

## Student Groups

Student groups offer the chance to share your passions and interests beyond the classroom. These groups contribute to a thriving campus community and create common space for students to explore what it means to be an artist and a student at the School. Student groups are led by current SAIC students and are advised by current faculty and staff from a variety of departments on campus.

### Joining a Student Group

Student groups are open to all SAIC students. Visit [engage.saic.edu](http://engage.saic.edu) to search our numerous student groups to learn which student groups are available and how to join them. Log into the site or visit the Campus Life office in the LeRoy Neiman Center, room 201.

### Starting a Student Group

If you don't find the group you're looking for, you can start a new one. To start an officially recognized student group, you will need at least two student leaders and an SAIC faculty or staff advisor to begin the process. When you have identified the leaders and advisor, log on to [engage.saic.edu](http://engage.saic.edu) to complete the registration forms. For more information, or to discuss your student group registration, stop by the Campus Life office in the LeRoy Neiman Center, room 201.

Below are examples of currently registered student groups for the upcoming academic year, but new student groups are created all the time. You can read more about the activities of all currently registered groups by visiting [engage.saic.edu](http://engage.saic.edu).

#### CULTURAL & IDENTITY-BASED

- Asian and Asian American Students at SAIC (AAASS)
- Black Student Union
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
- Native American Student Association (NASA)
- International Student Group for Worldwide Engagement
- Korean Student Association (KSA)
- The League of Extraordinary Genders
- Namaste SAIC
- LATINXS UNIDXS

#### LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- Artists on the World Wide Web
- Student Environmental Action
- Student Museum Coalition (SMC)
- UNTITLED magazine

#### HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Active Minds, SAIC Chapter
- Student Advocacy Alliance for Health and Disability
- Yoga Club

#### INTEREST-BASED

- Ani(mate)Club
- Board Gamers
- Drama and Improvisation Club
- Xerox Candy Bar
- The Social Art Department

#### FAITH-BASED

- Intersarsity Christian Fellowship
- SAIC Hillel

#### PROFESSIONAL

- American Institute of Architecture Students, SAIC Chapter (AIAS)
- American Institute of Graphic Artists, SAIC Chapter (AIGA)
- National Organization for Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS)

#### ACADEMIC

- Eye + Ear Clinic (Film)
- Parlor Room (Photography)
- Platypus (Marxist Reading Group)
- Student Historic Preservation Association
- Chicago Mud Orchestra (Ceramics)

## For More Information

### SAIC Campus Life

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## Get Connected

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Opportunities for  
Involvement at SAIC



One of the most exciting aspects of life at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) is the freedom to shape your academic and artistic experiences through campus involvement. With campus-wide events, leadership opportunities on campus, and more than 60 student groups and organizations, Campus Life and Residence Life offer countless ways for you to get involved in the SAIC community. We encourage you to start your own student groups and plan your own programs to create a unique SAIC experience. The next few pages are an introduction to some of the many activities at SAIC. If you see something that interests you, contact Campus Life and Residence Life for more information, and get connected.

## Campus Life

Campus Life supports your academic and artistic experience at SAIC with co-curricular community programs, student groups, and student organizations. At SAIC you have the opportunity to connect with students, faculty, and staff through campus-wide events and diverse student groups and organizations. Campus Life's campus-wide events include the annual Holiday and Spring Art Sales, Fall Student Groups Fair, Family Weekend, and SAIC Family Dinner.

Residence Life offers on-campus housing to enhance the student experience at SAIC. The residence halls are designed for working artists and are located steps from SAIC's academic facilities. While living in the residence halls, you can enjoy opportunities for interacting with a dynamic community of fellow artists. Each facility offers 24-hour security, student resident advisors, and full-time professional staff. Staff members are here to help you get to know the School and the city and to build a strong community of artists. Residence Life plans many programs throughout the year that include film screenings, gallery tours, trips throughout the city, and more.

## Leadership Opportunities

Campus Life and Residence Life offer opportunities for roles that allow you to develop leadership skills, meet new people, and contribute to the SAIC community. Taking on a leadership role with Campus Life and Residence Life is a great opportunity to make a positive impact at the School.

## Campus Life Leadership Opportunities

### New Student Orientation Leaders

Orientation leaders play a critical part in helping new incoming students make the most of their time at the School. Orientation leaders both welcome students and serve as a crucial resource for new students learning about SAIC. They actively participate in orientation programs and activities by leading small group discussions, answering student questions, and connecting new students to the many offices and services around campus.

### The LeRoy Neiman Center Assistants

The LeRoy Neiman Center assistants serve the community by staffing the welcome desk, helping with facilitating numerous daily events, maintaining the public spaces on the first and second floors, assisting with SAIC merchandise sales, directing students to the appropriate offices, and assisting with advertising and promoting campus events. They also help maintain the bulletin boards on campus and assist the Campus Life office in various administrative tasks.

## Residence Life Leadership Opportunities

### Office Assistants

Office assistants help with the day-to-day tasks of Residence Life: answering phone calls, assisting students with questions, creating advertisements, and making sure mail gets to students living in the halls. This position is a great introduction to the School and helps many students prepare to be successful students at SAIC.

### Resident Advisors

Resident advisors work to create meaningful relationships with residents to help them adjust to community living within a diverse urban environment. They also understand and appreciate cultural and lifestyle differences, develop a sense of community responsibility, define educational and career goals, and enhance artistic skills.

### Residence Life Summer Staff

Similar to the role resident advisors play during the academic year, the summer staff provides summer students and guests with a comfortable living and learning environment. The summer community in the residence halls includes many art-related conference groups, continuing students, and the Early College Program for high school students.

### Nuveen Center Program Assistants

Nuveen Center program assistants plan programs designed to support the Nuveen Center for International Student Learning in providing opportunities for community interaction and professional development that promote cultural understanding and inclusion. Join the team to create thoughtful experiences for international and domestic students alike.

### Residence Hall Exhibitions Gallery Assistants

Help promote, curate, install, and deinstall gallery shows in the Siragusa gallery and throughout the residence halls as a gallery assistant. Learn many valuable lessons about what it takes to produce gallery shows with a team of dedicated student artists.

## Student Organizations

Primarily offering campus-wide programs for students, faculty, and staff, student organizations feature consistent programs and leadership each year. These include dedicated budgets, paid advisors, and specific facilities.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Student Government works to address issues on campus, improving the overall sense of community and student satisfaction at SAIC. Student Government meets with students, allocates funding for student group events, plans informational meetings for the community, and provides guidance to SAIC administration. Student Government members are elected in the spring for the following academic year. The Student Government office is located in the LeRoy Neiman Center, 37 South Wabash Avenue, room 202.

### STUDENT PROGRAMMING BOARD

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The Student Programming Board (SPB) plans activities and events on and off campus for all SAIC students. The SPB plans events all over campus throughout the academic year for students to engage socially, academically, and culturally. The SPB plans and implements co-curricular programs, works with other SAIC offices to host programs, and provides access to events in the Chicagoland area. Annual events include the Welcome Back BBQ, Halloween Ball, Drag & Burlesque Show, and De-Stress Week. Additional programming has included artist talks, movie nights, and sporting event trips.

### SITE GALLERIES

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SAIC's student-run SITE Galleries (formerly Student Union Galleries) provide the public with experimental exhibitions of student work in two locations on campus: the LeRoy Neiman Center gallery and a newly renovated gallery space in the Columbus Drive Building.

Students produce every facet of the gallery's operation from program design to curating, advertising, and installation.

### FREE RADIO SAIC

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Free Radio SAIC is SAIC's student-run Internet radio station, broadcasting daily to a global audience. The station uses an open format so that individual DJs, performers, and sound artists program the content for their shows according to their own interests. The station provides an unconventional and engaging radio station that airs live shows and keeps a streaming archive of shows available online.

### EXTV

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ExTV is a student-run, experimental TV station broadcasting via the web, on-campus monitors, and on-campus events such as the Undergraduate Film/Video Festival. ExTV uses its challenging and engaging programming to foster a greater sense of community at SAIC by showcasing time-arts work by students, faculty, staff, and alums.

### F NEWSMAGAZINE

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