Yale Norfolk School of Art

The Yale Norfolk School of Art, established in 1948, is an intensive six-week undergraduate summer residency program for twenty-six rising undergraduate seniors from institutions across the United States and internationally. The school is located on the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Estate in Norfolk, Connecticut, and is supported by the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Trust. Yale Norfolk 2023 will take place from May 20 through July 1.

Students follow a curriculum of three Yale College art courses: Critical Studies; Advanced Image Making; and Senior Studio, which includes modules focused in a range of art and design disciplines. Students work in individual studio spaces and have access to digital printers, computers, traditional printmaking presses, and silkscreen facilities.

The resident faculty for Yale Norfolk 2022 was composed of co-directors Byron Kim and Lisa Sigal, Matthew Keegan, Lisa Kereszi, Benjamin Donaldson, and four teaching fellows selected from graduates of Yale's M.F.A. program. In addition to the course curriculum, students investigated “The Shape of Empathy,” the theme of the summer’s lecture series, with visiting scholars and artists who engaged the students in a wide range of topics.

Individuals may not apply directly to the program; rather, they must be nominated by a dean, program chair, or other academic official at their home institution. Students who successfully complete the program receive four course credits or twelve units toward their undergraduate degree. This important educational partnership between Yale Norfolk and participating schools supports young artists in a vital moment of growth. Many of Yale Norfolk's alumni go on to make significant contributions to the field of art and credit Yale Norfolk with having a profound impact on their lives and art. Students interested in being considered for nomination should inform their deans and department chairs. Faculty nomination and student application deadlines are in February, annually.