



Who is this course for?

This course is designed for students who have an interest in making music through technology and wish to develop their skills further.

The course has an emphasis on practical work and will allow you to cultivate a wide range of skills, including sequencing MIDI and audio, recording live instruments, producing and composing using music technology.

Music Technology can lead to studying engineering or audio engineering at university but has a huge benefit to any university application as it shows creativity, attention to detail, the ability to work to a deadline, teamwork, and analytical skills.

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

Component 1: Recording (20%)

Students will learn how to use production tools and techniques to capture, edit, process and mix an audio recording.

- One recording, chosen from a list of 10 songs provided by Pearson, consisting of a minimum of five compulsory instruments and two additional instruments.
- Keyboard tracks may be sequenced.
- Total time must be between 3 minutes and 3½ minutes.
- Logbook and authentication form must be supplied.

Component 2: Technology-based composition (20%)

Students will create, edit, manipulate and structure sounds to produce a technology-based composition.

- One technology-based composition chosen from three briefs set by Pearson.
- Synthesis and sampling/audio manipulation and creative effects use must be included.
- Total time must be 3 minutes.
- Logbook and authentication form must be supplied.

Component 3: Listening and analysing (25%)

This is a written exam that tests students' knowledge and understanding of recording and production techniques through the listening of unfamiliar commercial recording.

The paper lasts 1hours 30mins.

Component 4: Producing and analysing (35%)

This component is a written/practical exam that tests students' knowledge and understanding of editing, mixing and production techniques, to be applied to unfamiliar materials.

Each students will be provided with a set of audio/MIDI materials for the practical element of the exam.

The exam lasts 2hours 15minutes.

Useful websites/further reading

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/music-technology-2017.html>

