

National Institute
of Dramatic Art

NIDA

COURSE REGULATIONS:

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (DESIGN FOR PERFORMANCE)
[BFA (Design for Performance)]

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1. Scope

These course regulations apply to the following degree:

- Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance)

2. Power to award the degree

On the recommendation of the NIDA Academic Board, the NIDA Board of Directors may confer the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance) on any person who completes this course of study in accordance with these regulations.

3. Requirements for graduation

All subjects are mandatory. A minimum of a Pass result in every subject as prescribed in the approved course structure (see 6.1 below) is required in order for a student to graduate with the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance) degree.

4. Admission requirements

The following admission requirements apply:

Abbreviated Course Title	Educational and Other Qualifications Required
BFA (Design for Performance)	<p>Applicants seeking entry into the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have reached the age of 18 before the commencement of the course (in exceptional circumstances this may be waived for domestic students only).• Hold a Higher School Certificate or its equivalent from any State or Territory in Australia or overseas (in exceptional circumstances this may be waived). <p>Overseas students intending to enrol in the course must have reached the age of 18 before the commencement of the course and be fluent in spoken and proficient in written English language (equivalent to an overall band score of IELTS Academic 8.0).</p>

5. Credit

The processes for the granting of credit are governed by the NIDA Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy. A student may be granted credit towards this course under the provisions of this policy. An application for credit must be submitted and approved prior to commencement of this course. A student may not be granted credit after the commencement of teaching of the course in which the student enrolls.

Credit will be approved by the Director of Learning and Innovation, on the recommendation of the BFA Design for Performance Course Leader. Any Recognition of Prior Learning or course credit for international students that impacts their course duration will be advised in advance of a Confirmation of Enrolment being issued. The Confirmation of Enrolment will reflect the shortened duration of the course.

6. Course requirements

6.1 Course structure

	Subjects	Credit points
Year 1 Semester 1	DFP7101A Design for Performance Practice A	20
	DFP7102A Design for Performance Techniques A	15
	DFP7103A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration A	10
	COM7101A Performance and Ideas 1A	10
	COM7102A Introduction to Collaboration 1A	5
Semester 2	DFP7101B Design for Performance Practice B	20
	DFP7102B Design for Performance Techniques B	15
	DFP7103B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration B	10
	COM7101B Performance and Ideas 1B	10
	COM7102B Introduction to Collaboration B	5
Year 2 Semester 1	DFP7201A Design for Performance Practice	20
	DFP7202A Design for Performance Techniques A	20
	DFP7202A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration A	5
	COM7201A Performance and Ideas 2A	10
	COM7203A Student-led Projects 2A	5
Semester 2	DFP7201B Design for Performance Practice B	20
	DFP7202B Design for Performance Techniques B	15
	DFP7203B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration B	10
	COM7201B Performance and Ideas 2B	10
	COM7203B Student-led Projects 2B	5
Year 3 Semester 1	DFP7301A Design for Performance Practice A	30
	DFP302A Design for Performance Techniques A	10
	DFP7303A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration A	15
	DFP7303A Design for Performance Professional Practice A	5
Semester 2	DFP7301B Design for Performance Practice B	30
	DFP302B Design for Performance Techniques B	10
	DFP7303B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration B	15
	DFP7303B Design for Performance Professional Practice B	5
	TOTAL CREDIT POINTS	360

6.2. Industry placements

Industry placements are a component of this course. Students undertake industry placements for a minimum of 4 weeks (total) in Year 3 across Semesters 1 and 2.

Industry placements are subject to Host Placement Guidelines and a Student Placement Agreement.

6.3. Course duration

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance) is of a minimum of 3 years' duration and is available only as a fulltime course delivered face to face, barring Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances, such as pandemics.

6.4. Attendance

Students must attend every timetabled session for every subject, except in cases of certified medical conditions or when leave of absence has been formally approved in writing by the Design for Performance Course Leader.

6.5. Rules of progression

A student must pass every subject prescribed in the course structure in order to complete the requirements of this course. Should a student receive a Fail result for any subject, the Academic Board (or its representative), on the recommendation of the Examination Committee, will determine if the student is able to repeat the subject. In order to repeat a subject, a student must enrol and pay the prescribed fee for the subject.

Should a student fail one or more of the following common subjects, they may be allowed to repeat that subject/s when it is next offered (normally in the following year). In such an instance, a student may enrol in all subjects required for the semester other than those for which the previously failed subject is a pre-requisite.

COM7101A Performance and Ideas
COM7101B Performance and Ideas
COM7201A Performance and Ideas
COM7201B Performance and Ideas
COM7102A Introduction to Collaboration
COM7102B Introduction to Collaboration
COM7203A Student-led Projects
COM7203B Student-led Projects

Should a student fail one or more of the following discipline-specific subjects, they may be allowed to repeat that subject/s when it is next offered (normally in the following year). However, students must have passed all the required discipline-specific subjects as prescribed in any semester in order to be permitted to progress to the set of discipline-specific subjects in the subsequent semester.

DFP7101A Design for Performance Practice A
DFP7101B Design for Performance Practice B
DFP7201A Design for Performance Practice A
DFP7201B Design for Performance Practice B
DFP7301A Design for Performance Practice A
DFP7301B Design for Performance Practice B
DFP7102A Design for Performance Techniques A
DFP7102B Design for Performance Techniques B
DFP7201A Design for Performance Techniques A
DFP7201B Design for Performance Techniques B

DFP7301A Design for Performance Techniques A
DFP7301B Design for Performance Techniques B

DFP7103A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7103B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7203A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7203B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7303A Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7303B Design for Performance Interdisciplinary Collaboration
DFP7304A Design for Performance Professional Practice
DFP7304B Design for Performance Professional Practice

Should a student fail any subject twice, they will be required to show cause why their enrolment in the course should not be terminated.

6.6. Extension of time

The maximum period of candidature is 6 years. Deferrals and extensions beyond the minimum period for completion (3 years) are at the discretion of the Director of Learning and Innovation on the recommendation of the Design for Performance Course Leader.

Where an international student requires a course extension, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy, the Deferral, Suspension and Cancellation Policy and Academic Progression and Intervention Policy.

6.7. Leave of absence/deferral

Application for leave of absence by continuing students must be made in writing with reasons to the Design for Performance Course Leader for consideration and recommendation to the Director of Learning and Innovation. Approval for a leave of absence/deferral will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

For international students where a deferral has impacted the duration of their course, the process will be managed in accordance with the 'Deferral, Suspension and Cancellation of Study - International Students Policy and Procedure', and students will have a course variation reported via [PRISMS](#). Students should seek advice from the Department of Home Affairs as to the impact on their visa.

6.8. Withdrawal Domestic Students

A student may withdraw from the course at any time by completing the Notification of Withdrawal form.

If a student withdraws prior to the census date (the date for withdrawing without incurring a fee liability), no result will be registered on the academic transcript, and the student will receive a full refund of tuition fees and/or will not incur a FEE-HELP debt.

If a student withdraws after the census date, there will be no refund of fees, and/or a FEE-HELP debt will be incurred. The student will have "Withdrawn" registered on their academic transcript providing the withdrawal takes place no later than one calendar month after the census date in the relevant semester. If a student withdraws after that date, a result of "Fail" will be recorded on the transcript for the relevant subject/s.

6.9. Withdrawal - International Students

A student may withdraw from the course by completing the Notification of Withdrawal form.

Withdrawal to transfer to another provider must be done via accessing the Course Transfer Policy and Procedures. NIDA will notify Department of Home Affairs via PRISMS of any changes to course enrolment for an international student.

7. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Academic Board or its representative may approve a personal program which does not conform to these regulations.

End of regulations