

SCHOOL OF DESIGN & MEDIA

BRINGING COMPELLING VISUAL STORIES TO LIFE

WHY DESIGN & MEDIA?

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

Leverage on our diverse student culture to cultivate socially impactful design perspectives.

Immerse in industry experiences and networks to foster creativity and interdisciplinary thinking.

Discover and define your creative voice while redefining boundaries for community betterment.

All diploma programmes within the School of Design & Media have the option of progressing seamlessly into Bachelor's degree programmes validated by the world-renowned University of the Arts London, if you desire to further deepen your expertise and craft.





INTERNSHIP & INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

Across distinctive industry collaborations, our students have collaborated with esteemed organisations such as Kidney Dialysis Foundation, National Environment Agency, Singapore Tourism Board and National Parks Board. With an industry-led approach, you will gain critical skill sets that prime you in your chosen field.

Our students have experienced internships in leading companies such as Blak Labs, GOODSTUPH, Edelman Singapore, A*STAR, Ministry of Education and So Drama! Entertainment. These experiences are opportunities for professional networking and skill acquisition, paving the way for your future career.

You will be offered opportunities to compete in high profile competitions like The Crowbar Awards, D&AD New Blood Awards, and National Youth Film Awards to rise up to innovative challenges, build your confidence and gain industry expertise.

Collaborations with entities like the Infocomm Media Development Authority, One Dash 22, and Titan Digital Media further refine your experience, nurturing your creativity and innovation while providing you with a competitive edge in the vibrant world of design and media.



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.

As a second-year Bachelor of Arts (Honours) 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 Design & Media programmes prepare you for dynamic careers in the creative industries. Further broaden your possibilities with our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice programme.

Diploma in Design Communication and Strategy

Brand Strategist
Content Creator
Designer
Design Facilitator
Design Researcher
Strategist / Business Designer
Visualiser

Diploma in Digital Illustration and Narrative

Art Director
Concept Artist
Content Strategist
Digital Illustrator
Post-Production
Storyboard Designer
Visual Storyteller

Diploma in Media Experience and Innovation

Content Creators
Experience Designer
Interactive Specialists
Media Producer / Director
Motion Graphics Animator
Post-Production Assistant
Visual Effects Artist

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



Elsa Tania

Alumna
Diploma in Illustration Design
with Animation

NAFA had contributed to shaping who I was, not just in the enhancement of skills but in my personal development. My journey there had been a real game-changer; I had learned to keep an open mind, to follow my heart, and to take that leap in life.



Rane Aleesha Abhijeet

Alumna
Diploma in Screen Media

NAFA guided me while I explored my passion across diverse art mediums and inspired me to produce content that deeply resonated with individuals. Through the curriculum, I identified my niche, honed essential skill sets, and grew as a creator.



Oh Jun Wei

Alumnus
Diploma in Graphic Communication

Let go of the critics and hang onto the supporters. Surround yourself with a supportive group of people and it's so much easier to grow into your full potential when you are placed in a nurturing, non-judgemental environment.



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.



By Reinard Nicodemus Risman

EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Take your content to the next level at NAFA's School of Design & Media.

Start strong with the
**NAFA Foundation
Programme**

Choose your specialisation
**Diploma in Design
Communication and Strategy**
**Diploma in Digital Illustration
and Narrative**
**Diploma in Media Experience
and Innovation**

Design your future
**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.

Find out more



Deconstructed Folktales
by Veluri Ipsita

DIPLOMA IN DESIGN COMMUNICATION AND STRATEGY

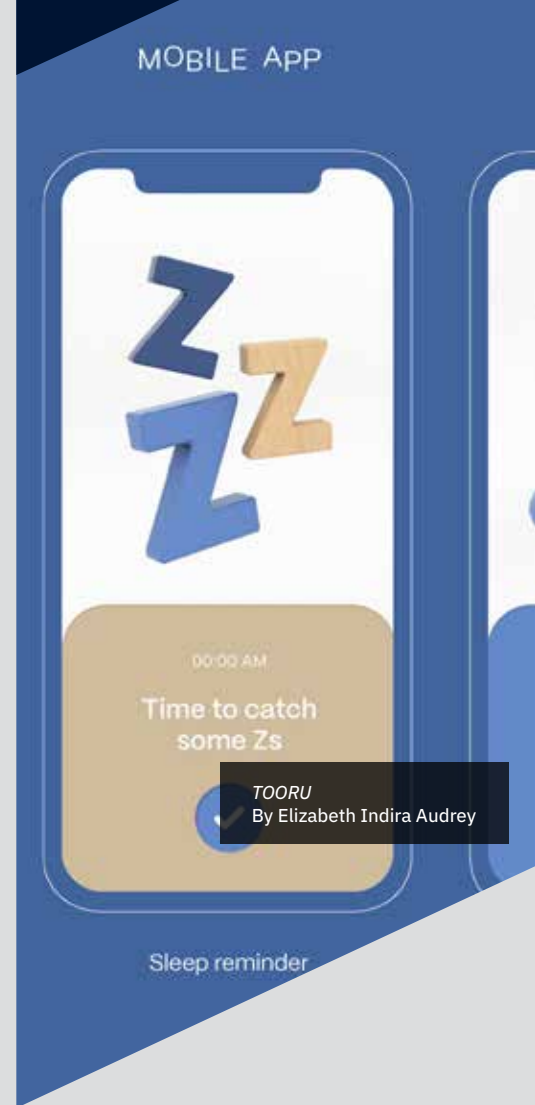
Shape the future and drive societal transformation with our three-year Diploma in Design Communication and Strategy programme. Master advanced skills in design thinking, cultural sensitivity, and strategic communication to tackle Southeast Asia's unique cultural and social challenges head-on.

Create Purposeful Innovative Designs: Develop cultural knowledge to communicate effectively across language and societal differences, while building impactful communication initiatives that drive sustainable change and positive social impact across diverse communities.

Excel in Strategic Design: Hone hands-on design skillsets from ideation to completion, creating high-quality and innovative content solutions, while developing versatile collaboration abilities to meet project requirements and objectives.

Master the Art of Storytelling: Enhance your persuasive and creative thinking skills to engage audiences through the power of authentic narratives. Refine your communication strategies with digital storytelling and interactive platforms that blend creativity with technology.

Find out more



DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION AND NARRATIVE

Transform your ideas into impactful visuals with our three-year Diploma in Digital Illustration and Narrative programme. Lead in the competitive field of digital arts and illustration with our forward-thinking curriculum that blends visual storytelling, transformation design, and innovative processes.

Capture Emotions through Visual Storytelling: Create compelling illustrations that resonate with audiences as you embark on a full creative journey—from ideation and concept development to sketching, digital rendering, and final execution.

Expand Your Technological Expertise: Master and leverage cutting-edge technologies and software for your artistic endeavours and create innovative, high-quality work that sets you apart in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

Build an Outstanding Portfolio: Establish a strong personal brand and artistic style in the digital art community with a captivating portfolio. Collaborate on interdisciplinary projects for hands-on experience, across animation, video games, graphic novels, and beyond, opening doors to diverse opportunities.

Find out more



DIPLOMA IN MEDIA EXPERIENCE AND INNOVATION

Drive media transformation and create immersive, multisensory experiences through our three-year Diploma in Media Experience and Innovation programme. Lead in experiential and technological innovation by combining design processes with cutting-edge technologies.

Build Purposeful Media Experiences: Refine your creativity through hands-on design projects, from conceptualisation, and iteration, to execution. Craft compelling media experiences in various formats and styles that give you an edge.

Create Innovative Content: Master engagement strategies and adopt innovative techniques to boost user interaction. Transform traditional media experiences—such as mainstream advertising channels, outdoor media, and displays—into impactful experiences.

Blend Design Skills and Technology: Expand your expertise on new technologies like virtual, augmented reality and interactive applications, leveraging them to design immersive media environments that engage on multiple levels.

Find out more



BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) DESIGN PRACTICE

Design your future in the arts with our BA (Hons) Design Practice. 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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By Cindy



AKAR
by Muhammad Hafiz Bin Sohaimi, Muhammad Asyraf Bin Mohd Affandee

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 undergraduate 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 Undergraduate Degree programme. From AY2025, Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above, will be eligible to receive the grant for another MOE-funded Diploma programme.

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Malay Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for the education subsidy from Yayasan Mendaki to fund the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

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 their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

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 for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

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 the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme. 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

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents 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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