

2023 SUMMER COURSE OVERVIEW

SAB's Summer Course is the cornerstone of SAB's national recruitment initiative, and we are so pleased to be in the planning stages for our third year of in-person summer programs since the advent of the pandemic. Despite the ongoing challenges posed by ever-evolving COVID-19 variants, we are optimistically planning for a Summer Course that will closely resemble our pre-pandemic norm. Our operational plan for the coming summer is based on knowledge and practices in effect for our current winter training and residential programs, but we of course must remain flexible and adaptable as new challenges arise. This document gives you our best estimation of what students can expect for the upcoming Summer Course based on current pandemic conditions and prevailing guidance from the CDC and medical experts. All provisions are subject to change should adjustments be necessary to ensure student health and safety.

KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS

On-site Housing

After significantly modifying student capacity in 2021 and 2022 due to concerns around the transmission of COVID-19, we will be expanding use of our housing facility to 90% of our pre-pandemic capacity. In 2023, the slightly lower occupancy will result from the off-lining of two full suites for emergency use as isolation/quarantine suites. Unless they reside in the New York metropolitan area within reasonable daily commuting distance, all students accepted to Summer Course will be offered a space in the residence hall. As in the past, living in the residence hall is optional and families are welcome to make their own housing arrangements if they wish. Please note that towards the end of our Summer Course enrollment period it is possible that the number of day student enrollments will be capped, after which point the acceptance of a space in the residence hall will be mandatory as a condition of enrollment.

Curriculum

Our complete Summer Course curriculum will be offered with a greater number of technique classes for all students and new syllabus offerings for advanced students. More detail on planned enhancements to our artistic programming is contained on pages 3-5 of our **2023 Summer Course brochure**.

Class Capacities

Class units will contain approximately 26 or fewer students.

Class Scheduling

As in 2022, we anticipate utilizing our pre-pandemic class structure and scheduling practices, with students participating in ballet classes and activities throughout each day. The block scheduling practice utilized in 2021 in order to limit occupancy in our studios and halls will not be necessary.

After-Class programs and Activities

We plan to offer a robust slate of after-class outings, activities and in-house recreation, including sightseeing excursions, Broadway and dance performances and cultural experiences. The offerings will be contingent upon the availability of venues and performances, and it may be necessary to cap the number of participants for some events. We will share an update on the slate of offerings in mid-spring. All enrolling students should be prepared to accept any unavoidable limitations in these offerings caused by performance cancellations or venue closings. We anticipate that all enrolled students (including residential and day students) will be invited to participate in after-class programs. Note that the mandatory activities fee covers only onsite programs and most offsite excursions must be purchased a la carte.

KEY HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement

As already announced in our Summer Course audition materials, all Summer Course students must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All SAB staff, faculty, and pianists are also fully vaccinated. Booster shots are strongly recommended according to current CDC guidelines, but boosters will not be required for students this summer. Enrolled students must be fully vaccinated by May 1, 2023 (a minimum of 2 doses of a CDC approved COVID vaccine) and must submit proof that vaccination is either complete or in process by early April. Instructions for submitting a copy of student vaccine cards will be shared in a later communication. For ease of administrative tracking, students who attended an SAB summer program in 2022 will need to provide a copy of their card again this year.

ONLY MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS TO THE COVID VACCINATION POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to pursue a medical exemption, you must contact SAB's Dean of Students and Alumni Affairs Sion Harrington by email (sharrington@sab.org) within five days of receipt of your acceptance letter. Sion will provide instructions for submitting the exemption request (which will involve obtaining documentation from the student's physician). Those in the process of requesting a medical exemption will be given a limited extension for the student's enrollment deadline. Those who request a medical exemption *after* completing the enrollment agreement will be held to the terms of the agreement regardless of the outcome of a delayed exemption request. Medical exemption requests are reviewed by SAB's medical team and approval is not guaranteed. Non-medical exemption requests will NOT be considered.

COVID Testing

Depending upon the state of the pandemic closer to the start of the Summer Course, students may be required to undertake testing and show a negative result before arriving at SAB, and post-arrival testing may be mandated by SAB. Testing before arrival will be the sole responsibility of the family, and SAB will facilitate and pay for any testing required *after* arrival and/or throughout the Summer Course. It is possible that testing will NOT be required, but all enrolling students must be willing to comply with testing requirements announced before or during the Summer Course. This provision is included in the Summer Course Enrollment Agreement.

COVID Infection Response

In the event of a positive COVID-19 case within our residence hall, the infected student(s) will be moved into an isolation suite where they will receive care from staff. The School will then consult with local health officials and the student's parents to best determine a course of care. In the event of a positive COVID-19 case within our small day student population the student will be required to stay home for the prescribed isolation period. Whenever feasible, provisions will be made for asymptomatic students to participate in classes via zoom during their isolation.

General COVID Safety Protocols

Students will be required to follow any and all COVID-19 policies that are in place at the time of our Summer Course. These may include mask-wearing in all public areas, including but not limited to studios, hallways, locker rooms, elevators, and residence hall common spaces. Students and parents must remain flexible and ready to adapt to any new provisions needed as the Summer Course grows nearer. SAB currently has a mask-optional policy in place for our 2022-23 Winter Term students. We are hopeful that it will not be necessary to mandate mask-wearing during the Summer Course, but it is premature to announce the summer mask policy at this moment in time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Placement and Schedules

Placement classes will take place on the first day of the Summer Course (June 26) with the regular class schedule beginning the next day. Enrolled students will receive more information about class placement closer to the start of the Summer Course. Classes for all levels will be held Monday through Saturday, with Sundays off. Students will not know their exact schedules until placement is complete, but classes will generally be held between 9:30 am and 6 p.m.

Parent Class Observation and Visiting SAB

We are currently planning to facilitate parent class observation on July 7, July 14, July 21 and during the entire final week of Summer Course (July 24-28). Students will be permitted no more than 2 visitors on observation days, and in general we do not permit children younger than 8 to observe classes. This plan may be adjusted if pandemic conditions worsen, and we reserve the right to revise visiting dates and capacities or to conduct virtual class observations in place of in-person visits. We will share updates planning for parent observation days this spring.

Student Handbook

All students and parents will receive the 2023 Summer Course Parent & Student Handbook which will fully explain all rules and protocols planned for the program closer to the start of Summer Course. Your review and acceptance of the handbook will be required prior to arriving at SAB.

Medical Forms

Students will be required to submit SAB's Medical Form by April 1. This form requires a full physical exam (received no earlier than June 25, 2022), a physician's report clearing students for the rigorous activity of ballet and will provide documentation that the student has received the full complement of immunizations that are required for our residential students (if applicable). Resident student immunization requirements are subject to change, but at minimum, residential students will be required to have: 1) One dose of measles, mumps, rubella on or after the first birthday; 2) A second dose of measles—containing vaccine, preferable as MMR, no sooner than 1 month after the first dose and or after 15 months of age; 3) Evidence of Tdap vaccine; 4) Tuberculin risk assessment and testing if indicated. 5) Meningitis vaccine 6) Varicella vaccine or the history of disease. 7) COVID-19 vaccinations as outlined on the first page of this overview. We strongly urge any family who is unable or unwilling to meet these immunization requirements to NOT accept a space in SAB's Residence Hall. These vaccinations are highly recommended for day students as well, but the COVID-19 vaccine is currently the only mandated vaccination for day students. Any follow up questions concerning immunization requirements should be directed to Dean of Students and Alumni Affairs Sion Harrington (sharrington@sab.org).

Housing and Food Service

SAB and The Juilliard School partner closely with AVI Fresh to provide food service to our students. AVI works diligently to meet the diverse dietary needs of our students and management is always available to assist with specific concerns. Use of the AVI's recently renovated café is currently available for use by students only and we anticipate it will continue to be fully open during the Summer Course. If for any reason the dining facility cannot open due to health and safety concerns, students will get all of their meals to go from the cafeteria and will dine in their own suites or outdoors on the Lincoln Center campus. All residential students automatically participate in a 20-meal per week dining plan as part of their Room & Board agreement. Day students may purchase meals and snacks a la carte.

GENERAL RESIDENCE HALL INFORMATION

Staffing and Supervision

SAB's residential community is overseen by a robust live-in staff and supported by a team of Student Life professionals. The residence hall desk is staffed and operational 24/7 with a Lincoln Center Security guard providing nightly coverage from 12am-8am daily. Even in the middle of the night, students have access to a helpful adult. A staff member is always on duty to assist students, respond to emergencies or crises, and to speak with parents. Three professional, full-time Student Life staff members live in the residence hall year-round and participate in the program's daily operation and oversight. Additional adult live-in summer staffing includes three Resident Directors and 7 Summer Course Assistants. Staff apartments and suites are spread evenly throughout the residence hall and each floor houses at least one staff member. The Rose Building is operational 24/7 and two Lincoln Center Security Desks ensure our community's safety around the clock.

General Residential Protocols and Procedures

Our nightly curfew is strictly enforced and our protocol ensures that students are seen three times every evening by Student Life staff. Curfew times will be detailed closer to move-in and will be based on the ages of our enrolled students. Parents will be able to select parameters for where their student may go within and beyond the Lincoln Center campus and students may never leave the Rose building without "signing out" to seek approval. Staff will cross reference each student's Parental Permission Form any time a student wishes to leave the building and will strictly enforce parental restrictions. SAB reserves the right to craft permission parameters that are aligned with recommended health and safety measures as of June. It is important to note that depending upon the state of the pandemic at the time of the Summer Course, SAB may limit the permissible modes of travel and parts of the city that students may visit during unchaperoned excursions, regardless of parental permissions. Our staff also reserves the right to deny student sign out permission at any point and for any reason.

COVID Policies for Residential Students

While it is our hope that Residential Students will experience many of the same freedoms and comforts that they enjoy at home, those living onsite should be ready and willing to comply with any requirements to limit the spread of COVID-19. This may include masking in halls and public spaces within the dorm or limiting visitation between suites. It is premature to set those guidelines and we will keep enrolled residential students up to date on planned policies for dorm students as we get closer to the start of the Summer Course.

Dorm Move-in/Moveout

Move-in will take place on Sunday, June 25, and moveout will take place on Saturday, July 29. Timing and policies for move-in/moveout will be shared with enrolled students in early March. We will strive to allow as much access to the residence hall for parents on moving days as possible within prevailing pandemic precautions and considerations.

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We anticipate that many of you may have general questions not addressed by this overview. Please use **this form** to submit your questions to our staff and we will do our best to provide you with the information you need to make an informed enrollment decision for your student. We ask for your understanding that we may not be able to answer hypothetical questions that are dependent upon definitive knowledge of the state of the pandemic as of June 2023. We hope that we will have the pleasure of welcoming you to SAB this summer!