

Student Leadership University 101



We are so excited that you are interested in attending Student Leadership University. SLU is a faith based, leadership program for students unlike anything you have ever encountered. Crafted over four experiences around the globe, SLU equips students with the rules and tools of leadership and gives students a 20-year head start in their ability to think, dream, and lead.

The Student Leadership Journey starts at SLU 101 and will take you through an experiential leadership training that most adults would dream about. SLU 101 is the beginning of the Student Leadership Journey. 101 is an all inclusive, leadership conference that combines hands-on international training with state-of-the-art facilities. You will stay in a business hotel, go behind the scenes at Sea World, visit Universal Orlando and learn the foundational rules and tools of leadership principles through the lens that “Leadership begins at the Feet of Jesus.”

In this packet you will find information about SLU 101. Since this program is designed for the leaders of our student ministry, more will be required of them. Every student who wishes to attend must meet certain requirements.

The Student Leadership Journey

You will be the same person five years from now except for the people you meet, the books you read, and the places you go.

SLU 101 – Orlando, FL

Take the leap and get a 20 year head start on the future at SLU 101, an exciting, hands-on week where students learn to see in a new way and begin their leadership journey.

SLU 201 – Washington D.C.

In the heart of our Nation's Capitol, students are challenged to think about their responsibility to shape their society while considering how a Christian worldview speaks into today's moral and ethical questions.

SLU 301 – Europe

At 301, the leadership journey continues deeper into history as students traverse Europe, learning to think bigger about the world. As students experience the sacrifices made in the past and consider the world views of great philosophers who have paved the way, they learn that leaders are called to shape history and leave a legacy for Jesus that is larger than themselves.

SLU 401 – Israel

In the final step of the journey, students travel to Israel and Jordan where it all began, connecting with the life of Christ and understanding their role in God's redemptive story of the world.

Schedule

Monday, July 13th

8:00 am Drive to Orlando

Tuesday, July 14th

9:30 am Free time Disney Springs
12:00 pm Lunch and bowling at Splitsville
2:00 pm Registration
4:00 pm Session 1
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Session 2
8:45 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Wednesday, July 15th

6:15 am Breakfast
7:00 am Sea World Sessions 3 & 4
2:15 pm Depart for Hotel
4:00 pm Sessions 5 & 6
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Session 7 & 8
9:00 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Thursday, July 16th

8:00 am Breakfast
8:15 am Session 9 & 10
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Session 11
2:00 pm Depart for Universal Studios
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel
9:30 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Friday, July 17th

8:15 am Breakfast
9:00 am Session 12, 13, & 14
12:30 pm Lunch from Chick-fil-a
1:30 pm Conference Ends
2:30 pm Depart for Hollywood Studios
10:00 pm Return to hotel

Saturday, July 18th

Day at Disney's Magic Kingdom

Sunday, July 19th

8:00 am Drive to Knoxville



General Info

Who is going?

SLU is open for students who have completed grades 8 – 12 as of summer 2026.
Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact Caleb Nichols if you are interested.

Travel Info:

We will travel by van to Orlando.

Lodging Info:

Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside
7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

We will be staying 4 to a room. Each room has two queen beds.

SLU 101 Faculty:

Dr. Jay Strack – President and Founder of SLU
Brent Crowe, Ph.D. – Vice-President of SLU
Jeff Wallace – Executive Director of LIFT Tour
Sean McDowell – Worldview Expert
Emily Pigot – Executive Director of SLU
More Speakers are yet to be announced.

Requirements for SLU:

Because Student Leadership University is a program designed for students who are leaders in our student ministry as well as leaders in their schools and families there are certain requirements that must be met in order to attend. Each of these requirements is designed to prepare students for their experience at SLU.

- Students must attend Beach Week.
- Students must maintain a 2/3 attendance of Bible Study Groups and Midweek service.
- Students must attend 2 SLU training sessions and parent meeting.
- Students must do required presentation on what they have learned from their choice of resource from our SLU 101 list.
- Students must be consistent in daily devotionals.

2026 Special Events:

Beach Week: June 22-26

Cost:

SLU is \$975. A \$200 deposit is due at signup. This price includes van travel, hotel, park tickets, SLU fee, and food. The only items not included in this price are four travel meals, snacks, and any souvenirs.

We understand this is an expensive trip. However we believe that SLU can be one of the most impactful experiences of a student's life. We will be offering a payment plan that will allow you to pay out the cost of the trip.

Payment Deadlines:

\$100 deposit is due November 19

50% due March 19

Balance is due May 20

Please note all payments are non-refundable

Training Meetings:

February 1st - Resource 1 Report

April 12th - Resource 2 Report

May 20th - Parent Meeting

How to register:

Every student who wishes to attend SLU 101 must fill out an SLU application. Applications are due by November 12th, 2026. One week after your application has been received we will then let you know if you are confirmed for the trip. There is also a \$200 deposit that is due before you can be confirmed.

Online registration - concordonline.org/students/student-events

In an effort to aid families with the cost of this trip, First Baptist Concord has supplemented part of the cost of SLU. Because of this all registrations are due by November 19th.

Dress Code:

Please know that the dress code for SLU is different than other student ministry events. SLU seeks to put students in a business hotel, with world-class speakers, and treat students as young adult leaders. Therefore more will be expected of students in regards to their dress.