Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

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<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>UCAS Code</th>
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<td>CCMC</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Songwriting and Music Production</td>
<td>W3T4</td>
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You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

Songwriting and Music Production (SMP) focuses on music of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries with a particular emphasis on current, commercial and popular trends in Songwriting. Whilst the course’s focus is on the widest interpretation of ‘song’, other forms of commercially based activities - sound for media, commercials and other applications of music that can be profitable for the composer will be explored. There will be opportunities to perform as part of the course and also in a range of extracurricular events. Songwriting is part of the humanities and the course will reflect the cultural, social and creative aspects of the discipline in seeking collaborative opportunities across UH.

SMP is one of two composition pathways investigating the nature of current digital and acoustic composition practice in relation to the contemporary music scene. The student as creative artist is placed at the centre of these investigations, empowered to explore and engage in the full spectrum of current compositional practices. Fundamentally, the training of a composer is best instigated through compositional practice.

Students are required to attend all scheduled classes and tutorials, as outlined on their timetables.

Academic Year

**Academic Year 2018 - 2019**

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate/postgraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 17th September 2018 to Friday 11th January 2019
- Semester B runs from Monday 14th January 2019 to Friday 17th May 2019
- Semester C runs from Monday 20th May 2019 to Friday 13th September 2019

The above schedule includes two “Independent School Study Weeks”: 5th – 9th November 2018, and 11th – 15th March and a University Study Week 14th – 18th January 2019.
Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Lectures, seminars, tutorials</th>
<th>Independent study</th>
<th>Placement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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Method of assessment

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Written Exam</th>
<th>Coursework</th>
<th>Practical</th>
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NB on occasions, a piece of coursework may involve / include an in-class test.

Additional expenses

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Mandatory/ Optional</th>
<th>Estimated cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Good quality (ideally closed back) headphones.</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>c £50-£80</td>
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<td>Travel Costs (which may involve an overnight stay) to our work experience providers.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>We make every effort to cover these costs if they are part of the regular curriculum. For additional work experience opportunities, travel will need to be covered by the student.</td>
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<td>Data Storage device(s) (eg USB Stick) for storing coursework projects / work in progress</td>
<td>1 2 3</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>c £6 for a 16GB USB memory stick, other sizes vary.</td>
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