

Certificate in Music

Course Synopsis

Certificate in Music (CMus) is a one-year full-time course for aspiring musicians to build a strong foundation in musical knowledge and abilities. CMus provides you with structured classes in music theory, aural training, and performance in your chosen principal study.

Under one-to-one guidance by dedicated lecturers, you will enhance your musical awareness and build up your repertoire. You will also develop better knowledge of your selected instrument or vocal major and take leaps in your musicianship.

Beyond that, you will also understand the traits of a successful musician through taking modules focusing on the various facets of the music industry. You will develop key skillsets such as effective communication and technology savviness to better navigate the dynamic music industry.

Successful CMus graduates will be fully prepared to enrol in our Diploma in Music (DMus) course.

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Performance 2A AND Performance 2B 20 credits each

This module provides students with a coherent plan of study in order to develop their expertise in both solo and ensemble situations, and to encourage a critically reflexive approach to individual musicianship and music-making in general. Students should be able to deliver a performance that is technically assured, informed by an appropriate sense of style, and contains some measure of individuality in musical approach.

Foundational Music Theory 20 credits

This module aims to provide students with basic rudiments of music theory. Upon successful completion of the module, students will be able to secure an understanding of the building blocks of music theory and identify instances of such occurrence from simple musical extracts.

Foundation in Music Technology 20 credits

This is an introductory course designed to engage and familiarize the students with the current trends of the music industry. The course is tailored to aid the students in the following fields: Technology in Music, Online Presence and Branding as a Musician. Through practical exposure, students will be informed on their prospective career path and will be prepared to gear towards their desirable career choice.

Introduction to Western Music 20 credits

This course is designed for students with no prior experience or with limited exposure to Western Music. The course will guide the students through the basic fundamentals of Western Music, these include History, Genre and Composer. After successfully completing the course, the students will be equipped with strong Fundamentals of Western Music, ensuring their success in higher education and career.

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Foundation of Entrepreneurship

20 credits

This module provides students with an introductory understanding of entrepreneurship. It prepares students to look at the process of innovation, to identify traits of successful entrepreneurs, be equipped with knowledge to identify problems and the concept of iteration and establishing a start-up culture. Students will also learn to communicate their business ideas effectively in various professional contexts, and to observe with an entrepreneurial mindset in the music industry.

Communication across Cultures

20 credits

This module aims to equip students with the knowledge to work with people from different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. By introducing the challenges in cross cultural communication, students will be taught how to overcome the barriers and achieve successful communication. Through both theoretical grounding and practical application, students are equipped to be effective communicators and practitioners for the music industry.