ÉCOLE DES BEAUX-ARTS NANTES SAINT-NAZAIRE

L’école des beaux-arts Nantes Saint-Nazaire has a national and international reputation and welcomes each year more than 300 students who will be studying for a career in contemporary art and visual creation. It is one of the oldest schools of art in France and is widely recognised nowadays for its dynamism and innovative spirit.

Since September 2017, the school moved into a new building located at the heart of the Quartier de la Création, a creative cluster dedicated to art training institutions and cultural industries. Saint-Nazaire school will move in the beginning off 2022 to a brand new building of 3 400 square meters, in the center of the town.

**MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY**

- **DNA (National Diploma in Art)** - 1st to 3rd year
  
  From the 1st year, students are placed in an experimentation and production situation. This year bring them up to the required level in the fundamental subjects of painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, video and art history, while also providing an immersion in the world of art and culture through visits to exhibitions and places for the diffusion of art.

  In the 1st and 2nd years, the school offers a teaching programme in which students are placed in a practical and theoretical situation based on 5 transversal settings developed by teachers, artists, theorists and external artists: stage (performing arts), image (fixed, moving, new media), construction (installation, sculpture, dispositif in space), DAM (diffusion art multiple) and painting.

  The 3rd year prepares the students for the DNA through practical artistic workshops and theoretical seminars. Students also have the opportunity to gain professional experience via internships.

- **DNSEP (National Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Arts)**, Art option - 4th and 5th years

  In the 4th and 5th year, students choose one of the following area to study: art, art and humanities, performance, art and cinema. Meetings are organised with artists and art professionals.

- **Beaux-Arts International - Preparatory cycle for international students** Since 2013, the school has offered appropriate training, Année Propédeutique Internationale(API) for baccalaureate holders and the ProgramInternational Equivalence(PIE) for students who already have a diploma. These courses provide, in addition to artistic courses (art-design), intensive French language courses as well as a personalized accompaniment for installation. Students can then continue their studies at Beaux-Arts Nantes Saint-Nazaire or join other higher art and design schools in France.

  - **RESEARCH**
    
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  - **STRENGTHS**
    
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    The school also has an emphasis on the International by encouraging all students to complete international experiences in 1st and 2nd cycles. *International Projections* for exemple, is a program that takes students for one month in a foreign country to carry out a project and discover a new artistic scene. The school has 3 international campuses, in the United States (Marfa / Houston), in South Korea (Seoul) and in Senegal (Dakar).

  - **LOCATION**

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