Q: What is the difference between the YDA non-credit and for-credit options?

- You have the option of taking YDA for-credit or non-credit.
- With the non-credit option, you attend the five-day Academy but do not complete coursework or receive a grade that affects your GPA. Instead, you receive 3.5 continuing education units (CEUs) or 35 school age care clock hours, which count as professional development toward your career. Non-credit students do not pay tuition and fees, but pay a $499 registration.
- For-credit students enroll in YDA just like any other MU course to receive 3 hours of academic credit from the MU College of Education (ESC_PS 4087/7087) or MU College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AG_ED_LD 4087/7087). Tuition, fees, and coursework apply. Campus-based students add $499 registration to cover all books, educational materials, daily lunches, and certificate of completion.

Q: How do I register for YDA as a 3-credit course?

- Course registration starts by going to the YDA registration site to complete your registration, make your choice of credit/non-credit, and select form of payment.
- Next, go to the Mizzou Online course page (ESC_PS 4087/7087 or AG_ED_LD 4087/7087) and click on the button at the bottom to Request Instructor Consent.
- Once you’ve received consent by email, you can finish your enrollment in myZou.
- Step-by-step instructions for registration are also included in the YDA Course for Credit (PDF) document linked to the YDA home page.

Q: Where and when is the Youth Development Academy held?

- The Academy meets on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, MO, during the intersession period before the regular semester starts. Starting May 2017, the Academy will be offered to MU/UMSL students in St. Louis as an intercampus course share. See website for more details.
- Some coursework and assignments are due after the five-day class finishes and the semester starts. For undergraduate students, coursework is completed by Spring Break. Graduate students turn in a final paper at the end of the semester. Grades for all students are posted at end of semester.

Q: Can I take YDA as a distance course, or 100% online?

- The YDA course is a blend of face-to-face interactive learning (5 days) and online assignments and discussion. Campus and online students and professionals find the hands-on experience to be very enriching and beneficial!
Q: What if I can attend most, but not all, of the five days of the Academy?

- Because of the intensive nature of the program, YDA participants are expected to attend all five days of the Academy. However, students can miss up to one half day during the week without any effect on their grade.

Q: If I am a distance student, or do not live within driving distance of the University of Missouri, what lodging options are available?

- YDA participants can book a hotel room at their own expense, or make their own lodging arrangements at no additional fees.
- A block of hotel rooms is available at Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO. If you wish to inquire about sharing a room/double occupancy, email yda@missouri.edu.

Q: What does the YDA registration fee cover, and what are my payment options?

- For MU campus-based students (not in a distance/online program), the $499 registration applies. It covers all books, course materials, daily lunches, and certificate of completion.
- Registration fee is added to myZou student account and payable through MU Cashier’s Office.
- The Academy registration fee is a qualifying educational expense for financial aid.