

Statement of Purpose

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Level 3

**Extended Diploma in
Music Performance
and Production**

UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production (601/6472/4)

Overview

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production has been designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to progress to further study and training in a range of music performance and production disciplines.

The qualification has been designed for students who have an interest in music performance and/or music production who wish to explore and extend this interest via a full-time, immersive learning experience. Many students will have identified a specific career in the creative industries that they wish to progress to (e.g. performer, songwriter, producer, engineer etc), using this qualification to build on skills and knowledge acquired via Level 2 qualifications such as the UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance and Production or GCSEs.

The content of the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production was developed with representatives from universities, further education colleges, 6th form colleges and employers to ensure that it provides students with the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to progress to the next level of education and training.

The qualification is made up of 13 units and students must successfully complete all of them – all units are mandatory. All units relate to the performing arts sector, all are delivered through vocational learning, and collectively they total 1140 Guided Learning Hours.

The units focus on the underpinning skills, knowledge and understanding that support all music performance and production activity. The units have been designed to allow approved providers to deliver them in a way that meets the specific needs of their students, taking into account their own resources and relationships with local creative employers, and enabling them to respond to the fast paced nature of the creative industries.

The final grade of the Extended Diploma is awarded on the basis of the grades assigned to Unit 12: Project proposal for extended project in music performance and production, and Unit 13: Extended project in music performance and production. The two individual unit grades, weighted 40% and 60% respectively, are aggregated to provide the overall qualification grade. The final grade is based on a structure of Pass, High Pass, Merit, High Merit and Distinction.

UAL Awarding Body requires Centres delivering this qualification to recruit with integrity and on the basis of the students' anticipated ability to successfully complete the requirements of the qualification

UAL Awarding Body recommends that students have a minimum of 4 x GCSE's at grade C or above, at least one of which should be in music performance and production subject, or an equivalent Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject.

Students are advised to discuss opportunities for re-taking English and Maths to achieve Grade C or above with their admissions tutor.

There are no age restrictions for this qualification. The majority of students are 16-18 year olds, some are 19 and over.

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production is not currently available as part of an apprenticeship.

The purpose of the qualification is further defined by its aims, which are to enable the candidate to:

- 1** Have a critical and contextual awareness of different perspectives and approaches within music performance and production or related subjects of study or work
- 2** Research, analyse and evaluate relevant information and ideas in order to develop creative solutions
- 3** Understand, adapt and safely use appropriate and practical methods and skills for creative production
- 4** Solve complex problems through the application of practical, theoretical and technical understanding

5 Critically review the effectiveness and appropriateness of methods, actions and results

6 Use evaluative and reflective skills in order to take responsibility for own learning, development and decision-making

7 Take responsibility for the research, planning, time management and actions to access progression opportunities

8 Effectively present themselves and their work to appropriate audiences

What could this qualification lead to?

The majority of students completing the UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production will progress to undergraduate study at a university or their local Further Education College.

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production is generally delivered over one year and will enable students to develop a portfolio of work that could support progression into a range of higher education courses.

The UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production is linked to the UAL Level 3 Diploma in Music Performance and Production. It is advised that students complete the full 2-year Extended Diploma if they wish to progress to university.

Complementary qualifications could include AS Levels in related subjects (eg AS in Drama or Dance), although as this is a large, full time and immersive qualification it is likely that students will pursue this qualification in isolation. Students might also be retaking GCSEs in Maths and English, and these should be delivered, where possible, in a way that is complementary to their main qualification

A 'qualifications map' indicating progression routes can be found [here](#).

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 the next level of education and training, usually in conjunction with other qualifications, by the following institutions

- Colchester Institute
- West Suffolk College
- Sussex Downs College
- Amersham and Wycombe College.

Letters of support from these institutions can be found on the [UAL Awarding Body website](#).

Further information

Additional information for this qualification can be found in the [specification](#).