

Carleton Summer Liberal Arts Institute

Guide to Course Topics & Research Placements

1. Explore program topics & apply

Each program offers a number of different course topics. Generally, students will experience 3 of these topics during morning class time and conduct research in one topic area throughout the entirety of the program.



2. After acceptance, rate topic interest

You will have the opportunity to rate your interest in each topic area upon acceptance to the program. Your ratings could end up looking something like this:

- TOPIC 1** Not so interested
- TOPIC 2** Highly interested
- TOPIC 3** Highly interested
- TOPIC 4** Somewhat interested

3. SLAI Staff assigns research and class groups

Based on your interest ratings, we assign you to a research group and your other two classes. We try to assign research groups based on highest interest level, but we cannot guarantee first choice research group placement.

	SLAI's Assignments:
TOPIC 1 Not so interested	✗
TOPIC 2 Highly interested	✓ Class
TOPIC 3 Highly interested	✓ Research
TOPIC 4 Somewhat interested	✓ Class

4. Receive your academic placements

We will notify you of your research placement before your program begins, but you will not receive your detailed class schedule until you arrive on campus. Below is an example program academic structure for someone placed in the **Topic 3** research group:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Morning:	Class TOPIC 3	Class TOPIC 4	Class TOPIC 2
	Research	Research	Research
Afternoon:	TOPIC 3	TOPIC 3	TOPIC 3