

# Music MRes

## COURSE DETAILS

- Full-time: 12 months
- Part-time: 24 months

## KEY DATES

- Apply by: [29 August 2025](#)
  - Starts: 22 September 2025
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## Course overview

The Music MRes allows you to undertake a one year full-time or two year part-time, research project in Music. You will receive training in research skills and supervision from one or more academic specialists in the subject area. The MRes will encourage you to develop research skills whilst undertaking a major research project.

## INTRODUCTION

This course introduces you to the inter-disciplinary nature of the field and aims to introduce the wide range of methodologies such studies entail. Further, you are required to consider how you will approach and structure the dissertation as a project in primary research.

You'll work closely with a research specialist in the broad musicological field in one of the following areas: musicology, popular music, music industries, composition, analysis, audio-visual, music technology.

It is also a good choice if you wish to pursue a research project for purposes of professional development or personal interest. You will become part of a community of active researchers and will be encouraged to pursue your own research interests in collaboration with an academic supervisor.

The programme will enable you to acquire a critical and analytical understanding of a detailed dissertation or composition topic; engage in the wider cultural and critical aspects of the relevant area of expertise by undertaking a research skills training module and an additional module from the School of Music or the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences' pool.

The MRes Music provides excellent preparation for you if you're intending to undertake a PhD in the Arts.

## **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN**

- Develop independent research skills
  - Demonstrate a coherent methodology appropriate to the area of research
  - Expertise gained through work with a research specialist
  - Create your own music portfolio or conduct dissertation
  - Develop the ability to select, assess, employ and critically evaluate a range of appropriate research resources (such as textual, musical, visual or material sources) to an advanced level.
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# Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

## SEMESTER ONE

Please note: programme and module details are illustrative and subject to change.

You will choose one optional module alongside your compulsory modules.

## COMPULSORY MODULES

### RESEARCH RESOURCES (SOTA701)

**Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1**

The aim of this module is to develop a scholarly bibliography of research resources relevant to your chosen field of study. With guidance from your supervisor(s), you will identify key primary and secondary resources and survey the existing scholarly literature in your area of research.

### TRAINING FOR MUSIC AND RESEARCH (MUMA722)

**Credits: 15 / Semester: semester 1**

The module ensures that students possess the research skills needed to undertake the major MRES (Music) project in either musicology or composition. A supervisor will guide through diagnostic procedures and help guide the student towards completion of the portfolio of research preparations (100% of the course assessment).

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## SEMESTER TWO

## **COMPULSORY MODULES**

### **FEASIBILITY STUDY (SOTA702)**

**Credits: 30 / Semester: semester 2**

On this module, which is a core component of the MRes Arts degree, students undertake a preliminary piece of research as preparation for the dissertation project (SOTA703). In collaboration with an academic supervisor or supervisory team, students will develop an extended piece of writing (for example, a sample chapter) based on the proposed area of research. The work done on this module will provide an intellectual foundation for the dissertation and will enable the student, with guidance and feedback from the supervisor(s), to define the scope and boundaries of the research project.

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## **FINAL PROJECT**

You can register for MUMA701 Major Composition Portfolio in place of SOTA703 Dissertation.

## **COMPULSORY MODULES**

### **DISSERTATION (SOTA703)**

**Credits: 120 / Semester: whole session**

On this module, students will undertake a piece of original research in their chosen field. With guidance from an academic supervisor (or supervisory team) students will produce a dissertation of between 30,000 and 35,000 words (or equivalent) based on their independent research.

### **MAJOR COMPOSITION PORTFOLIO (MUMA701)**

**Credits: 120 / Semester: whole session**

The module forms the core of the MRES research element for composers, who will work one-to-one with their named supervisor to produce the main portfolio of compositions, lasting 20 minutes of music in total. The candidate will incorporate elements of either acoustic or electro-acoustic music that attempt to further the current field of new music. Opportunities will be given to have some pieces workshopped/ performed by professional musicians.

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## **HOW YOU'LL LEARN**

Teaching on the MRes Music is delivered primarily through one-on-one tutorials but also includes a combination of workshops and seminars. All teaching takes place on campus. The main core of the programme is the development of a research project with guidance from a specialist supervision team. Individual projects encompass a wide range of topics and can be focussed towards written research projects or more practical areas such as composition, audiovisual work and performance strategies. Workshops take place alongside PhD researchers and include career development and professional skills for those wishing to embark upon a research career. Workshop numbers tend to be small, and a typical class would include between 10–15 students.

## **HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED**

Students on the MRes are assessed through a combination of formative and summative coursework. This takes a number of different forms, including annotated bibliographies, research proposals, presentations, compositions and essays. Students undertaking practical projects will work towards the production of a major portfolio of work.

## **LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS**

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

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# **Careers and employability**

The MRes Music develops key skills to those working or wishing to work in a variety of fields related to music. The MRes is particularly suitable for graduates looking to pursue careers in the arts, culture, creative and heritage sectors, including composition, management in arts and culture organisations and teaching. Some students may want to take this course for its own sake and for the sake of personal development and the revitalization of subject awareness. Equally, the MRes is designed to prepare students too for further research at PhD level, and to enable them to enter postgraduate study, thus offering a first step towards a career in academic teaching and research.

**Career support from day one to graduation and beyond**

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## **Career planning**

[Our Careers Studio and career coaches can provide tailored support for your future plans.](#)

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**From education to employment**

Employability in your curriculum for a successful transition



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### **Networking events**

Make meaningful connections with like-minded professionals

### **YOUR FUTURE**

The programme opens up career opportunities which include working in:

- Journalism.
  - Publishing.
  - Music management.
  - Law.
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# Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

## TUITION FEES

<b>UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)</b>	
Full-time place, per year	£4,800
Part-time place, per year	£2,400

<b>International fees</b>	
Full-time place, per year	£24,600
Part-time place, per year	£12,300

*Fees stated for UK students are for the academic year 2024/25 and are subject to change for 2025/26. Fees stated for international students are for the academic year 2025/26. Some MRes courses incur additional bench fees. You will be notified of any fee which applies to you in your offer letter.*

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about fees and funding](#).

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## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Please note, this programme may have additional costs associated with it depending on your choice of a lab or computational/fieldwork-based project.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries that could help pay your tuition and living expenses.

We've set the country or region your qualifications are from as United Kingdom. [Change it here](#)

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### **POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – ACHIEVEMENT**

◦ [International students](#)

[If you're an international student joining a master's course with us, you could be eligible to receive a tuition fee discount of £2,500, based on your prior academic achievement, choice of course, and you not having studied with us before.](#)

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### **POSTGRADUATE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – COUNTRY**

◦ [International students](#)

◦ [Antigua and Barbuda](#)

◦ [Australia](#)

◦ [Bangladesh](#)

◦ [Barbados](#)

◦ [Belize](#)

◦ [Brunei](#)

◦ [Canada](#)

◦ [China](#)

◦ [Cyprus](#)

◦ [Dominica](#)

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◦ [Mauritius](#)

◦ [Mexico](#)

◦ [New Zealand](#)

◦ [Nigeria](#)

◦ [Pakistan](#)

◦ [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)

◦ [Saint Lucia](#)

◦ [Saint Vincent and The Grenadines](#)

- [Singapore](#)
- [South Africa](#)
- [South Korea](#)
- [Sri Lanka](#)
- [Tanzania](#)
- [Thailand](#)
- [Trinidad and Tobago](#)
- [Turkey](#)
- [Uganda](#)
- [Vietnam](#)

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## **GRADUATE LOYALTY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home and international students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool graduate starting this master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive a loyalty discount of up to £2,500 off your master's tuition fees.](#)

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## **CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (ANID) SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [Chile](#)

[If you're a Chilean student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Chilean National Agency for Research and Development \(ANID\) Scholarship. Scholarship.](#)

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## **CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)
- [Albania](#)
- [Algeria](#)
- [Anguilla](#)
- [Antigua and Barbuda](#)
- [Argentina](#)
- [Australia](#)
- [Azerbaijan](#)
- [Bangladesh](#)
- [Barbados](#)
- [Belize](#)
- [Bolivia](#)
- [Brazil](#)
- [British Virgin Islands](#)
- [Brunei](#)
- [Canada](#)

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- [Honduras](#)
- [Hong Kong](#)
- [Iceland](#)
- [India](#)
- [Indonesia](#)
- [Iraq](#)
- [Jamaica](#)
- [Japan](#)
- [Jordan](#)
- [Kazakhstan](#)
- [Kenya](#)
- [Libya](#)
- [Malaysia](#)
- [Mauritius](#)
- [Mexico](#)
- [Moldova](#)
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- [Montserrat](#)
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- [New Zealand](#)
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- [Nigeria](#)
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- [Paraguay](#)
- [Peru](#)
- [Philippines](#)
- [Russia](#)
- [Saint Kitts and Nevis](#)
- [Saint Lucia](#)
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- [Ukraine](#)
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- [Venezuela](#)
- [Vietnam](#)
- [Zimbabwe](#)

[If you're an international student from an eligible country, joining a one-year master's course, you could be eligible to apply for a Chevening Scholarship. If your application is successful, you could expect to have your master's fees paid, up to a maximum of £18,000, and receive additional help with living costs.](#)

### **CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA (CONACYT) AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 30% discount on your tuition fees with a CONACyT Award.](#)

### **FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (FIDERH) AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FIDERH graduate loan, you could be eligible to benefit from a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a FIDERH Award.](#)

### **FUNED AWARD**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a Mexican student joining a master's degree and you're in receipt of a FUNED loan, you can apply to be considered for a 20% tuition fee discount. A total of up to 50 awards will be available to master's and PhD students per academic year.](#)

### **HONG KONG GRADUATE ASSOCIATION & TUNG FOUNDATION POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)
- [China](#)
- [Hong Kong](#)

[If you're a master's student from Hong Kong or the People's Republic of China who can demonstrate academic excellence, you may be eligible to apply for a scholarship worth up to £10,000 in partnership with the Tung Foundation.](#)

## **HRH PRINCESS SIRINDHORN UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL SCHOLARSHIP (THAILAND)**

- [International students](#)
- [Thailand](#)

[If you're a student from Thailand joining a one-year master's degree, you might be eligible to apply to have your tuition fees paid in full and receive help with living costs. One award is available and only students who are new to the University will be considered.](#)

## **JOHN LENNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student, either born in or with strong family connections to Merseyside, you could be eligible to apply for a fee discount of up to £4,500. You'll need to demonstrate an active interest in global, community and environmental issues to be considered.](#)

## **JUVENTUDES GTO SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [Mexico](#)

[If you're a resident of the state of Guanajuato in Mexico joining a master's degree, you could be eligible for a 10% discount on your tuition fees with a JuventudEsGto Scholarship.](#)

## **KAPLAN DIGITAL PATHWAYS EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Kaplan Digital Pathways Pre-Master's? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study for a maximum of two high achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from an online Kaplan Pre-Master's programme.](#)

## **MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)
- [United States](#)

[If you're a USA student joining an eligible master's with us, you could be eligible to apply for a Marshall Scholarship. If your application is successful, your master's tuition fees will be paid in full. One Marshall Scholarship for master's study is available in each academic year.](#)

## **MARTHA VIDOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMPOSITION**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK student joining our Music MRes and can demonstrate expertise in composition, you could be eligible to have the full cost of your tuition fees covered with this scholarship. One award will be available in each academic year.](#)



## **POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITY BURSARY**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a UK University of Liverpool graduate joining a master's degree with us, you could be eligible to receive £3,000 off your tuition fees. You must have graduated in the last two years and received a widening access scholarship during your undergraduate studies.](#)



## **SPORT LIVERPOOL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME**

- [Home and international students](#)

[Apply to receive tailored training support to enhance your sporting performance. Our athlete support package includes a range of benefits, from bespoke strength and conditioning training to physiotherapy sessions and one-to-one nutritional advice.](#)



## **THE AZIZ FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [Home students](#)

[If you're a British Muslim, active within a Muslim community and dedicated to bringing positive change to society, you could apply to potentially have the full cost of your master's tuition fees covered by an Aziz Foundation Scholarship.](#)



## **TURKISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

- [Turkey](#)

[If you're a Turkish student joining a master's degree, you could be eligible to apply for a 20% discount on your tuition fees with a Turkish Ministry of Education Scholarship.](#)



## **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

- [International students](#)

[Completed a Pre-Master's at University of Liverpool International College \(UoLIC\)? We're offering a £5,000 fee discount off the first year of master's study to some of the highest achieving students joining one of our non-clinical master's courses from UoLIC.](#)



## **UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IMPACT PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS**

- [International students](#)

[If you're a University of Liverpool International College student awarded a Kaplan Impact Scholarship, we'll also consider you for an Impact Progression Scholarship. If selected, you'll](#)



[receive a fee discount worth £3,000 off the first year of your master's course.](#)

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## **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S INTERNATIONAL ATTAINMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR MAINLAND CHINA**

- [International students](#)
- [China](#)

[Are you a high-achieving graduate from the People's Republic of China with a degree from a Chinese university? You could be eligible to apply for a £5,000 fee discount if you're joining an eligible master's course. Up to 15 eligible students will receive this scholarship.](#)

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# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

<b>Your qualification</b>	<b>Requirements</b> <a href="#">About our typical entry requirements</a>
GCSE	4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics
Postgraduate entry requirements	We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in Music or a closely related subject. You will also have to provide a sample of written work e.g. an undergraduate assignment.
International qualifications	If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the <a href="#">University of Liverpool International College</a> , in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MRes, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

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