JUNIOR SUMMER COURSE IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY

"THE VILLAGE IN THE CITY"

13-17 YEAR OLDS

JUNE 28TH TO AUGUST 8TH 2020
ABOUT US
Welcome to the Brooklyn School of Languages!
Our school boasts a prime location in Brooklyn Heights, just one subway stop from Manhattan, offering students the opportunity to make the most of the hustle and bustle of NYC while enjoying a true neighborhood feel. We truly believe that there is no better way to discover the big apple: all the excitement of the city without the stress!

Our junior program is designed for students aged 13 to 17 years old. It is an immersion program including general English lessons and full board accommodation either in local host families, or in a student residence, as well as a full program of supervised activities and excursions to enjoy the summer in the city.

When studying at Brooklyn School of Languages you can expect a warm welcome, friendly and helpful staff and teachers, high quality English lessons and the opportunity to see New York from a different perspective.

“I LIKED IT A LOT, A GOOD SCHOOL IN A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION IN BROOKLYN.
I especially enjoyed the excursions to the Empire State Building, Coney Island and Times Square. I had a beautiful family too, they were very nice and always available for all of my questions.”
Riccardo Di Molfetta, Italy
### 10 REASONS TO STUDY WITH US

#### 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE BROOKLYN

1. **Relaxed and Uncrowded Alternative to Manhattan**
2. **Vibrant, Trendy and Popular Borough**
3. **Strong Cultural Diversity**
4. **Proximity to Manhattan and its Exciting Sights**
5. **A Real Community Feel!**

#### 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE BSL

1. **Small Program with Lots of Personal Attention**
2. **English Lessons with Experienced Teachers**
3. **Choice Between Local Families or Residence Accommodation**
4. **Immersion in the US Culture with Typical Activities**
5. **Outings Every Day for an Exciting Summer!**

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A relaxed, uncrowded, and trendy alternative to Manhattan.
St. Francis College
Our junior program takes place at St. Francis College, located in the heart of Brooklyn Heights, a 2-minute walk from our year-round English Language school. St. Francis, founded more than 150 years ago, is a small private co-educational college.
Facilities include modern, spacious classrooms and a cafeteria where students can have lunch on weekdays before their afternoon activities. There are 3 subway stations and 8 subway lines accessible within a 3-minute walk.

English Classes
The course includes 20 lessons (~15 hours) of general English per week taking place Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 1:45pm. Our teachers are qualified, experienced and use an action-based, communicative method to encourage students to interact and use the language as much as possible, both in and out of class.
There is a maximum of 15 students per class, grouped together according to their English level which will be evaluated with a test on the first Monday. Course materials are included (teachers use textbooks as well as authentic materials such as magazines, newspapers articles).

"MY TEACHERS WERE THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
THANK YOU FOR MY PROGRESS IN ENGLISH, I WANT TO COME BACK AGAIN!"
Tatiana Makarova, Russia

"MY TEACHER WAS FRIENDLY, PASSIONATE, INTERESTING, AND I LIKE THE MATERIALS AND VIDEOS WE USED."
Catherine Linne, Germany
ACTIVITY PROGRAM
"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Our activity program is designed to include the best of New York City and alternate between fun and educational outings. Summer is a great time to discover New York and our students will have the chance to take part in some real American activities to enjoy a typical summer in the city!

- **Mondays - Walking tour**
  Walking tours of Brooklyn Heights/Brooklyn Bridge, High Line, Central Park...

- **Tuesdays - Famous landmarks**
  Admire the view from NY’s most famous buildings: Top of the Rock, Empire State Building, Freedom Tower...

- **Wednesdays - Summer in the city!**
  Discover the world-famous Times Square, enjoy a bike tour or take a ride on the Beast boat...

- **Thursdays - Educational visits**
  The Museum of Natural History, the MET, The MoMA...

- **Fridays - Social outings**
  Fun time to do some shopping, go to Coney Island or play sports in the park, followed by an evening dinner in a restaurant.

- **Saturdays - Summer in the City!**
  Excursion to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, a Broadway musical...

- **Sundays - Immersion time**
  Arrival, free day with host family, afternoon activity at the residence

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**Sample weekly timetable**

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5 HALF-DAY ACTIVITIES AND 1 FULL-DAY EXCURSION PER WEEK
ACCOMMODATION IN OUR HOST FAMILIES

OUR HOST FAMILIES
At BSL we know that accommodation is an important factor for a successful trip abroad, so we spend a lot of time selecting the right families. They are all based in Brooklyn and the average commute time to the school on public transportation is 30 minutes.

A host family can be a couple with children, a retired couple, a single parent or even a single person. Ethnic diversity is an important aspect of New York's cultural identity, so some hosts may be of Asian, African, Hispanic or Middle Eastern descent, but English is always spoken in the home. Regardless of their background, all our host families are committed to making every student's stay as comfortable as possible.

THE BENEFITS OF A HOST FAMILY
Living as part of an English-speaking household is simply the best way to truly immerse yourself in the language and culture of a country. Students will practice the English they have learned every day with other English speakers, which means that they will never stop learning and improving fluency. It is also a great chance to get to know people living in New York and share their way of life.

Hosts will welcome students in their home as a member of their family, and in return will expect them to adapt to their way of life (for example meal times may vary from the home country). Mutual respect is the key to a successful stay.

HOW IT WORKS DAY-TO-DAY

Arrival day is on the Sunday before the course starts. Departure day is on the Saturday after the course ends. Students stay in twin rooms with another BSL student of the same gender but different nationality, and share the bathroom with the family members. There may be other students from the program staying in another bedroom in the same homestay.

Breakfast is included at home every morning, then students make their way to school together by public transportation. They also get back home together by public transportation in the evenings. Lunch will be served at St. Francis College on weekdays, and students will get packed lunches for the Saturday excursions. Dinner is taken at home with the family every day except Friday evening when the teens have dinner out.

Towels and bed linens are provided. Laundry facilities are not always available in US homes, in which case students can use a nearby laundromat (around $5 per wash/dry).

ACCOMMODATION IN OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE

OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE
All bedrooms are ensuite and fully furnished with beds, desks and closets, as well as cable tv, fridge and microwave. There is free wi-fi everywhere in the residence. On-site features include a newly refurbished kitchen and dining area, comfortable common lounges with flat screen TVs, a pool table and movie room, vending machines and 24 hour access to i-pads in the lobby. There is also 24 hour security and key card entrance to ensure student safety.

THE BENEFITS OF OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE
The main advantage of our residence is that it is in the heart of the city! Located just 10 minutes' walk from St Francis College, it gives our students easy access to the school and the activities taking place each day. The residence is in a prime location in Brooklyn Heights, one of Brooklyn's most beautiful, lively and popular neighborhoods, and only one subway stop from Manhattan. Although it is not campus-style housing, staying in the residence is a great way to enjoy life in the city without the hassle of the commute to school.

HOW IT WORKS DAY-TO-DAY

Arrival day is on the Sunday before the course starts. Departure day is on the Saturday after the course ends. Students stay in twin rooms with another BSL student of the same gender but different nationality, and share an en-suite bathroom.

Continental breakfast is served every morning in the kitchen/dining area, then students make their way to school together on foot. It is only a 10 minute walk. Lunch will be served at St. Francis College on weekdays, and students will get packed lunches for the Saturday excursions. Evening dinner is served every day in the residence's dining area except Friday evening when the teens have dinner out.

Bed linens are provided but towels are not. Laundry facilities are available on the lower ground floor of the residence, at an extra cost (about $6 for a wash and dry). There is no change of linen during the stay.
FAQS

IS NEW YORK SAFE ENOUGH FOR TEENS?
Despite having a population of more than 8 million people, New York City consistently ranks in the top ten safest large cities in the United States. As in any large city, travelers should be careful of pickpockets and hustlers, but our leaders are here to guide students and give them safety tips.

WHAT ABOUT SUPERVISION WHEN THEY ARE OUT?
Activities and excursions are led by activity leaders, at a ratio of 15 students per leader. They are here to make sure the students are safe at all times during outings. Students make their way to and from school by public transportation in pairs.

HOW DO YOU CHOOSE THE HOST FAMILIES?
We screen potential hosts through an application form to find out more about their home life (children, pets, interests, pictures of their home) before setting an appointment to meet them in person. We then visit their home and check for comfort, cleanliness, general atmosphere of the house, and whether the area is safe and has easy transportation. We want our hosts to be genuinely interested in hosting students, and we maintain strong relationships with them through regular visits. We also monitor students’ feedback throughout their stay.

ANY ALLERGIES OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? CAN THESE BE CATERED TO?
Any health and dietary requirements (allergies, special diets, medical conditions, etc.) can be catered to as long as it is included in the enrollment form, so that we can inform the host families about these at the time of booking. Staff and families will be aware of these and take them into account at meal times.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS HOME SICK AND WANTS TO GO HOME?
The first couple of days are often quite daunting, as students adjust to a new country and customs, new language, and new friends. This is normal and usually goes away after they have settled in. If the homesickness persists however, your child can go home, but please note that no refund will be possible and the school will not be held responsible for extra charges involved (change of flight, etc.). We recommend that you encourage your child to stay in New York though, as we know from experience that after the initial fear of the unknown, our students have a great time and do not want to leave!

SHOULD INSURANCE BE TAKEN OUT TO COVER MY CHILD’S STAY DURING THE PROGRAM?
Yes, BSL highly recommends that all students obtain health insurance to protect themselves while they’re traveling in the U.S. Students choosing to travel without an adequate health and travel insurance coverage may be faced with extremely high costs in case of travel issues (missing/cancelling a flight for example) or medical emergencies (accidents, hospital treatments, repatriation etc…) as health care in the United States is very expensive.

ARE THE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED IN THE PROGRAM COMPULSORY?
Yes. Students must attend all the supervised activities organized by the school.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

“OUR TEACHER LISTENED TO STUDENTS’ INTERESTS AND OPINIONS, AND HER CLASSES WEREN’T BORING, WE DID LOTS OF ACTIVITIES. MY HOST MUM WAS VERY KIND AND LOVELY TOO AND WE SPOKE EVERYDAY AT DINNER. I MADE PROGRESS IN MY SPEAKING.”
Sara Tonioli, Italy

“THE FIRST DAY I DIDN’T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AND NOW I CAN UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING WHEN THE TEACHER SPEAKS.”
Isabella Provenzano, Venezuela

“We had a very good teacher and I have improved my English a lot. I enjoyed my stay and especially the visits to the Top of the Rock, Times Square and Brooklyn Bridge. Also, my host family was very nice, they are helpful and very friendly.”
Marc Xapelli, Spain

“I REALLY ENJOYED THE LESSONS WITH THE SMART BOARD. MY TEACHER WAS NICE, THE STAFF/LEADERS WERE VERY KIND AND HELPFUL, AND MY HOST FAMILY WAS GREAT TOO!”
Francesco Manzini, Italy

“Our teacher is very kind and she made us have fun during the classes. I think I speak more fluently now. And my family was also very nice. I spoke with them all the time in English.”
Aslı Şü Curur, Turkey

“VERY GOOD TEACHER, THE LESSONS WERE INTERESTING AND FUNNY.”
Philippe Miheoz, Poland

“I really enjoyed myself there. All the people I met were very friendly and my host family was fantastic. Emily is very nice and makes everyone at home feel comfortable. It was the same at school, very nice and helpful people. They always make sure you get back to your homestay safely”
Joyly Stevens, Belgium

“I liked the program very much. I was happy to visit New York and meet some friends from around the world. I enjoyed the English classes and the afternoon activities especially. Overall it was an awesome experience!“
Jacobo Arias, Colombia

“During the lessons we watched videos and played games, it was fun. My host mum cooks really well and she integrated us into the conversation, I felt at home there.”
Rosalie Guilloux, France

“My sister and I really liked staying in New York City, it was awesome. My favourite place was Times Square, I think it’s the best place for tourists. I also liked Independence Day on July 4th because I saw enormous fireworks and it was fun. Thanks for everything.”
Alena Bolkunova, Russia
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