Architecture, Art, & Design
Pre-College Programs
The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis offers top-ranking programs in architecture, art, and design within a world-renowned academic and research institution. In our pre-college programs, you will:

- Experience the School’s studio culture.
- Learn new tools and techniques in our expansive facilities.
- Meet other aspiring artists & designers from across the country!
Program Highlights

- Immersive, daily, college-level courses taught by WashU faculty
- Developing your portfolio and preparing for college admissions
- Mentorship from current WashU students and recent alumni
- Presenting your work in a final critique and public exhibition
- Earning college credit

Experience Campus Life

You’ll live in residence halls on campus and get to know everything WashU has to offer: state-of-the-art-facilities, amazing food, and—of course—the Sam Fox School’s studios & design labs. We’ll also explore the School’s Kemper Art Museum. In the evening, we’ll have fun activities like trivia night, fireside chats, and games with your program assistants.

See St. Louis!

We’ll take field trips to some of the best museums, galleries, and historic sites in the city and explore the dynamic art + design scene in St. Louis. Past visits include:

- Award-winning architecture firms
- Professional artists’ studios
- Saint Louis Art Museum
- Gateway Arch National Park
- Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis
- Pulitzer Arts Foundation
- Laumeier Sculpture Park
- City Museum

PLUS movies in the park, bowling night, and more!

All students have an exclusive interview + portfolio review with Sam Fox School Admissions.

Our new building, Weil Hall, received LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.
Architecture Discovery Program

**July 10–23, 2022 | 2 weeks | 2 college credits**

Our two-week architecture program is an immersive experience with morning and afternoon classes and weekend studio time.
Design Studio

The heart of the program, the design studio drives creativity and discovery to foster passion and compassion in design. You’ll learn how sustainability and the built environment are shaping the practice of architecture. Over the course of the program, you’ll undertake a series of short design exercises that will introduce you to the design thinking process, culminating in an architectural project for review by faculty and guest critics.

Architectural Drawing

This course engages the art of seeing. You will learn how to better observe the world around you and communicate what you see through drawing. With exercises in direct observation, sketching, and drawing on-site, you will hone your understanding of proportion, light/shadow, material and texture, spatial relationships, orthographic projections, and perspective.

Check out the online exhibition from the 2021 summer program:

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“I had a great experience in the Architecture Discovery Program—I picked up on the culture and teaching style of WashU, and it allowed me to get constant feedback and improve my work. Washington University is at the top of my list of college choices.”

—Jeremy J.
Portfolio Plus Program
July 10–30, 2022 | 3 weeks | 3 college credits

Our three-week art & design program features a drawing studio each morning and your choice of concentrations in the afternoon: Communication Design, Fashion Design, or Studio Art.

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Drawing
In this course, you will use a variety of wet and dry media to learn the fundamentals of line, composition, form, space, and modeling. Demonstrations and illustrated lectures supplement studio sessions. You’ll build a solid body of work that showcases essential skills for incoming college students.

*In addition, choose one of the following concentrations:*

**OPTION 1  Communication Design**
 Positioned at the intersection of graphic design, illustration, and interaction design, this studio introduces you to visual problem-solving. The course utilizes both analog and digital tools, and develops your understanding of visual hierarchy, composition, typography, color, and image-making. The course explores both traditional and digital tools, with studio assignments supported by workshops to develop computer skills.

**OPTION 2  Fashion Design**
 This course focuses on the relationships between clothing and contemporary culture. You’ll begin by learning to conceptualize and illustrate your designs two-dimensionally. Sketches will translate into wearable artworks, with a focus on construction, proportion, and form. The course culminates in the design and construction of a wearable garment made from alternative materials.

**OPTION 3  Studio Art**
 With an emphasis on experimentation and thinking through making, this studio will expand your base of technical skills and equip you with a greater understanding of how the interrelation of form, content, materials, and process gives work its meaning. You’ll develop cross-disciplinary techniques and strategies for working in 2D, 3D, and experiential forms.
Admissions are rolling and early applications are encouraged. Scholarship assistance is available up to the full program cost, and awards are based on financial need and academic merit.

**Program Fees**

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