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NUOVA ACCADEMIA  
DI BELLE ARTI

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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BEFORE  
ARRIVAL

**Q: Are NABA programmes [recognized and accredited](#) by the Italian Ministry of Education (MUR)?**

**A:** Yes, all of NABA's Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Academic Master's programmes are accredited by MUR. Earning a degree from an accredited academy gives students an advantage when seeking work, and allows students to continue their studies in academies and universities in Italy and abroad.

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**Q: What is a [portfolio](#) and what should it include?**

**A:** A portfolio of projects is the presentation of yourself, of your previous academic and/or professional and/or amateurial works. There is no need to include many projects in it, but rather a selection of your strongest works that will let us understand your skills and potential. We suggest you include:

- works of various techniques and, if possible, the explanation of the idea behind each project.
  - 5 to 10 projects
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**Q: Do students need to [speak Italian](#) to attend NABA?**

**A:** No, they don't. NABA Programmes are taught either in Italian or in English. It is possible to study fully in English and NABA is an international academy with more than 90 different students nationalities.

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**Q: Do students need to submit a [language certificate](#) to attend NABA?**

**A:** Yes, students are required to submit a language certificate in accordance to the chosen track. The language certificate shall be submitted within one month before the beginning of the programme and should not be older than 2 years.

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**Q: [How many students](#) are there in each class?**

**A:** Classes are composed of up to 25-30 students so students can have a closer relationship with the faculty.

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**Q: Is it possible to [change campus](#) while studying at NABA?**

**A:** Yes, students can change campus and experience both environments.

They can attend the first year in Milan, the second year in Rome, and then go back to Milan for the last year (this could be an example of a Bachelor of Arts programme).

**Q: Does NABA support students in finding [accommodation](#)?**

**A:** Yes, NABA supports its students in finding accommodation in private apartments managed by our selected provider Milan Housing ([www.milanhousing.it](http://www.milanhousing.it)).

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**Q: Is there a minimum age requirement for NABA [summer courses](#)?**

**A:** Summer courses students must be at least 16 years old.

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**Q: When should I apply for [VISA](#)?**

**A:** Once you have paid the pre-enrollment fee you can start applying for the student visa.

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**Q: I am a NON-EU student, should I do the [pre-enrollment procedure](#) through [Universitaly](#)?**

**A:** Yes, in order to apply for a student visa, international students must undertake the pre-enrolment procedures (a-bis) through Universitaly. VISAS are released only once the pre-enrolment process has been completed and upon reception of a positive feedback from the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Representatives.

Do not forget to bring with you the pre-enrolment form at your visa appointment. The Embassy should stamp this form, this document will be necessary once you are in Italy to obtain your permit of stay. You can easily download this form from your personal page on Universitaly.

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**ONCE ON  
CAMPUS**

**Q: Should I apply for [Health Insurance](#)?**

**A:** If you are a European student, you can use the blue card for European health services and be examined by a General Practitioner from the National Health Service, without any extra charge.

If you are a NON-EU student, in order to apply for a residence permit in Italy you must have a health insurance valid in Italy.

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**Q: What [Health insurance](#) can I buy?**

**A:** You can purchase a valid insurance in your country before arriving in Italy and, upon arrival, it is possible to subscribe to the Italian National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale - S.S.N.) at the cost of 700,00 euros/calendar year - valid from January until December regardless of the month you pay. As an alternative, once in Italy, you can take out a private insurance through an Italian insurance company. The Registration Office can assist students in this process. Some Italian consulates could request health insurance to release the visa.

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**Q: Can I [work](#) while studying in Italy with a student visa?**

**A:** As NABA is accredited by MUR, NON-EU students attending degree programmes can work part-time up to 20 hours per week.

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**Q: Should I apply for the Italian [Permit to Stay](#) and when?**

**A:** After your arrival in Italy, NON-EU students have 8 days to apply for the permit to stay. NABA Registration Office assists international students for procedures concerning permits to stay.

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**Q: Can I stay in Italy [after graduation](#)?**

**A:** If you are enrolled in a NABA degree programme you can extend your permit to stay for one extra year after your graduation, for job-seeking reasons.

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**Q: What is and how to obtain the [Fiscal Code](#)?**

**A:** The fiscal code, an alphanumeric code, identifies a citizen in all their dealings with public authorities and administration units.

We highly suggest you apply for the fiscal code during your visa application at Italian embassy in your home country.

The NABA Student Support Office assists our students in applying for it.

**Q: When will I receive **credentials** to access to MyNaba?**

**A:** Credentials will be automatically sent around one month before the beginning of the classes to those students who have paid the full tuition fee (or 1st installment for EU students / NON-EU students with a payment plan) and have submitted the enrollment form.

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**Q: How many **hours of lessons** do students have per week?**

**A:** Each programme and semester is different. Generally, they have approximately 15/20 hours of lessons per week.

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**Q: Is **attendance** mandatory in NABA?**

**A:** Yes, 70% attendance must be achieved for exam validation. If, for any reason, you overcome 30% of absences you cannot sit that exam in the first available session but you can sit it in any of the following sessions.

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**DURING MY  
STUDIES**



**Q: Do you organize [cultural or sports events](#) on Campus?**

**A:** NABA's Student Life Office proposes numerous extra-curricular activities to foster integration and socialization. These activities are organized involving the Student Council (the main Student Representative body of the Academy) and might include parties, aperitifs, guided tours and trips to the most beautiful locations either in Italy and Europe (such as museums, theaters, galleries) along with recreational classes, courses, volunteering and sports activities (such as football, volleyball, basketball and table tennis).

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**Q: What is the [Buddy Project](#)?**

**A:** NABA has set up the Buddy Project, an initiative in which a group of second and third year students volunteer additional support to international students. In addition to create a network of relationships with new students, the Buddy Project helps students to improve their language skills and their knowledge of different cultures.

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**Q: What is [NABASYMPLICITY](#)?**

**A:** After graduation, NABA's Career Services & Industry Relations Office continues to support our alumni by promoting internship and job offers, and by supporting projects between alumni and companies.

Through this platform, students can Publish their curriculum vitae, publish their portfolios, personal projects and degree thesis, contact companies, submit their candidacy for internship and placement offers, take part in competitions and special projects, be selected to receive work opportunities and be informed on important events being held outside the NABA campus.

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**Q: How NABA will [prepare students for the world of work](#)?**

**A:** The Career Service Office contacts companies to arrange internship agreements, launch training programs for students and graduates, and to organise recruiting sessions.

During Talent Harbour week, NABA organizes also career orientation meetings for students, helping them to map out their skills and define their professional aims. The purpose of these events is to encourage and advise students and Alumni toward a more conscious career path.

The Career Service provides also a Job Corner service dedicated to alumni, to make it easier for students to enter the world of employment, by setting up extra-curricular internships or professional opportunities.

**Q: Does NABA offer free of charge [Italian language classes](#) to international students?**

**A:** No, but NABA students can have a special discount in some partner schools.

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**Q: Are [internships](#) paid?**

**A:** Curricular internships are not paid; extra-curricular internships instead are paid as established by the law.

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**Q: I am an [undergraduate student](#), can I do the [internship](#)?**

**A:** Yes, for Bachelor of Arts degree students internships are not mandatory yet highly recommended.

We suggest students do an internship during the summer break or during their third year so that the experience doesn't conflict with their academic obligations. Internships for BA students have to last at least 150 hours (approximately 1 month full-time) but can have a longer duration.

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**Q: I am a [postgraduate student](#), can I do the [internship](#)?**

**A:** Yes, Master of Arts degree students can select an internship experience within their study plan but it's not mandatory.

All students who wish to do an internship are contacted for an individual counseling meeting that includes a cv and portfolio review.

Afterward, Master of Arts degree student profiles are actively sponsored by companies to secure an internship experience that must last at least 300 hours (approximately 2 months full-time).

For Academic Masters degree students the internship is mandatory and lasts at least 300 hours (approximately 2 months full).

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**Q: Are NABA [internships](#) and [job offers](#) only in Italy?**

**A:** Most NABA internships and job offers are in Italy at national and international companies.

The Career Service Office also sponsors the Erasmus Plus for Traineeship program which allows the selected students to do an internship in another European country with a grant.

**Q: When should I get in contact with the [Career Service and Industry Relations Office](#)?**

**A:** We suggest you participate in Career Service and Industry Relations events and make use of NABA tools and resources from the first year. For students interested in doing a curricular internship we suggest contacting the Career Service office at the beginning of the third year of the BA programmes or at the beginning of the second year of the MA programmes.

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**Q: How long, from the moment of graduation, does NABA [support](#) students in [finding a job](#)?**

**A:** The Career Service Office continues to support students after graduation without a limited period of time. However, fortunately, most alumni find a placement within one year after graduation. Still, if alumni would like to receive support after that period, the office will continue to help them find a placement.

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