

# The Summer Program for Young Orthodox Scholars

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at Eastern University



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### Course Overview

We confess the presence of the Spirit (the Lord and Giver of life) in all things, and this does not exclude the human imagination. But how is He present in the imagination, and how does this presence manifest itself in Orthodox writers? This course explores how Orthodox thought shapes the Orthodox imagination, and how this Sanctifying presence breaks through even in books and stories that touch on the most depraved of humans and the most vicious of acts. Together, students and professors embark on finding God’s hidden things present in the Byzantine epic *Digenes Akritas*, short stories by Fyodor Dostoevsky, a novella by Nikolai Gogol, and a novel by Alexandros Papadiamantis.

### About the Summer Program

The Program provides promising High School and transfer students the opportunity to earn college credit while challenging themselves intellectually and spiritually. Students will live in residence on Eastern University’s campus with a select group of peers engaged in rigorous coursework and discussion of Great Books by Orthodox Christian literary figures.

- A college accredited honors program
- Earn two, transferable college credits
- Enhance your academic resume
- Sharpen your critical thinking and writing
- Grow intellectually and spiritually



## Young Orthodox Scholars

The Summer Program for Young Orthodox Scholars is designed for High School students entering their Junior and Senior year, and recent high school graduates who wish to pursue college course work that at once challenges the mind and moves the soul to a life of contemplation, reflection, and virtuous action in the pursuit of love of God.

**WHAT:** A college accredited honors program

**WHEN:** 7–14 July 2016

**WHERE:** Eastern University  
1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087

- WHY:**
- Earn two, transferable college credits
  - Participate in daily prayer
  - Sharpen your critical, analytic, thinking and writing skills via seminars with peers and mentors
  - Take cultural trips to Philadelphia and surrounding areas
  - Experience college life while living in Eastern University's dorms

## Orthodox Higher Education

The Center for Orthodox Thought and Culture at the Agora Institute of Eastern University is an intellectual and spiritual home for Orthodox students that focuses on Eastern Orthodoxy's broad, deep cultural and intellectual patrimony, especially that springing from the Greek, Arabic, and Slavonic traditions.

## Application Details

Space is limited and applications will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tuition, room, and board for the Summer Program costs \$1,800, and includes two college credits. Students will live in single-sex dorms on campus with experienced resident advisors who provide mentoring and support.

## More Information

[www.agorainstitute.org/summer](http://www.agorainstitute.org/summer)



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