



# International University Foundation Course

## Music

### OVERVIEW

This course is specifically designed for international students who are looking to do a foundation degree or university degree in Music Performance or Production.

It is a one-year course starting in September each year, combining training in your selected study area with English language tuition. Successful completion provides you with a qualification for entry into Higher Education at **ncn** and many UK universities. Alternatively, students can use the course to access work opportunities.

### COURSE AIMS

- Provide further knowledge in your key subject areas
- Introduce the teaching and learning styles associated with Higher Education
- Develop your personal study skills in preparation for Higher Education
- Provide English language tuition and preparation for IELTS where required
- Provide experience of work in the music environment

### ENTRY CRITERIA

To apply for this course students must:

- Have successfully completed senior secondary school or equivalent
- Have a minimum English level of Academic IELTS 5.0 (no component less than 4.5) – equivalent qualifications will be accepted
- Have previous music experience, either as a school subject or personal study
- Provide a CD/video demonstrating a range of your current work

### COURSE CONTENT

#### Logic Audio Sequencing/Recording

Using the highest standard of music production software to compose, mix and master your own album project.

#### Music Industry

An overview of the global music industry, with opportunities for research, designing your own business and work experience placements.

#### ProTools Recording

Working in a recording studio, with tuition from engineers from the UK music industry. Recording bands, solo projects, re-mixing and mastering.

#### Music Performance

This will provide you with an opportunity to develop your own music skills and learn to play an instrument of your choice. Personal performance includes singing and stage performance.

#### Instrumental Tuition

Individual instrumental tuition each week covering Guitar, Bass, Keyboards, Piano, Vocals and Drums. Jazz and Classical tuition are also available.

#### ABRSM Music Theory

Work towards Associated Board examinations in Music Theory (required for UK university music degrees).

#### Composition/Arranging

To encourage students to develop musical compositions and musical production.

#### English Support

The English programme has two main aims: firstly to achieve the required IELTS level for university entry and secondly to help you to develop the study skills required for Higher Education.

- This course provides a minimum of 17 hours each week of directed study time, two hours being English language and at least 15 hours Music – this will vary depending on your additional options
- Tutorials for UCAS guidance are provided until the Spring mid-term break
- There are, on average, 15 students in each class group

## PLACEMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE

Students are networked with local industry to gain exposure and possible work placements in recording studios, music shops, radio and TV stations. Students are also given every opportunity to DJ at events both within the College and at recognised external venues.

## ASSESSMENT

The units will be assessed through a series of practical and written assignments. Students will build a portfolio of work throughout the year. This will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction at the end of the course.

## PROGRESSION

Students who successfully complete the course will be able to enter Higher Education, either at **ncn** or elsewhere. The university-level courses at **ncn** include:

- FdA Music and Sonic Arts (Music Performance)
- FdA Music and Sonic Arts (Music Technology)
- BA (Hons) Sonic Arts

## STUDENT PROFILES

"I believe that the UK has a good education system and studying Music Foundation at **ncn** allows me to improve my English too. I'm enjoying studying a variety of practical and theoretical classes and my tutor, Andy Wolfe, was great. Studying with British students makes it easy to make friends and people in Nottingham are so kind to international students. I made the right choice when I decided to study at **ncn**."

**Keiichiro Hori, Japan**

"My ambition is to study Music at university and this course will really help me. The classes are interesting and Nottingham is a lively student city – it is everything I hoped for."

**So-hee Yim, South Korea**



"Music is my passion and when my friends told me about **ncn**'s Music Foundation, I knew it was the course for me. Music Theory, Recording and Performance are my favourite parts of the course. The teachers are so good, the other students are friendly and I really like the atmosphere here."

**Navid Soltani, Iran**

"I really like Music, and English is the first language in the world, so **ncn**'s Music Foundation is a great way to study both. The teachers and students are really kind and helpful and have given me lots of ideas about my future career. Now I want to apply to a British university and I know that the Music Foundation course will prepare me well for a Music degree."

**Li Jia Tu, China**

## HOW TO APPLY

- Contact the International Office to obtain your Application Form, also available online at [www.ncn.ac.uk/international](http://www.ncn.ac.uk/international)
- Complete the **ncn** Application Form
- Provide evidence of your English skills eg. IELTS/TOEFL
- Provide evidence of your academic qualifications
- Provide a reference, ideally from your last place of study
- Provide a CD/video of your work
- Send this to the International Office
- You will also need to read the information on the Home Office UK Border Agency website, [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk) on how to apply under the points based system

If you require further information or an application form, please contact us at the address below:

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