### BIMM UNIVERSITY

A university for the creative industries

Postgraduate Prospectus 24/25



# MASTER YOUR CREATIVITY

# FOURTEEN SCHOOLS EIGHT CAMPUSES THREE COUNTRIES UNIVERSITY

# **Welcome to BIMM University**

Discover your community at BIMM University, where thousands of creatives gather each year to study at one of our specialist schools, on our vibrant campuses. All driven by a shared ambition to learn and build careers within the creative industries. Whether your passion lies in the performing arts, filmmaking, video games or music, our diverse community is brimming with like-minded students who are dedicated to collaboration and artistic expression.

At our university, you will not only forge connections with fellow students but also engage with expert lecturers and industry guests who bring enthusiasm and invaluable experience to the table. Recognising that there is strength in numbers, we will help you expand your professional network, which will open up a multitude of opportunities for you - opportunities that will benefit you both during your studies and after your graduation

What sets BIMM University apart are our strong connections to the industries you study. We understand the importance of taking the initiative and actively shaping your own path; that's why we give you the chance to collaborate with industry professionals. Our commitment is to ensure that the knowledge and skills you acquire with us translate into a fulfilling job that you genuinely love.

Ultimately, all of these efforts culminate in an extraordinary prospect: the chance to shape the future of the creative industries. You are the driving force, and we encourage you to create something remarkable. Compose melodies that stir hearts, produce films that captivate minds, and stage performances that leave lasting memories.

We can't wait for you to study with us and start your journey.

## **Our schools**

BIMM University is made up of eight campuses located across the UK, Germany and Ireland. On our campuses you will find a range of specialist schools teaching film, music, performing arts and creative technology courses. Your lectures are delivered by experts in their respective fields, who will provide you with a wealth of knowledge and ensure that you have an enriching time studying with us.

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# Studying a creative master's at BIMM University

Regardless of whether you have just completed an undergraduate degree or are looking to take a change in your career path, studying a creative master's degree at BIMM University affords you all the time and space to explore how your passion for the arts can make a real impact on your industry and the wider world.

We offer a range of postgraduate courses across the artistic spectrum of music, film and the performing arts, and all our master's degrees will stretch your skills and build your expertise in both research and practice. What's more, we also offer a master's in Learning & Teaching in the Creative Industries, a course which gives you the tools and experience to lead the way in creative arts education.

You will focus on honing your craft and delivering industry-ready work that will go towards not only improving your career prospects, but also building on your existing knowledge to make you a specialist operator in your chosen subject. One who is in a strong position to enter the industry in an advanced position.

#### **Master's and masterclasses**

Here at BIMM University, we often talk about our connections to the creative industries and how they make for a truly unique and memorable experience for our students. We believe this sets us apart from the rest and is illustrated most clearly through our selection of masterclass guests.

Over the years, we've had a whole host of headlinegrabbing artists visit our campuses, and these in-house events are open to postgraduate and undergraduate students. The list of legendary guests is too long to express in full but here is a taster of some of the guests that have walked through our doors in the past:

Stormzy Lianne La Havas Nile Rodgers Charlie Brooker Phoebe Waller-Bridge

### Emerald Fennel Ashley Walters Layla Ellison

Christian Storm

For anyone serious about making waves in the creative industries, a BIMM University postgraduate degree is a powerful accolade to carry with you. You can choose to study full-time over the course of 12 months or part-time over two years.

#### BIMM University master's degrees at a glance

- Build on either your bachelor's degree or professional experience.
- More autonomous than undergraduate
   degree courses.
- A chance to research, collaborate and experiment.
- Make contacts across a wide group of creatives and specialisms.









### **Our campuses**

#### Berlin

Home to some of the most iconic cultural institutions in the world, Berlin is a hub for creatives. It may be the place where techno seeped into the mainstream, but you will find every genre imaginable here today. Filmmakers: feed your imagination by exploring the city's historic cinemas and film festivals, such as Berlinale. Berlin's public transport system allows you to explore its cultural offerings with ease, and students benefit from the brilliant nightlife, sprawling shopping centres and mouth-watering cuisine.

#### Birmingham

The city of Birmingham holds a special place in the creative arts scene. Over the years, its diverse musical landscape has influenced various genres and given rise to iconic bands such as Black Sabbath, ELO, The Streets and Lady Leshurr. With abundant green spaces, a thriving nightlife scene, and an expanding film and television industry, Birmingham has all the components of an outstanding student experience.

#### Brighton

Boasting the largest arts festival in England, Brighton is a city where creatives can truly thrive. The city houses plenty of independent record labels, unique recording studios and event venues, in addition to one of the UK's longest-running cinemas. The annual CINECITY film festival further enhances Brighton's appeal. Admire the city's iconic seascapes and picturesque countryside, and join a community that embraces diversity, tolerance, and non-conformity.

#### Bristol

Home to the eminent street artist Banksy, Bristol is where music and art collide. Although it's known for its drum and bass, trip hop, and punk scenes, Bristol's musical landscape encompasses everything from folk to techno. Annual festivals such as Love Saves the Day and St. Pauls Carnival offer students hands-on learning experiences and networking opportunities, and our base in Stokes Croft is ideal for connecting with industry professionals and collaborating with fellow musicians.

#### Dublin

Music is at Dublin's very core. Every night of the week you'll hear live music pulsing across the city: international acts perform at the 3Arena and The Academy, and local artists take to the stage at Dublin's legendary pubs, bars and clubs. Indeed, this inspiring city has given rise to Fontaines D.C., U2 and The Cranberries. Spend your days exploring Dublin's various parks, museums and cafés; after dark, you can make the most of its exquisite nightlife.

#### Essex

Our Essex campus, situated in the heart of the county, offers easy access to London's West End as well as the array of theatres and performance spaces nearby. Students get the best of both worlds: you can immerse yourself in the exciting world of performing arts while also taking the time to explore Essex. Admire the stunning 350-mile coastline, complete with charming ports and seaside resorts, or head to the countryside for picturesque hiking trails and quaint English villages.

#### London

London is the epicentre of the UK's music industry, housing major labels, promoters and agents, as well as tech giants like Spotify and Google. From the iconic sounds of The Rolling Stones to today's thriving grime and rap scenes led by Stormzy and Dave, England's capital caters to diverse musical tastes. The city's rich musical landscape and concentration of major music businesses presents exciting opportunities for those looking to make their mark in the industry.

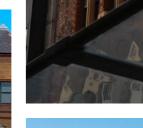
#### Manchester

Manchester enjoys an impressive musical heritage, and festivals like Parklife and Neighbourhood continue to attract both established and emerging artists from around the world. Manchester's creative prowess extends beyond music, with many areas in and around the city regularly serving as shooting locations for film and TV projects. With its vibrant arts scene, legendary nightlife and thriving sports culture, Manchester is a fantastic student city.















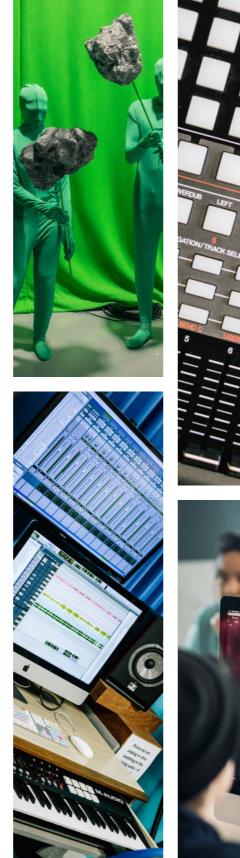
# Our Facilities

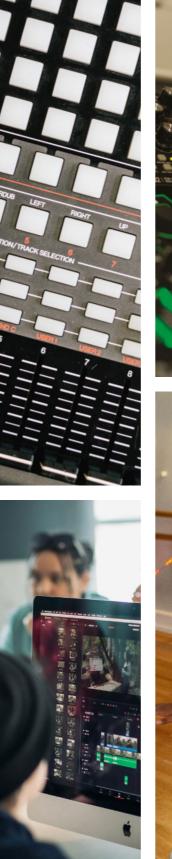
At BIMM University, each of our schools is fitted with industry-standard studios, sets and performance spaces that provide the perfect platform for you to develop your practice. In addition to this, our classrooms are made up of spacious teaching rooms and state-of-the-art Mac labs.

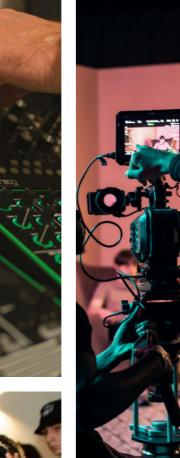
As a music master's student, you will be at home in spaces that are kitted out with top equipment from the likes of Orange, Fender, Marshall and Zildjian. Our on-site high-spec recording studios and post-production suites allow you to record, mix and master your own music.

Film students will benefit from the use of highend kit such as modern LED-light fixtures, and the Arri Alexa cameras. Students at our Brighton campus will have access to our 21,000 square-foot space at Brighton Film Studios, which offers fully customisable, production-standard sets with lighting rigs and flats.

Studying a master's degree at Performers College will open the doors to a bespoke facility that cost in excess of £2billion and has 25 dance, acting and singing studios. Our students can therefore benefit from unparalleled training in beautiful high-end, purpose-built spaces.













Take your musical prowess to an advanced level in both theory and practice and customise your course by working on projects that are meaningful to you.

## MA POPULAR MUSIC PRACTICE

Offering unrivalled opportunities for independent and collaborative research, professional development and creative expression, MA Popular Music Practice will throw open the doors to the music industry and give you a real edge in the job market.

The course comprises theoretical and practical aspects of music, culminating in a major project that focuses on one or more of the following paths: performance, production, composition or entrepreneurship. This gives you a chance to tailor your studies according to your passions.

Taking the performance path will enable you to hone your instrumental technique and develop your performance style.

If you are intent on refining your recording, mixing, and mastering skills using industry-standard equipment and studio facilities, then the production path is for you. In the composition path, you will learn to write music for a variety of situations, channels and outputs while collaborating on exciting projects that span media and genre.

Finally, specialising in entrepreneurship will give you the experience and expertise to start a business, curate events, and get involved with industry organisations.

You can also choose to focus on more than one specialism and develop your practice more holistically.

Available in Berlin, Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Dublin, London, Manchester

For modules, fees and entry requirements visit bimm.ac.uk/courses



#### COURSE MODULES

1) Popular Music Practice and Research Learn to apply a critical theoretical lens to your popular music practice, and develop your skills through 1-2-1 specialist coaching

2) You and the Popular Music Industry Develop the skills and knowledge you need to support your continuous professional development: audit your skillset and conduct research on your audience and/or market.

3) Popular Music and Technology Explore the use of technology in popular music and build an solid understanding of how technological change informs and aids

**4) Exploring Collaborative Practice** Examine the contemporary popular music industries through undertaking a collaborative project with your peers.

#### 5) Major Project

popular music practice.

Produce an extended piece of work that explores your chosen area(s) of practice, supervised by an expert. Taught at:

BIMM MUSIC

Are you looking to take your career to the next level, develop a new specialism, or see your film idea or project realised? Design your own educational experience with our bespoke MA in Screen & Film Production.

## MA **SCREEN & FILM** PRODUCTION

This one-of-a-kind MA Screen & Film Production course puts you and your aspirations at the centre of your learning by allowing you to personalise your curriculum with a chosen specialism. Whether you want to write, direct, edit or produce, our flexible programme will give you the opportunity to demonstrate passion for your craft.

Through our expert lecturers and your personal mentor - who will be an industry expert aligned to your specialism - you will deepen your theoretical and practical knowledge and gain invaluable insight into the film, screen and television industries. There are opportunities to connect with our highly reputable industry partners, as well as for collaboration with practitioners from other arts disciplines.

All MA Screen & Film Production students will graduate with a major project demonstrating their specialism, an extensive network of industry professionals, and a sound understanding of how to navigate the film and screen industry to build a successful and sustainable career.

You will also receive a £500/€500 kickstart fund towards your final major project, as well as support in raising additional funds.

Available in Berlin, Birmingham, **Brighton**, Manchester





#### **COURSE MODULES**

#### 1) Research for Practice

Through research-based learning, you will develop the skills to apply a critical and theoretical lens to your chosen specialism.

#### 2) Practice Development

Using a process of exploration, innovation and experimentation, you will find the best way in which to showcase your ideas.

#### 3) Specialist Development

Consolidate your ideas and refine your project with the expert guidance of your mentor and lecturers.

#### 4) Collaborative Practice

Within the module, you will be invited to work collaboratively with peers, industry contacts or external stakeholders to work together on a collaborative outcome. You will develop key strategies for team working; build on the personal skills fundamental to your specialism; and develop your vision for an inclusive and ethically sound future for filmmaking communities.

#### 5) Major Screen & Film Project

Guided by your mentor and lecturers, you will produce an extended piece of work that explores your chosen specialist pathway. Practical workshops, seminars and studio activities will support your creative thinking in a group dynamic. This will allow you to develop your project, as well as your critical understanding of collaboration in the film industry.

Taught at:





Are you a performing arts practitioner with innovative ideas and a desire to work together with students from different fields? This MA will broaden your network and help you carve out a space for yourself within the industry.

### MA PERFORMING ARTS

Our innovative MA in Performing Arts provides fantastic opportunities for you to explore your own specialism, in line with your personal career aspirations in the performing arts industry. This level of flexibility allows you to stand apart from others in your chosen field and lead the discussion in the sector.

Through our five distinct modules, you will apply a theoretical lens to your own and others' professional practice. Drawing on a broad range of cutting-edge research, you will be encouraged to actively investigate different areas within the arts industry.

In your final trimester, you will refine your specialist pathway as a director, performer, choreographer or entrepreneur in your Professional Project. With individual guidance from an expert in your chosen field, you will produce an extended piece of work that showcases the skills and knowledge you have acquired throughout the year. The MA programme will include a balance of expert tuition, experiential workshops, and self-guided study. You will learn to analyse your key interests, beliefs, and values and work collaboratively with your peers to expand your knowledge and develop your creative skills.

#### **Available in Essex**

For modules, fees and entry requirements visit performerscollege.co.uk/courses



COURSE MODULES
1) Performing Arts Practice and Research

Explore the intersection of theory and practice, applying a research lens to your chosen specialism and producing a detailed proposal for your Professional Project.

#### 2) Exploring Collaboration in Performing Arts

Learn more about working relationships in theatre, TV and film, and use the skills you've gained in a collaborative project with an industry stakeholder.

#### 3) Performing Arts and Technology

Explore how technology can be integrated into performance practice via a range of digital tools and platforms.

#### 4) Professional Development and Entrepreneurship

Discover business development strategies and self-promotional tools that will support your professional development.

#### 5) Professional Project

Refine your specialist pathway as a director, performer, choreographer or entrepreneur with individual guidance from an expert in your field, by producing an extended piece of work that showcases the skills and knowledge you have acquired throughout the year.

Taught at:



Whether you're starting your journey as a teacher or looking to enhance your existing knowledge, this course will give you the tools and experience to lead the way in the field of creative arts education.

MA

# LEARNING & TEACHING IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Thoughtfully designed to suit both new and experienced educators, this flexible and comprehensive course offers opportunities to develop your teaching skills using contemporary educational theory, and even to undertake your own research.

We take a highly person-centred approach, offering expert tuition, one-to-one mentoring, engaging practical workshops and guided independent study. By the end of your course, you can expect to be a highly creative, thoughtful and collaborative educator with the skillset to succeed in both further and higher education. This MA is offered in two distinct pathways:

The 'Initial Teacher Education' pathway, designed for early and pre-career teachers, focuses on developing practical and reflective skills within the classroom. The pathway includes a work placement that forms the ITE requirements for professional formation (QTLS) through the Education & Training Foundation.

The 'Experienced Educator' pathway is aimed at qualified teachers or those with over three years of teaching experience. In this pathway, you'll explore new practices in leadership and educational change, gaining deeper theoretical and pedagogic knowledge that will enrich your teaching.

#### Available in Brighton, Bristol

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#### **COURSE MODULES**

1) Teaching, Learning and Assessment (Initial Teacher Education Pathway Only) Develop your skills in planning, teaching, assessing, giving feedback and supporting different forms of learning.

2) Leading Educational Change (Experienced Educator Pathway Only) Reflect on different styles and approaches relating to leadership in contemporary education and investigate your own personally significant leadership challenge.

**3) Creative Educational Practice** Explore theories of creativity and contemporary perspectives on creativity in education, and experiment with your own creative practice.

**4) Investigating Learning and Teaching** Understand how real-world theories and practices of research are used to investigate education and the creative subjects.

**5) Education, Ideology and Society** Engage with a range of critical positions on education and the curriculum as you explore what, how and why we teach.

**6) Curriculum and Instructional Design** Master the art of developing short-courses and curricula by studying digital and blended learning approaches.

#### 7) Coaching and Mentoring

Discover person-centred techniques and approaches designed to support the development of learners and empower them as individuals.

#### 8) Research Dissertation

Create detailed educational research in your area of interest, supported by expert supervision and regular peer-led seminars.



Taught at:



# Where could my master's degree take me?

Studying a postgraduate course is an exciting prospect and having a master's qualification demonstrates that you have the commitment and determination to excel in the creative area that you are most passionate about.

If you're considering a postgraduate degree, but you're not quite sure whether it's right for you, here are some of the main benefits of studying one at BIMM University:

#### Become a leader in your chosen field

At BIMM University, you'll be taught by the best in the business. And you'll have the opportunity to become an expert contributor in your field yourself, not just a learner.

#### Explore your interests in more depth

If you have a strong academic interest, a master's is perfect for satisfying your curiosity. You'll have plenty of opportunities to pursue your subject from different angles – and you're guaranteed to know your chosen subject inside and out by the end of your course.

### Gain the necessary tools to make that dream career change

If you're thinking of switching careers (or have a dream role in mind), an MA can help get you there. After all, you'll have the knowledge, skills and confidence under your belt to go after what you really want.

Having a master's to your name can also give you the edge in a crowded job market and make your CV stand out among those with an undergraduate degree.

#### Advance in your chosen career — professionally and financially

Having a master's degree can undoubtedly improve your career prospects. It gives you the knowledge and experience that you may need to advance within your dream industry. Furthermore, master's graduates tend to earn more on average than those with a batchelor's degree.



On a BIMM University MA there is a brilliant combination of the academic savvy that you need at Level 7 coupled with doing the vocational stuff that will really count when you're in the real world.

Phil Nelson Principal Lecturer



## **Testimonials**



#### Mengi Ni Student MA Popular Music Practice

"When I look at my musical heroes – Amy Winehouse and Adele, for example – what was it that helped them to get to the top? Was it the marketing? The emphasis on business and industry side of things on this MA was a real attraction to me."



#### Emily Ayres Student MA Performing Arts

"I had a year out in the industry, and I felt like my confidence wasn't at a level that it needed to be. Coming here, my confidence has increased so much. Every class is unique, and people from all different backgrounds are present and supportive."

#### Daniel Booroff Student MA Screen & Film Production

"I'm specialising in directing. The course is practical, includes a brilliant mentorship programme and the guidance from the tutors and the topnotch facilities have significantly aided my professional practice. My decision to pursue the MA was influenced by my positive experiences during my BA studies and the invaluable support from tutors and mentors."



#### Satya Trigunait Student MA Screen & Film Production

"The highlights of my studies include connecting with people from diverse backgrounds, collaborating with musicians and filmmakers, and engaging in hands-on experiences, like the 16mm workshop."





#### Camilla Ferreira Student MA Performing Arts

"I have already entered the industry—in Brazil—I came here to the UK to have an international experience, to have new experiences, to understand other markets and places. How the industry works in such a prestigious place as the UK, situated so close to the West End."

#### Dina Posedi Student MA Learning & Teaching

"The beauty of the course lies in its adaptability to individuals with varying priorities. Whether viewed as a pathway to teaching or a tool for skill enhancement, the course caters to different aspirations."



# **International study**

At BIMM University, we're very proud to welcome students from all over the world. It's what makes our creative atmosphere unique. We currently have hundreds of international students from over 100 different countries studying with us. All that we ask is that you're creative and ambitious. Our doors are always open.

#### **Applying to BIMM University**

All international students can apply directly to BIMM University with no application fees. Most of our courses require an audition, interview or portfolio review. Please get in touch with our International Admissions Team at admissions@bimm.ac.uk who will guide you through the application process.

#### **Discount eligibility**

To be eligible for the Early Confirmation Discount, you must:

- Be an overseas applicant ineligible for home (domestic) fees.
- Apply and receive an offer to study a BIMM University course.
- Accept your offer.
- Pay your deposit, if applicable, by the deadline specified on the website.

The discount will automatically be deducted from your fees when you enrol. This discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, offer or scholarship.

#### Accommodation

As an international student, you'll want to know how to find accommodation as quickly and efficiently as possible. Although we don't have dedicated BIMM University halls of residence, we have partnered with top student accommodation provider, Amber, to service all our campus locations, ensuring you have exclusive access to the best living spaces in the city.

For more information about this, our International Team are always on hand to help.

I've studied previously in China and the USA, and it is a different experience here. I really appreciate the fact that this course emphasizes collective cooperation, everyone has a chance to speak their minds and thoughts. I've never had this type of experience before, I'm not simply an artist or a singer, I'm learning so much more. I'm now more ready to go out in the real world.

Megni Ni Student MA Popular Music Practice



# How to apply

You've found the perfect course and you're ready to join us. Follow this step-by-step guide to start your journey at BIMM University.

#### **Step 1: Start your application**

You can apply directly to BIMM University by creating an applicant account and submitting an online application form.

#### Step 2: Arrange your interview

Once we have reviewed your application, our Admissions Team will be in touch to arrange your interview with a Course Leader. You'll be sent a confirmation email with the date, time and location, as well as information on what to prepare.

#### **Step 3: Attend your interview**

Your interviewer will review the material you've submitted and use it to guide the conversation. This is your time to show us what you can do, and you'll receive valuable feedback on how to take your skills further.

#### Step 4: Meet the conditions of your offer

Our Admissions Team will send you an offer pack and contract. All offers will be conditional until we can verify that you've met the entry requirements for the course. We will amend your offer to unconditional once we have received copies/clear photographs of your certificates.

#### Step 5: Accept your offer

Sign into your Applicant Portal and follow the instructions to confirm your place. Our finance department will be in touch during the summer months to confirm your method of payment for the course. You'll then receive information regarding enrolment.

If you require assistance at any point in the process, please contact our Admissions Team, who will be happy to answer your questions.

#### UK Admissions Team

Phone: 03442 646 666 Email: enquiries@bimm.ac.uk

#### Berlin Admissions Team

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#### **Dublin Admissions Team**

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### **Contact us**

To apply to BIMM University, book a place at an open day or to ask us a question, contact our friendly Admissions Team at:

Email: admissions@bimm.ac.uk Tel: 01273 840 346

#### **BIMM Music Institute**

Website: bimm.ac.uk Instagram: bimm\_stagram

Institute for Contemporary Theatre Website: ictheatre.ac.uk

Instagram: ictheatreuk

**Performers College** Website: performerscollege.co.uk Instagram: performerscollege

Screen and Film School Website: screenfilmschool.ac.uk Instagram: screenfilmsch

**BIMM University Berlin** Website: bimm-university.de

Instagram: bimm\_berlin

**BIMM Music Institute Dublin** Website: bimm.ie Instagram: bimm\_dublin

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We've made every effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate and correct at the time of printing. However, the information contained in this prospectus is subject to change without notice.

Please note that courses and course content are regularly reviewed and may be subject to change. Courses themselves are subject to availability.

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