

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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UX Design Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Gain insight into User Experience (UX) Design and best practices for creating user-friendly and accessible interfaces
- Learn and apply the design framework for UX projects
- Analyze your work and incorporate feedback from team critiques
- Use ethnographic research methods to understand end users' needs in product design
- Conceptualize, design, and build user-centered mobile digital products that enhance user experiences
- Explore the cross-disciplinary nature of UX Design

2026 Dates

University of Washington

- Session 1: July 26 - August 7

Academic Program Overview

UX design plays a vital role in shaping how we experience technology, from mobile apps to digital products. In this hands-on course, students will learn to apply core design principles to the decision-making process and create user-centered digital experiences. Over the session, students will explore the fundamentals of UX, including user research, prototyping, and usability testing, while developing essential technical and soft skills such as presentation, creativity, and problem-solving. By the end of the course, students will have a polished design solution ready to showcase in their portfolio and the confidence to apply their skills to future projects and professional opportunities.

Excursions

Students will have the opportunity to visit local design studios, innovation labs, or organizations that focus on user experience and digital product development. During the academic excursions students will hear from experienced UX professionals who share insights into the industry and different career pathways. These visits will help students connect classroom learning with real-world applications, deepening their understanding of how UX design shapes digital interactions within Seattle's vibrant tech and design community.

Instructor

Erik Fadiman

Erik Fadiman has been a designer for over twenty years, working across UX, brand identity, web design, and creative direction. He's spent much of that time not just doing the work, but teaching it, running workshops, coaching teams, and helping people build real skills they can actually use. He believes good design starts with understanding people: what they need, where they get confused, and what makes an experience feel effortless instead of frustrating. Erik has built everything from early-stage prototypes to full visual systems, always starting with research and problem-framing before touching any tools. He loves the classroom because that's where the fundamentals matter Emost, and because there's nothing quite like watching someone solve a design problem for the very first time.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $5,798

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for $125 per day
- **Price:** $2,998

Supplements:

- **Application fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan**: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons of each week are dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker, or activity.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5PM-6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

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