



State University
of New York

Precollege Programs

For High School and
Middle School Students



About FIT: Creativity for the Real World



The Fashion Institute of Technology, a college of design, art, business, and technology, is a leader in career education for the creative industries. FIT is part of the State University of New York (SUNY), with affordable programs in a wide range of fields.

We offer nearly 50 degree programs leading to associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees, including fashion, footwear, and textiles; toy design, animation, game design, and interior design; marketing, management, and international trade; communications; cosmetics and fragrance, and more.

Our students enjoy an exceptional college experience, a vibrant campus life in New York City, and industry-relevant preparation for rewarding careers. For more information about FIT, visit fitnyc.edu.



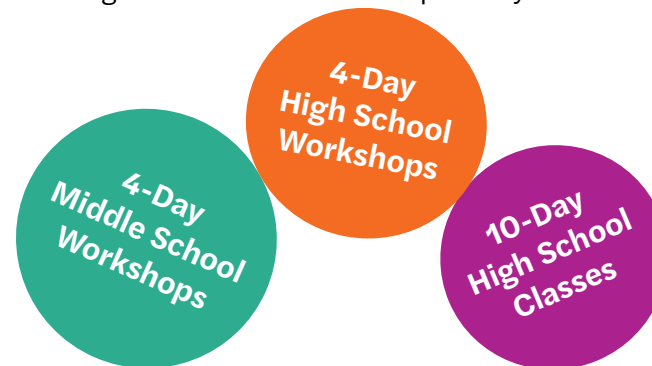
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Calling all **aspiring artists**, **driven designers**, and **budding business leaders**! Looking for a challenge as you chart your journey into college and beyond?

At FIT, you'll meet other students like you—smart, curious, and interesting. They're looking to grow, learn, and try new things. Sound familiar?

We offer a variety of long and short courses in design, art, and business. Study a subject you already love—or discover a whole new world.

Our Precollege Programs give you a college experience while you meet new friends and learn unique industry skills. Start working on your portfolio for college admission and develop skills you can use now and in the future.





Serious? Fun? These programs are both! If you're in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12, you'll find a range of classes designed just for you.

Programs include intensive, longer classes and shorter workshops, so there's something to fit your needs and schedule. Choose your path—business, fashion, or visual arts and design.

10-Day Classes

Thinking about your future? These challenging programs let you explore a variety of subjects and career possibilities. Dig into a major you think might be the one for you. Or expand your horizons and try something different. These classes are based on introductory first-year college courses, so you'll study your topic in depth, and if you're into art or design,

you'll start preparing a portfolio. Plus, you'll get a permanent transcript to submit with college applications.

Classes meet for 10 sessions once a week in fall and spring, and four days a week in summer. Registration begins in July, December, and February.



4-Day Workshops

Have a fast, fun adventure exploring one of FIT's creative specialties, immersing yourself in a specific skill or technique. You'll be inspired by the tips, tricks, and methods you'll learn.

Workshops meet six hours a day for four days in fall, spring, and summer. Registration begins in July, December, and February.

Build Your Portfolio: Start Early!

To apply to an art and design college or program, you'll need a portfolio of artwork. It takes time to build a great one, so start early. It's best to begin in your sophomore year in high school and do most of the work in your junior year, so by your senior year, you'll just need some fine tuning.

FIT's art and design courses let you immerse yourself in your field of interest and help you build an impressive body of work suited to your chosen major.

Workshops for high school students fall into the three areas below. You can specialize in one area or mix and match.

Business and Marketing

If you love fashion but you're not a designer, discover the many exciting career options on the business side of fashion. There's so much to explore! In these courses, you'll gain hands-on experience, learn practical skills, and develop the business savvy you need to succeed in these dynamic fields.

Classes include:

- Careers in Fashion Styling
- The Beauty Business: Art and Science of Cosmetics and Fragrance
- Introduction to Advertising and Marketing Communications
- Fashion Trend Forecasting
- Personal Branding and Self-Promotion





Fashion and Accessories

With our world-famous fashion programs, FIT is the place for budding designers to start their journey. Design your own mini-collection, or your own footwear and accessories. Learn essential skills, like draping, sewing, and sketching. You'll discover what it's like to be in the dynamic world of fashion, and begin to develop your distinct point of view that makes your creations unique. And you'll start working on your portfolio, so you'll be ready when it's time to apply to college!

Classes include:

- Redesigning Couture in Streetwear
- Rule the Runway: Intro to Menswear Design
- Basic Sewing for Designers
- Footwear and Accessories: Design and Construction
- Jewelry Design Studio
- Fashion Portfolio Development

Visual Arts and Design

Join the many successful artists and designers who get their start at FIT! In these programs, you'll create original art in a wide range of media and begin to build your portfolio for college admission. Sample graphic design or magazine design, interior design or digital photography. Create characters for comics and gaming. Explore the design process while learning useful skills, mastering the tools of the trade, and developing your personal creative vision.

Classes include:

- Intro to Graphic Design: Digital Drawing
- Character Creation for Comic Books and Gaming
- Short Film: Concept to Completion
- Perfecting Your Art Portfolio
- Fashion Photography Workshop



You're never too young to follow your dream! If you're in grades 7, 8, and 9, we have workshops designed for you.

In these short workshops, you'll spend four days on campus sampling some of the creative industries FIT specializes in. Dive into a topic you love, learn a specific skill or technique, and create an amazing work of art.

Classes meet three hours a day for four days in summer.

Quick Answers

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What's the age requirement to participate in Precollege Programs?

Fall/Spring programs

You may enroll in a high school program if you're in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 at the time of registration.

Summer programs

You may enroll in a high school summer program if you'll be in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 as of September of the year in which you enroll, or if you're graduating from high school in May/June immediately preceding the summer session.

You may enroll in middle school workshops if you're in grade 7, 8, or 9.

Note: Ninth-grade students may choose either a high school or middle school program, based on the student's maturity and skill level.

What level of artistic ability is required for Precollege art and design classes?

All courses are at the beginner level unless otherwise stated in the course description.

Do I need paperwork, documentation, or a portfolio to participate in Precollege Programs?

No. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Students should register for classes based on interest and availability.

How much will my class cost?

One class or workshop will range from about \$500 to \$700. Please check the Precollege Programs website for tuition information and fees.

How to Register

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Register online.



Registration information and dates can be found at fitnyc.edu/precollegecalendar or by scanning the QR code at left.

College Credit, Grades, and Transcripts

Precollege classes do not carry college credit. Students who maintain strong attendance, complete assignments, and actively participate in class receive a passing grade. Grades appear on the FIT transcript, which can be submitted with a college application. These grades will also appear on all future FIT transcripts. To request an official copy of your transcript, call the **Registrar's Office** at **(212) 217-3820** and/or complete the transcript request form.

Precollege Programs Office

Conference Center at FIT
Lower Level, Room SR10
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(212) 217-4630

Precollege Programs Office Hours

June–September: Monday–Thursday, 9 am–5 pm
October–December: Tuesday–Saturday, 9 am–5 pm
January–February: Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm
March–May: Tuesday–Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

After Precollege Programs...

What's Next?



Ready for high school? Take a look at our Precollege workshops for middle school students. Go deeper into a topic you've already started studying or try something different. Either way, you'll take the next step into your unlimited future.

Ready for college? Thanks to your Precollege experience, you know what it's like to study on a college campus, and you've learned some amazing skills. You're all set to apply to the college of your dreams. If it's FIT, we're super excited to help you! The list on the next page will give you an idea of curriculum areas that match your skills and interests. Surprise! It might even be something you've never thought of—so be open to new possibilities.

For an in-depth look at FIT's degree programs leading to great careers in the creative industries, visit fitnyc.edu/admissions. To start the application process, or if you have any questions, email the Admissions Office at FITinfo@fitnyc.edu.



Interest and Career Guide

The list below shows you which FIT curriculum areas correspond to your interests. Note that you may be drawn to more than one subject, so be sure to read about all the FIT majors you might want to explore.

personal interests	business	fashion	visual arts and design	liberal arts
Advertising	●		●	
Art history			●	●
Business	●			
Buying and selling	●	●	●	
Cartooning			●	
Clothes	●	●		
Color coordinating	●	●	●	
Computer graphics			●	
Designing		●	●	
Digital media	●		●	●
Drafting			●	
Drawing and sketching		●	●	
Entertainment	●	●	●	●
Event planning	●		●	
Fabrics	●	●	●	
Fashion	●	●		
Film			●	●
Hats and handbags		●		
Jewelry		●		
Media	●		●	●
Model making			●	
Money and finance	●	●		
Museums			●	●
Painting			●	
Personal expression		●	●	●
Photography			●	●
Planning	●	●		
Sculpture			●	
Sewing		●	●	
Television	●		●	●
Travel	●		●	●
Videography	●		●	●
Writing	●			●

FIT Majors

Business

- Advertising and Marketing Communications
- Art History and Museum Professions
- Cosmetics and Fragrance Marketing
- Direct and Interactive Marketing
- Entrepreneurship for the Fashion and Design Industries
- Fashion Business Management
- Home Products Development
- International Trade and Marketing for the Fashion Industries
- Production Management: Fashion and Related Industries
- Technical Design
- Textile Development and Marketing

Fashion

- Fabric Styling
- Fashion Business Management
- Fashion Design
- Footwear and Accessories Design
- Jewelry Design
- Menswear
- Technical Design
- Textile Development and Marketing
- Textile/Surface Design

Liberal Arts

- Art History and Museum Professions
- Film and Media
- Advertising and Digital Design
- Animation, Interactive Media, and Game Design
- Communication Design
- Foundation
- Film and Media
- Fine Arts
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Interior Design
- Packaging Design
- Photography and Related Media
- Spatial Experience Design
- Toy Design

Your Path to a Career You'll Love!

learn more at fitnyc.edu/precollege

Explore the Campus

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FIT Campus Tours

The best way to get to know FIT is by experiencing it firsthand! Join the Admissions team for in-depth information sessions to learn about everything FIT has to offer. Afterward, take a campus tour led by a current student and get a behind-the-scenes perspective. Feel free to ask about anything that sparks your interest! Find more information at fitnyc.edu/visit.

Virtual Tours

For students and families who can't visit the campus, a virtual tour is a fantastic alternative: fitnyc.edu/virtualtour

Admissions Office

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(212) 217-3760

Admissions Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday, Friday, 9 am–5 pm
Thursday, 9 am–7 pm*

*Office closes at 5 pm when credit classes are not in session. Office is closed on Fridays during summer. See the Academic Calendar at fitnyc.edu/academiccalendar.

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Clery Statement

The safety and well-being of FIT's students, faculty, staff, and visitors is of paramount importance. Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, FIT publishes an annual report containing crime statistics and statements of security policy, accessible online at fitnyc.edu/safety/statistics. A printed copy of the report will be provided upon request by calling the Department of Public Safety at (212) 217-4999.

