Summer Life on Campus Weekly Workshop Descriptions

Date: July 1 to 5 (no class 4th of July)
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Name: REEL Film Festival
Workshop Description:
This is your opportunity to experience great cinema! WPU offers unique opportunities for teens who are interested in film to gain valuable experience with a vibrant and creative instructor. By using excerpts from film, the accompanying discussion will focus on bringing in wider contexts, i.e., discussion, conversation, and a writing activity, to advance the students’ understanding and appreciation of the art, history, and technique of film.

Date: July 8 to 12
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Name: Become a Successful Leader
Workshop Description:
This course revolves around the student’s growing ability to communicate effectively and emphasis will be placed on the awareness of strengths and areas for improvement. Students will also learn the art of public speaking through individual and team debate and will be trained for the rigors of academic, social, physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of their future academic experiences.

Date: July 15 to 19
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Workshop Name: Crime Science Investigation (CSI)
Workshop Description:
The popularity of TV shows, such as, “Bones and “CSI” have made crime science investigation a topic of popular discussion. Students are encouraged to learn more about these crime science investigations by performing some crime scene analysis experiments on campus. Sections of the William Paterson University campus will be transformed into a crime scene for all mystery-loving students to solve.
Date: July 22 to 26  
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Workshop Name: Creative Writing through Film Analyzes  
Workshop Description:
Explore film through the lens of creative writing. In this workshop, students will deconstruct media messages about American Culture through story structure, character development, and story form. Our interdisciplinary approach will help creative writers use individuals’ social location to create engaging characters and stories. The goal of this workshop is for students to write a one page reflection paper that transforms their thoughts and responses into writing that is academically appropriate. After completion of the workshop, students will gain an understanding of an influential cultural element through media literacy skills.

Date: July 29 and August 2  
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Workshop Name: Digital Movie-Making  
Workshop Description:
Develop a story concept; engage in the story-boarding process; then create, organize, edit its elements, and publish it to the web as you share it at a culminating student film festival.

Date: August 5 to 9  
Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Workshop Name: Cartooning Fundamentals  
Workshop Description:
Ever dream of creating your own comic book? Start here to make your own mini-comic book by using the same techniques as the pros. Topics will include story structure, character design, background design, inking techniques, color concepts, individual styles, editing, and lettering. All levels of drawing are welcome and creativity is encouraged.