

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

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| For students studying on programme: | BA (Hons) Music and Drama |
| Level of study: | 3 |
| Academic year of study: | 2026/27 |
| Programme Code: | 00470 |
| Plan Code: | 00341 |
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| Contact: | If you have any questions about this structure, please contact salc.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk , including 'Music' in your subject |

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
- As a joint honours student, you must ensure that you take a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 80 credits in each subject. If you choose to take 40 credits in one subject of your Joint Honours programme, you must take a minimum of 60 credits in the other subject.
- A maximum of 20 credits free choice units
- All students must take a minimum of 20 credits' essay-based courses

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
- Please note that 40-credit practice units (Drama) take place in one semester, often over several full days of timetabled teaching. They are a significant time commitment, and selecting one will restrict your other options.
- In Drama lists, Theatre-based units are marked with (T), and Film based units with (F).

1: You must choose a minimum of 20 credits and may choose 80 credits from the following list [NB. MUSC 30400 cannot be taken in combination with DRAM 30990]

| | Core | Credit |
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| MUSC30300 | Composition Portfolio: Vocal and Instrumental, Electroacoustic or Split [pre-requisites: Instrumental: MUSC20321 and MUSC20362 Electroacoustic: MUSC20061 and MUSC20072 Split: both of the above] | 40 |

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| MUSC30400 | Dissertation <i>[pre-requisite: at least 40 credits of Level 2 Music in Culture options, or 20 credits of Music in Culture plus one other essay based course unit such as MUSC20011 co-requisite: At least 20 credits of: Advanced Study, Aesthetics or Advanced Analysis]</i> | 40 |
| MUSC30600 | Recital <i>[pre-requisite MUSC 20600]</i> | 40 |
| DRAM30990 | Extended Dissertation in Drama | 40 |
| DRAM30001 | Dissertation in Drama (<i>Semester One</i>) | 20 |
| DRAM30002 | Dissertation in Drama (<i>Semester Two</i>) | 20 |

2: Optional Practice Units

You may select a maximum of one practice unit. You must have selected a level 2 practical unit to take practice at level 3, and to take a theatre-based unit, you must have taken DRAM10101 or DRAM10102.

Practice units are allocated via an application process and the Drama Pre-Selection Form.

| | Title | Credit |
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| <i>Semester 1</i> | | |
| DRAM30061 | Docufiction Filmmaking (F) | 40 |
| DRAM30111 | Applied Theatre: Theatre in Prisons (T) | 40 |
| DRAM30411 | Directing Theatre (T) | 40 |
| <i>Semester 2</i> | | |
| DRAM30212 | Writing for Performance (T) | 40 |
| DRAM32002 | Contemporary Theatre-Making (T) | 40 |
| DRAM32102 | Contemporary Documentary Film Making (F) | 40 |

3: Theatre Study Units

You must select at least 20 credits from **this list – Theatre Study courses**

| | Title | Credit |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| <i>Semester One</i> | | |
| DRAM30311 | Professional Practices: Dramaturgy, Curation and Creative Programming (T) | 20 |
| DRAM30821 | Activist Performance (T) | 20 |
| <i>Semester Two</i> | | |
| DRAM30292 | Performance and Public Space (T) | 20 |
| DRAM33462 | Theatre, performance and care: studying artful care and careful art (T) | 20 |

4: Film Study Unit

You may select optional film study units if you took a level 1 Film core unit (i.e. DRAM10031, DRAM13331, or SALC11002).

| | Title | Credit |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| <i>Semester One</i> | | |
| DRAM30331 | Queer Bodies and the Cinema (F) | 20 |
| DRAM30841 | The Social Lives of Cinema (F) | 20 |
| <i>Semester Two</i> | | |
| DRAM33302 | Screen Acting and Stardom (F) | 20 |
| DRAM31042 | Falstaff and Gandalf go to the Movies: Adapting Fantastic Texts to Screen (F) | 20 |
| DRAM32012 | Global TV Industries (F) | 20 |

5: 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 |
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| <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>Choose two</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 |

6. Free Choice Courses

If you have not yet registered for 120 credits, you can select a maximum of 20 credits free choice unit(s) to make up your 120 credits for the year.

- Free choice units may comprise a maximum of 20 credits per year taken at one level below your current level of study, or a maximum of 20 credits taken as free choice in subjects other than Music or Drama.
- Please note that level 2 units taken in Music or Drama 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.

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>.