

A photograph of two students in a music studio. A young woman with glasses and long blonde hair is sitting at a desk, looking towards the camera. A young man with short brown hair is standing next to her, wearing large black headphones and a white hoodie, also looking towards the camera. They are both smiling. In the background, there are computer monitors and some equipment.

UAL Music Extended Diploma - P015

You will study a wide popular music curriculum and have the opportunity to specialise in the fields of performance, music technology, recording and composition.

This qualification is validated by the University of the Arts, London, and is designed to meet the demands of the modern music industry. The qualification provides students with opportunities to explore their talent and test their creativity and ambition in a broad range of performing and production arts skills. This certificate will be awarded by UAL (which includes the prestigious colleges of Central St Martins, London College of Fashion, Chelsea College of Art and Design, Wimbledon College of Art and Camberwell College of Arts).

Delivered by tutors who are active music practitioners you will encounter a wide range of themes relating to modern music practice, musical theatre, song writing, improvisation and singing. Working and developing as a musical ensemble is a key part of the course and skills are developed in performance techniques. The course introduces a practical approach to operating audio recording equipment, software, sound recording techniques and an understanding of acoustics. You will also learn about musical styles and periods that influence modern musical practices. Performances will take place throughout the course at college and public venues. The qualification is equal to 3 'A' levels.

COURSE DETAILS

This course concentrates on the four main areas within the music industry:

- Musicianship
- Working in The Music Industry
- Performance
- Music Technology

You will learn about how to choose a balanced repertoire, good practice and rehearsal schedules along with working to a timescale and as a team. You will be a member of one of the several groups that we form every year and will take part in regular performances.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a study programme for students who are 16-18 years.

4 GCSE passes at Grade 9-4/A*-C or satisfactory completion of Level 2 qualification in music (preferably Merit Level).

Students must be able to play an instrument (including vocals), or have experience in music creation and production.

Satisfactory interview, audition and satisfactory reference.

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies. To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required: Musical Instrument Equipment (e.g. drum sticks, guitar strings, sheet music etc.) £60 If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans> Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career. N.B. prices correct as of 23/06/2021

ASSESSMENT METHOD

All coursework is internally assessed regularly and externally verified annually. There is no exam. All students aged 16-19 have to study GCSE English or Maths if they have not already achieved a grade C.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course is delivered in a pathway system and students' progress through two programmes beginning with the diploma and ending with the extended diploma. This may include further assistance from the Advice and Guidance team based in the college.

Student development is continually assessed through classwork, tutorials and assignments. This development centres on the intellectual and musical, along with the personal, as identified by UAL requirements.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

Successful students may seek employment within the music industry or progress to higher education studies.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	P015P001	

If you are aged 16-18:

This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

If you are aged 19 or over:

Fee : £7500.00

The fee quoted is for the academic year 23/24.

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 29th March, 2024 and may be subject to change.