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Tulsa Term

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Who Should Apply

High school juniors and seniors from Holland Hall and Tulsa Public Schools are invited to apply.

What kind of student will thrive at Tulsa Term?
We are looking for the curious, the wonderer, and the questioner; for the grappler who puzzles over problems and the creator who pushes boundaries; for the analytical skeptic and the empathetic feeler.

IS THIS YOU?

strategist

quiet, reflective thinker
divergent thinker

accountable team member

self-starter

dreamer

artist

action oriented doer

conputer

adventurer

designer

analyst

collaborator

investigator

contributor
The City Becomes The Classroom

Do you wonder where Tulsa is headed as a city?
Are you aware of your capacity to initiate change in your city?
Do you want to create innovative ways to make a difference in Tulsa?
Do you find exploring new places a fascinating way to learn?
Are you curious about connections between many disciplines and subjects?

At Tulsa Term, cohorts comprised of juniors and seniors from Holland Hall and Tulsa Public Schools will use academic skills and experience to encounter the places and people of Tulsa, face real problems, create solutions, and make a difference in the city. Tulsa Term credits on a transcript stand for true engagement in our world.

What Do We Do?
At Tulsa Term, school is an immersive semester where students directly engage with the city through meaningful assignments and projects. Our learning philosophy is student-centered, place-based, and transdisciplinary. We draw on effective methods, such as design thinking, to foster deep learning.

“Tulsa Term will change students deeply and provide a new lens for understanding the world that will be enduring.”
— JP Culley, Holland Hall Head of School

Our home-base is downtown Tulsa, where innovative learning can thrive. However, our work will carry us beyond downtown as we explore the city and surrounding areas as a whole. With each unit of study, we will develop a better understanding of the places, people, policies, and promise unique to the Tulsa area.

Tulsa Term empowers students to take charge of their learning and to become agents of change in their community. We encourage social responsibility by producing leaders who will serve and seek to better the places they live for years to come.

Upon completion of Tulsa Term, students will earn high school credits to be applied to their transcripts. Tulsa Term students will not only be more college ready but also practiced in engaged citizenship.

What Do You Gain from Tulsa Term?
• Real-world skills and experience
• College preparation
• Academic credit
• English, History, Science, Applied Statistics, and a Capstone determined by project-based themes
• Deeper relationships
• Self-knowledge

What Does Tulsa Gain from You?
• Thoughtful solutions
• Innovative ideas
• Provocative questions
• Informed leaders

“Tulsa Term allowed me to understand the world and myself better. Being in an environment where curiosity and deep thinking were embedded into everything we did was incredible; it showed me what learning truly means and how engaging school can be.”
— Marta Almazovaite, Class of 2020

What are the key elements of the Tulsa Term program, and how does it differ from traditional schooling? Tulsa Term is a unique program that immerses students in the city of Tulsa, allowing them to directly engage with real-world problems and make a difference in their community. This program differs from traditional schooling in several ways:

1. **Place-based Learning:** Students are not confined to a classroom; they explore their city, including its history, people, policies, and promise. This allows them to develop a deeper understanding of the places they live and work.
2. **Transdisciplinary Approach:** Tulsa Term draws on effective methods, such as design thinking, to foster deep learning. This approach encourages students to think across disciplines and subjects, promoting a more holistic understanding of the world.
3. **Real-world Experience:** Students engage with the city through meaningful assignments and projects, which provide them with real-world skills and experience. This prepares them not only for college but also for life after graduation.
4. **Engaged Citizenship:** Tulsa Term empowers students to take charge of their learning and to become agents of change in their community. Students are encouraged to be socially responsible and to produce leaders who will serve and improve their hometown.

By offering these elements, Tulsa Term aims to create a more engaged and responsible citizenry, preparing students for success in a rapidly changing world.
What does it mean to redesign community health for youth in Tulsa?

In partnership with innovative health practitioners and organizations, students will explore ways to improve community health access by implementing a systems design approach.

What happens when the visual artist and the city planner intersect?

Students will discover how recognizing different ways of seeing might reveal ways to re-imagine Tulsa’s infrastructure.

How does mapping gathering places reveal patterns of history?

By studying the history of the people and places of Tulsa, students will be equipped to understand how the past shapes future possibilities for the city.

“Across the country, we are witnessing universities desiring to bring a very real level of humanity to a world where applications focus on ACT/SAT/GPA and a dozen other variables. This type of program creates such an environment, which is beneficial to students on an experiential level as well as preparation for the college application process. This is certainly a focus for us at Oklahoma State University! I am proud Holland Hall is exhibiting leadership in this area.”

— Kyle Wray, Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing, Oklahoma State University
QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT BE ASKING ABOUT TULSA TERM:

When and where does Tulsa Term happen?
Tulsa Term is an off-campus program that takes place during the spring semester, January–May. The program is housed downtown at City Hall, One Technology Center. Applications open October 2019 and close February 21, 2020. Acceptances will be announced February 28, 2020.

What would your day look like?
Tulsa Term meets five days a week from 8:30 am–2:45 pm at an off-campus location. Students will collaborate with other Tulsa Term students as well as members of the community to address real projects in and around Tulsa. Some days may be spent just in the Tulsa Term location, some may include meetings or visits to different areas in Tulsa. The day may consist of group activities and/or individual work. Students will be released in time to return to their home schools and participate in after-school activities.

How is this different from an internship?
Tulsa Term is school. Internships provide short term experience in a workplace. Tulsa Term is immersive: it seeks to educate the whole person through various venues, topics, tasks, and methods.

What would your transcript look like?
Students will earn credits and grades for the following course areas:

1) English  
2) History  
3) Science  
4) Applied Statistics  
5) Capstone *(determined by project based themes)*

See tulsaterm.org for academic considerations based on student’s grade level of participation.

Why do this type of program now, while in high school?
“Tulsa Term provides students with an enriching independent learning experience. As they transition from high school to college, students will benefit from a program that serves as the building blocks for self-guided education. It is this sort of autonomous journey that admission offices find appealing in prospective students because it establishes one’s preparation for success in college both in and out of the classroom.”

— Heath Einstein, Dean of Admission, Texas Christian University

Who should you contact with questions or more info?
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