

**Academic Year 2021/22**

**Degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Contemporary & Popular Music**

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**(only available in 21/22)**

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*Notes*

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

**1. Stage 1**

All candidates shall take modules to a credit value of **120** as specified in the following lists.

- (a) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules\*:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS1014	Introduction to Popular Music Studies	20	10	10	4		
MUS1018	Academic Practice for Music Studies	20	10	10	4	Core	

- (b) All candidates would usually take the following module unless it is dropped in favour of a modern language\*:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS1059**	Contemporary Pop Performance	20	10	10	4		

(c) All candidates must take at least **one** of the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS1011	Understanding World Music	20	10	10	4		
MUS1012	Understanding Music History	20	10	10	4		
MUS1096	Traditions of These Islands	20	10	10	4		
MUS1097	Creative Projects	20	10	10	4		

(d) All candidates must take at least 20 credits from the table below, but may only take ONE of MUS1002 and MUS1004.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS1001	Essentials of Music Theory	10	10		4		
MUS1002	Applications of Music Theory (sem 2)	10		10	4		
Or MUS1004	Or Applications of Music Theory (sem 1)	10	10		4		
MUS1010	Studio Production	20	10	10	4		
MUS1044	Composing and Analysing Music	10		10	4		

(e) Students should note that some modules in semester 2 of stage 1 and some at stage 2 have MUS1001, MUS1002, MUS1004, MUS1010, MUS1044 or MUS1097 as prerequisites.

(f) Candidates may take modules, totalling 20 or 40 credits, in a foreign language, but only with approval of the Degree Programme Director. Alternative arrangements are in place for students wishing to start learning a new language as beginners.

*\* In the event of a student electing to take 20 or 40 credits in a foreign language, the compulsory modules listed in section (a) cannot be dropped.*

*\*\*Candidates should note that opting out of MUS1059 at this stage will disqualify them from taking performance studies (MUS2058, MUS2059, MUS3014, MUS3018) at a later stage in the degree programme.*

## 2. Stage 2

- (a) All candidates shall take optional modules to a credit value of 120 as specified in the following lists.

List 1: All candidates shall take at least **one** of the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS2018	Contemporary Musical Materials	20	10	10	5		
MUS2044	Practising Music Analysis	20	10	10	5		

List 2: All candidates shall take at least **two** of the following Historical/Cultural modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS2004	Themes in Musical Modernism	20	10	10	5		
MUS2051	Case Studies in Early Music	20	10	10	5		
MUS2054	Music and Cultural Theory	20	10	10	5		
MUS2060	Ethnomusicology	20	10	10	5		
MUS2071	Jazz Today: Tomorrow is the Question	20	10	10	5		
MUS2085	Popular Music and Media	20	10	10	5		
MUS2088	Folk Music Studies: Resources and Research Materials	20	20		5		

List 3: All candidates shall take at least **one** of the following Applied or Practical Modules

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS2009	Performing Baroque Opera	20	10	10	5		
MUS2041	Composing for Voices and Instruments	20	10	10	5		
MUS2045	Indian Music in Practice	20	10	10	5		
MUS2050	Composition and Arrangement in Folk and Modal Musics	20	10	10	5		
MUS2059 Or MUS2058	Contemporary Music Practice 2* Or Performance Studies 2*	20 20	10 10	10 10	5 5		

MUS2068	Orchestration	20	10	10	5		
MUS2084	Conducting Studies	20	10	10	5		
MUS2086	Composing with Technologies	20	10	10	5		
MUS2092	Folk Ensemble 2**	20	10	10	5		
MUS2195	Music Enterprise	20	10	10	5		
MUS2196	Teaching Music in Community Contexts	20	10	10	5		

\* Candidates may only take ONE of MUS2059 or MUS2058.

\*\* Candidates must pass an audition if they wish to take MUS2092.

- (b) It should be noted that a number of level 5 modules have pre-requisites in terms of either previous modules that must have been taken or in terms of level of attainment at level 4 in related modules. For detailed information about module pre-requisites candidates should consult the module catalogue (2021/22 MOFs) at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/>

### 3. Intercalating Year

For academic year 2021/22 only, the intercalating year abroad can be undertaken following completion of Stage 3 for candidates completing Stage 2 in 2019/20. For all other candidates the intercalating year abroad shall be taken upon completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3. Travel any study abroad will be guided by institutional and governmental policy at the time.

Students wishing to spend a year abroad as part of their degree can do so in consultation with and at the discretion of the Degree Programme Director in one of our partner institutions. This is subject to a threshold of at least 60% in the first three semesters of study. Students following this route will transfer to internal code 1135U. The Degree Programme Director will confirm the transfer in each case.

### 4. Stage 3

- (a) All candidates must take **one** Major Specialist Study from this list:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type	Mode
MUS3012	Major Specialist Study: Composition*	40	20	20	6		
MUS3013	Major Specialist Study: Dissertation	40	20	20	6		
MUS3014	Major Specialist Study: Performance*	40	20	20	6		
MUS3015	Major Specialist Study: Project	40	20	20	6		

*\* MUS3012 and MUS3014, are only available to candidates who have successfully completed the relevant pre-requisite modules with a mark of 60% or higher.*

- (b) Candidates **may** choose a Minor Specialist Study module from the following list. This must be in a subject area that is substantially different to their major specialist study. Students may wish to further develop the various "in Practice" ensemble options from stage 2 as either a specialist study performance or project.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS3016	Minor Specialist Study: Composition*	20	10	10	6		
MUS3017	Minor Specialist Study: Dissertation	20	10	10	6		
MUS3018	Minor Specialist Study: Performance*	20	10	10	6		
MUS3019	Minor Specialist Study: Project	20	10	10	6		

*\* MUS3016 and MUS3018 are only available to candidates who have successfully completed the relevant pre-requisite modules. A threshold mark in the pre-requisite module may be a requirement; for more information consult the module catalogue (2021/22 MOFS at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/>)*

- (c) All candidates shall choose modules from the following list such that their credits total 120:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MUS3009	Global Pop	20	10	10	6		
MUS3029	Music, Politics and Policy	20	20		6		
MUS3030	Musics and Nationalisms	20	10	10	6		
MUS3052	Indian Music in Practice 2	20	10	10	6		
MUS3061	Jazz Studies	20		20	6		
MUS3088	Folk Music, Gender and Identity	20	10	10	6		
MUS3093	Folk Ensemble 3*	20	10	10	6		
MUS3111	Teaching Music in Schools - Socio-Cultural Contexts and Approaches to Practice	20	10	10	6		
MUS3197	Music and Creative Industries Placement **	20	10	10	6		

*\* Candidates must pass an audition if they wish to take MUS3093*

**\*\* For MUS3197 module, there are prerequisites and/or co-requisites candidates must meet (candidates should consult the module catalogue (2021/22 MOFs) at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/>).**

- (d) It should be noted that a number of level 6 modules have pre-requisites in terms of either previous modules that must have been taken or in terms of level of attainment at level 5 in related modules. For detailed information about module pre-requisites candidates should consult the module catalogue (2021/22 MOFs) at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/>
- (e) Stage 3 (Level 6) candidates may, with DPD discretion, take ONE Level 5 module from the list below, if not taken already.

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
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MUS2009	Performing Baroque Opera	20	10	10	5		
MUS2018	Contemporary Musical Materials	20	10	10	5		
MUS2041	Composing for Voices and Instruments	20	10	10	5		
MUS2044	Practising Music Analysis	20	10	10	5		
MUS2045	Indian Music in Practice	20	10	10	5		
MUS2050	Composition and Arrangement in Folk and Modal Musics	20	10	10	5		
MUS2051	Case Studies in Early Music	20	10	10	5		
MUS2054	Music and Cultural Theory	20	10	10	5		
MUS2060	Ethnomusicology	20	10	10	5		
MUS2068	Orchestration	20	10	10	5		
MUS2071	Jazz Today: Tomorrow is the Question	20	10	10	5		
MUS2084	Conducting Studies	20	10	10	5		
MUS2085	Popular Music and Media	20	10	10	5		
MUS2086	Composing with Technologies	20	10	10	5		
MUS2088	Folk Music Studies: Resources and Research Materials	20	20		5		
MUS2092	Folk Ensemble 2**	20	10	10	5		
MUS2195	Music Enterprise	20	10	10	5		
MUS2196	Teaching Music in Community Contexts	20	10	10	5		

**\*\*Candidates must pass an audition if they wish to take MUS2092**

- (f) It should be noted that a number of level 5 modules have pre-requisites in terms of either previous modules that must have been taken or in terms of level of attainment at level 4 in related modules. For detailed information about module pre-requisites candidates should consult the module catalogue (2021/22 MOFs) at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/>

## **5. Year 4 – Intercalating Year**

For academic year 2021/22 only, the intercalating year abroad shall be undertaken following completion of Stage 3 for candidates completing Stage 2 in 2019/20. Travel and study abroad will be guided by institutional and governmental policy at the time. Please see section 3 above for full details.

## **6. Assessment methods**

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

## **7. Degree classification**

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 with the modules at stage 2 counting as one third and the modules at stage 3 counting as two thirds of the final total weighting.

## **8. Degree Title**

Candidates who choose to take part in the study abroad year shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme. They will be on degree programme code 1135U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Contemporary & Popular Music (with Study Abroad).

For academic year 2021/22 only, candidates who choose to take part in the study abroad year after completion of Stage 3, shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme. They will be on degree programme code 1746U and will graduate with a BA (Hons) in Contemporary & Popular Music (with Study Abroad).