THIS SUMMER, YOU COULD

Surround yourself with students and faculty that share your passions and goals.

Experience college life at Northwestern University's beautiful lakeside campus and access our state-of-the-art equipment and editing facilities.

Receive focused attention and feedback from experienced faculty and filmmakers in a constructive environment.

Attend master classes with industry professionals.

Hone your communication, collaboration, organizational and leadership skills while managing projects and realizing your creative visions.

Share your work with friends and family at the Final Screening.

Bolster your resume for college applications.

Create bonds with friends and faculty that will help you with creative endeavors years after the NHSI program.

"Every day I learned so much and felt like I grew as a human."

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"This whole program was so amazing and special. I feel so lucky to have been able to learn so much about film with such amazing teachers on this gorgeous campus."

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FILM & VIDEO

Be Daring
Dream Bigger
Explore Passionately

Spend this summer at NHSI and open yourself up to a world of possibilities.

Spend your summer making movies instead of just watching them. Surround yourself with the people and equipment necessary to create your vision.

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THE FILM & VIDEO DIVISION AT THE NHSI

has been designed to offer you the same quality of experience you will encounter at top collegiate film programs, including Northwestern's Radio-Television-Film Department.

Our curriculum combines the technical and theoretical components intrinsic to the art of filmmaking, and affords you the opportunity to intellectually mold your films rather than merely record them. While prior experience in film and video is not required, passion, hard work and a collaborative spirit are expected.

Mornings are spent in core classes, with a variety of electives to choose from in the afternoons ranging from Directing Actors to Advanced Cinematography to Avant-Garde Cinema. Each evening is dedicated to film screenings, master classes or workshops meant to enrich a student's given concentration. Weekends are filled with collaborative projects using newly acquired skills.

While our program affords you the opportunity to become a better filmmaker, actor, and scholar, it also provides a viable stepping-stone to your college career. Our students regularly gain entrance into top universities and film programs around the country, including Northwestern, Stanford, NYU, USC, Penn, Brown, and many others. Study film, experience college life, and begin the journey to your next horizon at Northwestern's National High School Institute.

	WEEK 1-3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Acting*	Core classes and electives in acting and script analysis.	Acting in individual projects.	Culmination of Core classes, master classes and final screening for friends and family.
Screenwriting*	Core classes in writing for film and television.	Realization of short films created over first 3 weeks.	Culmination of Core classes, master classes and final screening for friends and family.
Production*	Core classes and electives in film directing and cinematography.	Directing/Producing individual projects.	Post-production work on final projects, and final screening for friends and family.

*Students are encouraged to take electives in all aspects of filmmaking.

"NHSI taught me not only how to be a better filmmaker but how to be a better person. If you are someone who has even the slightest interest in pursuing film, I cannot recommend it enough. No matter what, you will come out of this program learning something valuable about yourself." / 2017 Student

"This program was so impactful for me and I truly feel that I can confidently begin putting my work out there and turning my art into a reality. Thank you NHSI!" / 2024 Student

"The quality of teaching we received was unlike anything I've ever had." / 2023 Cherub

"This is really the best summer program I've gone to and I grew a lot." / 2025 Cherub

The NHSI 2026 Film & Video 5-week program runs from June 28 – August 1.

Need-based scholarships are available.

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2026 Application Deadlines:

Early Admission – January 9
Regular Admission – March 13