

# WINTERIM OVERVIEW

January 4 –15, 2010

**INTRODUCTION:** Winterim (Winter Interim) is an innovative curricular feature started at Wheaton Academy in 1991. Winterim has become an enormously valuable and popular component of the Wheaton Academy education, and we are thrilled to have this be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of SCS's Winterim tradition. Students have the unique opportunity to literally travel around the world through a variety of educational and mission trips and take courses on campus that they normally wouldn't be exposed to. In addition, as juniors and seniors, SCS students have the rare opportunity to experience firsthand a profession (through work internships around the world) before deciding on a college or major. Winterim truly means opportunities for Statesville Christian School students.

**SCHEDULE:** The SCS school year is divided so that the first semester concludes prior to Christmas vacation. Students will return in January for Winterim. Winterim is an interim "semester" between the first and second semesters. Each year the dates of Winterim are noted on our school calendar. The Winterim school day is divided into two sessions. One course is taken per session.

The **morning session** is 8:00am-11:00am

**Lunch** is 11:00-11:40 on campus

The **afternoon session** is 11:45am-2:45pm

The longer class periods make it possible to offer courses that ordinarily could not be held in a shorter class time. Morning classes tend to be academic in nature with regular homework and preparation required outside of class. Afternoon classes generally are practical in nature and usually involve hands-on participation. Students need to check course descriptions carefully to be familiar with individual class expectations. Internships (only available to juniors and seniors) may be arranged for half or full days, depending on the work environment. Typically, one-third of the student body spends Winterim off campus involved with internships or mission trips.

**CREDITS:** All courses receive one 1/4 Winterim credit (.25) toward graduation. Winterim course grades are included in a student's GPA calculation. School sponsored trips and internships will earn 1/2 of a Winterim credit. As a graduation requirement, each student is required to earn 1/2 of a Winterim credit per year they attend SCS. Winterim courses will not count toward fulfilling non-Winterim graduation requirements.

**CONFLICTS:** Because we recognize that Winterim experiences potentially cause a conflict with a sport or other school activity/involvement, we have established the following Winterim athletic policy: Students involved in J.V. level activities may miss part of the season due to a Winterim experience without losing their place on a roster. It needs to be understood, though, that students missing part of the season will need to earn their way back into their prior position. Because of the level of commitment expected at the varsity level, students will need to choose Winterim experiences that do not conflict with sports or choose not to participate in varsity sports. We will be careful to avoid any back-to-back required trips by sports to give students access to Winterim opportunities, particularly internships.

**LUNCH:** Lunches will be available during Winterim on campus. Please be mindful when ordering January lunches where your child will be spending these two weeks. Only order if they will be taking classes on campus and will be here to enjoy it.

**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES:** Registration for Winterim is handled in a systematic way with preference given to seniors, then juniors, then sophomores, then freshmen unless courses are geared to a specific grade level or other preference policies are explained. All students are expected to pick their first four preferences in case particular classes are full. Students are reminded to seriously consider each of their picks because classes do fill up, and students may end up in 2nd, 3rd, or even 4th choices. Registration begins on Wednesday, October 29th, and ends on Friday, November 6th. There is no advantage to turning in forms before the deadline. Please take your time and make good choices.

**REGISTRATION FOR TRIPS:** Many of our annual trips are announced late in the spring or early in the fall (through parent mailings, student announcements, and chapel presentations) and require registration prior to our Winterim class registration deadline. For more information, refer to the Trip section of this packet. If a student is registered for a trip, then please note that on the Class Registration Form. If you are interested in travel, then be on the lookout this spring for information about next year's trips.

**REGISTRATION FOR INTERNSHIPS:** Parents and students are encouraged to be thinking about internship possibilities year round, but particularly during the spring and summer. Registration deadlines are typically late October to early November to insure our Internship Coordinators have adequate time to arrange our nearly twenty individual internships. For more information about Internships, please refer to the Internship section of this packet.

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