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 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 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.

CULTURAL & IDENTITY-BASED
• Asian and Asian American Students at SAIC (AAASS)
• Black Student Union
• Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
• Native American Student Association (NASAA)
• 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

INTEREST-BASED
• Art缺点Club
• Board Gamers
• Drama and Improvisation Club
• Xerox Candy Bar
• The Social Art Department

FAITH-BASED
• InterVarsity 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)

Opportunities for Involvement at SAIC

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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 Hall Exhibitions Gallery Assistants

**Residence Life 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 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 students and guests with a comfortable living and learning environment. The summer community in the residence halls includes many art-related groups, continuing students, and the Early College Program for school students.

**Nuvoo Center Program Assistants**

Nuvoo Center program assistants plan programs designed to support the Nuvoo Center for International Student Learning in providing opportunities for community interaction and professional development that promote cultural understanding and inclusion. The center connects international students with local Chicagoans and other students to provide support, mentorship, and academic success guidance.

**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.

**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. If you see something that interests you, contact Campus Life and Residence Life for more information, and get connected.

**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 welcome both 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 merchandising 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**

**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 to student groups and 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 and implements activities and events on and off campus for all SAIC students. The SPB plans events and activities for new students learning about SAIC, its challenging and engaging programming to the community, and provides guidance to SAIC students for both the print and web editions. It is SAIC’s award-winning student publication that is published monthly during the academic year and read all over the city. SAIC students design and edit the publication, making every editorial decision. News editors are always looking for writing, illustration, and photography from students for both the print and web editions. Queries and submissions can be sent to editors@fnewsmagazine.com

**NEWSMAGAZINE**

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