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Student Leadership University 201 is the second level in your SLU journey, as you begin to look at leadership in the public square and from a national scope. Our team will be preparing all year in hopes that SLU 201 is a life-defining and remarkable experience for you. As you get ready for SLU 201 in Washington, D.C., this packet will serve to set you up for success and help maximize your experience.

5 Things You Need to Know:

- 1. Start preparing now for the trip.** First of all, you can decide that you are going to get the most you can out of the experience by fully engaging in the sessions and training. We also encourage you to pray about what the Lord is going to teach you while you are at SLU, and how He wants to use you to impact the world. READ as much as you can: the Bible, leadership material, newspapers, etc. It is important to stay updated on current world issues as many of our speakers will address those. You can also check out the SLU recommended reading list to prepare for SLU 201 by [clicking here](#). Finally, make sure that you spend this year putting those individual leadership skills that you learned at SLU 101 into practice - make sure you are the type of student your parents, teachers, youth pastors, and friends can count on.
- 2. Complete your registration.** Your online account will be your gateway for taking care of registration, payment, and extra details by the **May 30, 2025 deadline**. You can always [click here](#) to access your checklist of what we need before you arrive. Keep the following notes in mind for the May 30th deadline:
 - Full **payment** is due.
 - Complete the **Liability Waiver**. These must be completed for every student and adult attending the conference. For any attendee under the age of 18, the form requires a parent signature
 - Submit your **rooming list**. Just click [here](#) to fill out the form. **Please note:** pricing is based on four people to a room (in a 2-bed hotel room). If you have less than four, an **occupancy charge** will be added to your account once we have received your rooming list. This charge is \$266 per empty spot.
- 3. Consider entering the SLU 201 Essay/Video Contest.** Want to be part of the wreath laying ceremony at SLU 201? Send us a leadership lesson about a person, place, or event in US history or about one of the important sites in D.C. Be original and keep it to no more than 400 words. Email either the written essay OR video of you reading the essay to: alumni@studentleadership.net by June 27, 2025 and put "SLU 201 CONTEST" in the subject line. In order to be eligible, you must comply with all instructions as listed. You will be notified at SLU 201 on Tuesday, July 15th if you win.
- 4. Pack for Success.** The dress guidelines for SLU 201 is more formal than SLU 101. Make sure you read over the dress guidelines as we want you to feel comfortable and be taken seriously in the unique settings we will be in at SLU 201.
- 5. Do you know attendees with family that are active military?** Each year we like to explore opportunities to honor those who have family that are active military. Please email military@studentleadership.net by June 27, 2025 with the name of the student attending, their age, and the name of their family member that is active military, as well as where they are serving and a photo of them (if you have one). We have a special way we will recognize them during SLU 201.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR SLU 201

Hotel Information
Crystal City Gateway Marriott
1700 Richmond Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Monday, July 14, 2025

- 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM- Registration at Hotel in Presidential Foyer
 - **Hotel rooms are not available until after 3 PM, but luggage storage will be available**
- 4:15 PM – Youth Pastor & Chaperone Info Meeting/ Single Students Info Meeting
- 5:00 PM – SLU 201 Kick-off
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
- 6:45 PM – SLU 201 Opening Night Continued

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast
- 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM – Leadership Briefings
- 12:00 PM – Lunch
- 4:30 PM – Break
- 6:30 PM – Dinner and Monuments by Moonlight (FDR, MLK, Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam Wall, WWII)

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

- 7:30 AM – Breakfast
- 8:15 AM – Morning Leadership Session
- 9:00 AM – Depart for Capital Experience
- 12:00 PM – Lunch
- 5:00 PM – Break
- 6:30 PM – Red, White, and Blue Casual Dinner at the Hotel and Leadership Session

Thursday, July 17, 2025

- 7:30 AM – Breakfast
- 8:15 AM – Morning Leadership Session
- 9:00 AM – Depart for Private Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 11:30 AM – Lunch
- 1:30 PM – Private Session on Location in D.C.
- 2:30 PM – Capital Experience Continued
- 5:00 PM – Break
- 6:30 PM – Formal Dinner and Q & A Session

Friday, July 18, 2025

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast
- 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM – Leadership Sessions
- 11:45 AM – Program Adjourns

Schedule includes a 10:30 PM curfew each night.

**Capital Experience will include a trip to several notable D.C. venues such as the Museum of the Bible, Smithsonian Museums, and pictures at the White House and Supreme Court. Schedule varies by group.*

***Special Note: Wednesday and Thursday Schedules will Rotate for Groups Stars & Stripes.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the requirements for attending SLU 201?

- To attend as a single, a student must be at least 16 years old. To attend with a group, students should be at least 15 years old and have completed the 8th grade.
- All attendees under the age of 18 must have completed the SLU 101 program before attending SLU 201. We also recommend spreading the experiences out and not completing them in the same summer.

What is the payment schedule and my payment options?

A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration, and the remaining balance is due 45 days before the program starts. Any registration not paid in full by this day will incur a \$25 late fee. You have the following options for your registration payments:

- **Paper Checks:** You can mail these to our office (SLU, 1560 Orange Avenue, Suite 200, Winter Park, FL 32789). Checks must be received within ten days of registration.
- **Credit Cards:** You can use AMEX, VISA, MC, or Discover. A 2.24% transaction fee will be added to any credit card payments.

What is the cancellation and transfer policy for SLU 201?

- **Cancellation Policy:**
 - **45 Days or More Before the Conference:** Deposit will be lost (Deposit may be transferred to a new attendee for the current year and same program but cannot be transferred to anyone currently registered).
 - **30-44 Days Before the Conference:** 50% of the total cost of the program will be forfeited.
 - **Less than 30 Days Before the Conference:** 100% of the total cost of the program will be forfeited.
- **Transfer Policy:** (You may replace current attendee with a new attendee for the same program)
 - **15 Days or More Before the Conference:** No transfer fee.
 - **Less than 15 Days Before the Conference:** Transfers will incur a \$10 fee.
- **Please note:** If circumstances regionally or globally necessitate a transition from a live event, the SLU team will communicate whether this event will be transitioned to a virtual event, rescheduled, or cancelled. In this circumstance, the event deposit is still non-refundable.

Is there travel protection for SLU 201?

We strongly recommend that you read over our cancellation policy as SLU prepaays all hotels, meals, transportation, etc., 20-30 days before the conference. Therefore, we cannot pass a refund on to you other than as noted above. Travel protection must be purchased through the portal within 10 days of your first payment to SLU if you want the Cancel for any Reason Optional Coverage; you cannot add it after this date. [Click here](#) for more information on travel protection.

How are students roomed together at SLU 201?

- As part of the registration process you must submit a rooming list no later than 45 days before the program. Registration cost is based on four people to a room (in a 2-bed hotel room). If there are less than four people additional costs will apply.
- **Singles/Individuals:** SLU will automatically place you in a room with up to 3 student attendees of the same gender based on the following guidelines:
 - Rooms may not be co-ed unless both attendees are members of the same family.
 - One individual student under 18 cannot be in a room by themselves.

- SLU will not room an under 18 student with anyone over 18 if they are not from the same group.
- **Groups:** Tuition rates are based on 4 people to a room. If you are unable to fill a room completely you may request that SLU fill those empty bed spots with another student. If SLU is unable to fill the room, empty spot fees (\$266 per empty spot) will apply. Rollaway beds are not available.
- If your rooming list is submitted close to the 45-day due date, you may be billed after the final payment date for any room accommodations that are not quad occupancy once rooming list is received.

Can an adult with my group stay in the hotel but not attend the conference?

Sure! On the rooming list, make sure you include their name(s) and that they are not attending the conference. We will charge a \$266 fee to cover that hotel stay. If all four spots in a room are not filled, you will also be responsible for an additional \$266 fee per empty spot. Please note that to qualify for the group rate, at least one adult per group must be a participating attendee.

What if I have dietary restrictions or food allergies?

If you have special dietary restrictions or food allergies, they should be submitted to SLU. [Click here](#) to submit dietary needs. If something comes up after registration, you can update your registration information up to 15 days before the program begins. Please be sure to offer specifics on what you cannot eat and what can be substituted. We will make every effort to accommodate, but there may be certain times when this is not possible. We strongly recommend that you bring prepared foods or snacks with you that are compliant with your dietary needs. Food allergy tickets will be placed in your registration packets for you to give to hotel staff at all meals in order for them to serve you at every meal.

Do I need to bring a medical release form?

- **Groups:** Group leaders must bring a medical release form for any minors attending without a parent/guardian and keep them with you at all times during the program. Medical release forms must empower your group leader (not SLU) to authorize medical treatment for the students you are bringing to the program.
- **Singles:** Any student attending without a chaperone must complete the SLU Medical Release Form during the online registration process.

DRESS GUIDELINES AND PACKING TIPS

Why are there dress guidelines at SLU 2017?

SLU strives to set students up in such a way that they will have the confidence and wisdom to walk into any room and be prepared for whatever is before them. We believe that how you present yourself is a vital part in that. The dress guidelines are not meant to put a negative light on the students' experience but to help train each one of them on the importance of dressing appropriately in any situation, and to help expand what you learned at SLU 101.

Who enforces the dress guidelines to student leaders?

By attending SLU, you are partnering with our organization. We ask that in this partnership, you inform your students of the expectations and ask that they abide by the guidelines set in place to make this the best possible experience for them. It will be much better to set your students up well by informing them of the dress guidelines ahead of

time by sharing the conference packet with them. **What are the dress guidelines for the week?**

- As we train young leaders, we then want to grasp the importance of dressing appropriately for the environment and maintaining an appearance that honors Christ and exemplifies the “Look of a Leader.” Due to the nature of the week and the opportunities that the students will have during the week, it is important that the students dress appropriately. We have included some guidelines as well as a day-by-day suggested packing list.
- Remember, please dress modestly. These dress guidelines apply to both students and adult leaders during all parts of the conference experience - sessions, meals, touring, free time, etc. SLU leadership reserves the right to make the final determination of whether one’s dress is within the designated guidelines. If anyone chooses to dress outside of the guidelines, they will be asked to change.

Dress Guidelines:

- **General Guidelines Student and Adult Leaders:**
 - Shirts must be loose fitting and modest, fully covering the front, back, sides. Sleeveless tops are suitable if the strap fully covers the shoulder.
 - Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be an appropriate length, not overly short (think 4 inch in-seam or longer). Shorts and skirts must be longer than the shirt.
 - Jeans and shorts (non-athletic only) are only permitted on Night 2 while touring the monuments and Night 3 at the Hotel.
 - It is generally very hot and sometimes rainy in Washington during this time of the year, so cool, breathable clothing, a rain poncho, and a backpack to carry water while touring is a good idea.
 - The days you are out in Washington touring, you will be in business casual, but we would like to emphasize the need for comfortable shoes as these days include a lot of walking– your feet will thank you!
 - Flip-flops are not appropriate while in business/professional attire.
- **Dress Guidelines Details:** Basically, as you will see below, you need four business casual outfits, two business professional/nicer outfits (Day 2/Night 4), and two casual outfits (Night 2 & Night 3). Here is how we define each type of outfit:
 - **Business Casual:** *For men:* dress pants or khaki pants and short sleeved button-down or collared shirts should be worn. *For ladies:* dress pants, skirts, casual dresses, or dressy calf-length capris should be worn. Jeans and shorts are not permitted.
 - **Business/ Professional Dress:** *For men:* coat and tie. Men do not need to have a suit. A sports coat with a tie and khakis works just fine. *For ladies:* dresses, skirts, dress pants, or suits. Flip-flops are not appropriate while in business professional attire.
 - **Casual:** Jeans and shorts (non-athletic only) are great as well as T-shirts, as long as there are no questionable slogans.
- **Day-by-Day Breakdown:**
 - **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday During the Day:** Business Casual
 - **Tuesday During Day and Thursday Night:** Business/Professional Dress
 - **Tuesday Night and (Red, White, and Blue) Wednesday Night:** Casual Nights. For Wednesday night, bring out your most fun Red, White, and Blue clothes– prizes will be awarded!

Why do we need to dress up for touring? While touring in D.C. in July, the two most important things to remember is: you will be hot, so clothes you can sweat in are key, as well as shoes you can do a lot of walking in is important. That being said, we often get asked why we don’t have our SLU 201 attendees dress more casually while we are out touring. This is a great question as you will see many people who will be more casual

than we ask you to be. Yet, because of the places we are going like Arlington National Cemetery, our attendees dress up a bit as a way of showing respect for what these places represent.

What else will I need money for at SLU 201?

- **Coach Driver and Guide Tips:** All participants (adults and student attendees) should plan to bring \$25 total for this. We have a unique opportunity to say thank you to our drivers for the week through this, and this is a tangible way for our students to learn about the art of gratitude.
- **Snacks:** All your meals starting from dinner on night 1 to breakfast on day 5 are included, but you may want to bring some money for snacks.
- **Merch:** We have a great merch table. Make sure you plan on getting some resources while you are at 201.

TRAVEL QUESTIONS

I am flying to SLU 201. How do I get from the airport to the hotel at SLU 201?

Students will not be met at the airport. You must make transportation arrangements to and from the hotel. We recommend arriving at the hotel by 1:00 pm so you can check-in with us and get settled before SLU 201 kicks off.

- **Metro:** The hotel has lobby access to the Crystal City Metro stop. Please note that there are TWO Marriott Hotels in Crystal City, so it is important you go to the Gateway Marriott. When you come out of the metro and see the two doors that say Marriott, take the door on the right.
- **Taxi/Cab/Uber:** The estimated fare for a taxi from Reagan National (DCA) is approx. \$20, and Uber is slightly less than this.
- **Haymarket Shuttle:** Service from National Airport (DCA) at a cost of \$25.00 per person each way. This must be pre-arranged through Haymarket Transportation. [Click this link](#) to access their form to purchase in advance.
- **Hotel Shuttle:** The hotel has a complimentary 12 passenger shuttle that runs every 20 minutes from 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 3 PM to 9 PM. The shuttle picks up at ground transportation. Look for the Crystal City Gateway Marriott shuttle. **Due to the number of students flying to SLU 201, the hotel cannot guarantee transportation for all attendees in a timely manner. SLU recommends participants consider one of the first two options.*

Do you have any travel tips for people flying to SLU 201?

Yes! There are three different airports that you may choose to fly into that service the DC Metro area: Reagan/National (DCA), Baltimore (BWI), and Dulles (IAD). We recommend that all participants fly into Reagan National (DCA), as it is the closest airport to the hotel. We tell attendees that a flight into the other airports needs to be at least \$100 cheaper to justify flying into them, as you will end up paying that cost in travel to and from the airport. When scheduling flights, note that our program registration will begin at 1:00 PM and the first SLU 201 event begins at 4:15 PM, so try and get flights that arrive no later than 12:00 PM. We are done at 11:45 AM on Friday, so you would be safe booking a flight out of DCA that leaves 2:30 PM or later. For groups needing assistance making flight arrangements, SLU recommends contacting Go Travel Company. Ask for Barbara Maher at 407-788-4563 or Barbaram@gotravel.com. With many years of experience in the industry, Barbara is a great resource in helping groups find affordable flights.

I am driving to SLU 201. Do I need to pay for parking?

Please confirm with the hotel what the charge for parking is before arriving. The charge for parking is \$45 a day, but there is no guarantee that this will remain the same before

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the conference dates. You should plan on parking your car and not using it until the last SLU session is completed. If you are traveling with a van or bus that is higher than 6', you will need to make separate arrangements for your vehicle. Parking for larger vehicles in DC can range from \$50 to \$100 a day, and you will need to budget accordingly.