

Sotheby's INSTITUTE OF ART

PRE-COLLEGE

Summer Institute 2025

Co-Curriculars

Sotheby's Institute of Art offers a variety of non-academic or extracurricular activities for students throughout the summer. There is an expectation that students may have class activities, site visits and homework after class. In the evenings, students have access to residence hall study spaces that facilitate individual and group work. There are also several signature events open to all students such as the IG Photo Challenge and excursions to explore New York City neighborhoods and iconic landmarks. In addition to our schedule of programming, we encourage students and their friends to explore New York City on their own and dedicated Saturday as a time for self-exploration.

To best support our students, they are divided into Living Learning Communities (LLC), which are named after NYC neighborhoods. LLCs are a great way for students to meet peers outside of the classroom and form community and friendship within The Institute. Students should be mindful of the established community norms within their Living and Learning Communities to promote a safe space for sharing perspectives and being open and aware of others' views.

Campus Wide Events

During the first three days of Summer Institute, Sotheby's Institute of Art offers campus-wide events that allow students to explore New York City, build community and establish connections. It is *highly recommended* that students attend all these events.

IG Photo Challenge

As part of the summer-long photography contest, students are asked to submit images captured during their studies as they chronicle their many adventures and inspirations. At the close of the program, a specialist at Sotheby's Photographs will review the finalists and select a grand prize winner. The winner's photograph is then published in the one-and-only Sotheby's auction house print magazine, which is distributed to collectors around the world.

This team-building event takes students to Central Park on a scavenger hunt to kick off the photo challenge competition.

Tags: Explore N.Y.C., SIA, Community Building, Creative Expression

Artist Speaker Series

Students will attend an exclusive private talk with a notable, contemporary artist who will share their experiences in the international art world. Students will be able to ask questions and talk with the artist to learn more about their journey, experience and the challenges they've faced. Previous artist talks have included high profile artists such as Guerilla Girls, Shirin Neshat and Daze.

Tags: SIA Educational

NYC Public Art Tour

Want to experience an immersive journey through the heart of New York City's cultural epicenter with our exclusive NYC Public Art tour? Then join us as we explore curated public art projects around the city commissioned by the City of New York and Public Art Fund! Start at City Hall Park and walk across the iconic Brooklyn Bridge to bask in the view of the Manhattan skyline at sunset!

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Saturday

Saturdays are for self-exploration. We encourage students to get caught up on homework, do laundry, connect with friends and explore the city. Recommendations and suggested itineraries are provided in *The Gallery* (Canvas Community Course).

Optional Events

Our Residential and Student Life team offers various optional events for students to build community with their peers, explore New York City and build deeper connections within Sotheby's Institute of Art. The following activities may vary per term depending on interest and availability.

Please refer to *The Gallery* (Canvas Community Course) for details regarding time, location and cost of activities.

Art Day Excursion

Students will take a weekend day trip during which they will explore art and nature at spectacular venues such as Governor's Island. This excursion is sure to ignite a passion for the

arts, empowering students to connect with the natural world and one another. Exhibitions, visual arts activities, natural exploration and community are objectives for this event.

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Book Crawl

Embark on a literary adventure like never before with our Book Crawl. Whether you're a book lover or curious about what lies beneath the surface of a traditional paperback, this is for you. Discover new authors, genres, and perspectives as we journey together through the pages of captivating stories. All are welcome to join in the exploration and celebration of the written word. Let's dive into the magic of books and build a community bound by a love for storytelling.

Tags: Explore NYC, Creative Expression, Community Building, Educational

Broadway Night

Students will attend a Broadway show during the second week of the term. It wouldn't be a true visit to New York City without the experience of a Broadway show. Students will take a trip to Times Square where they can marvel at the lights and all the splendor that a show on Broadway has to offer. Details regarding shows and dates will be provided to students during the program.

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Classical Film Night

Bring your popcorn and head to the lounge. Let's share laughs, gasps and heartfelt moments with each other as we bond over the magic of the screen. Grab your snacks, a seat and a comfy sweater, and let's make memories that will last a lifetime.

Tags: Community Building

Exploration Day

This is an opportunity for students to discover and explore NYC sites and offerings independently.

Tags: Explore N.Y.C.

Farewell Celebration

Join us in bidding farewell to an amazing journey as we celebrate our time together. It's time to reflect on the memories made, the challenges overcome, and the friendships forged along the way. Here's to the end of one journey and the beginning of countless others.

Tags: Community Building

Move Out Day/Closing Ceremony

Let's reflect on the professional and social growth, academic successes and accomplishments of all students this term. Congrats!

Tags: Community Building, SIA

NYC Neighborhood Tour

NYC is rich in culture and history. Walking tours will allow you to uncover the stories behind the landmarks, people and events that have shaped NYC.

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Young Professionals and College Night

Students will learn about New York City higher education institutions, talk with industry professionals and program alum about career trajectories, internships and college admissions processes.

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Check Out Requirements

Students must check out with staff through the designated process to leave campus during recreational hours (typically, after class the first Thursday of the term and weekends) and must meet the following conditions:

- Students cannot check-out during mandatory residential activities.
- Students must remain within the 5 boroughs of NYC and travel must be accessible via MTA.
- Students need to travel with at least one other student
- Checkout requests cannot exceed 4 hours.
- Checkout requests cannot extend past 9:30 p.m.
- If a checkout request does not meet the above criteria, the student must complete a Special Leave Request (See below)

The Institute uses Orah software to monitor the location of each of our students during their time in NYC. Students and families will be sent information on how to create an Orah account prior to the start of the program. Students will use their individual Orah accounts to request a check out and Residential staff will evaluate each request and either approve or deny the request. If approval is granted, students must check back in with residential staff upon returning to campus. Parent/guardians will also have their own Orah accounts where they can monitor their students' checkout requests.

Special Leave Requests

Special Leave requests are available for students to take longer leaves from the program (e.g., overnight, more than 4 hours etc.), but are highly discouraged as they will disrupt the immersive experience of the program. However, Special Leaves can be requested in Orah, and will first be sent to the student's parent/guardian for approval, and then to The School program staff. A request may be granted or denied at the discretion of The Institute. All requests must be made as early as possible in Orah. Students who are caught attempting to fabricate approval of their own Special Leave request by their parent/guardian will be subject to immediate expulsion.