

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. How will LASALLE and NAFA operate under UAS?

UAS will be an alliance between three separate entities – LASALLE and NAFA, and a new central body with degree-awarding powers, UAS Ltd.

This approach allows UAS to leverage the unique strengths of both arts institutions, while allowing them to remain separate legal entities and distinct colleges. LASALLE and NAFA's respective Boards will retain full oversight of their strategic directions, and the two institutions will continue to offer their programmes on each of their campuses.

UAS Ltd will lead and provide strategic direction to UAS, while acting as the central coordinating body to drive synergies across the university. It will validate, confer and award degrees in respect to the degree programmes offered by both art institutions. It will also support the arts institutions in the delivery of quality educational experiences through the provision of student services, as well as ensure the university's overall operational excellence and sustainability.

Q2. How is UAS different from an Autonomous University (AU)?

Unlike the AUs, which are established by public statute, UAS will be a private university, which is an alliance between two private education institutions, LASALLE and NAFA and a new central entity. It will nonetheless be supported by the Government. Government will continue provide funding for subsidised degree and diploma students, as is currently the case at both arts institutions.

Q3. Where will UAS be located? Will it have a physical campus of its own?

LASALLE and NAFA will continue to offer their programmes on their existing campuses. Meanwhile, UAS Ltd will operate from the National Design Centre, which is in close proximity to both arts institutions.

Q4. What is the full list of courses that UAS will offer? What are the new programmes that are not currently offered by LASALLE or NAFA?

UAS will offer an expanded range of programme offerings in fine arts, design, media arts, performing arts and arts management, as well as in new and upcoming areas in the applied arts. UAS will release further details on the list of courses next year, ahead of its application window in 3Q 2023, for its first intake in 2024.

Q5. What can future students look forward to?

Undergraduate students taking UAS degree programmes will benefit from a shared UAS experience, which will build on their LASALLE and NAFA experiences. This includes things like a common UAS orientation, accessibility to a greater variety of modules, and joint electives by both LASALLE and NAFA.

All students, including diploma students, will also have access to shared facilities such as general library resources, enhanced student services such as counselling, Education and Career Guidance (ECG) and joint industry events and joint career fairs of a larger scale.