



Minimester Course Offerings

March 11 - March 15
2019

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Overview

Jupiter Christian School designates a specific time, annually, for all upper school students to participate in intensive, hands-on, applied-learning service activities during the week prior to spring break. This week is known as Minimester.

The courses offered are designed to fully involve the student in meaningful endeavors. The goal is that the experiences gained will transform hearts and minds of students by challenging their beliefs and assumptions about the world.

Minimester has become a favored tradition with students. Our students have acquired a new direction and focus as a result of the experience. The opportunities afforded also serve as extensions of the academic program, helping to establish essential links between what a student learns in the classroom and the world to which they have been called to serve.

Minimester is an academic, service—learning week, and participation is mandatory. Registration will take place October 4—19. Registration forms must be signed by a parent, be accompanied by the appropriate deposit, and turned in to the Upper School Office. Courses are filled on a first-come, first served basis. Upon completion of each Minimester course, students will be evaluated and will receive a pass or fail grade, which will be listed on their permanent transcript.

Please note: travel prices are based on current airfare rates, and are subject to change if the cost of airfare increases before flights can be reserved. Deposits are required to register, are non-refundable, and will be applied to the final trip cost. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the upper school office at 561-354-1923.

Assigned Course Offerings

STEM Minimester—7th Grade

This 7th grade STEM experience includes studying the different waterways and its abiotic and biotic ecosystem. Students will journey to the Loxahatchee River museum, Loggerhead Turtle Museum, Sea World, and the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center in Stuart, FL for demonstrations and field research. During and after the trip, the students will work on a culminating project which will include field research, labs, inference of real time data, and applications of math for the engineering project of their choice. This STEM Minimester is mandatory for all 7th grade students. **Dates: March 11-15 / Grade 7**
Cost: \$175 / Deposit: \$50 / Led by Mrs. Eve

Engaging the Heart—8th Grade

The 8th grade class will travel to Camp Highland in Georgia where they will craft intentional experiences that develop leaders and engage hearts. Camp Highland is a Christian camp that specializes in intentional Christ-centered growth and peer relationships through God's love and His Word. The trip will include a day of service to the local community, nightly praise and worship, high-ropes courses designed to build community, along with many other fun activities. This trip is a platform for the transition into High School and is mandatory for all 8th grade students. **Dates: March 10—15 / Grade 8**
Cost: \$700 / Deposit: \$100 / Led by: Mrs. Turner

Florida College Tour—10th Grade

The Sophomore class will attend the 17th Annual Florida College Tour. During this time, students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of Florida colleges and universities ranging from Christian colleges to private and state universities. Students will have the opportunity to tour campuses, visit classes, experience various dining options, and hear from Admission Directors. This trip is mandatory for all 10th grade students. **Dates: March 11—14 / Grade 10**
Cost: \$310 / Deposit: \$50 / Led by: Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Hill

Capstone Internship—11th Grade*

This week of experiential learning will serve as the first step of the Capstone process and help students identify a problem to be solved through field research, project-based learning, and real-world application in various fields. Juniors are afforded the opportunity to work with a certified professional based on their identified career cluster and/or interests. All arrangements will be coordinated by the student and approved through Mrs. Flesch, Capstone Coordinator.

*11th grade students may choose a local or international option to fulfill their Capstone internship. Their choice must have a connection to their projected Capstone project. To select this option, students must identify their project focus and fulfill a leadership position as set forth by Mrs. Flesch and their trip leader. **Dates: March 11—15 / Grade 11**
Cost: varies depending on choice / Led by: Mrs. Flesch

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Capstone Service-Learning—12th Grade

Social activist, scientist, writer, inventor, and educator Ben Franklin stated: “Tell me, and I’ll forget. Teach me, and I remember. Involve me, and I will learn.” This week is provided for senior students to become active participants and leaders in their learning and complete the “heart” of Capstone: the service-learning project.

*Students will use their field experience, research, and mentorship to address a school, local, or global problem through service, working as a trip leader on an optional course offering, on a team of peers locally or independently with a professional. This option is mandatory for all 12th grade students who have not yet completed their capstone service-learning project hours.

Dates: March 11—15 / Grade 12

Cost: \$0 / **Led by:** Mrs. Flesch / **Student Cap:** 60

Optional Course Offerings (Local)

*The following Minimester Options are available for 9th and 11th grade students and/or select 12th grade students who have already fulfilled their capstone service-learning project:

Local Missions Outreach Option 1

Join us as we become the hands and feet of Jesus in our local community. We want to generate an awareness of the needs in our local community and develop a desire and compassion to serve. The group will help CROS Ministries, House of Hope Martin County, and Feeding South Florida. Service will begin on Saturday and continue on Monday.

Dates: March 9 and March 11– 14 / **Cost:** \$100

Deposit: \$50 / **Led by:** Mrs. Knight / **Student Cap:** 30

Local Missions Outreach Option 2

This trip is designed to serve those in Palm Beach County who are in need of assistance. You will be helping a number of different ministries. The service may include tutoring elementary children, serving the homeless lunch, doing yard work for those in need, and more. It will be a great opportunity to serve your community.

Dates: March 10-15 / **Cost:** \$100 / **Deposit:** \$50

Led by: JCS Faculty / **Student Cap:** 20

Orlando Leadership & Ministry

Experience ministering at The Christian Service Center Soup Kitchen, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Micah 6:8 Leadership Conference at The First Academy Orlando, and a day to determine how to do ministry more effectively at JCS. Ask God if this is how you are called to serve and lead during Minimester. This experience will include lodging, activities and food during the trip.

Dates: March 10-15 / **Cost:** \$600 / **Deposit:** \$100

Led by: JCS Faculty / **Student Cap:** 25

Urban Youth Impact

Students will volunteer at Urban Youth Impact with elementary inner-city children at their afterschool program called *The Leadership Academy*. Opportunities will be available to tutor, make art projects, play games, and gather each day for worship and Bible study. UYI is celebrating its 21st year of ministry bringing Christ to an underprivileged neighborhood.

Dates: March 11-14 1:00-6:30 p.m. daily &

March 15 8:00-11:00 a.m. on campus / Cost: \$100 / **Deposit:** \$50

Led by: Mrs. Sites / **Student Cap:** 14

Optional Course Offerings (International)

*The following Minimester Options are available for 9th and 11th grade students and/or select 12th grade students who have already fulfilled their capstone service-learning project:

Missions Trip to Santo Domingo, D.R.

Participants will be working with elementary-aged children at Centro Educativo Jesus in urban Santo Domingo. The group will be leading chapel, helping in classrooms, after-school ministry, Vacation Bible School, small construction projects, and after-school ministries, and soccer clubs.

Dates: March 9-16 / **Cost:** \$1800* / **Deposit:** \$500

Led by: Pastor Charlie / **Student Cap:** 15

Missions Trip to Atenas - Costa Rica

The week will start with Vacation Bible School and presentations in the public schools as we work along side a church in Atenas, Costa Rica. The week will end with sports camps and gospel presentations. We will be working with a missionary who has been in Costa Rica for many years.

Dates: March 9-16 / **Cost:** \$1800* / **Deposit:** \$500

Led by: Mr. McSweeney / **Student Cap:** 30

Mission Trip to Mission Emanuel, D.R.

Mission Emanuel, located outside Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, seeks community transformation through discipleship. While our JCS team will work primarily on a construction project, the main focus is always on building relationships in the community. Opportunities will be available to serve in one of the mission’s two schools, medical center and physical therapy clinic, dental office, water filtration plant, women’s cooperative workroom, screen-printing room, and more. Mission Emanuel hosts short-term missions teams year-round offering clean, safe lodging, and food. It is a great opportunity for students to experience international missions for the first time.

Dates: March 9 – 15 / **Cost:** \$1800* / **Deposit:** \$500

Led by: Mr. Zambrano / **Student Cap:** 20

Minimester Course Request Form

All request forms must be accompanied by a parent signature along with a non-refundable deposit that will be applied to the final cost of the trip. Deposits can be made by check payable to Jupiter Christian School. Registration is October 4—19, 2018. All request forms and deposit checks must be turned into the upper school office.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please list your 1st and 2nd choices.

1st Choice: _____ Cost: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ Cost: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(I understand that by signing this form, my JCS family account will be invoiced in three equal installments which will be reflected on my November, December and January statement for any Minimester over \$100. I also acknowledge that my Minimester trip must be paid in full on or before February 15, 2019.)