



Mastery Program

GAME DESIGN

The School of Interactive Arts (SIA) is a pre-college program in game development. SIA Mastery is our signature program for high school students who want to pursue computer science through game design and prepare for college. This program is proven to prepare students for success in a variety of STEM college majors and careers. In addition to learning C# programming on the Unity Engine, students will also practice other art forms related to game design such as illustration, animation, music production, and narrative writing.

College

SIA prepares students for top computer science or game design programs in the country. Our students have been accepted to USC, NYU, RIT, Columbia and more.

Competition

Students showcase their work in national competitions - including the Games for Change Student Challenge. Our students have won awards every year since 2017.

Scholarship

SIA Seniors have earned over \$4.3 million in scholarships

Mentorship

Students work with industry professionals through one-on-one mentorships.

100% Free
For eligible students

Multi-Year Program

Grades
9th & 10th
*11th on case-by-case basis

2 Options to Choose From

Saturdays 10am-5pm
October 23 - June 25

or

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30pm-6:30pm
October 26 - June 30

Apply Now!

Visit us at
schoolofinteractivearts.org/mastery
or email us at
sia@urbanarts.org for an application.

FAQs

Do I need to be good at Math?

Not at all. Some of our strongest alumni were 'C' students in high school math. Programming is similar to learning to draw or to play an instrument - it's about getting good at a new way of thinking. We pride ourselves on our ability to teach you how to program if you have a strong desire to learn.



Do I have to stick around?

Yes. In order to be accepted to the program, students and parents must sign an attendance commitment and are expected to continue throughout the year.

Will I only learn programming?

They don't call us the School of Interactive ARTS for nothing! In addition to our Game Design classes, we also teach Art-Form classes including Visual Arts, Music & Sound Production, and Narrative Writing for games. Besides these, we also host events such as video game tournaments and tabletop RPG campaigns.

Where is SIA located?

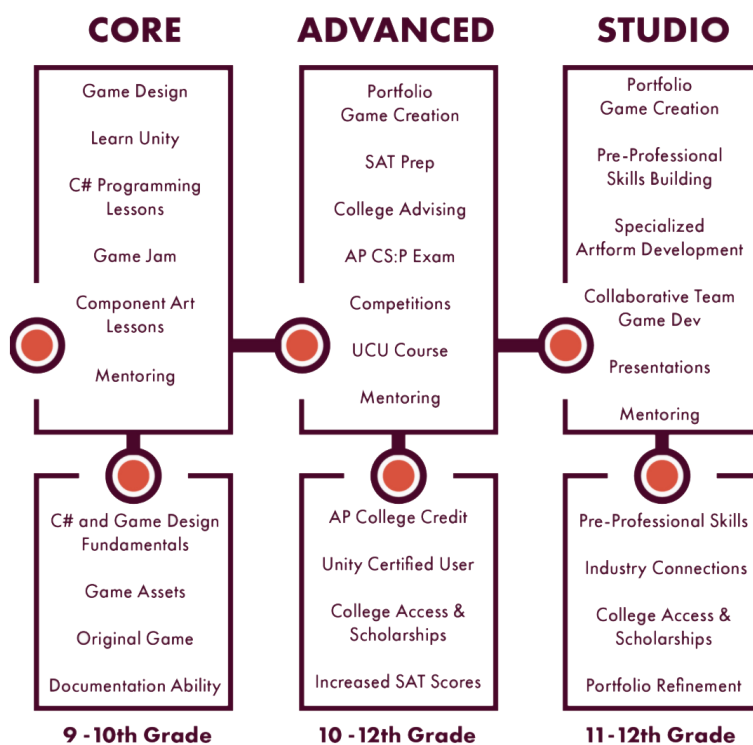
Our campus is located at 39 W 19th St, New York, NY. We are accessible by most major train lines.

Does SIA provide transportation and lunch?

We've got you covered! We'll hook you up with lunches, snacks, and MetroCards when you are attending programming in-person at your campus.

What will happen if I stay with SIA for multiple years?

SIA has 3 tiers, including opportunities for alumni after you graduate. You will start off at the Core-level. Then, here's a flowchart of what you'll be doing in each tier.



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