

SCHOOL OF 3D DESIGN

DESIGN THE FUTURE OF DAILY LIVING

WHY 3D DESIGN?

Drive positive change and lead the next generation of artists and designers by nurturing your talent and discovering your artistic identity through design. Here at the NAFA Faculty of Art & Design, School of 3D Design, we encourage you to develop your passion for design whilst learning how to be effective creative collaborators, problem solvers and builders of the future.


Acquire, build and refine fundamental design skill sets as a future-ready professional designer.

Develop real-world industry relationships through study trips, industry projects, collaborations and partnerships with renowned design companies.

Undergo rich contextual learning and explorative diploma programme and an interdisciplinary learning environment in the degree programme.

All diploma programmes within the School of 3D Design have the option of progressing seamlessly into Bachelor's degree programmes if you desire to further deepen your expertise and craft.





The Bosque
By Jason Sullivan

INTERNSHIP & INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

At NAFA's School of 3D Design, you will gain critical skill sets that prime you in your chosen field across distinctive industry collaborations.

Diploma in Design (Furniture and 3D Crafts): Explore real-world experiences through collaborations with established entities like Singapore Airlines, Lam Chuan, Semula-Asia and internships with organisations like Tatler Singapore, On Cheong Jewellery and Mokko Wood Studio.

Diploma in Design (Interior and Spatial): Delve into real-world scenarios through partnerships with leading entities like Resorts World Singapore, National University Hospital (NUH) and community projects such as Ang Chin Moh Funeral Directors. Gain practical experience through internships with notable organisations such as PICO and NUH.

Diploma in Design (Landscape and Architecture): Immerse in practical training through collaborations with prominent local bodies like the Public Utilities Board and NParks. Enhance professional skills with internships at Cicada and CPG Corporation.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Biophilic Design: The programme is co-developed with CPG Corporation, drawing on their extensive biophilic design expertise. Unique to the curriculum is the work-integrated learning programme, co-created with industry partners, providing tailored industry immersion through structured training and mentorship.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice: Take part in high-impact projects in partnership with the Government Technology Agency and National Healthcare Group. Enhance your professional experience with internships at Visa and DBS Bank.

Showcase your creativity in esteemed local design competitions like the SPADE Design Awards, Nippon Paint Young Designer Award and IKEA Singapore's Young Designer Award. Global recognition awaits with the Taiwan International Student Design Competition, Akoya Pearl Falco Jewellery Design and the Crowbar Awards.



STUDENT LIFE

Dive into the NAFA life—where learning meets fun!

At NAFA, student life is an invigorating blend of learning, self-expression and fun. From the NAFA Makers' Market to International Student's Night, our lively calendar keeps your campus life engaging and exciting. Join student-led clubs, such as the Basketball Club and K-Pop Dance Club to bond with like-minded peers and network within the creative student community. Through our Student Leader Training Camp, you will gain leadership skills and become role models within our community.

OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENT

Our enriching student exchange programmes and international collaborative projects will immerse you in expanded classroom learning.

Among these is our partnership with King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) in Thailand. This has led to the annual furnitureOrigins exhibition, furniture design workshops and exhibitions by students from both institutions. This venture teaches design entrepreneurship and helps students like you create international networks.

As a second-year Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Design Practice student, you will spend five to seven weeks at the University of the Arts London on an international placement to study with global practitioners and experts in design. During your stay in London, you will be exposed to the cultural richness of the city while gaining new insights into art and design at an international level.

CAREER PATHWAYS

NAFA's 3D Design programmes prepare you for dynamic careers in the creative industries. Further broaden your possibilities with our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice or Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Biophilic Design programmes.

Diploma in Design (Furniture and 3D Crafts)

3D Modeller
3D Visualiser
Drafters
Enamellist
Entrepreneur
Furniture Designer
Gift Designer
Jewellery Designer
Makers/Crafters
Material Specialist
Merchandise Designer
Modelmakers
Object Designer
Technical Specialist
Trend Analyst

Diploma in Design (Interior and Spatial)

Drafter
Event Planner
Exhibition Designer
Interior Designer
Interior Stylist
Material Specialist
Merchandise Buyer
Project Coordinator
Retail Designer
Spatial Designer
Stylist / Visual Merchandiser
Trends Analyst

Diploma in Design (Landscape and Architecture)

Drafter
Educator
Event Planner
Horticulturist
Landscape Designer
Landscape Project Manager
Landscape Design Consultant
Parks and Housing Planner
Participatory Design Specialist
Project Coordinator
Spatial Designer
Urban Planner

BA (Hons) Biophilic Design

Biophilic Design Specialist (Spatial Design)
Educational Service
Healthcare Service
Healthcare Researcher
Horticulturist
Interior Designer
Landscape Architect
Research & Design Practitioner (in Government)
Spatial-design Practitioner
Sustainable Design Strategist
Urban Designer

BA (Hons) Design Practice

Content Creator
Content Writer
Creative Entrepreneur
Creative Technologist
Design Educator
Design Facilitator
Design Futurist
Design Researcher
Design Strategist
Digital Designer
Innovation Consultant
Interdisciplinary Designer
Multidisciplinary Designer
Project Manager
Service/CX/UI UX Designer

STUDENT VOICES



Tan Meng Kai, Royson

Alumnus
Diploma in Design (Furniture and Spatial)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice

During my diploma programme, I had learned to step out of my comfort zone to learn new things from the ground up. I owed so much to my lecturers; without them, I couldn't have achieved so much.



Isaac Neha Elizabeth

Alumna
Diploma in Design (Interior and Exhibition)

At NAFA, I am taught not only how to be an Interior and Exhibition designer – I am also nurtured to be a Spatial Designer, a brand owner, an orator, and a good intentioned individual.



Kamilia Azzara

Alumna
Diploma in Design (Landscape and Architecture)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice

Studying at NAFA has been nothing but fun and helpful! Plus, the environment really encouraged me to try new things. I got to explore new concepts and the lecturers never failed to give me their dedicated attention to help me improve.



Agastya Manmohan

Alumnus
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice

The BADP programme fostered a collaborative spirit, encouraged us to think beyond the confines of our individual specialties to generate innovative concepts. Meticulously designed to align with industry trends, the programme was instrumental in shaping my career trajectory; it ensured that students were well-prepared to thrive in their chosen fields.

Valiosa
By Raina Hanna



EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Embark on your creative journey at NAFA's School of 3D Design.

Start strong
with the
**NAFA Foundation
Programme**

Choose your specialisation
**Diploma in Design
(Furniture and 3D Crafts)**
**Diploma in Design
(Interior and Spatial)**
**Diploma in Design
(Landscape and Architecture)**

Sharpen your skills
**Bachelor of Art (Honours)
Biophilic Design**
**Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Design Practice**

NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP INTO THE ARTS WITH NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Designed as a bridge for Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students, the NFP readies you for successful completion of a diploma course.

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING

Dive into a hands-on learning experience tailored to let you acquire and apply essential foundational skills in your chosen artistic field.

SKILLS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION

Build a robust foundation of the arts, research techniques and language and communication abilities. Equip yourself with the crucial academic skill sets that pave the way for successful tertiary education.

FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC SKILL SETS

Through elective modules spanning visual and performing arts as well as arts management, refine and develop skills in your area of interest.

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Root Source Grocery
By Bayutas Kirstien Loise Atillo

DIPLOMA IN DESIGN (FURNITURE AND 3D CRAFTS)

Hone your skills in 3-dimensional design with our three-year Diploma in Design (Furniture and 3D Crafts) programme. Prepare for a dynamic career in multidisciplinary design, blending artistry with cutting-edge technology to tackle future challenges in furniture design, jewellery making, and lifestyle and wearable object design.

Master the Art of Craftsmanship: Delve into the intricacies of materiality and making, and create purposeful, aesthetically pleasing furniture, objects, and jewellery pieces. Our curriculum emphasises sensible craftsmanship and environmental considerations, ensuring your designs are beautiful and sustainable.

Expand Your Design Repertoire: Work with various materials, including metals, wood, digital printing, and ceramics to transform creative visions into tangible realities. Master real-world production techniques and gain a deep understanding of the design process and the skills to bring your ideas to life.

Nurture a Spirit of Entrepreneurship: Explore the intersection of design, culture, and trends within the framework of entrepreneurial business practices. Learn to design and create products that meet evolving consumer needs, preparing you to thrive in a competitive market.

Find out more



Juliet
By Emmanuel Chen Chin See

DIPLOMA IN DESIGN (INTERIOR AND SPATIAL)

Reimagine future spaces with our three-year Diploma in Design (Interior and Spatial) programme. Gain practical skills and problem-solving abilities across interior design, exhibition and events design, spatial experience, and design thinking. Equip yourself with the technical knowledge to thrive in a multidisciplinary professional environment, tackling real-world challenges in spatial-related disciplines.

Understand the Relationship between Design and Empathy: Develop an understanding of human behaviour and the relationship with interior spaces and exhibition experiences. Integrating design with empathy, you will learn to create user-centric spaces that blend beauty and mindfulness.

Apply Design Theories Critically: Gain a solid grounding in key design principles through hands-on studio projects. Learn to apply these principles analytically, ensuring that your implemented designs elevate the industry standards of functionality and aesthetics.

Cultivate Storytelling Awareness in Spatial Design: Master the strategic use of colour, material, and finishing (CMF) to convey narratives effectively. Enhance user experiences by thoughtfully integrating these elements, ensuring spaces are rich in narrative and context.

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DIPLOMA IN DESIGN (LANDSCAPE AND ARCHITECTURE)

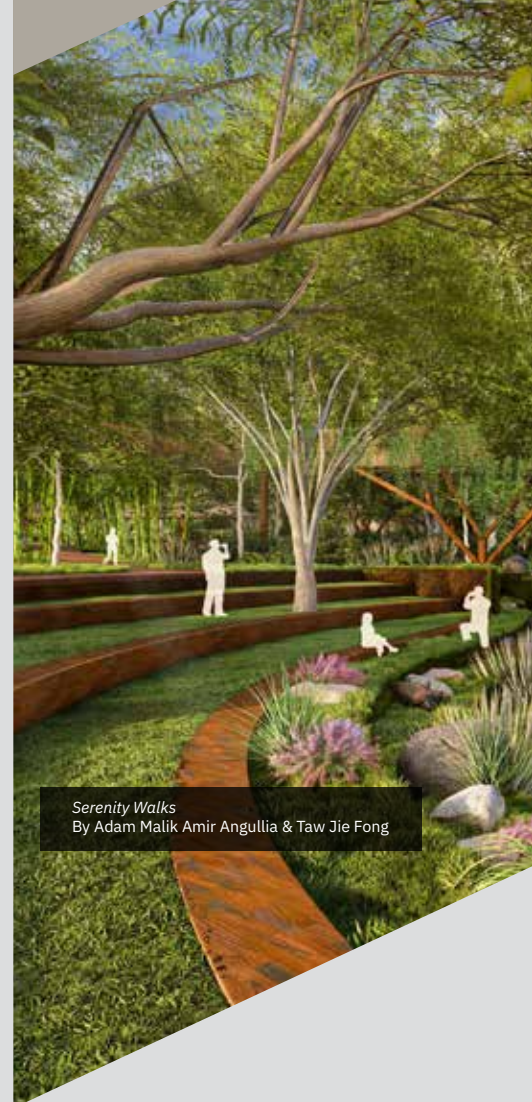
Construct the finest built environment of tomorrow with our three-year Diploma in Design (Landscape and Architecture) programme. This programme marries design abilities, architectural theory, studio work, industry attachments and project work, priming you to shape the urban landscapes of the future.

Acquire Strong Fundamentals in Design: Acquire a strong foundation in design skills and an understanding of the built environment. These will support you in your career as a professional in landscape design.

Develop Environmental Awareness and Sensitivities: Understand our built environment as a confluence of human, spatial, and environmental forces. Learn to create spaces that are aesthetically pleasing whilst keeping these factors in mind.

Hone Strategies to Masterfully Integrate Theory with Practical Skills: Put practical skills into action, underpinned by a robust theoretical foundation. This balanced approach transforms you into an active learner and readies you for a seamless transition from academia to the professional world.

Find out more



Serenity Walks
By Adam Malik Amir Angullia & Taw Jie Fong

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) DESIGN PRACTICE

Design your future in the arts with our BA (Hons) Design Practice programme. Validated by world-renowned University of the Arts London, this three-year degree equips you confidently with the technical competencies and a global perspective of design trends. An enriching seven-week placement at the University of the Arts London will give you the opportunity to gain insights from an international perspective, allowing you to incorporate new ideas into your projects and further broaden your horizons.

Obtain Specialisation in a Design Domain: Acquire key knowledge, skills and professional attributes in one of four design domains: 3-Dimensional, communication, fashion, and spatial.

Engage in Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Learning: Explore interdisciplinary projects through classes in Design Insights, Design Futures, and Business Studies—which will deepen your learning to see design as a synergetic fusion of different perspectives. Showcase your integrated learning and creativity in your final semester with a student-led transdisciplinary project.

Enjoy the Benefits of an Industry-led Curriculum: Benefit from our industry-oriented curriculum featuring internships, overseas immersions and live client projects, linking academic knowledge with real-world applications.

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Common Ground
By Sheryka Umay



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) BIOPHILIC DESIGN

First of its kind in Asia, the three-year BA (Hons) Biophilic Design programme nurtures spatial designers for the future. Biophilic design aims to harmonise urban living with the natural world, through integrating natural materials into the built environment, enhancing human wellness. You will cultivate your skills in spatial design disciplines and learn to apply sustainable design practices that enhance energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

The NAFA-Industry Partnership: Through an interdisciplinary and practice-led curriculum developed in partnership with CPG Corporation—one of Asia’s leading infrastructure design and development firms—you will gain comprehensive professional training by engaging with industry experts and ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the industry, inculcated into your classroom learning.

Professional Immersion Through Our Work-integrated Learning Programme: In the final year of the programme, you will get the opportunity to experience tailored mentorship in a professional environment. Through day-to-day immersion in a real-world setting, you will gain an in-depth understanding of industry practices, build valuable connections, and enhance your design and project management skills.

Future-Focused Perspectives in Spatial Design Practice: Explore holistic design solutions for future challenges through biophilic design approaches. Draw from interdisciplinary spatial explorations to challenge current design practices for integrated indoor and outdoor environments.

COMMON CURRICULUM

The BA (Hons) Biophilic Design programme at NAFA focuses on specialised learning in a wide range of arts and design disciplines. At the same time, these programmes are complemented by the Common Curriculum, bringing together LASALLE and NAFA students in joint classes for the IN-depth module and the Career Skills module. These two components of the Common Curriculum, together with the Industry-based Learning module, are non-credit bearing graduation requirements for this programme.

- The IN-depth module develops interpretive and narrative skills, broadens interdisciplinary perspectives, and fosters collaborative skills, all while nurturing a deeper understanding of today’s complex world.
- The Career Skills module provides the essential soft and hard skills needed to navigate the professional world, from personal branding to effective communication.
- The Industry-based Learning module offers real-world experience, enabling the application of skills in a practical setting and to make industry connections.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARD SCHEMES

Discover a multitude of financial schemes designed to support your fee payment and study expenses at NAFA.

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SCHEMES

TUITION GRANT SCHEME

Permanent Residents (diploma and degree) and international students (diploma only) may apply to help with the cost of their tuition fees. Grants awarded are based on merit. Eligible Singaporean Citizens are automatically awarded the grant for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

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Malay Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for the education subsidy from Yayasan Mendaki to fund their tuition fees at NAFA.

CPF EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for a loan from their own or a parent's CPF savings account for MOE-funded NAFA programmes.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHEME

Eligible students with sufficient funds in their or sibling's Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) can use them to fund tuition fees or related study expenses at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE CREDIT

Singapore Citizens over 25 years of age can apply to use their SkillsFuture credits to fund eligible programmes at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE MID-CAREER ENHANCED SUBSIDY

Singapore Citizens over 40 years of age can apply to pursue their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY BURSARY

Singapore Citizens from the low to middle-income families can apply to receive a bursary from the Ministry of Education to fund their studies at NAFA.

DIPLOMA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME BURSARY

Singapore Citizens pursuing the NAFA Foundation Programme can apply for additional help with tuition fees.

GOVERNMENT LOAN SCHEMES

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents may apply for the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) to fund their tuition fees. Applicants who met PCI income criteria and have fully exhausted the TFL quantum may apply for a Study Loan to fund their remaining unpaid tuition fees plus annual living allowance.

FINANCIAL AID SCHEMES

NAFA-KWAN IM THONG HOOD CHO TEMPLE STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Students from families facing unexpected financial crises can receive partial support for programme fee and study expenses.

NAFA STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME

Students may work on campus for extra pocket money to fund necessary education expenses.

NAFA STUDENT NOTEBOOK SUBSIDY SCHEME

Students from lower-income households can apply when purchasing a personal notebook for their programmes.

NAFA OVERSEAS PROGRAMME TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Students on NAFA-approved overseas programmes or study trips can apply.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT TRAVEL GRANT

Degree students who have acquired international placements through NAFA and our partner universities can defray expenses with this grant.

EXTERNAL STUDY LOANS

Students may apply for loans from private financial institutions, banks to fund your education at NAFA.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AWARD SCHEMES

NAFA IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS, MERIT AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Diploma and degree students with outstanding academic results and an excellent track record of achievements in related arts and creative industries may apply for the Scholarships and Merit Awards. Bursaries are available for students who require financial assistance based on household income.

DARE TO DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Medically certified special needs students with limited financial resources can apply to receive support for their studies at NAFA.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND STUDY LOANS

Students may apply to external organisations for awards and financial schemes, as well as study loans from private financial institutions which are available all year round.

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