special non-credit activity to list on their college applications.

Fall 2018 Course Offerings:

SAT Prep – This class is for Juniors only

The course provides an overview of the English portion of the SAT exam. There will be an emphasis on test-taking skills and strategies. The course provides a great opportunity for practice in tested areas of writing and reading. If you sign up for this course, it will be the only course you take and you must be present for both portions of the class.

Taught by James Randle, Social Studies Teacher, Academy of American Studies.

A Taste of New York

What makes this city one of the most unique and diverse cities in the world? Is it the people, the geography, or both? Join us for a 3 hour tour of some of NY's most fascinating and historically significant locations each Saturday as we explore The Museum of the City of New York, Gramercy Park and Union Square visiting historic homes and learning about political rallies held there, walk cobble stone streets from when the Dutch settled New Amsterdam, discover the architectural history of the Highline, and learn about the experience of immigrants living in Chinatown, Little Italy and the Lower East Side. You will leave this class with a more enriched feeling of this bustling city's vast history and why so many choose to call New York home.

Taught by Jason Vanderwalker, Assistant Principal, Academy of American Studies and Susan Koo, English Teacher, Academy of American Studies.

From Colony to Colossus: Historic New York

This course will familiarize students with the unique role that New York City has played throughout American history. Students will be introduced to historic sites throughout New York City and the significant events that have helped shape our nation. This course will consist of weekly field trips to significant sites that have impacted various time periods throughout US history. Guided tours of locations will include lectures, walking tours, interactive activities (plenty of opportunities for selfies) and group discussions pertaining to the site and its connections to the past and present.

Taught by Julia Tzortzatos, Social Studies Teacher, Academy of American Studies and Elizabeth Dudley, Social Studies Teacher, Academy of American Studies

The Saturday Academy is funded by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academy- Academy of American Studies
28-01 41st Avenue Long Island City, New York 11101
APPLICATION Fall, 2018

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Home School: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Please submit your application to your school's Saturday Academy Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than October 5th to Ms. Margie Schikman, Assistant Principal at Long Island City High School, Mr. John Perlaza, Assistant Principal at Newcomers High School, Dawn Kelly, Social Studies Teacher for Applied Communications, Ms. Kate Fullerton, Student Activities Coordinator at Bard HS Early College Queens and John Giambalvo, Coordinator of Student Activities at Information Technology High School. They will deliver your applications to Ms. Nina Cohen, Assistant Principal, Academy of American Studies. Academy students should drop off their applications in room 107 North for Ms. Cohen.

Select two courses in the spaces below by checking the appropriate box. Choice "1" would be your first choice, "2" for your second choice. (All classes last the full three hours).

Check your first, second, and third choice

Course Title	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
SAT Prep			
A Taste of New York			
From Colony to Colossus: Historic New York			

(Course descriptions are attached to this document)

Upon completion of the application, you will be notified of your acceptance status.

Note: Classes will start on October 20. We will keep enrolling students until our second session on October 27. Applications will be accepted until October 27. Seats will be filled on a first come, first basis. You can bring your application to the first session. If you are late to a trip you will be sent home.

I give my son/daughter _____ permission to attend the Saturday Academy and to participate in field trips and other activities conducted as part of the Saturday Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____