

## Music HNC/HND

This is a Higher Education course focusing on both the practical use of recording equipment and sound and music theory. The course will help students with previous experience to develop their music creation, performance and/or recording skills for a variety of industries and help them to prepare for freelance employment and/or continuing education at higher levels.

A higher education course in music focusing on:

the practical use of recording equipment and recording theory within a fully resourced analogue and digital recording studio and post production suites  
production and/or techniques within a range of musical styles and genres  
Logic DAW skills  
website/portfolio creation  
the practice and theory of composition and sound production for film and television  
musicological research depending on a chosen area of focus  
studio and live sound engineering techniques and practices

The college offers excellent facilities as well as specialist and passionate staff with industry experience. The course should help you to develop skills and knowledge for a variety of roles within the music and entertainment industries and help you prepare for employment, freelance work and/or continuing education at degree level.

Gloucestershire College has a fantastic recording studio with a spacious live room and a range of industry standard equipment such as microphones from AKG, Neumann, Rode, Shure and many more to instruments, amplifiers and drum kits.

There is also a smaller mixing/tracking studio for creating demos and working on solo projects with a range of synthesisers which also has a live room connected so that you can record demo ideas or even craft your next hit! We have four rehearsal rooms that are kitted out and available for small ensembles and bands.

Our Higher Education learning environment has 17 workstations fully equipped with M1 Mac Mini's and up-to-date software such as Logic, Adobe CC as well as plugins from UAD, Spitfire Audio, Native Instruments and Xfer's Serum.

Towards the end of the first year of study, learners can choose between a range of Pathways to specialise in for their second year.

This programme is designed to be a two year HND level 5 course which is the equivalent of the first two years of a degree programme. On completion of the first year (at HNC level 4) accreditation can be claimed.

How you will be assessed:

The course is fast paced and professional and covers a range of units. This currently includes a mix of studio production, DAW production, studio recording, studio and live engineering, aural criticism, musicological research, interactive media, composition and post-production. Assessment is continuous through live assignment briefs containing practical, theoretical, research and evaluative elements. You will be expected

to do at least 8 hours per week of study/practical work outside of lecture time.

#### Sector details:

By 2020 the broader performing arts and music sector is predicted to grow by more than 40%. For the industry to meet this potential the availability of a highly skilled technical workforce is fundamental.

There are 102,220 people working in the music industry, of which 50,780 work in live performance 21,930 in production, retail and distribution of musical instrument/audio equipment 15,130 in retail and distribution of recordings 10,190 in recording 2,890 in composition of musical works and music publishing 1,300 in promotion, management and agency related activities.

Within the industry, starting salaries can range from £13,000 a year full-time equivalent; with experience, this can rise to between £20,000 and £40,000. Freelance earnings can be higher or lower, depending on reputation and how much work is available. Figures are intended as a guideline only.

If you need information about a loan for your fees and other related information try The Student Loan Company [www.slc.co.uk/services/higher-education.aspx](http://www.slc.co.uk/services/higher-education.aspx)

Please be aware we do require you to apply via UCAS <https://www.ucas.com/apply> .

The UCAS Institution Code for Gloucestershire College is G45.

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Please see Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice available at <http://www.gloscol.ac.uk/about-us-and-jobs-at-gc/partnerships-and-governance/governance/policies> (subject to agreed amendments). Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice has been written based on guidance from external bodies that regulate consumer law, customer protection and education standards. If you have any queries about either Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy or Code of Practice, please contact Gloucestershire College's Admissions department via telephone 01242 532008 or [applications@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:applications@gloscol.ac.uk)

Please note that modules could be subject to change but any such changes, to module delivery, would be in consultation with the students.

## Entry Requirements

Course Entry Point: Year 1 Typical Offers 48 UCAS tariff points: A Levels at grade D DBTEC National at grade PPPT Level at grade P (D or E) Access to Higher Education at grade P45 Advanced Apprenticeship Course Entry Point: Year 2 (Direct Entry) Typical Offers Higher National Certificate PASS (120 Credits) in a comparable and relevant subject

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### GCSE Maths and English Requirements

To study Higher Education at Gloucestershire College, normally applicants will be required to have GCSE English and Mathematics grade 4 (C) or above or have comparable/equivalent qualifications.

### English Language Requirements

If English isn't an applicant's first language they will be required to have a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 across all components. The College also accepts a range of international English qualifications and English language tests that demonstrate the required level of English language proficiency.

Gloucestershire College welcome any other/combinations of relevant qualifications that are comparable and/or equivalent to the typical course entry requirements.

Applicants that do not have recognised qualifications may still meet course entry requirements through alternative methods of assessment at the College's discretion.

All queries regarding course entry criteria including the equivalency of qualifications and exceptional extenuating circumstances should be directed by email to the Admissions Department through [applications@gloscol.ac.uk](mailto:applications@gloscol.ac.uk).

## What's Next

The general progression route for our Music HNC/HND programme is:

Top up year (Level 6) Degree

Or

Employment in industry

## Your Options

	Start Date	End Date	Course Level
<b>Music Higher National Certificate (Full Time)</b>			
Gloucester	18/09/24	30/06/25	4
<b>Music Higher National Diploma (Full Time)</b>			
Gloucester	18/09/24	28/06/26	5