

What is the benefit of the summer program?

Students interested in or considering design careers are encouraged to join us for a summer of exploration. Students can learn about architecture, interior design, product design or game design and animation. Our program builds community, enhances creativity and promotes responsibility for our participants. Students work collaboratively in a studio environment. Each program results in pieces that can be used for portfolio submissions when applying to college.

What are the dates of the 2026 Summer Program?

TWO-WEEK PROGRAM

July 20 - July 31

Introduction to Architecture

ONE-WEEK PROGRAMS

August 3 - August 7

Introduction to Interior Design

Introduction to Industrial Design & Product Design

Introduction to Video Game Design

August 10 - August 14

Portfolio Development Workshop

How do I apply and register?

The 2026 registration form will be available in early January. Please complete our [Interest Form](#) to be notified when registration opens up.

Do students stay on-campus in dorms?

Our 2026 summer program is a commuter, day-camp program with hours between 8:30am-4:30pm. We currently are not providing dorms for summer program participants.

The University Heights area offers a wealth of public transportation options and NJIT provides a free shuttle to Newark Penn Station. We also offer free parking walkable to Weston Hall in the NJIT parking deck located at 42 Wilsey Street during the program.

Where will the summer program sessions be held?

The summer program will be held in Weston Hall. Weston Hall is home to the NJIT Hillier College of Architecture and Design. It houses our studios, classrooms, fabrication labs, and our specialized library.

Who can attend the summer program? What ages are allowed?

We are a pre-college career exploration program and we welcome high school students only, preferably students entering grades 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th in the following fall. We do not have a program for middle school or elementary school students.

How much does the 2026 program cost?

Program pricing is \$1,250 per week.
You can enroll in more than one session as long as they don't overlap.
More information can be found [here](#).

What is included in the program cost?

The program fee includes instruction, lunch, and all program supplies.

What is not included in the program cost?

Snacks, vending machine items, souvenirs, additional meals or beverages, NJIT bookstore purchases, food truck items.

Do you provide any discounts?

Balances paid in full at the time of registration will have the \$50 registration fee waived.

Are there any scholarships?

Unfortunately, we currently do not have any scholarships available. We are happy to set up a payment plan if requested.

Do you offer a payment plan?

We are happy to set up payment plan arrangements if requested. To make payments, please call our office at (973) 596-5531 or email us at HCADSummer@njit.edu with the amount you'd like to pay toward your balance and we will send you an invoice by email to submit an online payment.

Can I receive a refund?

If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you may do so before April 1 and receive a refund. However, **please note that the \$50 registration fee and \$500 of each program's registration is strictly non-refundable**, regardless of the cancellation date. After April 15, no refunds will be processed.

Is there a waiting list?

The architecture program tends to fill quickly. Once full, we will have a waiting list and notify you if a spot opens up.

Does my child need a transcript, recommendation letter, gpa, portfolio, etc. to enter the program?

No, these materials are not required as we know students come in with varying levels of exposure and readiness.

Do I need to purchase special equipment, electronics, supplies?

No.

Can my child earn college credit from the summer program?

This particular program does not offer college credit.

How big are the class/session sizes?

Each section is limited to 20 students with a seasoned NJIT instructor and one or two current NJIT Hillier College students who assist. We will do our best to open up additional sections to accommodate demand and plan to run at least three architecture sections.

What if my child changes their mind after starting the program?

Unfortunately, once the student begins the program, no refunds or future credits are issued.

What is the schedule/itinerary for the summer program?

The schedule/itinerary will be finalized as we approach the start of the program. Below is a sample schedule/itinerary to give you an idea of what each day will be like:

Arrival between 8:30-9am
Class from 9-12

Lunch from 12-1
Class from 1-4:30pm
Dismissal and pick-up window 4:30-5:00pm

Field trips and other off-site activities may be chosen by the faculty and, if included, will be announced before the start of the program.

Where and what time will the students eat?

The students will have an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch at the Campus Center Cafeteria with a wide variety of options available each day. Lunch is eaten together around 12pm. If the students are on a field trip, then meals will be provided on the field trip. Students can certainly bring additional snacks with them each day. We also have vending machines in our building but the student would need to bring money to purchase items.

My child has dietary restrictions. Are there menu accommodations available?

We will make every effort to accommodate any dietary restrictions. We encourage a phone call with our staff prior to registration if this is the case.

My child has a disability. Are you able to accommodate?

This would depend on the disability. We do have some current students in our majors who have disabilities but as this is a summer program and not an academic year program, we would prefer to discuss with the parents prior to confirming a student's participation.

Are vaccinations required?

Yes, just as they are in NJ public schools.

My child takes medication on a regular basis. Will there be a nurse to administer the medication?

Unfortunately, we do not have a nurse on staff during our summer program. Medication would have to be self-administered. Please give us a call before registration to discuss if you have further questions concerning this topic.

How is the security on campus? Is the campus safe?

NJIT University Police Officers patrol the campus and surrounding area on foot, bicycles, and in state-of-the-art patrol vehicles. Officers create a safe environment for the university and surrounding community as well as their invited guests.

The University police maintain a close working relationship with the Newark Police Department, Rutgers, Essex County College, and NJ Transit Police Departments as well as other agencies in the area. Public Safety Officers are highly visible and posted in University parking lots as well as in and around campus buildings. For more information about NJIT Public Safety and Campus Security, please visit: <https://www5.njit.edu/publicsafety/departments-public-safety/>

Will my child be supervised at all times?

Yes. Between the instructors and our current Hillier College of Architecture and Design student assistants, participants are supervised the entire time while the program is in session.