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About LASALLE College of the Arts

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Asia's leading contemporary arts and design institution.

LASALLE College of the Arts is a globally ranked* institution for Art & Design and Performing Arts education (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026)—anchored in Singapore, rooted in Asia and connected to the world.

The College offers 35 Diploma, BA (Hons) and MA programmes across the full spectrum of creative disciplines. A nurturing, interdisciplinary learning environment inspires the next generation of forward-looking and globally engaged creative leaders, who are mentored by a faculty of award-winning artists, designers, educators and researchers. LASALLE's tradition of practice-led research sets the College apart as an international centre of excellence.

Founded in 1984 by the late Brother Joseph McNally, LASALLE writes, develops and delivers all its own academic programmes, and continues to do so as a founding member of the University of the Arts Singapore. LASALLE is a non-profit private educational institution supported by Singapore's Ministry of Education.

*Globally ranked 67 in Art & Design and 51-100 for Performing Arts (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026).



About the University of the Arts Singapore

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Transforming arts education, creating for a better world.

The University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) is Singapore's first arts university nurturing a new generation of forward-looking artists, designers, educators, researchers, arts leaders and changemakers.

UAS is founded on an alliance of Singapore's leading arts institutions, LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE) and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).

Located in the heart of the arts and civic district, LASALLE and NAFA are distinguished by unique heritages, strong artistic traditions, and innovative teaching approaches. Our faculty and alumni have earned national recognition, including Cultural Medallions and Young Artist Awards, championing Singaporean creativity on the global stage.

UAS will further generate new artistic thinking and discourse by creatively combining teaching, practice, and research. Collaborating with arts communities and industry partners locally and internationally, our graduates will energise the cultural landscape and the creative economy. We will strengthen Singapore as a creative hub in Asia.

In August 2024, UAS welcomed its first cohort of undergraduate and postgraduate students from LASALLE and NAFA, with degrees conferred by UAS.

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Message from the President

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The MA programmes at LASALLE College of the Arts are designed to help you reframe time-tested questions to develop valuable insights and ideas to refashion the cultural and creative industries and various social and economic sectors.

Through an interdisciplinary learning approach and engagement with global practices and practitioners, you will be able to advance your research and practice in broader, more profound ways to critically and creatively address the needs of a changing world.

As a leading contemporary arts and design institution in Asia, LASALLE pursues artistic disciplines through rigorous critical discourse that enables knowledge production through the arts. Our graduates emerge as forward-looking cultural provocateurs and innovators championing the arts across cultures and socio-economic sectors.

We are uniquely located in Singapore, a global financial, economic and cultural hub. As a centre of world-leading universities, postgraduate education here brings you closer to developing a nuanced understanding of cultural and economic links between the East and the West and with Singapore's hinterland of Southeast Asia.

Our campus is at the heart of Singapore's arts and heritage districts. Surrounded by world-class museums, galleries, design centres and performing arts venues adjacent to the central financial and business districts, an education at LASALLE brings the creative sector immediately into the classroom.

You get a quality education, learning and working with and alongside a community of emerging and established artists, curators, designers, performers, arts managers, cultural workers, scholars and researchers. This vibrant environment nurtures you to develop swift networks, create new opportunities, enhance your research outlook through emerging practice and scholarship, and, more importantly, plug yourself into a milieu of creative leaders.

We welcome you to advance your thinking and practice at LASALLE.

Professor Venka Purushothaman
President
LASALLE College of the Arts,
University of the Arts Singapore

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Experience postgraduate study at LASALLE

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LASALLE's MA programmes are designed for practitioners, thinkers and makers, seeking to deepen their artistic and creative practices, expand their critical perspectives and contribute meaningfully to a rapidly changing world.

Rooted in practice-led and research inquiry, interdisciplinary dialogue and engagement with contemporary issues, our MA programmes offer an environment where ideas are tested, practices refined and new possibilities prototyped. At LASALLE, you will develop the confidence, agility and vision to shape the future of the creative and cultural industries, and beyond.

As part of a vibrant and diverse creative community, you will engage with artists and designers, industry leaders, community partners, leading thinkers and public intellectuals through symposiums, exhibitions, collaborative projects and overseas field research. These encounters will sharpen your perspectives, broaden your networks and open new pathways to connect your practice and research to wider conversations across existing and emerging disciplines.

Integral and distinctive to LASALLE's postgraduate experience is The Agora—a transdisciplinary module shared across all MA programmes. Conceived as a space for exchange, experimentation and critical inquiry, it brings students together to explore how creative practice can respond meaningfully to contemporary society, culture and the environment. The Agora reflects LASALLE's ambition to be more than a site of artistic training: an intellectual arts hub where practice, research and public discourse converge.

At LASALLE, postgraduate study is more than an academic journey. It is an invitation to challenge conventions, refine your voice and contribute to a community that expands the way the arts continue to make the world all the more possible and liveable.



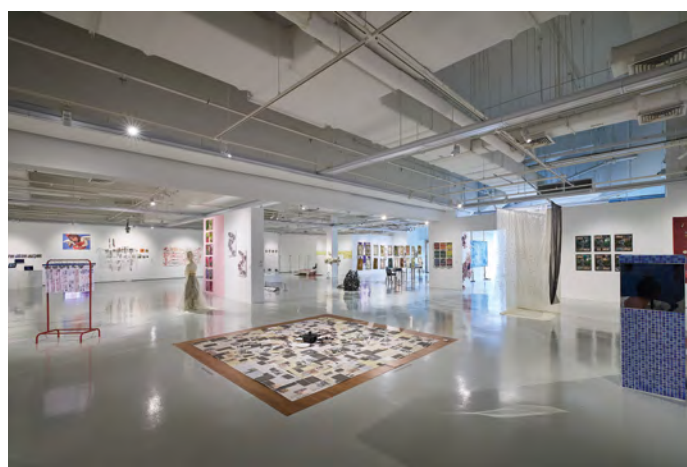
Our campus spaces

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Explore
campus
spaces



Take a 360° tour of our learning spaces, studios, theatres and galleries. Soak in the architecture, atmosphere and creative pulse of Singapore's most dynamic arts campus.



Alumni

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[View alumni](#)


LASALLE has nurtured generations of leading creative practitioners across the Asia-Pacific region. Our graduates are established artists who have garnered a significant presence on the world stage of art.

They have represented Singapore at major biennales, received national recognition including the Cultural Medallion, Young Artist Award and President's Design Award, become respected curators, writers, musicians, dance and theatre pioneers and occupied influential positions in the creative industries in Singapore and beyond.

Proof of this progressive approach are the new generations of creative practitioners who have emerged as leaders in contemporary arts and design in the international arts arena.

Ang Sheng Jin



Yarra Ileteo



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Laurence Vandenborre



John Clang



Jackson Tan



Shubigi Rao



Kamini Ramachandran



Saleem Hadi



MA programmes

Cultural Analytics and AI ^(new)
Arts and Ecology
Asian Art Histories
Fine Arts
Art Therapy
Arts and Cultural Leadership
Arts Pedagogy and Practice
Creative Writing
Music Therapy
Design

MA Cultural Analytics and AI ^(new)

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Cultural data analyst/scientist, AI specialist in cultural heritage, digital cultural heritage manager, cultural policy analyst, creative industries consultant, digital storyteller, cultural mapping specialist, research fellow/academic, data journalist/cultural critic or archivist/librarian (digital focus).

Master the language of the future, where data science meets creative intelligence.

Are you ready to lead at the intersection of human creativity and machine intelligence? The MA Cultural Analytics and AI programme at LASALLE is a first-of-its-kind programme designed for the next generation of creative leaders. We don't just teach you how to use technology, we empower you to treat data and AI as a new language for storytelling, cultural preservation and creative innovation.

In an era where AI is transforming every industry, the creative sector needs more than just technicians—it needs visionaries who understand the pulse of culture. This programme bridges the gap between advanced data science and the arts. You will gain a competitive edge by mastering tools that allow you to measure cultural impact, curate digital heritage and drive the global art-science convergence.

Our creative praxis philosophy puts you at the centre of the action. Through a cycle of theory, hands-on creation and reflection, you will work with real-world datasets and collaborate with global industry partners. Whether you are building AI-driven creative strategies or analysing global cultural trends, you will be solving real-world challenges from day one. The programme prepares you for a high-impact career in the rapidly expanding digital economy—whether you aspire to be a cultural data analyst, an AI specialist in heritage or a creative policy strategist, you will graduate with a unique blend of technical mastery and ethical leadership.

Grounded in active research with international organisations, the programme grants you an unparalleled access to actionable research and policy networks. You will graduate as an ethical leader, prepared to influence the direction of the global creative economy.

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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised local or international institution.
- A minimum of IELTS Academic 7.0, TOEFL iBT 100 or Band 5 or PTE Academic 65 for applicants from countries where English is not the first language or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction.

Applicant statement

In 500–1,000 words, highlight the research interests that you wish to explore in this particular programme. In addition, please indicate your reasons for applying to this programme and how they relate to your future plans. You are required to submit your applicant statement online.

Reference letter

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Portfolio

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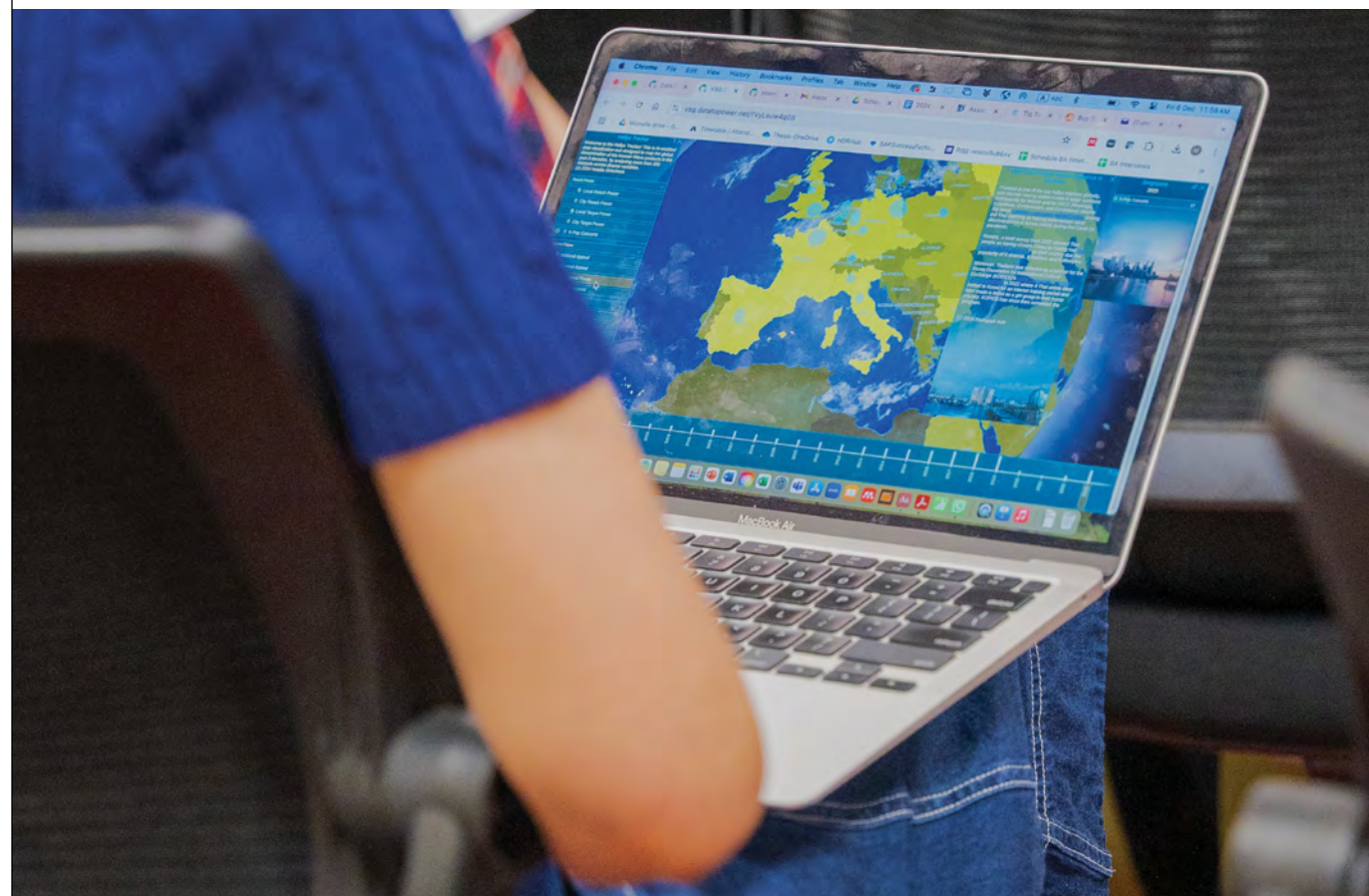
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Interview

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Photo by Clarissa Catahan

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MA Arts and Ecology

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Artist, curator, programmer, policymaker, designer, writer, journalist, environmentalist, activist, social worker or institutional and independent innovator in the expanded field of arts and ecology.

Establish your artistic voice on ecological issues of our time.

This studio-based programme is located in one of the greenest cities in the world, Singapore. This is a unique and pioneering transdisciplinary programme in Asia for creative practitioners, ecologists and researchers, and for those who seek to explore critical environmental discourses, address questions around ecological crisis and build sustainable environments through art and creative practices.

It grounds itself in rigorous artistic research with a profound understanding of ecological concerns that you have. You will study real-world concerns and conditions through collaborative and field-based research and creative practice. The programme aims to develop your critical unpacking of ecological discourse through a range of modules such as Critical Discourse in Arts and Ecology, Eco Studio and Social Studio through lectures, workshops, scientific and intellectual inquiry, and community engagement.

You will be encouraged to engage with the diverse cross-fertilisation of contemporary creative and expressive practices, and be supported in establishing partnerships with stakeholders and engagement with community, business and enterprise as relevant to your practice.

Graduates are independent thinkers, creative practitioners and solution-oriented individuals who want to make a difference to the earth.

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Applicant statement

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

Your portfolio should demonstrate your research approach and processes in your area(s) of interest. It can contain a combination of:

- Academic, creative, and/or professional writing relevant to your research interests for this degree, clearly labelled and presented in PDF format.
- Artworks documented in digital format. Artworks, such as drawings, installations, paintings and sculptures, should be in high resolution with selected images with close up viewing of details. Interdisciplinary time-based works or performance and awareness e-based works should be presented in video format. You may also include photo-documentation of your artworks in an exhibition setting.
- Site-specific ecologically-centred projects in public or private space, clearly labelled and documented in digital format.

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Forced Intimacy by Alison Schooling. Photo by Grace Chen.



MA Asian Art Histories

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Art historian, art
teacher/educator,
art writer, arts
administrator, art
consultant, curator,
gallery manager or
researcher.

Read history, make history.

The MA in Asian Art Histories programme cultivates a new generation of art historians, curators, art writers and exhibition-makers. It is a global pioneer to focus on Asian modern and contemporary art histories.

It nurtures a nuanced and impactful appreciation of art from Asia, attracting a diverse and rich community of learners and scholars who seek to make a difference in their respective fields, countries and art.

Located in the McNally School of Fine Arts, the programme provides you a rare opportunity to work alongside and engage with emerging and established artists, field experts, curators and collectors drawn from Singapore and Asia's rich visual arts ecology. You will also be oriented to critically engage with the wide range of exhibitions presented by LASALLE's Institute of Contemporary Arts Singapore.

Singapore's strategic geographic and culturally connected position in Asia and its investment in arts infrastructure have created numerous opportunities for our students to connect globally and engage with contemporary art discourse. The programme plugs centrally into this development, providing you with sustainable career opportunities.

You will be provided with appropriate research, art historical and theoretical knowledge and resources, and the opportunity to undertake original research in largely under-explored fields, investigate and amplify emerging artists and movements, and contribute to art historical discourse and scholarship.

The programme also encourages you to establish and expand your professional practices and networks to hone your potential to become a leading thinker and cultural producer in your field. Its rigour will adequately prepare you to pursue PhD studies in art history.

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

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Interview

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The "Who am I?" Festival (2026)



MA Fine Arts

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Artist, arts consultant,
arts community
organiser, arts
educator, gallerist,
researcher or writer.

Discover your voice as an artist.

This unique research-based programme for artists fosters a deep inquiry into artistic practices through research. It supports artists to develop a profound conceptual and aesthetic approach to their practice and achieve a level of professional excellence required by the demands of a dynamic contemporary art landscape.

The programme's core concerns in contemporary art-making attract a diverse body of students who cross disciplines and geographies. In a multidisciplinary peer learning environment, you are supported to build your artistic vocabulary by pursuing high-level independent research as required for professional arts residencies, archival and fieldwork and PhD study. Through rigorous studio experimentation and innovation, you engage with emerging critical, theoretical and historical discourses to develop your practice.

Singapore's strategic geographic and culturally connected position in Asia and its investment in arts infrastructure have created numerous opportunities for artists to connect globally and engage with contemporary art discourse. The programme plugs centrally into this development, providing you sustainable career opportunities as artists.

Located within the McNally School of Fine Arts, you will be exposed to a wide range of expertise. Faculty, many of whom are award-winning artists and scholars in their own right, provide individualised supervision alongside a roster of international visiting artists, curators and critics.

The programme is renowned for producing numerous award-winning artists working globally, having represented in major biennales and art fairs, curated exhibitions and museum shows, residencies and art competitions, commercial and not-for-profit galleries, and as artist-researchers and educators. It continues to do so.

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

Your portfolio should contain art works documented in digital format. Drawings, installations, paintings and sculptures should be in high resolution with selected images with close up viewing of details. Interdisciplinary time-based works or performance and e-based works should be presented in video or digital format. You may also include your works seen within an exhibition or public/private location. You are required to upload your portfolio online.

Interview

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MA Art Therapy

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Duration

2 years (4 semesters)

Mode

Full-time

Career paths

Art therapist, artist, advocate, mental health practitioner, researcher or community leader.

Become a culturally informed, competent and ethical art therapist.

The highly selective MA Art Therapy programme is a global leader in blending Eastern and Western approaches, methodologies and perspectives to train art therapists who are culturally relevant and progressive in a fast-changing world.

A first of its kind in Southeast Asia, it develops credentialed art therapists who help people effect change and growth through art materials in a supported and safe environment. Drawing on a range of world-class medical and mental health options available in Singapore, this practice-based clinical programme emphasises experiential learning through art making, reflection and research.

Aligned to national mental health mandates and informed by international best practices, the programme is Australian, New Zealand and Asian Creative Arts Therapies Association (ANZACATA) approved, preparing you to become a professionally credentialed Registered Art Therapist (AThR).

You will purposefully facilitate an art-making process to create self-expression, reflection, understanding and change with people and/or communities who encounter a range of stress, trauma, physical, mental or societal challenges and experiences. Through taught modules, a deeply researched thesis and rigorous clinical placements, you will learn a range of psychotherapeutic concepts, theories and practices, and acquire critical knowledge and understanding of the philosophy of the modality itself. You will also be required to undergo a substantial period of highly supervised clinical practice placements.

Art therapists develop a range of professional competencies to work with the populace's life cycles effectively. Graduates are successfully placed as therapists in various medical, social services and community-based organisations and in emerging settings such as educational, online and museums in Singapore and internationally. Our students' research theses contribute to furthering art therapy discourse and carving a niche for Singapore and the discipline.

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Applicant statement

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

Your portfolio should contain images of 10–15 pieces of your original artwork that demonstrate your creative practice. You are required to upload your portfolio online.

Notes:

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International applicants

If you are unable to attend the interview at LASALLE, an online interview will be arranged for you.

Other requirements

It will be preferable if you have prior educational knowledge in the fields of visual arts, psychology, medical, social or human sciences, or relevant work or voluntary experience in a rehabilitative setting.

You are also required to:

- Commit to undergoing weekly personal therapy for the duration of the programme.
- Sign a suitability declaration indicating whether you have any criminal record and/or history at the point of admission to the programme*.
- Complete an Occupational Health Declaration, verified by a medical physician prior to admission to the programme.

Both forms can be obtained from the Division of Admissions.

* Please note that given the nature and sensitivity of confidential case materials, professional and ethical best practices and the potential vulnerability of the clientele, many clinical placement settings as well as potential employers require a mandatory background security check for potential student interns.

Playground Puzzle by Tan Yun Yie, Elaine



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MA Arts and Cultural Leadership

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Upon graduation, you will be equipped with a lateral and comprehensive knowledge of the field. This will enable you to undertake management and leadership positions in public and private sector arts organisations and foundations, cultural agencies and institutions, or work independently and spearhead new initiatives and enterprises. You will also be part of a dynamic network of arts management alumni from LASALLE who are currently practising arts professionals, who can share resources, information, and knowledge about the sector.

Take the lead and make a difference.

The MA Arts and Cultural Leadership programme equips practitioners and managers with leadership capabilities for the dynamic and fast-evolving cultural and creative sectors. It complements individuals seeking to harness their creativity and nurtures leaders who can adapt to complex environments to take on leadership roles in community initiatives, public institutions, the private and commercial sectors, and non-profit organisations.

Drawing on the strength of Singapore as a global cultural and economic hub of the 21st century, you will go through a close study of emerging theories in arts and management, applied creative and entrepreneurial practices as advanced by 'leaders in action', and practical engagement with arts, heritage and creative communities in Asia.

You are challenged to explore complex cultural, economic and socio-political issues to develop your capacity to expand your impact in various communities, including policymaking bodies, cultural institutions, grassroots organisations, the market, and artists and creative practitioners from varied disciplines.

The programme emphasises a dynamic peer-learning environment to enable individual self-reflection and critique, the establishment of individual and collective cause and purpose, and the opportunity for you to discover your own approach to leadership.

Graduates lead in diverse areas in the private, governmental and non-profit sectors, and have started their own enterprises and community initiatives, or have gone on to further their postgraduate research in the arts.

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Entry requirements

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Applicant statement

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

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MA Arts and Cultural Leadership class with guest speakers Professor Jerry Liu, Associate Professor Tully Barnett and Associate Professor Benny Lim



MA Arts Pedagogy and Practice

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Arts educator (in primary, secondary and tertiary education), applied/community artist working across sectors and contexts (such as youth groups, seniors, disabilities, learning needs, corporate training), arts education programmer, arts education directors in professional sectors (such as museums, galleries, arts companies), arts education researchers or arts education consultant.

Transform arts education to nurture next-gen emerging artists.

The MA in Arts Pedagogy and Practice is the only programme in Asia dedicated to artist-educators. Designed for artists working in educational environments, the programme unlocks conventional pedagogic principles for the arts and introduces, through experimentation, inter- and transdisciplinary modalities in which new learnings emerge.

The programme delves into educational theories, curriculum design, content delivery and assessment strategies appropriate for artists, practitioners and arts educators. You will build upon your skills and knowledge, and develop strategies to support students to break boundaries and create new contemporary work. It involves classroom observational practices, strong independent learning and participatory interdisciplinary activities coupled with deep scholarly research.

You will understand your role in a constantly evolving arts ecosystem. You will also develop critical skills, self-awareness and reflexivity within your own perspective to become highly effective in supporting your growth as an artist working across diverse areas. You will have the opportunity to transform your practice for the benefit of your students, community and industry, and contribute to the growing field of research in arts education.

Enriched by a diversity of disciplines ranging from art, music, design, dance, theatre and film, this programme is for those invested in nurturing and mentoring the next generation of artists, while enabling you to continue with your professional practice.

Graduates take up educator roles in schools, colleges, universities and non-educational settings, using their enhanced creative practice to design creative and artistic programmes and events that educate, inform and entertain audiences in Singapore and the region.

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Reference letter

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Portfolio

Your portfolio should contain work that showcases your arts practice and your experiences in teaching arts or any educational work relating to your arts practice. You are required to upload your portfolio online.

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Other requirements

You will be required to sign a suitability declaration indicating whether you have any criminal record and/or history at the point of admission to the programme. The form can be obtained from the Division of Admissions.

It will be preferable if you have prior educational knowledge in the fields of the arts or education. Work experience as a practising artist, arts professional and/or an educator will be an advantage.

If applicable, you will also be required to provide a letter of approval from your organisation for your enrolment into the programme. All documents will need to be submitted online.

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The "Who am I?" Festival (2026)



MA Creative Writing

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Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

Novel, short story and poetry writing, playwriting and dramaturgy, screenwriting and filmmaking, journalism (print and broadcast), arts criticism, digital games, writing for industry and business, copywriting for advertising and marketing, editing, arts administration, business administration and academia.

Craft your literary voice. Create stories of your time.

The programme develops the writers, editors, publishers, cultural curators and writing teachers of tomorrow who create narratives that migrate from Singapore to the world's exponentially growing literary production and publishing market.

You will acquire a deep appreciation of the written word and the construction of written forms such as poetry, creative non-fiction, fiction, screenplays and ficto-critical writing through standard modules and regular writing workshops and peer learning.

You will gain both breadth and depth through workshops devoted to all the major genres—fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama—followed by a creative thesis project written in the genre of your choice. This sustained study of writing, editing and publishing provides you with a critical, theoretical and historical framework for analysing literature, art, communication and arts pedagogy.

Intensive graduate writing workshops with visiting writers (including Asian and Singapore voices), consultations with our published writing faculty, workshop peers, guest writers and industry professionals improve writing, reading and editing abilities, while providing meta-lessons in perception, creative problem-solving, social-emotional intelligence, communicative precision, interpersonal diplomacy, community, empathy and human nature.

You will be able to participate in local and regional writing festivals to build awareness of networks, circulation and reception of the written word. Graduates have already made a significant mark through works published by international literary publishers, as well as winning literary awards, particularly in Singapore.

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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised local or international institution.
- A minimum of IELTS Academic 7.0, TOEFL iBT 100 or Band 5 or PTE Academic 65 for applicants from countries where English is not the first language or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction.

Applicant statement

In 500–1,000 words, highlight the research interests that you wish to explore in this particular programme. In addition, please indicate your reasons for applying to this programme and how they relate to your future plans. You are required to submit your applicant statement online.

Reference letter

Provide a reference letter to support your application. You are required to upload your reference letter online during your application.

Portfolio

Your portfolio may contain prose fiction, poetry, a script, journalism, or a combination of any of these (2,000–3,000 words). The writing will be appraised according to its strength of originality, imagination, fluency, language and style and your overall potential as a creative writer. You are required to upload your portfolio online.

Notes:

- All submitted materials (including applicant statement) should be original works created by you.
- Although AI has revolutionised the world of art and design, we prefer to see work that has not been assisted with AI tools.
- Portfolios containing work copied from other sources, such as websites, magazines, films, and the work of other artists/designers, will be rejected.

Interview

Shortlisted applicants will attend an online interview. During the interview, you are required to participate in a dialogue regarding the purpose of your application. Please be prepared to talk about the research interests that you wish to explore, your background, what inspires you and your influences. We would like to find out what motivates you to learn, explore and experiment in your areas of interest. You should also share how you think the programme will benefit you in your future career choices or develop your research interests.

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MA Music Therapy

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Duration

2 years (4 semesters)

Mode

Full-time

Career paths

Music therapist in hospitals, schools, health and community settings or private music therapy practitioner.

Become a qualified music therapist and use your musical skills to improve people's well-being.

The MA Music Therapy programme is delivered within a robust framework of musical aesthetic excellence, well-evidenced theories and rigorous clinical practice training that is informed by professional ethics, guidelines and best practices. It is the only such programme in Singapore.

You will contribute to the health, wellness and well-being of people across the lifespan of your practice that is deeply rooted in cultural contexts, including those encountered in Singapore and across the region.

The profession of music therapy is the scientifically informed use of music interventions within a therapeutic relationship that aims to provide functional, educational, rehabilitative or well-being outcomes. Music therapists have a deeply rooted identity as musicians. With education/training, this relationship with music finds new meanings in the application of musical skills, aesthetic mastery and therapeutic competencies within health-giving and health-maintaining contexts.

The practice involves working in therapeutic public health settings such as acute hospitals, community hospitals, hospices, mental health institutions, nursing homes, group homes, community centres and NGOs, as well as providing consultations and care in private practices.

Music therapists provide therapeutic services across all age-groups ranging from infants to children and adolescents, adults, and older adults (including those living with dementia). These services may be offered in such settings and contexts as paediatric units, education environments, medical facilities, and specialised care facilities including purpose-built palliative units and hospices.

Credentialed music therapists such as graduates from this programme are governed under a strict code of ethics and professional standards to ensure a high level of integrity in their practice with children and vulnerable adults.

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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised local or international institution.
- A minimum of IELTS Academic 7.0, TOEFL iBT 100 or Band 5 or PTE Academic 65 for applicants from countries where English is not the first language or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction.

Music requirements

Proficiency in at least one principal musical instrument. Functional musicianship, defined as the ability to sing a song while playing your principal instrument is expected.

Applicant statement

Submit an essay in 500–650 words highlighting the research interests that you wish to explore in this particular programme. You should also indicate your reasons for applying to this programme and how they relate to your future professional plans. Please provide a description of your music background, and music identity, e.g. impact of music in your life, important pieces of music related to significant life events (if any). In addition, please illustrate why you feel you could use music to help people i.e. what is your motivation to help? You are required to submit this online.

Notes:

- All submitted materials (including applicant statement) should be original works created by you.
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- Portfolios containing work copied from other sources, such as websites, magazines, films, and the work of other artists/designers, will be rejected.

Reference letter

Provide two reference letters to support your application. You are required to upload your reference letters online during your application.

Audition

An audition will be required for all shortlisted applicants as part of the selection process. You will need to prepare the following for audition:

- Two pieces played/sung in contrasting styles on your principal musical instrument/voice. Principal musical instruments may include, but limited to: i) Western classical instruments e.g. piano, violin, flute, harp etc., ii) digital/electronic instruments e.g. electric guitar, electric bass etc. and iii) ethnic

- instruments e.g. erhu, sitara, harmonium, gamelan etc.
- Sing one song (any genre) self-accompanied on piano/keyboard.
- Sing one song (any genre) self-accompanied on guitar.
- Sight-read/sing a simple three-chord song provided by the interviewer, you are to self-accompany with an appropriate accompanying instrument of your choice.
- Transpose the above simple song into any keys as requested by the interviewer. You are to sing the transposition on an appropriate accompanying instrument of your choice.
- One free improvisation with a theme given by the interviewer. The interviewer may ask you to improvise alone, or to engage in improvised music-making in a duo improvisation.

Due to time constraints, you may not be asked to play the entire piece/song. The interviewer may stop you at any time, however, you should attempt to demonstrate your musicality, aesthetic expressiveness and technical competence in your playing. In the free improvisation, you should rely on your aesthetic musicality and musical expression to relate musical ideas to emotions, events, or scenarios.

Interview

During the interview, you are required to participate in a dialogue regarding the purpose of your application. Please be prepared to talk about the research interests that you wish to explore, your background, what inspires you and your influences. We would like to find out what motivates you to learn, explore and experiment in your areas of interest. You should also share how you think the programme will benefit you in your future career choices or develop your research interests.

In preparation for the interview, you may want to visit these online resources to have a foundational understanding of the discipline:

Association for Music Therapy (Singapore)
» <http://musictherapy.org.sg/>
Voices – A World Forum for Music Therapy
» <https://voices.no/index.php/voices/index>
American Music Therapy Association
» <https://www.musictherapy.org/>
Australian Music Therapy Association
» <https://www.austmta.org.au/>
British Association for Music Therapy
» <https://www.bamt.org/>

International applicants

If you are unable to attend the interview/audition at LASALLE, an online interview will be arranged for you.

Other requirements

Priority will be given to applicants with a music degree in music education, performance, music pedagogy, music history, theory and composition, or degrees from related fields such as psychology, neuroscience, social work, special education, health sciences or counselling.

You are also required to:

- Commit to undergoing weekly personal therapy for the duration of the programme.
- Sign a suitability declaration indicating whether you have any criminal record and/or history at the point of admission to the programme*.
- Complete an Occupational Health Declaration, verified by a medical physician prior to admission to the programme.

Both forms can be obtained from the Division of Admissions.

*Please note that given the nature and sensitivity of confidential case materials, professional and ethical best practices and the potential vulnerability of the clientele, many clinical placement settings as well as potential employers require a mandatory background security check for potential student interns.



MA Design

Duration

1 year (3 semesters)/
2 years (6 semesters)

Mode

Full-time/
part-time

Career paths

As part of an increasingly important but scarce pool of talent, you will participate in the positioning of Singapore and Asia as a rigorous environment and connection point for innovative design-based education. You will be sought after for your ability to understand the multifaceted cultural, communication, production, management and business demands, so as to contribute across a spectrum of creative industries and business contexts.

Hone your critical design practice to create, challenge and re-imagine the world we live in.

MA Design is a research-led practice programme that challenges current conventions of thinking, making and communicating.

The design field is increasingly positioned at the forefront of innovative and new possibilities for humanity in a fast-changing world. As technologies progress, societies must evolve for communities to reimagine themselves. Design professionals are positioned to create solutions, preserving the values and thinking behind them in response to constrained resources and diverse needs. The programme encourages students to explore the impossible, question design principles and propose new solutions.

The programme provides an independent and interdisciplinary learning environment for you to experiment and play. You will be part of a new generation of research-based creators, innovators and inventors engaged in design research and practice through critical analysis, collaborative engagement and intellectual argument.

You will be encouraged to explore complex research themes and topics through contextual modules, design methodologies and interdisciplinary design labs. Artistic, design and industry experts will provoke your critical thinking to identify problems and formulate solutions, increasing your agility to perform across the roles of thinker, researcher, strategist and innovator.

The programme seeks to challenge those who want to be challenged to break out of conventional sociocultural and design thinking practices to mould new ways of imagining the world that is inspirational, applicable and communicable.

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Entry requirements

Academic requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a recognised local or international institution.
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Applicant statement

In 500–1,000 words, highlight the research interests that you wish to explore in this particular programme. In addition, please indicate your reasons for applying to this programme and how they relate to your future plans. You are required to submit your applicant statement online.

Reference letter

Provide a reference letter to support your application. You are required to upload your reference letter online during your application.

Portfolio

Your portfolio should contain relevant and substantial creative work in either written or visual form. You may include projects (including sketches, process, experiments, and iterations) and visual documents to reflect your research interest(s) and provide evidence of sufficient technical skills and evolved critical and creative thinking in design.

Each piece of work should be labelled to indicate if it is academic, professional or personal. If you present a team project, clearly identify your individual contribution. Keep any description to a minimum number of words. Upload your portfolio as a PDF file of not more than 120MB.

Notes:

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- All submitted materials should be original works created by you.

- Portfolios containing work copied from other sources, such as websites, magazines, films, and the work of other artists/designers, will be rejected.
- Examples of work might include designing a brand identity, packaging, fashion design, surface and textiles patterns, furniture, products, spatial design, posters, advertisements, storyboards, and mood boards.

Interview

Shortlisted applicants will attend an online interview. During the interview, you are required to participate in a dialogue regarding the purpose of your application. Please be prepared to talk about the research interests that you wish to explore, your background, what inspires you and your influences. We would like to find out what motivates you to learn, explore and experiment in your areas of interest. You should also share how you think the programme will benefit you in your future career choices or develop your research interests.

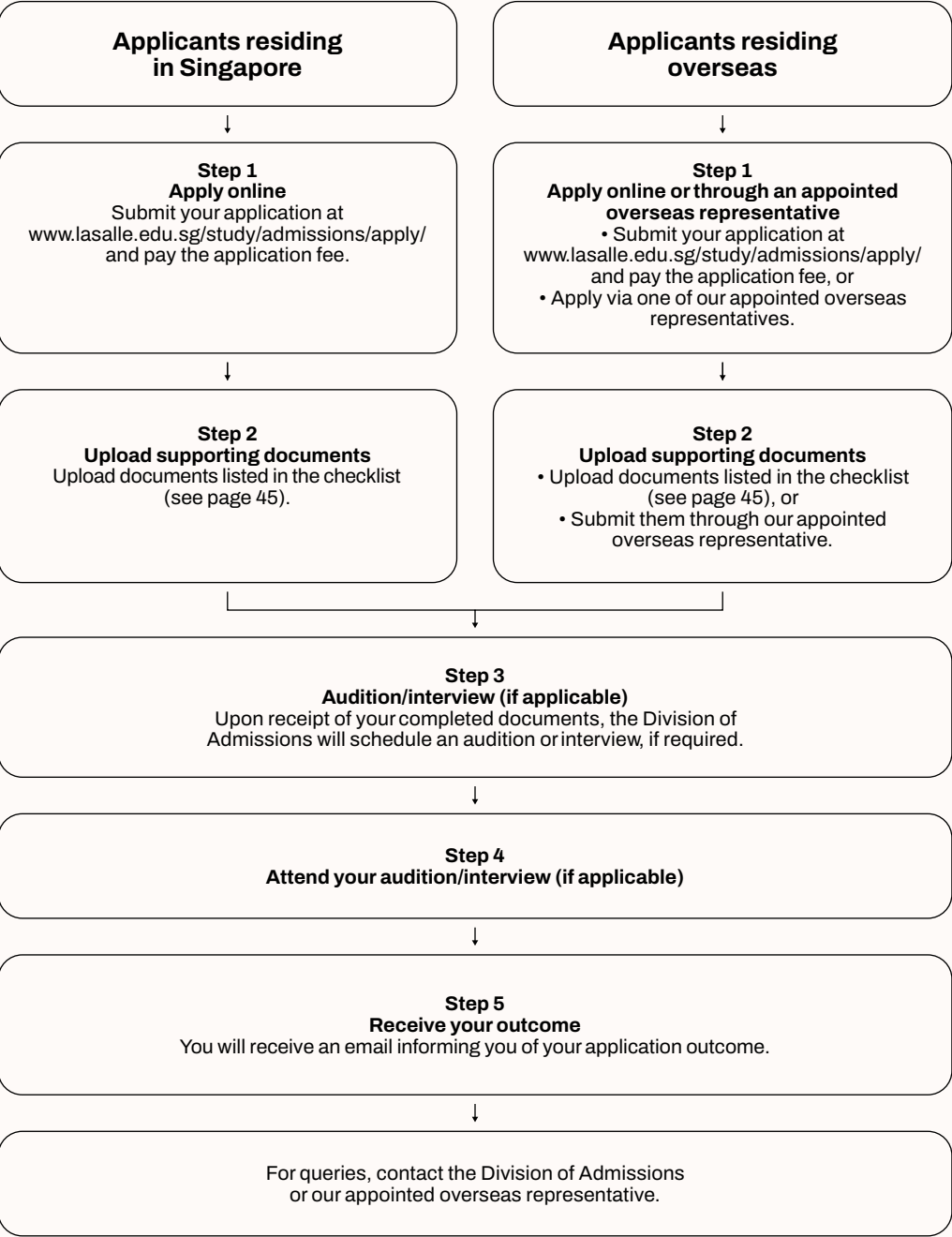
The Eleven Dimensions of the Human Soul of Design—the anatomy of creative practice by Lim Shue Pann



Admissions

How to apply

Applications open in October each year and remain open until all places are filled.



Appointed overseas representatives

LASALLE has appointed a network of overseas representatives to provide programme advice and application services to international students. International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply via our appointed overseas representatives. Countries and territories with LASALLE representatives are Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Please refer to www.lasalle.edu.sg/study/admissions/apply/ for more information.

Application fees

A non-refundable application fee (inclusive of GST*) is chargeable per application. Application is only complete upon receipt of your application fee and all necessary documents (refer to page 45). Please ensure your application fee is paid and documents are uploaded. LASALLE reserves the right to withdraw the applicant if the application fee remains unpaid and documents are not received by the due date.

* GST is at 9% from 2024.

Singapore Citizen/Permanent Resident applicants	S\$75
International applicants	S\$120

All payment to LASALLE must be made in Singapore Dollar. In line with the Singapore government’s move towards a cashless society, online payments are strongly encouraged. Below is the payment mode acceptable by LASALLE.

Payment method	Payment mode
Online payment	Flywire

Tuition fees

Programme	Duration	Fees per semester	Total
		Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents/International	Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents/International
MA Art Therapy	2 years	S\$10,764	S\$43,056
MA Music Therapy	2 years	S\$10,764	S\$43,056

Programme	Duration	Fees per semester	Total
		Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents/International	Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents/International
MA Arts and Cultural Leadership	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Arts and Ecology	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Arts Pedagogy and Practice	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Asian Art Histories	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Creative Writing	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Cultural Analytics and AI	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Design	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
MA Fine Arts	1 year	S\$10,500	S\$31,500
ALL MA programmes (Part-time mode)*	2 years	S\$5,250	S\$31,500

Fees include 9% GST from 2024. Fees are subject to change and correct as of August 2026.
* With the exception of MA Art Therapy and MA Music Therapy, which are available only in full-time mode.

Scholarships and financial assistance

In recognition of outstanding academic excellence, leadership potential, and a passion for creativity and innovation, LASALLE offers scholarships to new students. There are other externally sponsored scholarships which LASALLE students may apply. Enquiries and applications may be directed to the respective organisations.

Scholarships

LASALLE College of the Arts offers scholarships in recognition of academic and artistic achievements and leadership qualities.

Financial assistance

Financial assistance schemes are available to help meet a portion of the educational expenses of postgraduate students.



Refund policy

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Refund for withdrawal due to non-delivery of course

The College will notify the student within three (3) working days upon knowledge of any of the following:

1. It does not commence the course on the course commencement date.
2. It terminates the course before the course commencement date.
3. It does not complete the course by the course completion date.
4. It terminates the course before the course completion date.
5. The student, when given a conditional offer, failed to meet the programme entry requirement.
6. The Student's Pass application is rejected by Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA).

The student should be informed in writing of alternative study arrangements (if any), and also be entitled to a refund of the entire course fees and miscellaneous fees already paid should the student decide to withdraw, within seven (7) working days of the above notice.

Refund for withdrawal due to other reasons

If the student withdraws from the course for any reason other than those stated above, the College will, within seven (7) working days of receiving the student's written notice of withdrawal, refund to the student an amount based on the refund table.

Refund during cooling-off period

The College will provide the student with a cooling-off period of ten (10) working days after the date that the contract has been signed by both parties. The student will be refunded 100% (stated in the refund table) of the fees already paid if the student submits a written notice of withdrawal to the College within the cooling-off period, regardless of whether the student has started the course or not.

Refund table

If student's written notice of withdrawal is received	% of the aggregate amount of the fees paid
Up to 14 days after programme commencement date	85%
More than 14 days after the programme commencement date	0%

Supporting documents checklist

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Have the following in soft copy/digital format before you apply online at:
www.lasalle.edu.sg/study/admissions/apply/

- ☐ **One recent colour passport-sized photograph (300 x 400 pixels; 300 dpi) with white background**
- ☐ **Identification documents:**
Singapore Citizens (SC): NRIC
Permanent Residents (PR): NRIC and passport biodata page
International students: Passport biodata page and valid Immigration Pass (e.g. Student's Pass/Dependent's Pass/Long-Term Visit Pass (if applicable))

- ☐ **Academic certificates and transcripts**
For certificates and transcripts that are not in English, please have them translated and certified by the school or notarised by a notary public.

If you are a graduating student, you may apply with your semester results up to the current date. You will be required to submit your final certificates and transcripts as proof that you have completed your studies and graduated from the school before course commencement.

- ☐ **Evidence of English proficiency either via:**
A minimum of IELTS Academic 7.0, TOEFL iBT 100 or Band 5 or PTE Academic 65 for applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction.

- ☐ **Reference letter**

- ☐ **Portfolio (where applicable)**

- ☐ **Applicant statement**

- ☐ **Medical report (where applicable)**
You are encouraged to inform the College of any special needs or required assistance as early as possible during admission. This allows us to arrange appropriate learning support, creating a conducive and enriching learning environment.

Discover more about LASALLE

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Take a first-hand look at a world-class arts education institution – come meet our programme advisors, check out our award-winning campus, observe artists at work, enjoy performances and more.

Open House

Get a taste of an arts education like no other at the LASALLE Open House held every January. Talk to our staff and students and learn how your interest in the arts can be nurtured and turned into a promising career in the creative industries.

The LASALLE Show

Every year, LASALLE's graduating class stages an inspiring spectacle of contemporary arts, design and performance to showcase and celebrate the achievements of artistic talent, ready to be harvested by employers in the creative industries. Visit our online showcase at www.thelasalleshow.com

Exhibitions and performances

LASALLE is renowned as one of Singapore's most lively and cutting edge venues for exhibitions, public lectures, arts events and performances. Our McNally Campus provides an uplifting creative environment with five galleries and three state-of-the-art theatres. It stages exhibitions, theatre, dance and music performances featuring some of the best professional artists and performers from across Asia, as well as our own outstandingly talented LASALLE students.

Continuing Education Programme

LASALLE's Continuing Education Programme is designed and developed to provide a gateway to those who want to learn more about the arts. For more information, please visit www.lasalle.edu.sg/continuing-education/

Guided campus tours

Guided tours are organised for future students to explore the campus. Led by our programme advisors, all tours are conducted in English and take approximately an hour. Sign up three working days in advance at www.lasalle.edu.sg/whats-on/campus-tour/

Virtual tours

Take a virtual tour of our campus at www.lasalle.edu.sg/virtualtour

Overseas representatives

LASALLE's overseas representatives provide programme advice and application services to international students.

For a full list, please visit www.lasalle.edu.sg/study/admissions/international-students/overseas-representatives/

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www.lasalle.edu.sg

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