

Course Information Sheet

Exploring Music



Unleash your inner music lover! Explore the power of music, from music theory to history and appreciation.

Course Description:

Music is a universal language that speaks to our hearts and minds. This captivating 8-week course, Exploring Music, takes you on a thrilling journey through the world of music. Delve into the fundamentals of music theory, explore the rich tapestry of music history from classical to contemporary, and develop your skills in music appreciation. Analyse the elements of music like rhythm, melody, and harmony. Discover the stories behind different musical genres and composers. Through interactive lectures, listening activities, and creative projects, you'll gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the power of music in all its forms. Join us and ignite your passion for music!

What will I learn?

- **Week 1 & 2:** The Building Blocks of Music - Unveil the core elements of music theory (rhythm, melody, harmony), explore musical notation, and learn how to identify basic musical concepts through listening activities.
- **Week 3 & 4:** A Journey Through Music History - Explore the evolution of music from ancient civilizations to the present day, delve into different musical periods and styles (classical, jazz, rock, etc.), and analyse the music of famous composers.
- **Week 5 & 6:** Exploring Musical Genres - Discover the rich diversity of music genres (e.g., classical, pop, world music), analyse their characteristics and social contexts, and develop your critical listening skills.
- **Week 7 & 8:** Music Appreciation & Analysis - Learn how to analyse music on a deeper level, explore the power of music to evoke emotions and tell stories, and develop your own music critique skills through creative projects.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Interactive quizzes, online listening activities, and discussions will test your understanding and encourage active listening skills.
- **Summative:** A final project where you choose a musical piece or genre you find interesting and analyse its key elements, historical context, and personal significance. You can present your analysis in a format of your choice (e.g., written essay, musical performance, multimedia presentation).

Who is this course for?

This course is open to anyone with a love for music, regardless of their musical background.

Who is your target audience?

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop a new level of understanding and appreciation for music. It caters to those who want to explore the fundamentals of music theory, delve into music history and different genres, and develop critical listening and analysis skills.

Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific areas of music that pique your interest (e.g., music theory, music history, ethnomusicology). Consider pursuing further studies in music programs offered by universities across the UK, including music performance, music education, or music therapy.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards various careers in the music industry, including:

- Music Teacher
- Music Journalist
- Music Critic
- Musician

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual

learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

