

Center for Continuing and Professional Studies

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The Center for Continuing and Professional Studies offers courses, in the classroom and online, to those interested in advancing their professional careers or educational goals. Courses are open to the public and span a range of topics, including art, business, design, digital technology, entrepreneurship, fashion, marketing, and retailing. In addition to free-standing courses, professional development certificates and special intensive courses of study are available. The center offers its programs through Professional Studies, Enterprise Studies and Digital Design, and Precollege Programs. The center offers a comprehensive group of English as a Second Language programs in association with Educational Skills for those who need English for career betterment or to apply to U.S. colleges, including Intensive English Language at FIT, which provides an opportunity to study a comprehensive selection of courses for a full semester, in either the fall or spring.

Professional Studies

Professional Studies focuses on the corporate global training needs of fashion-related industries, as well as the enrichment needs of industrial artists and designers. Noncredit certificates of professional development are offered on topics such as Brand Management Experience, Certified Technical Designer, Color Specialist, Digital Analytics: Fashion Marketing and Retailing, Fashion Styling, Image Consulting, and Omni-Channel Retail.

Enterprise Studies and Digital Design

Enterprise Studies and Digital Design provides information and resources for small businesses and freelancers. Hands-on computer workshops keep designers and businesspeople up to date on software tools. It offers six noncredit certificates of professional development: Creative Enterprise Ownership, Sustainable Design Entrepreneurs, and Computer Essentials (Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Web Design, and Video). The center also secures grant funding to develop free or low-cost programs that help meet the needs of entrepreneurs and New York City's fashion industry.

Precollege Programs

Precollege Programs offer courses for middle and high school students in the college's many areas of expertise. During the school year it offers two programs titled Saturday Live and Sunday Live, each presented over 11 weekends. In the summer, there is a three-week Summer Live program. Intensive four-day workshops offered each spring, summer, and fall are especially attractive to families living outside the New York City metropolitan area.