



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Who can register?**

**Students must be a minimum of 16 years old to attend**, and must be in high school, consequently most students are rising juniors and seniors.

**(The 16-year-old age limit is new this year)**

Students that are graduating this year from high school can attend the camp if they are not over the age of 18, for the entire duration of the workshop.

### **How does acceptance to the camp work? When will I find out if I am enrolled?**

If you are able to sign up for the camp on the registration site and you pay the enrollment fee, you are in the camp! Our sign up is on a first come first serve basis and we do not have an application process other than signing up. If you pay for the camp, you are in!

\* Unless you apply for a scholarship then you will get special instructions on how to register if you are rewarded with a scholarship.

**What should I do if I can't enroll for the camp this year because it says the camp is full?** Every year the camp fills up but please sign up on the waitlist on the registration website <https://calpoly.irisregistration.com/Site/Architecture-2026> as there are some occasions that we get one or two spots that open up.

### **Do I need any experience to attend the camp?**

No prior experience with architecture, design, drafting, or art is required!

The workshop is a hands-on introduction to the design studio, which is the core of architectural education. The program is designed to spark curiosity, challenge the way you think, and help you take meaningful steps toward your academic and creative goals. Most students attending the workshop have had no prior experience, all are welcome!



## Are there scholarships available?

We have two types of scholarships available, full and partial scholarships. Full scholarships are available for students that qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch program.

Please [apply for the scholarship here.](#)

\*If you are applying for a scholarship, you can register in the link above, but close out of the registration at the payment page. *Please do not provide credit card payment if you are awarded a scholarship.* Applicants will be notified via email and given specific instructions for registration if you are awarded a scholarship.

## Do you offer university credit?

No, we do not offer university credit as we found this adds to the expense of the workshop, and in fact students are not able to use these credits as most architecture programs have a large number of required units. Parents and students have also shared that not having the pressure of academic credit has allowed students to embrace the workshop as a career-discovery experience. However, one of the primary benefits of the workshop is to help guide students' career interests before applying to college, as change of major can add a year or more on to a student's time to degree, which is costly.

## I am an International Student; can I register for the workshop?

In years past we have allowed international students to register for the workshop if you already have permission to enter the country. We have had students from China, Korea, Singapore, and many other countries. However, we cannot assist with any assistance to enter into the United States besides providing a letter saying that you are attending a recreational camp at a College University. You can email Angela Bracco at [archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu](mailto:archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu) to ask more specific questions.

## Can a student arrive late or depart early from the program?

Yes, but it is not encouraged. Arriving at the start of camp is important for a proper introduction to the camp and facilities as well as meeting the other students in the camp. The



camp curriculum is sequential, so missing camp is not ideal. However, parents/guardians can check their student in and out of the camp if necessary.

While under the care of the camp students must attend classes every day and participate in scheduled events.

### **Do I need to bring a laptop to the workshop?**

Yes, there are several instances where we use a laptop during the workshop. It is also recommended that you bring a mouse to assist with your use of some computer programs.

### **Where can I purchase materials and supplies for the camp?**

Most materials are provided, but there is a list of what supplies to bring. Please see this list on the **“Welcome + What to Pack” pdf located on the registration site, Important Camp Information, Tab.**

These supplies can be purchased online, at a local hobby supply store, at Art Central in San Luis Obispo, or at the Cal Poly bookstore.

### **What happens during fourth of July.... Does the camp close?**

We continue to provide housing, supervision, and activities on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We stay on campus and the Resident Advisors plan a day of fun festivities! You are also welcome to check your camper out if you have some other engagement, but we do provide accommodation on this holiday.

### **What should I do if I need to train for a sport over the summer, but I also want to attend the architecture camp?**

Please email the program director Angela Bracco at [archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu](mailto:archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu) if you need to participate in any sports training while at camp. We can accommodate things like cross country runners, but please remember the focus of our program is on delivering an architecture curriculum. Please let us know right away of any requirements so that we can make ample arrangements before the start of camp.



### **Can I participate in religious activities during the camp?**

Yes, if you would like to participate in worship during the weekend, this can be coordinated with parents/guardians and students to arrange transportation and supervision to these events. Please email the camp director before camp to arrange these activities. Angela Bracco at [archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu](mailto:archsummerworkshop@calpoly.edu)

### **What do I do if my summer plans change and I can no longer attend the camp? Can I**

**withdraw from the workshop? What is the Refund Policy?** On the registration site we have a cutoff date for full reimbursement with a non-refundable fee for administration purposes.

Please make a note of this date when you register. Typically, if we can fill the space with another camper we can accommodate most reimbursements. We try to be as understanding as possible but after a certain date we get locked into contracts and we cannot get reimbursements ourselves.