

PERFORMING ARTS

Course Mode	Full-time
Location	Arts & Media Campus (AMC)
Duration	2 Years
Level	3



Course Overview

We believe that the arts campus is very special: a dedicated space for your creative journey. As a performer you will collaborate in the creation of events and shows, creating some amazing memories along the way.

This is an exciting course which aims to develop your performance skills in acting, dance and musical theatre. Throughout the year you will be able to specialise in your preferred discipline or improve in all three 'triple threat' areas to a high standard. The course is highly practical with a focus on rehearsals and performance in all areas. We know that each student will have different skill levels and we will challenge and support you in equal measures as you explore your discipline and grow in skills and confidence.

The ethos is to learn through training and performance.

First year - Your course will cover all aspects of actor training from classical theatre to the latest contemporary approaches. In dance training classes, you will study diverse genre from contemporary to jazz and street dance to professional repertoire. Performances range from a musical theatre showcase, a full scale in-house ensemble production, a contemporary dance show to a musical production at The Brewery Arts Centre. The course has many links in the community which means plenty of opportunity to perform in outside projects.

Second year - This year introduces extra units which include a full scale production of children's theatre to primary schools, an audition showcase of material for drama and dance schools, a Film and Television unit, a radio theatre training unit, a performing arts entrepreneur unit, a full scale dance production and major final musical production at The Brewery Arts Centre.

The course also invites in outside practitioners. Past work has included a street theatre project with 'The Bread & Butter Theatre', which

culminated in a performance to the general public in Kendal; a Hip Hop workshop with 'DecaDance' from New York and a TV workshop with Karen Henthorn from Coronation Street, as examples.

There will also be a focus on supporting your reflective skill as you prepare your electronic portfolio throughout the year. Each year in January the Theatre Arts students take part in an optional residential in London visiting shows, exhibitions and taking part in workshops with musical theatre companies responsible for shows such as 'Hadestown', 'Come from Away' and 'Everybody's Talking about Jamie' for example.

You may also have work experience opportunities, where some students will engage with external clients and companies, developing your experience in the world of work.

You will benefit from being taught by tutors who have a wealth of knowledge, experience and analytical detail from working professionally in the field. You will have access to fantastic facilities, including state-of-the-art theatre, dance and drama studios.

Our Performing Arts Level 3 course is accredited by UAL (University of the Arts London).

The majority of lessons are practical however, you will be required to complete blogs, rehearsal diaries and assignments to support your knowledge, idea generation, research, reflection and evaluation to support you in creating your portfolio of evidence.

This is 2 year course and is equivalent to 3 A-Levels and is worth up to 168 UCAS points (Triple Distinction*) or 144 UCAS points (Triple Distinction). UCAS have recently changed the UCAS Tariff from September 2017 so they could include more qualifications. The new Tariff points are lower than the original Tariff points but the value remains the same, as universities will just use lower Tariff numbers in their entry requirements than in previous years.

There are no formal exams, unless you are resitting your GCSE Maths and/or English.

All of our learners will be given support with their English and Maths skills where relevant to their main programme. Those students who have not yet achieved a 'C' or 4 grade (of higher) at GCSE in these subjects will continue to work towards these important qualifications at a level suited to them.

Entry Requirements

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 / C or above in English Language and Maths, or equivalent Functional Skills
- Grade 4 / C or above in Drama, Dance or similar; or a Level (First) Diploma in performance at Distinction.
- A reference from your previous school/college
- A successful audition

After your course

This course aims to develop your skills in the performing arts for possible progression on to Higher Education.

Career options and possible routes include, but not limited to:

- Dancer
- Actor
- Talent Manager

- Director
- Producer
- Stage Manager
- Teacher
- Events Management
- Arts Marketing
- Theatre Management
- Creative Writing
- Presenting
- Journalism
- Self-Employment
- Employment

Fees

Course fees are per year for full-time & degree-level courses, and per course for part-time courses.

The current full-time & degree-level fee information is related to the 2020/21 academic year and is subject to change before the start of the course. Fees for 2021/22 will be updated in the Spring Term 2021. There may also be additional costs associated with the course.

You may qualify for financial support to cover the cost of a government-funded qualification up to and including Level 2, if you:

- Receive an eligible means-tested benefit e.g. JSA, ESA or Universal Credit
- Have an annual salary of less than £17,004
- Are aged 16-18 on 31/08/20 and are not studying at another school/college
- Are aged 19-23 on 31/08/20 and do not already have a Level 1 or 2 qualification
- Have a household income under £25,000 and are in financial hardship

Student Finance

Whether you qualify for student finance depends on specific criteria. The main student finance package for full-time students includes a tuition fee loan and maintenance loan for living costs. Part-time students can access a tuition fee loan to pay for your course.

Generally, you will only get student finance if you're doing your first degree-level qualification. This is true even if your previous course was self-funded.

For further information please see www.gov.uk/student-finance.

Access to Learning Fund

The Access to Learning Fund is a non-repayable discretionary fund that gives students facing hardship extra financial support to access and remain in higher education. This can be accessed via the college. Please speak to [Student Services](#) for more information.