



## SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN (FUNDAMENTALS) – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Where are my classrooms located and who are my lecturers?  
You will find your classrooms and your respective lecturers in your class timetable. Your timetables will be emailed to you during the Orientation week and can also be found in the Fundamentals Canvas Portal.
2. What are the necessary materials I would need for my classes in the first semester?  
In the attached Materials List, you will find the necessary materials that you will need for your classes in the coming semester.
3. Do I need a laptop for my studies at SOAD? Can I borrow one if I do not have one?  
Yes, you will need one (please refer to the computer list attached). You may apply for the notebook subsidy scheme from Office of Student Care If you are unable to finance your laptop purchase. For more information on the scheme, please refer to (<https://www.nafa.edu.sg/admissions/scholarships-financial-aid-schemes/student-notebook-subsidy-scheme>). Conditions apply and applicable only for Singapore citizens/ PRs.
4. Are there any textbooks that I will need to purchase?  
You will not be required to purchase any books for your fundamental studies. There are however recommended books/ readings that are listed in your module guides – the books can be accessed via the NAFA library.
5. Are there Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), community work and Competitions at NAFA? And how can I participate in them?  
Students are highly encouraged to participate in CCAs, Community work and Competitions as these will help you in developing an all-rounded School experience and will also increase your networking and exposure to various industries and experiences. All of these activities outside of your curriculum can be logged into the school system, and a letter will be churned out at the end of your studies at NAFA.
6. Are there examinations, projects or group work at NAFA?  
Projects are commonplace in your journey here at NAFA, where you work on a task for a few weeks, and submit it for assessment later. Group work is also common as they not only encourage collaborative learning, but also simulate how the industry functions. At SOAD, we do not have any sit-in 2-3 hour written examinations, but we do regularly have short quizzes that help you assess your understanding of your modules.

**7. Is there a dress code at SOAD?**

Yes, there is, and you are expected to closely follow the dress code and footwear. You may be refused entry to classrooms if you are not dressed appropriately, and you will be refused entry to all workshops if you do not comply.

**8. What are the classes I have to attend this semester?**

There are 6 compulsory modules this semester:

- VAF1001 Drawing Fundamentals – 4 credits
- VAF1011 2D Fundamentals – 4 credits
- VAF1021 3D Fundamentals – 4 credits
- VAF1031 Creative Thinking – 2 credits
- VAF1041 Introduction to Visual Arts – 2 credits
- VAF1061 General Studies 1 – 2 credits

**9. Are there any study trips at NAFA? How can I join them?**

Study trips are planned throughout the learning journey at NAFA. There will be an Overseas Immersion Programme planned at the end of your Diploma 1 studies, where you will get to study overseas for a period of 3 weeks. Briefing for this programme will be conducted at the end of Semester 1.

**10. Can I transfer course after I have joined NAFA?**

Yes, you can, and you are only allowed to transfer between courses within SOAD at the end of Year 1 Semester 1. Approvals are subjected to available vacancies, and upon approval by programme Vice Deans and Dean (SOAD).