

Music Department

First Year Assessment (undergraduate) 2019/20

(In place of campus-based written exams)

Written music examinations for first year students this year, during the COVID 19 pandemic, will take the form of home-based exams. In line with wider college policy they will be shorter than usual (approximately 1 hour), written on a computer, and submitted via Turnitin (Moodle).

These assessments have a window of 23 hours to be completed. Questions will become visible on Moodle at 11:00am on the day of the exam, with a deadline of 10:00am the following day. All times will be British Summer Time (BST). Please see the list of courses below. The dates should be confirmed on around 23rd April.

1st Year Modules with Exams	Date	Length	Release time	Type of exercise	Words
MU1110 Theory and Analysis	Thu 21/05/2020	1 hour	11am	1 question (from 1)	c. 350
MU1111 Practical Musicianship	Wed 03/06/2020	1 hour	11am	Multiple-choice quiz	
MU1114 A Very Short History of Music	Thu 28/05/2020	1 hour	11am	1 question (from 4)	c. 700
MU1115 Introduction to Historical Musicology	Mon 04/05/2020	1 hour	11am	1 question (from 4)	c. 700
MU1116 Introduction to World Music	Tue 12/05/2020	1 hour	11am	1 question (from 4)	c. 700
MU1117 Contemporary Debates in Music	Tue 19/05/2020	1 hour	11am	1 question (from 4)	c. 700

Planning ahead. On the day the exam, we recommend that you set aside around one hour in a space where you can work without distractions/interruptions to complete the paper. It is a good idea to plan where you will work in advance, warn people around you, and switch off your mobile/other communications. If you are in a non-UK time zone, please calculate a suitable time of day in advance.

No Referencing or Bibliography. As with normal exams, please do *not* use references (citations) or include a bibliography. Base answers on your knowledge and revision of materials from the course. (i.e. do not research new literature as you would for a coursework essay).

Length of answers. Please keep essay-type answers to a maximum of about 700 words. You will not be penalised for longer answers, but remember that shorter, succinct and well-conceived answers tend to receive better marks than longer rambling ones.

Completing your answers and anonymity. Please complete your answers on a Word document.

- At the top of the first page (or in the header) of the document you submit please write (a) the course number/name and (b) your candidate number.
- Please state the number of the question you attempt (for essay-style answers)
- Please do not cut and paste material from other documents or from the internet into your answers. (The Turnitin plagiarism checker will tell us immediately if you have done this).

Joint Course including Music in your studies. All students on joint programmes (MA, MSc), and enrolled on the above-listed module options, simply submit the above assessments in exactly the same way as single honours (BMus) students.

Drama and Music
French and Music
German and Music
History and Music
Italian and Music
Mathematics and Music
Music with French
Music with German
Music with Spanish
Physics with Music
Music and Philosophy
Music and English
Spanish and Music
Economics with Music
Music with Political Studies

College-level advice

First year marks do not count towards your final degree classification, but we do require that you complete and pass these assessments and that you complete any other outstanding assignments that have already been set. Decisions about successful completion of Year One and progression will be made by Exam Boards on the basis of all of your marks and the successful completion of these new assessments.

Students on the first stage of their degree programme will formally receive an overall assessment outcome of Pass or Fail. Students who obtain a Pass will progress to the second stage of their programme. Students who obtain an outcome of Fail will need to re-sit or repeat at least some components of their assessment before being allowed to progress.

The current Coronavirus situation constitutes Extenuating Circumstances for all students, so the resits for the alternative assessment will not be treated as the second attempt. However we do not yet know when we will be able to run those resits, this will depend on the national situation later in the year. So if possible you should try to complete the assessment outlined below in the current assessment period.