



BA (Hons) Sonic Arts

OVERVIEW

The Sonic Arts BA (Hons) programme is a one-year Top-up Degree designed to investigate the evolving demands of the music industry. At the heart of the programme lies the development of professional practice through the exploration of traditional and contemporary musical models.

Students develop their academic knowledge alongside their subject based skills, producing a final 'product' which may be a performance, installation or other medium that explores the use of Sonic Arts. Students also gain specific vocational skills, with the option of following units in either Musical Direction or Music Technology System Design.

This BA (Hons), validated by Nottingham Trent University, is one of only a handful of courses in the country that will allow students to top-up their HND or Foundation Degree to a full BA (Hons). With access to great facilities and performance spaces, the BA (Hons) Sonic Arts will allow students to fully explore and develop their musical skills and creativity.

This course would suit both performing musicians and music technologists.

COURSE STRUCTURE

There is a minimum of 15 hours per week of teaching, however these hours may be increased, and students are expected to undertake further study in their own time. Your studies will also include English Language support. All international students are expected to take advantage of this additional learning since it will support you whilst on programme and when making an application for further HE study.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is based on written assignments and practical coursework.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Students should have one of the following:

- A Foundation Degree or an HND in a music related subject with predominantly merit or distinction grades
- An HE-level programme in another field of study, but have relevant industrial experience

Students also require:

- English skills equivalent to an IELTS score of 6.5 (no component less than 6.0)
- Evidence of a Mathematics qualification equivalent to GCSE Grade C

You may also need to send an audition video, if you are not already in the UK.

Applications from mature students with significant professional experience and an HE-level qualification in an appropriate subject area are welcome.

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

This course prepares graduates for demanding careers in the music industry. Graduates can move into a range of careers including musicians, composers, producers, managers and engineers. The course also prepares graduates for postgraduate study.

GRADUATION

A Graduation Ceremony takes place for all successful students in the October of the final year, therefore students who start in September 2007 will attend the graduation in October 2009. The visa letter we prepare does take this event into account.

The ceremony is held at a very prestigious building in the centre of Nottingham (The Albert Hall) and is attended by students with their families and friends, staff and honoured guests. Students receive their certificates on stage and wear graduation robes, and have the opportunity to enjoy some time with friends and tutors – it really is a memorable occasion.



HOW TO APPLY

At **ncn** we can advise on individual applications and answer questions about the course you are interested in. Please contact us at the address below:

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