

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

For students studying on programme:	MusB (Hons) Joint with RNCM
Level of study:	Level 3
Academic year of study:	2026/27
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Plan Code:	02400
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Please note when choosing the course units you wish to take you must ensure you choose:

- A minimum of 50 credits per semester
- A maximum of 70 credits per semester
- 120 credits overall (including any core courses)
- No more or no less credits as stated from each list
- No more than 20 credits from the lower level
- All students must take a minimum of 20 credits' essay-based courses from within Music

Helpful hints:

- Course codes ending in '1' are taught in the first semester, those ending in '2' are taught in the second semester, and those ending in '0' are usually taught over both semesters
- Please check the timetable for courses you choose to ensure that you do not have any clashes

1: You must choose a minimum of 40 credits and may choose 80 credits from the following list

	Core	Credit
MUSC30300	Composition Portfolio: Vocal and Instrumental, Electroacoustic or Split <i>[pre-requisites: Instrumental: MUSC20321 and MUSC20362 Electroacoustic: MUSC20061 and MUSC20072 Split: both of the above]</i>	40
MUSC30400	Dissertation <i>[pre-requisite: at least 40 credits of Level 2 Music in Culture options, MUSC20011 or other essay-based course units co-requisite: At least 20 credits of: Advanced Study, Aesthetics or Advanced Analysis]</i>	40
MUSC30600	Recital <i>[pre-requisite MUSC 20600]</i>	40

2: You must choose a minimum of 20 credits from either MUSC30510 or MUSC30520 and may choose up to 80 credits from the following list [you may not choose both MUSC30510 and MUSC30520].

	Optional	Credit
<i>Both semesters</i>		
MUSC30510	Advanced Study in Musicology or Ethnomusicology A (<i>Choose one</i>): Semester one: Jazz Historiography and Criticism Bach Semester two: Georgian Music	20
MUSC30520	Advanced Study in Musicology or Ethnomusicology B (<i>Both options</i>): Semester one: Jazz Historiography and Criticism Bach Semester two: Georgian Music	40
<i>Semester One</i>		
MUSC30541	Composition for Film [pre-reqs: either MUSC20321+MUSC20362 or MUSC20061+MUSC20072]	20
<i>Semester Two</i>		
MUSC30502	Aesthetics	20
SPLA31082	Modern Spanish Music: A Cultural History	20

3. Free Choice Courses

If you have not yet registered for 120 credits, you can select up to 20 credits of free choice units. Students will normally be limited to 20 credits of free-choice options outside of Music, although 40 credits may be allowed with the approval of the Programme Director with the condition that no more than 20 credits may be taken outside of SALC.

Please note:

- A maximum of 20 credits can be taken at one level below your current level of study.
- Any level 2 Music units taken will count towards your Free Choice allowance.
- Students cannot opt for Ensemble A or B if they have already completed 20 credits (in either or both strands) during their second year.
- If you take course units outside of music as free choice, the staff teaching them will not be aware of RNCM and University priority days. Therefore, you are advised to choose courses that are scheduled on University priority days (Monday, Wednesday am, Friday am) where possible, to minimise the risk of scheduling conflicts with the RNCM.

For free choice units available in the **School of Arts Languages and Cultures** please see:

[Free Choice - School of Arts, Languages and Cultures - The University of Manchester](#)

For free choice units available from the **University College for Interdisciplinary Learning**, please see:

<http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/>

For free choice units available from the **University Language Centre**, please see:

[Courses for all - School of Arts, Languages and Cultures - The University of Manchester](#)

For a full list of free choice units available in the University, please select the My Courses tab within My Manchester: login.manchester.ac.uk.