

The STEM Chicago program is a 4-week program that allows students to explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the U.S. through the lens of intercultural exchange. They'll make new friends from around the world while experiencing new settings and topics that will help them determine their future and place in the world. This program presents students with the opportunity to experience a summer program that integrates classroom studies, excursions for hands-on applications, and intercultural learning. A mix of STEM-related activities and cultural day trips will provide students with endless opportunities for exploration and personal growth. Afternoons and weeknights will have interactive activities including game nights, cultural presentations, and talent shows. Weekends offer exploration in downtown Chicago exploring the city, museums, beaches and shops!

Quick facts:

- Students will be overseen by onsite AFS staff that include AFS Alumni*
- Morning classes deliver project-based learning curriculum
- Intercultural Learning (ICL)
- Weekend excursions in the city offer community engagement around themes
- Minimum ELTiS (English Language Test for International Students) score required is 212.
- Students will stay in residence hall dorm rooms at Elmhurst College.

A sample day in the STEM Program

- 07:30h – Good Morning
- 08:00h – Breakfast
- 09:00h – Morning Classes
- 12:00h – Lunch
- 14:00h – Cultural or STEM Excursion
- 18:00h – Dinner
- 19:00h – Evening Activities, Night Games, Free Time
- 23:00h – Good Night!

Why STEM?

If you are dreaming about becoming a game developer, coder, engineer, or so many other STEM-related professions, a STEM-focused program is a great opportunity! Get the skills you need for your future career, while engaging with people from around the world and exploring a new and exciting culture.



Science

experiments creating extraordinary discoveries



Technology

cutting-edge designs we can't live without



Engineering

brightest ideas that set the world in motion



Mathematics

in Einstein's words, the poetry of logical ideas



"This program was adaptive, and I hope that it continues... the next students will 100% have an awesome time. As I've had such a great time with all the activities and what I've learned during them. The counselors have been really nice and interact in a way that is being half way between a friend and a teacher."

— Global Prep Chicago Alumni

STEM focus with Intercultural Learning

Develop 21st-century skills through weekly themes that include:

- Architecture & Civil Engineering
- Renewable Energy & Industry,
- Environmental Science & Conservation
- Biomedical Engineering & Medtech.

Equip student to collaborate cross-cultural and prepare them for college and careers in emerging industries

Regular small group discussions and workshops to cultivate intercultural skills and capacities:

- Empathy
- Sensitivity
- Adaptability
- Communication