

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AT TALIESIN



Welcome to the Taliesin Summer Immersion program!

During your eight-week residency, you are encouraged to embrace the academic and residential opportunities with an equal commitment to excellence and spirit of cooperation, as is the tradition at Taliesin. We have a strong and committed faculty and staff to assist with your arrival, and we encourage your participation in all aspects of life and learning while a participant in the Taliesin Immersion. Read on for some useful information as you pack and prepare for your Taliesin experience:

Arrival: A shuttle bus to Taliesin will be provided from Madison on **(Saturday, June 16th at 3:00pm from the Madison Airport.)** *This will be your only transportation to Spring Green, so please plan your arrival accordingly.* There are several affordable hotels near the airport should you be arriving the day before. There will be an additional \$100.00 charge for any special transportation requests. Maps have been provided for other popular airports in the area for your convenience.

General Information: Life in Spring Green is very rural, and while the buildings represent some of the best architecture in the world, they are very rustic. In addition to the amazing landscapes, the local community is very active and cultural opportunities abound. Here at Taliesin we're a pretty close group of students, faculty, and senior Fellowship members, many of whom worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. It's an incredible opportunity for you to share in our history and traditions, which include Formal

Evenings, gardening, performance, and learning architecture- and you'll see how these all are interrelated as you experience it. It also comes with the chance (and expectation) to contribute to the daily life by way of helping in the kitchen, washing dishes and keeping the place beautiful for yourself and those around you. If you like fitness and the outdoors, we have a few miles of private roads and trails, lots of hiking and biking trails nearby, and a fitness center in Spring Green. Additionally, a local hotel lets us use their pool for a few dollars per visit.

Computer Requirements: Each student is required to bring their own laptop. All books and reference materials will be provided. The below specs are provided as best practice. All students will be provided an @taliesin.edu email address for communication and access to Office365 suite upon arrival.

Minimum Computer Requirements

- PC (Workstation or Laptop)
- Intel i5 Processor or Higher
- Monitor, Optional (for laptop)

Minimum Software

- Microsoft Office Word (Office365 account will be provided as well)
- CAD/BIM Software (Sketchup!, Rhino3d, Revit, Archicad, etc.)

** Macintosh may be used but is not supported by our IT department.

Meals: We have a professional chef preparing meals through the week- We eat well and use fresh, local ingredients whenever possible, including food from our own farm. Good cafes and coffee are also available in nearby Spring Green. Breakfast here is on your own, and we have bagels, cereal, and fruit available in the kitchen. Lunch is at 12:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm. Meals are served Mon-Sat; Sunday is going out or raiding the 'fridge. I'll tell you more of the details once you arrive. **If you have food allergies or preferences, let us know; we're very accommodating.**

What to bring: In general, *don't bring too much of anything*. It's better to arrive light and purchase a few extra things if you need it. Shipping your items ahead of time may be arranged with the Residence Life Manager. We have an old saying at Taliesin: "Don't bring a full suitcase, bring it empty and fill it up while you are here". Pack light with the expectation of humidity and mosquitoes.

Rooms/Bedding: Your rooms will be small, private dorms at Hillside (the main school building). They're basic, but cute. Each room has a very small wardrobe with minimal hanging space and a set of drawers. We'll have bedding set up for you when you arrive- if you have a special pillow or whatever, feel free to bring it with. The bedding is provided courtesy of our housekeeping department, so please wash and return it before you depart. We have free laundry at Hillside. The student rooms have screens on the windows but like most spaces here, aren't considered mosquito-proof. If you want to be sure, you can bring some netting for your bed (a couple students do this), but overall, I hear few complaints. One other thing...I must warn you that you may occasionally see a

bat at night, usually in the Studio. Don't worry, they're good bats, they eat mosquitoes. It's just a fact of life in the country.

Clothing: Wisconsin summers are beautiful but can be tempered by mosquitoes and humidity, so plan accordingly. In addition, work clothes such as jeans, sweatshirts, and gloves will be useful on construction projects, and steel-toed work shoes are required for most construction projects. While casual clothes are fine for most school activities, formalwear (tuxedo, dark business suit, evening dress, or cocktail attire) is required for Taliesin Evenings.

Dress in the Studio has become more casual over the years, but a comfortable and slightly more professional look is encouraged during the day. It's not a fashion show, but *please remember that hundreds of tourists see you everyday, and we expect you to represent the school professionally*- cut off jeans, tank tops, revealing or ratty clothes are not appropriate in the Studio (or at meals). For your safety, shoes are required to be worn within the common areas of campus at all times. Basic laundry facilities are available at both campuses at no additional charge.

Desks: Your desks are assigned to you in the historic Drafting Studio, as are your dorm rooms at Hillside.

The Taliesin Community: Currently, the greater community consists of about 25 people living in residence at Taliesin. Students range in age from 23 to 35, and the school staff and senior "Fellowship" range from 50 to 93. *One important point:* you'll soon get to know several people who are of advanced age who were apprentices to Frank Lloyd Wright, who worked on his projects, built the buildings we live and learn in, and who have dedicated their lives to the perpetuation our School of Architecture. They're to be respected, and are very friendly and interested in the work of our students. This is your unique opportunity to learn about Frank Lloyd Wright from the few remaining people who knew him well.



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Security: The buildings at Hillside are not locked at night, but the nature of our rural and 'neighborly'

location means that we've never worried too much about it. There's rarely, if ever any theft or burglary or such, even among our students and guests. We don't have lockers here, and the student rooms have privacy locks only. You can bring a lock if you feel strongly about your stuff- something that could be easily installed and removed from the door panel itself. While each student is responsible for their own equipment/computers, you'll see that they're very comfortable in leaving them at their desks in the Studio.

Tools, scales, supplies, etc.: Unless the admissions office has specified otherwise, it's recommended you bring these items with you, as the closest art supply stores are an hour away. You could borrow a few things here and there, but don't rely on that method.

Climate: Sooner or later, it's going to be hot and humid. The really tough days tend to come and go throughout the summer though, so you'll get the nice days too. The student rooms are not air conditioned, but the Studio is, and it stays pretty comfortable. Most people are working in here pretty late anyway and take a cool shower before bed.

Insects: We'll cover some of the bugs and Poison Ivy stuff when you arrive, there are a few basic things to be aware of. As we're getting into deep summer, be prepared with light long sleeves in the evening and Industrial Grade 'OFF' bug repellent.

Automobiles: Of course, you're welcome to have wheels here, and speaking from experience, 6-8 weeks without a car can be difficult, especially since we're really in the middle of the country here. If you're here without, but wish to explore, there is an option to rent a car over a weekend from Enterprise, located in 25 minutes away in Mineral Point. This way, you can plan some 'escapes' when you want, but not spend a fortune on a long-term rental. Often you can catch a ride to town with a resident if you need some things from the store.

Visitors: Occasionally our Immersion students wish to have a weekend guest with whom to share the experience. This is normally no problem based on space availability and your satisfactory standing in the program. A daily fee is charged to cover room and board and early notice is appreciated- see me for arrangements.

Alcohol and Controlled Substances: Taliesin is a drug-free environment, no exceptions. As far as drinking is concerned, you'll likely find that bonding with some of our students/staff occasionally happens at "The Shed", a popular bar in Spring Green. While we encourage early "breaking of the ice" to forge new friendships, please remember at all times that you are representing The School of Architecture as well as yourself. We've worked hard to maintain our reputation in the community and expect mature behavior from all Taliesin residents.



Academics: Your instructor, Jason Griffiths, will have much more information for you, but as the primary staff member who oversees the Drafting Studio throughout the day (and usually evening), I can tell you that our program is designed to be fun, but also rigorous. The Studio is a quiet and contemplative space and academic expectations are high for *all* students.

While this information is intended to help you prepare for your travel and arrival to Taliesin, it's by no means comprehensive. Please feel free to contact the School with any additional questions or concerns. We're here to help, and you'll find our students and staff to be very kind and helpful, and though it may take a short time to "break the ice" (only because everyone is busy and doing their own thing), you'll quickly fit in and build solid and lasting friendships while here.

Congratulations on your Taliesin Summer Immersion experience!

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8. Take exit 3 for E Rockton Rd
 Toll road


0.4 mi


Take Prairie Hill Rd, Yale Bridge Rd and Prairie Rd to WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W in Beloit


- 17 min (9.5 mi)
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9. Turn left onto E Rockton Rd
 Partial toll road



0.3 mi
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10. Turn right onto Willowbrook Rd


1.0 mi
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11. Turn left onto Prairie Hill Rd

3.6 mi
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12. Turn left onto S Bluff St

0.2 mi
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13. Turn right onto Yale Bridge Rd


1.5 mi
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14. Turn right onto Prairie Rd


1.4 mi
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15. Prairie Rd turns left and becomes Pann Rd
 Entering Wisconsin


0.6 mi
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16. Turn right onto S Paddock Rd


1.0 mi

Follow WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W to County Hwy J/County Rd J in Monroe

- 34 min (32.2 mi)
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17. Turn left onto WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W


16.2 mi
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18. Turn left onto WI-11 W/WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W/Wisconsin Trunk Hwy 11 W


13.5 mi
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19. Use the right lane to take the WI-81/Wisconsin 69 ramp to Argyle Freeport


0.3 mi
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20. Turn right onto WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W

2.2 mi


Continue on County Hwy J/County Rd J



- 1 h 4 min (51.8 mi)
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21. Turn right onto County Hwy J/County Rd J


15.2 mi
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22. Turn left onto WI-39 W/WI-39 Trunk W


4.5 mi
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23. Turn right to stay on WI-39 W/WI-39 Trunk W


7.5 mi


-  24. Turn right onto Main St 0.2 mi


-  25. Turn left onto WI-191 W/WI-191 Trunk W/Commerce St
 Continue to follow WI-191 W/WI-191 Trunk W 7.9 mi

-  26. Turn right onto Co Rd Y 3.0 mi


-  27. Continue onto Co Hwy Y/Co Hwy YZ 1.8 mi



-  28. Turn right onto Co Hwy Z/Co Rd Z 10.2 mi

-  29. Turn left onto County Hwy T/County Hwy TZ 1.6 mi

-  30. Turn right onto WI-23 N/WI-23 Trunk N 42 s (0.6 mi)

Continue on County Hwy C/County Rd C to your destination

-  31. Turn left onto County Hwy C/County Rd C 2 min (0.5 mi)

-  32. Turn left
 Destination will be on the right 0.3 mi

- 0.2 mi

Taliesin

5481 County Rd C, Spring Green, WI 53588

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.