



# Studying Music at Durham

# Welcome to Divinity House



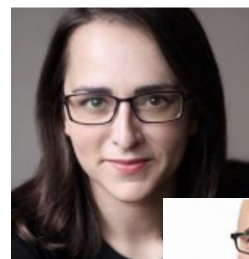
Ranked 1st for Music,  
Complete University  
Guide 2026

# Today's presentation

- About the Music degree
- A few mini-tasters
- Q&A featuring student ambassadors

# Course structure

- Three years, with the option of placement year or study abroad year (at partner institution) after Level 2
- Levels 1 and 2: six 20-credit modules
- Level 3: four 20-credit modules plus one 40-credit module (dissertation, composition portfolio, or recital)
- Foundational teaching in 1st year; research-led teaching and autonomous learning by 3rd year
- Also: Music and Philosophy; Liberal Arts incl. Music



composition



historical  
musicology

music  
psychology



ethnomusicology



performance



analysis



# Learning and teaching

- Modules are taught by: lectures; seminars; tutorials (small-group or one-to-one); workshops
- Assessment: mainly coursework, continuous assessment, with a few exams
- Students receive feedback on *summative* and *formative* assignments
- Option for Performance 1 by essay as an alternative to recital

# Admissions

- Normal offer: AAB A-levels or equivalent
- If you can't do A-level Music, we ask for evidence of music theory knowledge, e.g., ABRSM Grade 6; or please contact us about our own test
- Guaranteed Contextual Offers are given; First Generation Scholars/under-represented groups encouraged to apply
- No interview/audition
- No specific instrumental/vocal grade requirement

# Careers

- “Over the last few years, eight of the ten fastest growing sectors in the UK economy have employed more graduates from the arts, humanities and also the social sciences than from any other disciplines”
  - Dr Richard Marsden, co-author of ‘Changing the Narrative: valuing Arts and Humanities Degrees’ (The Learned Society of Wales, 2024)
- Students leave with extensive experience and broad skills: analytical, critical thinking, team-work, IT, presentation skills; creativity
- Specialist careers service advice
- Advice from Durham music alumni, Careers Fairs



# Music tech lab (Palace Green Library annexe)



# Music Technology Studio 3 (annexe)



# Dry recording room (North Bailey)



# Seminar Room (North Bailey)



# Practice Rooms (North Bailey)





# Facilities:

## Concert room (Divinity House)



# Lecture room (Divinity House)



# Undergraduate common room (Divinity House)





# Electroacoustic studio (Divinity House)



# Useful links

- Department web page:  
<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/music/>
- <https://twitter.com/MusicDurhamUni>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@durhamuniversitymusicdept>
- Music and Science lab: <https://musicscience.net>
- Durham Student Music, umbrella organisation for extra-curricular music: <https://durhamstudentmusic.org>