

The New School Parsons School of Design Undergraduate Program



#1 Art and Design School in the U.S. 2023 QS Rankings



#14 National Ranking in Engineering

U.S. News & World Report, 2024



The New School is a leading private research university located in the heart of New York City. Parsons School of Design, founded in 1896, has been part of The New School since 1970. As the first art and design school in the United States to offer programs in fashion design, interior design, and graphic design, Parsons is a member of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design. With campuses in both New York City and Paris, its fashion department is strategically situated in Manhattan's Garment District. Parsons has approximately 3,800 undergraduate and 400 graduate students.

Outstanding Academic Reputation and Rankings

Parsons School of Design (under The New School) is consistently top-ranked:

- #1 Art and Design School in the U.S. (2023 QS
- #3 Art and Design School globally (2023 QS Rankings)
- Top 15 Best Art Programs worldwide (2024 U.S. News)
- · #3 in the U.S. for salary potential among art and design graduates (Payscale)

Highly International and Diverse Environment

- International students make up 34% of the student body, recognized as one of the U.S. universities with the highest percentage of international students (2022 U.S. News)
- The university has a total of approximately 9,500 students, fostering a multicultural and inclusive learning atmosphere

Distinguished Faculty and Interdisciplinary Education

- · Centered around an innovative mission, the university is committed to interdisciplinary education
- Features a renowned faculty and emphasizes the integration of art, policy, science, and other fields

 Provides students with platforms to explore social change, artistic creation, and scientific research

Two Campuses in Global Hubs of Art and Fashion

New York City Greenwich Village Campus:

- · Located in downtown NYC, rich in artistic heritage and historical significance
- Surrounded by diverse cultural resources with easy access to industry innovations

Paris Campus:

- · Housed in a historic building near the Louvre and other art centers
- · Situated among galleries, cafés, and boutiques, offering a vibrant environment for both living and creative practice

Influential Alumni and Industry Impact

The school has produced numerous internationally renowned leaders in design and fashion, including:

- · Marc Jacobs (Former Creative Director of Louis Vuitton, founder of his namesake brand)
- Alexander Wang (Celebrated Chinese-American designer, founder of his eponymous label)
- · Tom Ford (Former Creative Director of Gucci and YSHORELIGHT,跨界 designer and film director)

Program Offering and Important Dates for the 2026 Academic Year

The following dates apply to undergraduate direct entry

listed below to allow time for initial review.

the most accurate information.

undergraduate/

applications for both the New York and Paris campuses. If

applying through the Shorelight Admissions Portal, please

submit at least 3 business days prior to the final deadlines

The university reserves the right to adjust deadlines at any

https://www.newschool.edu/parsons/how-to-apply-

time. Please always refer to the official university website for

Spring Semester

• University Final Deadline: October 15 • Portfolio submission Deadline: October 22

Fall Semester (Freshman)

- Early Action: November 1
- Early Action Portfolio Submission Deadline: November 10
- Regular Decision Deadline: January 15
- · Regular Decision Portfolio Submission Deadline: January 24

Fall Semester (Transfer)

- · Application deadline: March 1 Portfolio
- Submission Deadline: March 1

Program Offerings:

Undergraduate Direct Entry for freshman and transfer Partner Programs: https://shorelight.com/universities/undergraduate/the-new-school#academics

Admission Requirements

(Application Fee is waived for 2026 Academic Year)

General Requirements: Minimum GPA 2.5

- A-Level: UCAS Points 72
- IB: Overall 24 (average grade 4.0)
- Canadian System: BC 68; OSSD 65

Liberal Arts Programs: Minimum GPA 3.0

- A-Level: UCAS Points 96
- IB: Overall 26 (average grade 5.0)
- Canadian System: BC 73; OSSD 70

TOEFL: 92 (Home Edition accepted; MyBest Score not accepted)

IELTS: 7.0 / Duolingo: 115 / Cambridge English: 185

SAT/ACT scores cannot be used to substitute English proficiency test results.

English Waiver Policy

English Proficiency

Academic

- Students who have completed four consecutive years of high school/secondary education with English as the primary language of instruction are eligible for a waiver. However, if any English as a Second Language (ESHORELIGHT) courses were taken during high school, official TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo scores must be submitted.
- Transfer students only: Successful completion of two semesters of college-level non-ESHORELIGHT expository writing or equivalent courses, along with earned credits from college-level coursework.

Other Requirements

Other Requirements: Personal Statement and 2 Essays. The portfolio require for all BFA programs and optional for BBA Strategic Design and Management

Estimate Tuition and Cost

(Final information is subject to change by the university)

Parsons in NYC, Lang & College of Performing Arts Tuition: \$60,240/year;

Estimated Living Expense: \$28,881/year School of Parsons in Paris: \$41,174/year, Estimated Living expense: \$31,315/year

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The Application Guidance Through the Shorelight Admissions Portal

STEP 1 Submit via Shorelight Admissions Portal for Record

- 1.Go to the Shorelight admission portal: https://admissions.shorelight.com/login
- 2.Click"Apply Now" in the top right corner to start your application.
- 3.Begin filling in your basic information. (For the email address, please be sure to provide an accurate address that belongs to the student. This email must be consistent with the one used for the official university application.)
- 4. Select The New School, then choose your desired program and the correct start term.
- 5. Materials Required for Shorelight Admissions Portal
- Copy of Official Transcripts: Secondary school transcripts (grades 9-present); University transcripts (if applicable).
- If graduated, English copy of official high school diploma
- Official English proficiency score report sent directly from testing agency.
- If requesting an English waiver, complete and upload the English Waiver Form: https://shorelight.widen.net/s/cgmfvr6czs/english-waiver-form
- Personal Statement and 2 Essays (Each essay must be submitted as a separate file) https://shorelight.widen.net/view/pdf/e6iumyi8fc/TNS-SOP-Prompts.pdf?t.download=true&u=c8fut2

Please complete the Shorelight admission portal application step by step, providing accurate application information and materials. Shorelight will conduct an initial review upon receipt of the application.

STEP 2 | Submit Official Application to the University | Application Fee is Waived through Shorelight Admissions Portal.

1.After receiving a complete application, Shorelight will submit it to The New School. The applicant will receive a notification in the Shorelight Admissions Portal and an email from the university with instructions to activate your account and submit your portfolio.

2.For portfolio requirements, please visit: https://www.newschool.edu/parsons/portfolio-help/



Official Contacts of Shorelight and The New School

1. Shorelight Contacts

Please contact the appropriate email address for your region:

· North Asia (China, Korea, Japan, etc.) and Southeast Asia:

Alina.wan@shorelight.com

· South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.), Middle East, Africa, and Europe:

tissa.chandrasekera@shorelight.com

· North America, Latin America, and Vietnam:

linh.nguyen@shorelight.com

2. The New School Contacts

For Questions After Submitting to the Shorelight Admissions Portal. It is strongly recommended that you contact the corresponding Admissions Officer directly through the Portal Chat for any questions.

For all questions regarding your university application after submission, please contact the New School directly.

Email: admission@newschool.edu

Notes

- 1-The Paris and New York campuses have the same language and academic requirements.
- 2-Internation Transcripts Evaluation :NACES certification is not required at the time of application but must be provided upon enrollment.
- 3-If official transcripts are unavailable, the applicatn can upload the unofficial transcripts along with proof that official transcripts have been sent in the Shorelight Admissions Portal. Official transcripts must be emailed to: admission@newschool.edu and admission@newschool.edu
- 4-Parsons at The New School typically reviews the portfolio along with the application upon receipt. If requested by the university, upload the portfolio to the Parsons system as soon as possible. If you do not receive the login email promptly, contact the admissions office directly at admission@newschool.edu from your student email.

