



Prime Digital Academy

New Student Orientation

Welcome to Prime!

We are so excited that you have chosen Prime to start your journey towards becoming a software engineer and UX designer! Tech is changing the world, and software created by bright and driven minds will make the world a better place... like you!



About Prime

We believe well-engineered solutions to poorly-understood problems often fail. At Prime, we aim to better the industry, and the world, by empowering individuals with unique and diverse backgrounds to apply their passions to impactful problems. In return, students earn rewarding and high-paying careers in tech in months, not years.



Students first

Everything we do is designed to help students improve their lives.



Learn by doing

Experimentation and iteration are an engine for success.



Humility

People who know everything can't learn anything



Empathetic

Recognize good solutions require a true understanding of the problem



PRIME COMMUNITY



You are now a part of a large community of talented and passionate students, alumni, staff, volunteer industry professionals & hiring partners! We are excited to welcome you to the Prime family.

GET CONNECTED

Campus Events

During your time at Prime there will be opportunities to attend on campus events for both for UX and software engineering. This is a great way to learn a few new things, see what's coming up for you in the program and meet some neat people that make up our community. Keep a look out for updates each week on the events on-campus!



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Guest Speakers

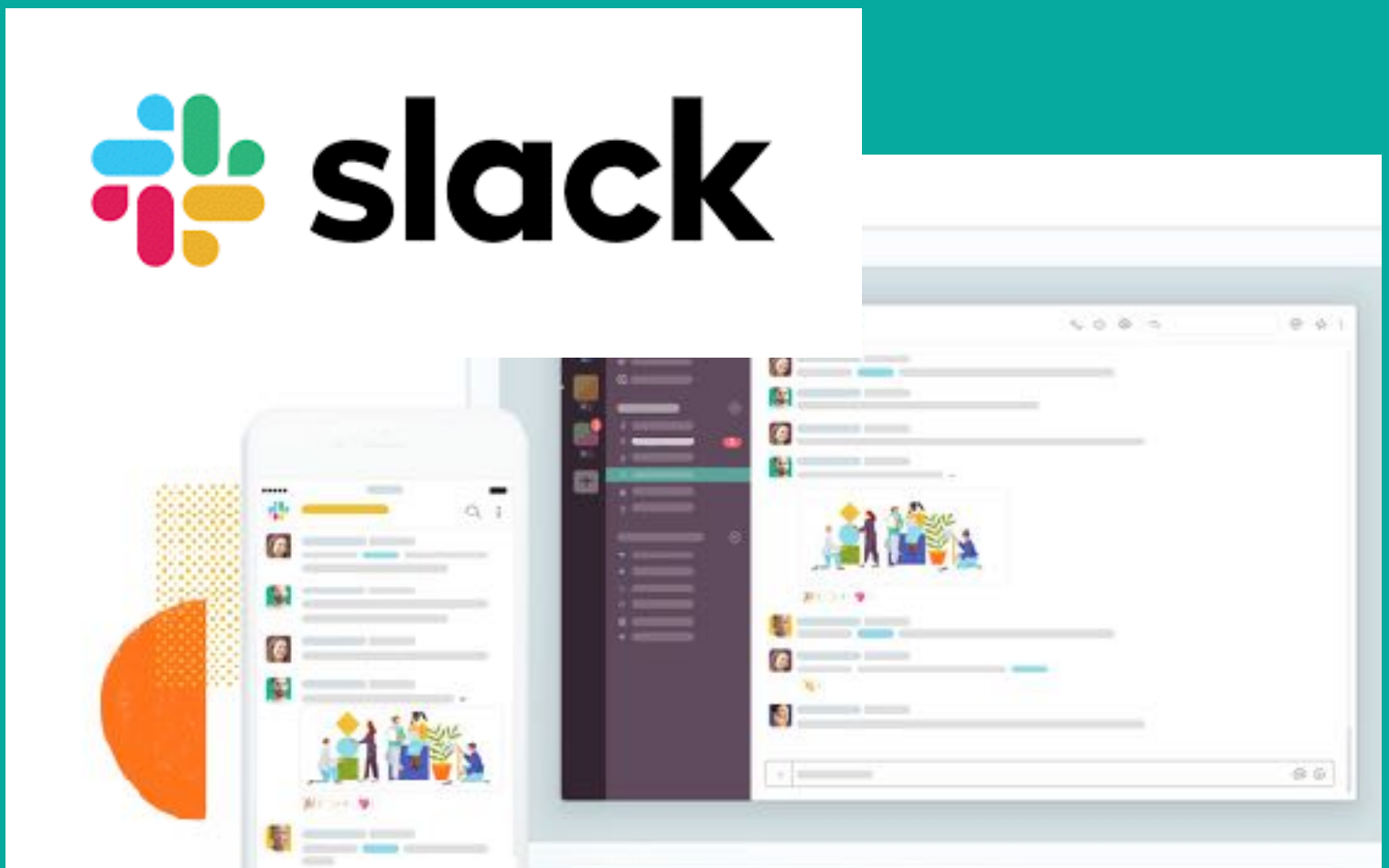
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3pm-4pm



Guest speakers are professionals from the local tech community that come to share their experiences, insights and knowledge within the tech industry. After each guest talk, we host a Q & A and meet and greet where you'll have an opportunity to ask questions and meet the guest presenters! This is a great way to learn more about the tech industry and network with industry professionals.

Communication Tool- Slack

Slack our primary form of communication on campus. If you haven't used slack before, it's no problem! [Watch this video](#) to get familiarized with the platform. When you sign in, be sure to put a picture of yourself (your face!) and full name.



Important Dates

Tuition Due Date

Tuition is due the first day of your on-campus experience (Tier 2).

Tier 1 Class Times

For UX- all class times are offered both 12pm or 5:30pm

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Remote Class	Onsite Class	Remote Class	Remote Class	Onsite Class	Remote Class

For Dev- all class times are offered both 12pm or 5:30pm

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Onsite Class	Remote Class	Remote Class	Remote Class	Onsite Class	Remote Class

Payment Information

Cost of Prime and scholarship options

Tuition for the both the Full Stack Engineering and User Experience Design programs at Prime is \$16,000. Prime provides \$500 scholarships for students of color and partners with programs like [TechHire](#) for up to 100% tuition funding and [Minnesota's Dislocated Worker Program](#) for partial tuition funding. Some students take advantage of other scholarships out there like Dollars for Scholars, but it's fairly uncommon.

Explore your personal loan options

If you need a loan to pay for Prime, the first step is seeing if you can qualify for a personal loan and what those terms could look like for you based on your credit score. Educate yourself on [how personal loans work](#) and use a site like [Lending Tree](#) to compare rates and get a feel for monthly payments and total cost using your estimated credit score. Since you're technically paying your Prime tuition in full when you use a personal loan, you qualify for our \$500 tuition discount! Note that because of Prime's nimble and employer-focused curriculum, Prime students don't qualify for student federal loans / FAFSA.

See if our flexible lenders make sense for you

If your credit score/history prevents you from getting approved for a personal loan, or you're looking for more flexible terms like low, interest-only payments for the first 6 months, explore loan options with our specialized lenders [Skillsfund](#) or [Climb](#). Over 25% of our students use these flexible and accessible options!

Studying On Campus

Co-working Space

We have monitors, conference rooms, couches and coffee. You are always welcome to work on campus during Tier 1. Need to book a room? Contact Emily via slack.

Wifi

Network: Prime Academy

Username: guest

Password: studygroup

Parking Information

We offer \$7 parking validation sticker for all of our students. This is only valid in the Gateway parking ramp.

Building & Security Information

- We keep the classroom doors locked at all times. Carry your fob and personal items with you when you're studying on campus.
- The Grain Exchange locks it's doors at 6pm, if you forget your key fob you will need to buzz in with the security guard.

What are the food options?

There are plenty of options! We are a walk away from Trader Joes, Chipotle, Subway and much more. Students typically bring a lunch but there is always a group that will head out to grab something. Here are some common locations with a variety of options.

- **US Bank Plaza (5 min walk)** Chipotle, Jimmy Johns, Naf Naf Grill, One Two Three, Caribou etc.
- **Trader Joes (7 min walk)** Grocery store with grab & go goodies

Orientation Checklist



- ✓ Turn in your contract & deposit
- ✓ Complete On-boarding form by Monday!
- ✓ **Optional:** Request Bike Room and/or Gym Access, if desired
Gym- \$50 fee, access up to 6 months after Prime
To get the forms stop by the main office.

Next Step: Your First Day!



You will receive **two** welcome emails with all the information you need to start Tier 1 either Friday or Monday. Follow the instructions in the email which include: account set up, instructor information, academic expectations, technology tools and more.

We're so glad you're here!

Questions?

Reach out to emily@primeacademy.io

