About the Exchange Program

Undergraduate students enrolled in DEA may spend one semester, and in some cases, up to a year, studying at the Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti (NABA) in Milan, Italy.

NABA’s students, numbering more than 2700, come from all over Italy and over 60 countries worldwide.

NABA is located in the beautiful Navigli area in the south of Milan. The area is named for its canals, which are framed by pedestrian streets and lined with shops and restaurants. The campus consists of twelve buildings in a newly renovated industrial complex. All facilities and equipment are updated consistently to keep students’ work fresh and leading edge.

Milan is Italy’s financial, industrial, and commercial centre, and known as a leading global city. It hosts 11% of Italy’s university students, and is filled with landmarks, museums, and theatres. Milan became a fashion capital in the 1980s, as several firms, such as Versace, became internationally successful. The city is well known for several international events and fairs, including Milan Fashion Week and the Milan Furniture Fair, the largest of its kind in the world.

APPLY NOW

Budget

Exchange students pay tuition to their home University. Cornell Students pay Cornell Tuition. Housing and Travel Expenses are additional.

How to Apply

Make an appointment with a Human Ecology Advisor to discuss eligibility and program fit.

Advisor (DEA / FSAD Majors):
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Director of Exchange Programs, 183 MVR Hall

Deadlines

Fall Semester    March 15
Spring Semester  September 15

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THE ACADEMY

About Nuova Accademia

Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano was founded in 1980, by artists for artists. The Accademia was the first and is the largest and most innovative private academy recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research. The academic degrees are recognized in Europe and around the world. Nuova Accademia's mission is to celebrate and cultivate the creativity of its students, and to help them turn their artistic passion into a fulfilling, productive passion.

The teaching staff consists of highly skilled educators who are also talented practicing art and design professionals. NABA professors are passionate, and come from leading design and architecture studios, fashion companies, advertising and marketing agencies, and arts and culture institutes. All of the professors bring real-world perspectives to both lectures and group projects through which they encourage students to learn, experiment, and grow.

COURSES

English and Italian

The school’s teaching program uses an instructional method that thoroughly integrates classroom study with experiential workshop practice. NABA’s multidisciplinary approach combines traditional visual disciplines with new digital technologies, and synthesizes individual study with group project work.

There are six undergraduate programs:

- Design*
- Graphic Design and Art Direction*
- Fashion Design*
- Media Design and Multimedia Arts
- Painting and Visual Arts
- Theatre and Exhibit Design

*Programs delivered in Italian and English
All other programs without * are delivered in Italian.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The school offers shared student apartments, however students are also free to arrange their own accommodations. A typical residence will house 2-6 students, and contains a combination of single (1 student per room) and double (2 students per room) bedrooms and shared kitchen, bathroom and living areas. Apartments are within a 30 minute walk, commute or combination of both to campus.