

Performing Arts

Performing Arts: Acting Pathway Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course starts in September and will take two years to complete.

Entry Requirements

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English and maths
- Relevant experience and a successful audition
- Successful interview

You will achieve

UAL Level 3
Diploma/Extended Diploma in
Performing and Production
Arts

Course Overview

This Extended Diploma in Performing Arts provides you with opportunities to develop and showcase your acting skills. Whether you want to tread the cobbles of 'Coronation Street', play a role in the next award winning TV drama or film, reinterpret the classics at the Royal Shakespeare Company or the National Theatre, tour the country's regional theatres, or form your own theatre company – whatever type of actor you aspire to be, this is the course for you!

You will specialise in acting and will explore contemporary, classical and experimental theatre styles. You will get the chance to perform in our versatile venue, The Electric Theatre, as well as our more intimate studio performance space.

You will work on specialist projects, as well as large scale public performances each year, in The Electric Theatre. Our Performing Arts and Production Arts students work closely with each other and you will develop transferable skills such as communication skills and self-confidence, becoming an excellent team-player and problem solver, as well as developing your specialist skills.

Course Content

The acting course is highly practical and allows you to develop diverse acting skills, to give you the best chance of a fantastic career in performing arts. The course provides you with opportunities to develop your creativity, performance skills, audition preparation and professional training. You will explore a range of performance styles which may include: Stanislavski, improvisation, Brecht, Shakespeare, film and TV, through to work on a variety of different projects.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through coursework and practical demonstrations such as performances in several public shows, as well as private class assessments throughout the year. Public performances will take place in the evenings.

What Equipment Will I Need?

Performers will need three sets of loose, plain black rehearsal clothes and soft indoor black shoes, such as jazz shoes or canvas pumps for practical work. You will also need the following stationery: A4 lever arch file, dividers, plastic wallets, A4 notepad, pens and a USB stick. You will be expected to attend at least one theatre visit per term.

Where will I study?

The Electric Theatre
Falcon Street
Barnsley
S70 2EY

What can I do next?

On completion of the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing and Production Arts, you will gain the knowledge, skills and understanding to progress to degree level study or employment in the performing arts industry. The qualification attracts 72, 120 and 168 UCAS tariff points for Pass, Merit and Distinction grades respectively, which is equivalent to three A Levels.

Previous students have progressed to some of the most prestigious specialist training in the country at centres such as Italia Conti, Guildhall, Arden, East 15, as well as to universities such as Manchester Metropolitan, Central Lancashire, Cumbria, Lincoln, Salford, Edge Hill, Sheffield Hallam.

You may want to progress to Higher Education courses with postgraduate study in a range of specialist areas such as teaching, directing, events management and drama therapy.

This course could form the successful foundations of a career in acting. You could work as:

- An actor in a range of entertainment industries
- In touring and producing theatre companies
- A performer in theatre, film, TV, video, radio, street entertainments or theatre
- In education
- A holiday or cruise ship entertainer
- A director
- A teacher
- Voice over artist or specialising in areas such as voice/dialect coach, stage combat and drama therapy

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page '[paying for your course.](#)'

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk] . about eligibility and how to apply. You can also visit the Advanced Learner Loan [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/paying-for-your-course/advanced-learner-loans/>] page.

Contact the Information Unit

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Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

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