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### Becoming a CIITeen: What Track and/or Strand To Pursue?

In most schools, the tracks they offer are usually the same: STEM, ABM, HUMSS, and GAS. CIIT, however, offers the tracks Media and Visual Arts, Animation, and Programming. Students that are aiming for the arts and technology industry will need to pick a strand that is appropriate to what they aspire. Media and Visual Arts, Animation, and Programming strands are different and similar in terms of what subjects they offer.

Media and Visual Arts tackle with arts and design and has what most other art schools offer. Students will study the specialized subjects: Introduction to Multimedia Arts, Art History, Drawing, Elements and Principles of Graphic Design, Digital Photography, Writing for New Media, Color Theory, Typography and Layout, and Fundamentals of Film and Video Production. This strand will lead students to become photographers, graphic designers, and art directors.

Animation has students tackle a well grounded foundation in designing characters, scenes, props and settings. The specialized subjects include History of Graphic Design, Digital Animation, Introduction to Multimedia Arts, Digital Storyboarding, 2D Animation, Color Theory, 3D Modelling, and Typography and Layout. Animators, storyboard compositor, and animation director are one of the few careers this strand will lead.

Programming deals with code, the creation of new programs and apps and software development. This strand's subject include Introduction to Computing, Computer Programming 1 & 2, Application, Development and Emerging Technologies, Web Design and Scripting, Architecture and Organization of Machine Language, Web Programming, Introduction to Game Design, and Information Management. You can become a system programmer, software engineer or a game developer if you pursue this strand.

With how different these strands are, it is important to know about them so that we can decide carefully on what career we want. All of these strands teach general academic subjects and they are all taught in a lab-based format. These strands differ in subjects: subjects that pertain in what career you want.