

REALM Program Frequently Asked Questions

Am I still a REALM student after the first year?

A) Although you will not have official requirements with the program you will always be a REALM student to us and can reach out whenever you need anything.

Do I have priority registration in other classes?

A) Although we don't have an extensive class selection, there are other classes we do have access to. Please contact Charles Rush for class availability.

Do I have to pay for the orientation summer school class?

A) Yes, you will be billed for classes taken over the summer. Please see your academic coaches or financial aid for any help with aid forms.

Do I have to take a summer class?

A) Yes! One of the requirements of the program is to take a summer class.

How many trips do I have to go on?

You are obligated per the program to go on _ trips per year.

How often do you have to meet with the STEM academic coaches?

A) You are required to make at least two contacts per semester. Please feel free to make as many appointments as you would like.

I don't think I'm going to do well in my class who can I talk to?

Here at the REALM program there are many resources that a student can utilize to aid in their classes. Please see your STEM academic coach to make a study plan and he/she will also inform you of other resources available to you.

What happens if I don't pass my summer class?

A) Please see your STEM academic coach as well as Charles if you do not think you will be able to complete your summer class. We are here to deal with these kinds of scenarios and can educate you on your best next steps.

What happens if you I don't show up for orientation?

A) Orientation is a requirement for the REALM program. If you do not contact us we will have to drop you from the program.

When are the dates for the trip?

A) Please sign up for Remind and join our email list for all of the latest notifications on our school trips.

When is orientation?

Orientation is usually schedule in early June. Please refer to cos.edu/REALM for all the latest dates.

Where and when do I get my free rental books?

A) Book rentals are always done in John Muir 124 which is the MESA center. You will be given the official dates during the REALM orientation.

Where do I go for specialized counseling?

A) We have our own counselor that specializes in STEM. Email Deysi Sanchez at deysis@cos.edu.

Who can join REALM?

Please see our website requirements at cos.edu/REALM for the latest requirement eligibility.

Will I have financial aid for the summer?

A) Yes financial aid is available for summer. Make sure to talk with Charles Rush or your STEM academic coach for more details on filling out the correct forms.