Purpose Statement
UAL Level 1 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts (601/6491/8)

Overview

Who is this qualification for?

The Level 1 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts has been designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary to access and progress to further study and training in a range of music performance and production disciplines. Progression routes include ‘Tech Level’ and ‘Applied General’ qualifications and apprenticeships in related industries such as production.

The qualification has been designed to provide students with an introduction to the skills, knowledge and understanding that will enhance self-confidence and impart an understanding of the career demands and opportunities within the creative industries.

There are no age restrictions for this qualification, however the majority of students are 16-19 year olds.

What does the qualification cover?

The content of the UAL Level 1 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts was developed collaboratively with representatives from universities, further education colleges and 6th form colleges to ensure that it provides students with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to progress to the next level of education and training.

In order to achieve the qualification, students must successfully pass six units – five units at Level 1, then a choice of one further unit at either Level 1 or Level 2.

This final project unit allows students to demonstrate all the learning that has taken place through completion of the other units. This unit is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction and determines the overall qualification grade.

As part of the qualification, students will be provided with:

- an introduction to the equipment and processes used in music, performing and production arts, and the skills necessary to record and express ideas
- an understanding of how contextual research is used to support creative activities
- an introduction to the communication skills used in support of creative activities and develop an understanding of the role that communication skills play in informing and developing ideas
- an opportunity to use acquired skills, knowledge and understanding to explore and resolve creative problems
- an opportunity to develop personal strengths in music, performing and production arts and to use the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in previous units
What could this qualification lead to?
The UAL Level 1 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts is generally delivered over one year and will enable students to develop a portfolio of work that could support progression into a range of courses at Level 2.

The majority of students completing the UAL Level 1 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts will progress to further study via ‘Applied General’ or ‘Tech Level’ qualifications or onto apprenticeships in related industries such as music performance. Some students may progress directly into entry-level roles in the creative industries.

For students who are looking for a smaller programme of art and design education that they can take alongside another area of study, UAL offers the UAL Level 1 Award in Music, Performing and Production Arts.

Who supports this qualification?
The qualification is recognised as providing students with opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to progress to further education and training by a range of FE colleges within the music, production and creative industries.

Many colleges who deliver the UAL Level 2 Award and Diploma in Performing and Production Arts or the UAL Level 2 Award and Diploma in Music Performance and Production accept the UAL 2 Diploma in Music, Performing & Production Arts as an entry qualification. A list of approved UAL Awarding Body Centres can be found here, and entry requirements for individual course can be found on each college’s own website.

Further information
Additional information for this qualification can be found on the UAL Awarding Body website here:

http://www.arts.ac.uk/about-ual/awarding-body/qualifications/music/level-1-award-and-diploma-in-music-performing--production-arts/