



AGNES SCOTT  
COLLEGE

REINVENTING THE LIBERAL ARTS,  
**CHANGING THE WORLD**

**SUMMIT** *Leading  
Everywhere*

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"Transformational, game-changing, innovative—these are just a few of the ways to describe SUMMIT at Agnes Scott. With SUMMIT, we are offering a bold new approach to college, providing students with a liberal arts education designed to empower them to succeed and lead in our changing world."

- President Elizabeth Kiss

# Educating the Women Who Will Change the World

## Our Mission

Agnes Scott College educates women to think deeply, live honorably and engage the intellectual and social challenges of their times.

## Our Excellence

**No. 4 Most Innovative School – National Liberal Arts Colleges**

*U.S. News and World Report's 2017 Edition of "Best Colleges"*

**No. 23 Best Value – Liberal Arts Colleges**

*U.S. News and World Report's 2017 Edition of "Best Colleges"*

**A College That Pays You Back: 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck**

*The Princeton Review 2017*

**Transformation Award Winner**

2017 American Council of Education/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation

# WHAT IS SUMMIT?

Do you think college should prepare students to be 21st century leaders ready to tackle the challenges of our complex global society?

We do. That's why we created SUMMIT, a unique college experience available only at Agnes Scott College.

Every student completes a core curriculum focused on global learning and leadership development that integrates coursework with experiences in Atlanta and around the world.



Students explore global issues in the classroom and then experience them firsthand on faculty-led immersion experiences. They learn leadership skills and then practice them through team projects, internships and networking opportunities with leaders from all walks of life.

Students design their own SUMMIT journeys and prepare themselves for post-graduate success with guidance from a personal Board of Advisors that includes a major advisor, a SUMMIT advisor, a peer advisor and a career mentor. They also create a digital portfolio to document and showcase their learning and accomplishments.

At Agnes Scott, we've reimagined a liberal arts education to ensure that every student is equipped to meet the challenges they will face in the 21st century.



# GLOBAL LEARNING

We live in a complex and interconnected global society. SUMMIT prepares all students to navigate this society by teaching them to understand the structures, patterns and challenges that span the globe and shape human lives.

Every first-year student completes *Gateways* and *Journeys*. These courses, taught by professors from across subjects, combine classroom study of key global concepts and issues with immersive experiences at home and abroad. At the heart of *Journeys* is a weeklong faculty-led global immersion experience in the spring semester. The cost of this travel experience is included in Agnes Scott's tuition.

Sample *Journeys* destinations and themes include:

Central Europe: Cultural and Political Crossroads

Cuba: Economic Transitions

Dominican Republic: Migration and Health

Churchill, Canada: Arctic Sciences and Climate

New York City: Arts in a Global Society



Beyond *Gateways* and *Journeys*, students design their own global pathways, selecting from a wide array of courses across the curriculum, study abroad opportunities around the world, options for language study, and internships and volunteer work with global organizations and companies. Students with a strong interest in global learning can complete a global learning specialization and earn a special notation on their transcripts.

There are also numerous opportunities for global learning on campus. Students experience living and learning with students from over 30 countries and many

different racial, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. They can also participate in a wide range of activities organized by the Gay Johnson McDougall Center for Global Diversity and Inclusion. The Center's signature programs include:

- **Diversifest Week:** A celebration of cultural diversity within the Agnes Scott community
- **Think, Live, Engage:** A dialogue series related to global citizenship, diversity and inclusion, as well as social justice and advocacy





*Leadership Prologue* and *Leadership Dialogue* are taught by faculty from many different disciplines, including art history, business management, environmental sustainability, philosophy and political science. Agnes Scott's 128-year old liberal arts tradition informs the leadership curriculum, providing students with a broad and nuanced understanding of how people can bring about positive change locally, nationally and globally.

Building on the foundation of *Leadership Prologue* and *Leadership Dialogue*, upperclass students can choose from a wide array of more advanced courses focused on leadership skills or leadership studies, including Agnes Scott's signature LDR 200 course, *Project Leadership*. They can also participate in team-based activities like Team Global Challenge and enhance their leadership skills through workshops, internships, practica and on-campus leadership roles. Students with a strong interest in leadership can complete a leadership development specialization and earn a special notation on their transcripts.

Co-curricular opportunities are essential to SUMMIT's approach to leadership. The Gué Pardue Hudson Center for Leadership and Service helps students get involved and grow as leaders through training, workshops, community service opportunities and other programs. Signature leadership programs include:

- **Legacy: The Goizueta Foundation Leadership Immersion** is a two-day leadership retreat for all new students. Spanning activities on campus and in Atlanta, including at the Center for Civil and Human Rights, Legacy lays the groundwork for every student's SUMMIT leadership journey.
- **LeaderStories:** This speaker series introduces students to a variety of successful leaders from all walks of life, from politics and business to nonprofits, activism and the arts. Recent programs have featured mountaineer, women's rights activist and National Geographic Global Adventurer of the Year Wasfia Nazreen '06, CARE USA president Helene Gayle, activist Bree Newsome, and a panel of female corporate executives.

## PEAK WEEK

Exclusively for sophomores, juniors and seniors, this week, held in the spring semester, includes excursions, workshops and panels focused on personal and professional development and postgraduate life. Highlights include Team Global Challenge, Career Treks and "Adulting 101" workshops.

### TEAM GLOBAL CHALLENGE

At the beginning of Peak Week, a challenge is announced and teams work throughout the week to formulate solutions and present them to a panel of faculty and outside experts.

# BOARD OF ADVISORS

Successful people have strong mentors and broad social networks. At Agnes Scott, students have their own personal team of advisors who work together to help them design a holistic educational plan that prepares them for postgraduate success. The team comprises a SUMMIT advisor, a peer advisor, a major advisor and a career mentor.

**SUMMIT advisor** is a professional academic advisor who works closely with students all four years, guiding students to experiences that align with both their short-term and long-term goals.

**Major advisor** is a faculty member selected by a student before the end of the sophomore year who provides discipline-specific expertise.

**Peer advisor** is a trained upperclass student who promotes connections to campus resources and helps ease a first-year student's transition to college.

**Career mentor** is an experienced professional in the wider community who provides invaluable guidance and connections. Career mentors are selected from our SUMMIT Career Connect network of over 300 professionals.





# DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

No two paths to success are alike. Students bring special interests, passions and talents and forge their own unique journeys. The SUMMIT portfolio is designed to help students create an educational path that best fits them.

A self-curated virtual space, the portfolio enables students to collect artifacts from, and in turn reflect upon, their educational experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Built over a student's four years at Agnes Scott, the digital portfolio becomes a visible representation of the student's academic and personal journey. It displays to prospective employers and graduate schools the impressive heights—or summits—to which Agnes Scott graduates ascend.

**CREATE YOUR DIGITAL PORTFOLIO**  
Center for Digital and Visual Literacy

**SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**  
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A CENTER STAFF VIA COURTEL

**SUMMIT & DIGITAL LITERACY**  
LEARN HOW TO USE SUMMIT AND HOW TO USE VISUAL RESOURCES

**CREATE A PORTFOLIO**  
ESTABLISH DIGITAL SKILLS WITH A WOFFORD-BASED DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

**VIEW OUR VISUAL RESOURCE LIBRARY**  
SEE OTHER AND STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

**ABOUT US**  
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2016-2018

# GLOBAL JOURNEYS

Bolivia  
Central Europe  
Chile  
Churchill, Canada  
Croatia  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Galápagos Islands  
Ghana  
Guatemala  
Gullah Islands  
Iceland

Jamaica  
Manchester, UK  
Martinique  
Morocco  
Navajo Nation  
New York City  
Nicaragua  
Northern Ireland  
Panama  
Puerto Rico  
Toronto, Canada  
Trinidad

## SUMMIT BY

**\$0**

Cost for students (beyond passport and incidentals) of first-year *Journeys* trip

**14**

Number of *Journeys* destinations in 2017-2018

**4+**

Number of people on each student's Board of Advisors

**32**

Countries represented in the Agnes Scott student body

★ CLASS OF 2016  
STUDY ABROAD  
COUNTRIES



- Australia
- Austria
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Czech Republic
- Dominican Republic
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Morocco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- Uruguay

## THE NUMBERS

53

Percentage of the Class of 2016 who studied abroad in 30 different countries on 5 continents

94

Number of sessions at Peak Week 2017

2020

Year by which Agnes Scott has pledged to have 90 percent of graduates study abroad

80.1

Percentage of employers who look for leadership skills in making hiring decisions (National Association of Colleges and Employers *Job Outlook* 2016)



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