

SI 2022 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I know my level?

The first day of the program will be devoted to placement classes, students will be placed between level 4 and 9. Placement results will be posted on Tuesday, June 28 at the main building (3515 Wisconsin Ave) and the dorms. Students should arrive at 9am to check the board for placement and class location. Classes begin at 9:30am M-F.

2. Do I have to attend all five weeks of the Summer Intensive Program?

Yes, Levels 4 through 9 must attend all five weeks of the Summer Intensive. Afternoon rep and workshops culminate in a final performance.

3. How do I find out my class schedule—which classes I'm taking when?

Classes are 5 days a week from 9:30-4:30 depending on level, some levels may end later. Classes are scheduled throughout the day beginning at 9:30 am. All class schedules will be posted at the studios and at the dorms so that students may photograph the schedule each week.

4. Where is the housing/dorms and where do I eat?

Our chaperoned housing is at American University for students who have selected that option. Located less than a mile from our NW studios, our students will reside at Cassell Hall which has bright, clean rooms that are double occupancy with 2 or 3 rooms to each suite. There is a gym and a pool for students 14 and up. The campus is lovely and very secure, it is also a "dry" campus: no alcohol.

To view Cassell Hall: <https://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/cassell.cfm>

TWSB does not participate in a meal plan but AU has a fabulous cafeteria and there are numerous eateries on campus as well. The Tenley neighborhood is nearby with many food/dining options including a Whole Foods. Go to this website to see what is available on campus (note, options may currently be closed due to holiday season): [Dining on AU Campus](#)

There is no refrigerator in the dorm rooms but students may either bring a refrigerator or rent one at: www.myfridgerental.com be sure to mention American University, Cassell Hall. Room numbers will be available the week prior to the start of the program.

There is a common kitchenette on each floor with open seating but there is no shared refrigerator.

Commuter students and dorm students may bring lunches and snacks or visit neighborhood eateries for lunch. The NW campus is located in a beautiful residential/commercial neighborhood with a grocery store, pharmacy, clinic, Starbucks and numerous restaurants/carryout.

5. How do I travel to the studio?

On the first day of the program our chaperones will guide students to the AU shuttle to Wisconsin Ave. This is the stop with a Whole Foods and where our students connect with a public bus to travel the remaining .6 mile down Wisconsin Ave. Chaperones will accompany students on the first day to demonstrate how to use the metro pass (provided) and where to get off. The bus stops are right in front of our studios. Chaperones will also show students how to view an app that shows bus schedules. All students must travel in groups of 3 or more and must sign out with a chaperone and sign in at arrival to the studio. If a student is unable to find a full group a chaperone will accompany. Should a student ever be unable to attend classes for the day a chaperone will remain at the dorms with that student.

6. What should I pack?

Summer in Washington can be very hot and humid. Students should pack warm weather clothing with light weight sweaters/jackets for evening, a bathing suit for students 14 and up (dorm students), appropriate shoe wear for walking (closed shoes with support). Flip flops are good for around the dorm or at the pool, not for walking any distance. Please pack at least 5 leotards and 5 tights for girls. Girls MUST change to fresh tights and leotards daily to avoid illness. Boys should have 5 tights and shirts so that laundry can be done once a week. In addition please bring the following:

Supply of disposable masks (cloth masks can carry bacteria)
Black Character shoes and skirt for girls
Jazz shoes and pants (long) for both men and ladies
Black bike shorts (mid thigh) for contemporary classes
Pilates mat
Extra pointe shoes and flat shoes
Blue jeans (dark to medium, no holes) with a belt for men for Flamenco
Linens are provided by AU but many students prefer to bring their own. We recommend bringing something comfy from home such as a favorite pillow or blanket.

6. How do I pay for things?

We suggest all students have a bank card attached to an account that parents can monitor from home. This ensures thoughtful spending. Dorm students should budget around \$25 a day. There is a shared kitchen for meal preps and Whole Foods is right at the bus stop. Each student will be provided a \$50.00 bus pass which may be reloaded. Chaperones will assist students as needed.

7. Can my parents send me things I might need?

Yes, care packages are very welcome! But all packages should be sent to the school address, main building at: The Washington Ballet (student name and SI) 3515 Wisconsin Ave, NW Wash DC 20016

8. Do I have to buy tickets for the performance?

No, we will record the performances and, depending on Covid, may be able to have an audience. Should we be able to have an audience all guests would be required to show proof of vaccination. Casting will be posted at the end of the third week. Students will sign up for seating and would be allowed 2 seats per family.

9. Can I be considered for the full year program?

Yes, Students may express their interest and be considered for the full year program after the second week. The first week of classes ramp up progressively and students are just getting settled in. It is best that a student not focus on an audition period until feeling more confident.

10. What is your Covid safety policy?

TWSB has been doing a great job mitigating contagion throughout this pandemic and have generally been more conservative than many schools. With the landscape constantly shifting we will continue to review and update our policies which are governed by the CDC and local health officials. At this time we believe masks will be required at all times both in the studios and dorms. We will continue to require that all staff and students be fully vaccinated. For our staff fully vaccinated includes a booster. We will send updated safety policies in May.