

Inbound Student Exchange Programme

Factsheet AY2026-27

PART I

Key Information

Key dates		Semester 1 (Fall 2026)	Semester 2 (Spring 2027)
	Nomination deadline	15 February 2026	15 August 2026
	Application deadline	15 March 2026	15 September 2026
	Orientation week	11–16 August 2026	4–10 January 2027
	Study term 1	17 August– 4 October 2026	11 January– 28 February 2027
	Mid-semester break	5–11 October 2026	1–7 March 2027
	Study term 2	12 October– 22 November 2026	8 March– 18 April 2027
	Assessment weeks	23 November– 6 December 2026	19 April–2 May 2027

For any updates to academic calendar, click [here](#).

Academic information	Study level	Undergraduate / bachelor's degree
	Exchange semester	<p>In principle, inbound exchange students may be enrolled in any semester other than the first or final semester of a programme at NAFA.</p> <p>However, certain programmes may have preferred semesters for inbound exchange. For AY2026/27, the preferred inbound exchange semester is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Semester 1 (Fall 2026) <p>Students who wish to undertake an exchange at NAFA during a different semester are encouraged to have their home institution's international office contact NAFA for discussion and consideration.</p>
	Programme duration	1 or 2 semesters. Each semester is about 16 weeks long, comprising 7 Teaching Weeks, 1 Project Week, followed by 6 more Teaching Weeks, and 2 Assessment Weeks.
	Mode of study	Full-time, on-campus

**Documents to
prepare**

Programme selection and restrictions	Students should choose a programme aligned with their field of study. To pursue a discipline outside your major, home institution approval is required. NAFA will verify the chosen discipline is appropriate. Approval from both the home institution and NAFA is needed for exchange modules.
Programmes offered	For AY26/27, these programmes are open for exchange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fine Art • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making For a complete list of undergraduate programmes offered at NAFA, click here .
Semester workload	Students will take a set list of modules per semester based on their selected programme. A typical semester comprises 60 NAFA credits, equivalent to 600 study hours (incl. self-study). Module information will be specified in the Offer Package (after successful application to NAFA). Exchange students are expected to comply with academic regulations on credit load and assessment submissions to successfully complete the exchange.
Medium of Instruction	English, unless otherwise stated
Semester grade report	At the end of the exchange, you will receive a transcript detailing your performance in each module. This transcript must be submitted to your home institution for credit transfer.

A. Personal Identification Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coloured copy of passport information page; Coloured ID Photo (according to photo guidelines by Singapore's Immigration & Checkpoints Authority: https://www.ica.gov.sg/photo-guidelines).
B. Academic Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Signed and stamped official transcripts in English, reflecting all completed modules; Modules taken in this semester if not shown in transcript; Proof of English language proficiency for nominees whose home institution's medium of instruction is not English: IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL iBT 80 / PTE Academic 50.
C. Exchange Application Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Personal statement (up to 500 words); Curriculum Vitae; Portfolio.

Fees	D. Health Declaration Documents	i. Health declaration must be supported with a doctor's certification letter or memo if special assistance is needed while at NAFA.					
	Exchange students do not pay tuition fees while on exchange, and instead continue to pay school fees to your home institution. However, the following other fees are payable to NAFA per semester:						
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Administrative fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">SGD 125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health services fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">SGD 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total payable other fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">SGD 165</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Subject to updates</i></p>		Administrative fee	SGD 125	Health services fee	SGD 40	Total payable other fees
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Application form	NAFA Inbound Student Exchange Programme Application Form						

PART II
Procedures

1 Check your eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Confirm that your institution is a NAFA / UAS partner. If there is no exchange agreement, you may apply for the fee-paying Study Abroad Programme. ii. You are a full-time matriculated student at your home institution. iii. Get nominated by your home institution to go on exchange at NAFA. Contact your university's international office for more information.
2 Prepare documents	Refer to "Part I: Documents to prepare" above for a list of documents to prepare before applying.
3 Apply online	<p>Once your home university has approved the exchange, it will nominate you by notifying both you and NAFA.</p> <p>NAFA's Global Engagement team will contact you directly with the application procedures and important submission details. Apply online here.</p> <p>Late applications will not be accepted. Apply early and allow enough time to complete your submission.</p>
4 Prepare for exchange	<p>If your application for exchange at NAFA is successful, you will receive a letter of offer with important information on matters such as Student's pass application, visa application and arrival preparation.</p> <p>You must send your formal acceptance of NAFA's offer within 2 weeks.</p> <p>Do not make financial commitments towards the exchange until you have received In-Principle Approval (IPA) of your Student's Pass (STP) application.</p>
5 Join orientation	Exchange students are invited to attend orientation, which is held a week before semester begins.

PART III

Living and studying in Singapore

Entry visa	<p>Exchange students do not need to apply separately for an entry visa.</p> <p>Upon issuance of the Student's Pass (STP) by the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) in Singapore, an In-Principle Approval (IPA) letter will be provided, which includes a single-entry visa for entry into Singapore.</p>
Student's Pass	<p>You must hold a valid Student's Pass (STP) issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for the duration of the exchange.</p> <p>All applicants must meet the prevailing vaccination requirements.</p> <p>Guidance for the STP application will be provided after you accept the offer; you are advised to make travel arrangements only after STP approval.</p> <p>Please note that STP holders who are exchange students are not permitted to engage in any paid or unpaid work during the exchange period.</p>
Singapore laws	<p>As an exchange student, you are expected to abide by Singapore's laws, including those covering driving, drug and alcohol use, political activities, employment, smoking and vaping, traffic and littering. Please be aware that Singapore enforces strict drug laws — the trafficking or possession of drugs can result in the death penalty. For more information and updates, please visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Singapore • Singapore Police Force • Ministry of Manpower • National Environmental Agency
Health screening	<p>If your exchange duration at NAFA exceeds 6 months, you must undergo a health screening after arrival as part of the Student's Pass requirements.</p>
Getting to campus	<p>NAFA is centrally located in Bras Basah. Bugis, an arts and heritage district in the city centre. Its three campuses are within walking distance of one another, and are easily reached by public transport, including bus and MRT.</p>
Student support	<p>The Academy provides holistic learning environment through a comprehensive range of student support services in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Career Guidance • Counselling Services • Provision of student insurance • Student Activities and Clubs • Library services <p>More information is available in the Student Handbook and will be shared during the orientation.</p>
Accommodation	<p>NAFA is a city campus and does not provide on-campus accommodation. However, the inbound exchange offer package will include an enrolment guide outlining housing options in Singapore, along with information on avoiding rental scams. Students are responsible for arranging and funding their own accommodation. Housing cannot be guaranteed.</p>

Estimated costs of living	Accommodation	SGD 1,200
	Transport	SGD 150
	Food	SGD 450
	Total estimated monthly expenses	SGD 1,800
	<i>Actual expenses vary with each student, based on lifestyle and preferences.</i>	
Money	You can change some local currency at the currency exchange counters at Changi Airport. There are more Licensed Money Changers located in most shopping malls, or at any bank.	
Banking services	To open a bank account, you have to visit the bank in person. You will also need the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid passport Student's Pass Initial deposit (amount varies according to bank) 	
Climate	Located one degree north of the equator, Singapore is a tropical country with sunshine and rain all year round. Humidity is high.	
Temperature	25°C to 32°C (all year round)	
Rainfall	The highest rainfall is experienced from November to January.	
Language	The lingua franca of Singapore is English. In addition, a variety of other languages are spoken, including Mandarin Chinese, Malay, and Tamil.	

PART IV

Useful Contact Details

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