



BIMM Foundation Degree in Professional Musicianship



UCAS Course Code: W310 Institution Code: S90 Institution Code Name: SUSX Campus Code: B

Applications for the Foundation Degree should be made through UCAS: www.ucas.com

Location

BIMM Brighton

Entry requirements

- The majority of successful applicants will have CCC grades at A Level or an MMM profile in the BTEC National Diploma (200-240 UCAS points). However the minimum requirement for entry is EE grades at A Level or PP at National Diploma Level (80 UCAS points)
- Applicants are also required to have performing ability equivalent to Trinity Grade 6-8, together with Grade 5 or equivalent level music theory.
- Applicants will be interviewed and auditioned at BIMM Brighton, and in addition to receiving the UCAS application BIMM will make decisions based upon the whole application, the assessment and the qualifications. We also look for an enthusiasm for performing combined with a strong professional work ethic and career focus. These will all be seen as definite advantages for prospective students.
- Applications are welcomed from mature students with relevant professional experience and an aptitude/willingness to undertake a course of study at HE level.

Course Overview

The Foundation Degree in Professional Musicianship (Arts) is a two-year course, which aims to equip musicians with the key practical, theoretical and business skills required for a long-term career in the music industry. Validated by the University of Sussex, the BIMM Brighton Foundation Degree integrates vocational skills in music performance with academic study and work-based learning.

By studying on the programme you will work towards achieving the following aims:

- The development of professional-level performance skills in a wide variety of styles for your chosen instrument: **drums, guitar, bass or vocals**.
- The opportunity to undertake work experience in the music industry.
- The acquisition of personal transferable skills such as team-work, communication and presentation skills, academic research and study skills, and self-management.
- A thorough understanding of the career paths available within the music industry.



The course is composed of 13 modules, which provide a strong balance of instrumental, practical and academic study.

Year 1 modules:

- Technical Development
- Performance Styles
- Music Business and Study Skills
- Music Theory in Practice
- Aural and Notation Skills
- Pre-Production and Live Performance

Year 2 modules:

- Critical Insights into 20th Century Music
- Applied Technical Development
- Session Skills
- Engaging with Industry
- Creative Composition, Theory and Arrangement
- Transcription and Critical Listening
- Live Music Project

In addition to practical and academic lessons, course delivery is supported by BIMM's comprehensive tutorial system that enables every student to benefit from widespread access to music industry professionals for expert help and advice. In addition, there are many extra-curricular activities including rehearsing, recording and performing in public, and visits from high level professional musicians and other music industry personnel.

BIMM Foundation Degree musicians also have access to the full range of student services at the University of Sussex at Falmer, Brighton, including Student Union membership, library and IT provision, careers advice, student support and sports and recreational facilities including band rehearsal rooms. First year students are eligible to apply for accommodation on campus at University of Sussex at Falmer, Brighton. Please refer to www.bimm.co.uk for more information on student accommodation.

Success in all modules will lead to the award of a Foundation Degree (FdA). Possible further study options include progression onto Year 3 of the BA (Hons) in Professional Musicianship at BIMM Brighton or BIMM Bristol (also validated by the University of Sussex).

Relationship with the University of Sussex

The BIMM Foundation Degree is validated by the University of Sussex (UoS) and successful completion leads to the university's qualification award of a Foundation Degree in the Arts (FdA). Although it is a franchised course - delivered at BIMM by the BIMM staff team - students on the Foundation Degree are registered with the UoS as students of the Department of Informatics, which forms a part of the School of Science and Technology (SciTech). As University of Sussex students, all BIMM Foundation Degree students are eligible to make full use of the university's facilities and learning resources.

Academic linkage between the university and BIMM is provided by the University's academic link tutor, Dr Natasha Beloff from the Department of Informatics, who liaises with BIMM, chairs the university's examination board for the course, sits on the HE Forum and provides academic support as required. Ongoing quality assurance work is undertaken by the Department of Informatics, which includes the appointment of two external examiners who are external to both the University and BIMM and report annually on the course. Actions from this report are fed into the annual monitoring process.

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