

HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL COURSES



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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME

Welcome to Kidderminster College! I’m delighted that you are thinking about joining us to study.

We are a small, friendly College with excellent facilities and because we have invested heavily in specialist equipment and campus improvements – you can enjoy some great new spaces for learning and socialising.

Once you are here, you will find yourself surrounded by energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated staff with a wealth of industry experience and contacts. You will benefit from creative teaching, excellent learning and a range of support services and additional opportunities.

At Kidderminster College, our mission is to promote **excellence, equality** and **engagement**. We pride ourselves on doing just that and, as a result, we are seeing our learner results improve year after year.

I look forward to meeting you,

ANDY DOBSON
PRINCIPAL



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HND IN DANCE

IGNITE provides the most intensive practical dance training on offer. Our priority is to prepare our dancers for specialist dance schools and conservatoires. We currently have students in every major dance school in the UK including LABAN, Laine Theatre Arts, Northern School of Ballet and Bird College.

The HND Dance course provides the most intensive practical dance training in the West Midlands. Performance work lies at the heart of this course. Specific Contemporary techniques are studied alongside traditional Classical Ballet, Jazz and Urban Dance. Choreography is used to expand creative thinking and theoretical studies are used to further enhance and support students understanding of Dance.

We are known for producing high quality dancers who progress into further dance training or professional employment.

This course is delivered in association with the University of Worcester and students will study at the Kidderminster Campus.

Call 01562 512116 to find out more.

DANCE

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RSL DIPLOMA FOR MUSIC PRACTITIONERS EMERGING ARTISTS ACADEMY

The main focus of the course is on artist and repertoire development. You will be encouraged to explore yourself as an artist, manager or producer, evolving your music, your image and your brand. You will learn to develop yourself professionally in the context of the music industry today. Course content includes Management and Networking Skills, Songwriting and Music Production, Promotion and Marketing and Creating Personal Goals.

Many of the artists who have studied on this course have gone on to carve out careers in the music industry and in some cases this course has enabled them to secure a record deal and tour the world.

You will be taught by music professionals who have all worked in the music business and are highly regarded in their field.

For more information please visit yourkctv.co.uk

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EMERGING ARTISTS ACADEMY

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HND IN CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Kidderminster College has a long pedigree and reputation in designing and offering innovative and successful courses in music technology that stretches back over 30 years.

We have the knowledge, studios, equipment and expertise of highly experienced lecturers, each a specialist in their own right.

COURSE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Two professional digital recording studios
- Three dedicated iMac suites
- Dedicated DJ suite
- Specialist music technology lecturers with wide industry experience

HND in Creative Music Technology: a two-year full-time programme at levels 4 & 5 that focuses on the growing need for creative individuals with audio skills. We can develop your expertise to the level that the industry demands.

Certified Steinberg Cubase Training Centre

“one of the best recording facilities in the Midlands.”

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CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

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HND IN URBAN & ELECTRONIC MUSIC

COURSE FEATURES

- Practically focused course exploring production, remixing, mixing & mastering
- Ideal for producers, DJs, musicians and vocalists
- House, Hip Hop, Drum & Bass, R&B and Electronica studied
- Apple Mac music suites, recording studios, rehearsal rooms and a DJ suite
- Music software including Logic Pro and Pro Tools
- Music hardware by Apple, Korg, Alesis, Akai, Focusrite
- DJ equipment by Pioneer, Allen & Heath, Serato, Traktor, Technics
- Music trips to New York and Sonar Festival, Barcelona
- Interaction with industry professionals
- Run in partnership between University of Worcester and Kidderminster College.

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URBAN & ELECTRONIC MUSIC

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HND IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

If you are a musician who wants to develop your creative, improvising, theory and reading skills then this is the course for you. Developed by Andy Edwards (Robert Plant, Frost*, IQ), this course is designed to develop fully rounded musicians that can work in the rapidly changing world of contemporary music.

WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY:

"Andy Edwards has always been ahead of the curve. His influence as the Head of Music for Kidderminster is already transforming the program into a state of the art musical experience for the students and the rest of us!"

MARK SCHULMAN: Drummer/Producer/Author:
P!NK, Simple Minds, Billy Idol, Sheryl Crow

"This course gives students the best possible chance of being prepared for a future career in the Music Industry, whatever vocation they choose."

PAUL STEWART, Drummer: The Feeling

"The music course at Kidderminster college is the best I've seen, there is genuine talent being nurtured here and the spectrum of teaching I've seen leaves me in no doubt that the stars of tomorrow, in whatever part of the industry they choose, that have come from the college will owe a career debt of gratitude to the amazing tutoring I know they will have received when starting out."

JEM GODFREY, Keyboardist: Joe Satriani, Steve Vai and Ivor Novello award winning songwriter and producer for Atomic Kitten, Shayne Ward and Blue

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MUSIC PERFORMANCE

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FOUNDATION DEGREE IN RADIO PRODUCTION

This two-year full-time course focuses on the growing demand for radio professionals, developing relevant skills and expertise to an industry level.

A practical and theory based course that places strong emphasis on hands on experience working and running a live radio studio, producing playlists and podcasting, organising live radio events, promotion and marketing for radio.

There is a vibrant mix of lectures, seminars, workshops as well as individual and group project work. You will have access to current industry-standard resources including a fully working studio equipped with industry standard technology.

We offer an excellent program of co-curricular activities including guest lecturers and industry professionals to enhance industry opportunities and awareness.

This course is ideal for radio producers, presenters, broadcast journalists, content producers, editors, researchers, sound design and broadcast management which are now substantial parts of the radio industry.

Features of the course

- Modules and lectures that are practically focused
- Excellent radio production facilities via radio studio, recording equipment and current software
- Interaction with visiting lecturers and industry professionals
- A range of course-related workshops including operating radio studios, event management for radio and vocal etiquette.

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RADIO PRODUCTION

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HND IN COMPUTING & SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Did you know

- The Internet is used by 3 billion people worldwide
- 89% of the UK population have access to the internet
- UK shoppers spent £91 billion online in 2013

This means job opportunities—be part of it.

At Kidderminster College our HND is a vocationally focussed programme that will allow you to gain the necessary skills, ability, attitude and work ethic to compete professionally within the Computing and Software industry. HND Computing and Software Development offers highly practical skills and software training to extend and develop employability skills including current and emerging technologies.

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HND IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

(COMPUTER GAMES DESIGN)

What do Batman: Arkham City, Grand Theft Auto 4 and Little Big Planet all have in common? They were all developed in Britain.

The UK has a world-wide reputation for Games Development – our courses at Kidderminster College will give you the skills to contribute successfully to this thriving industry.

- UK games sector contributes £1 billion to the UK GDP
- 85% of games staff live outside of London
- 80% of development staff qualify to degree level or above

HND Games Design is a practical course that teaches students the skills and techniques to produce a variety of games to a marketable industry standard.

The course changes with the industry and we make use of the very latest software technologies to ensure that our students are constantly up-to-date, developing what the industry and markets want.

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HND IN PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Services is an aspect of everyday life: -

**Police, Fire, Paramedics, Armed Forces and Prison Service –
If this interests you..then these Higher Education courses are for YOU!**

With strong emphasis on developing practical skills alongside specialist knowledge and understanding of the Public Sector, these courses are internationally recognised by employers as providing learners with the key concepts and practical skills to help them progress with their chosen career.

Public Services impacts on everybody's lives so if you think you've got what it takes or would like to find out more, then come and see us at Kidderminster College and find out how you can set yourself off on the road to a Public Service Career.

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ABOUT HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS

Higher National Diplomas (Level 5) provide a programme of specialist vocational learning. These qualifications reflect the requirements of professional organisations and meet the National Occupational Standards for each sector or industry.

With their strong emphasis on developing practical skills alongside specialist knowledge and understanding of the sector, Higher National Diplomas are recognised internationally by employers as providing learners with the key concepts and practical skills for direct progression to, or within, employment.

WHAT IS A HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA?

A Higher National Diploma (HND) is an internationally recognised Level 5 vocational qualification that provides a vocational alternative to degree-level learning. An HND is equivalent to second year of University and can be converted into an Honours degree with additional study at a University (HNDs can allow entry into the second or third year at University).

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE AN HND?

Full-time: Two years

Part-time: Four years

HOW ARE HNDs ASSESSED?

HNDs are mainly assessed through assignments, projects and practical tasks that you complete throughout the course, not via exams. However, this differs dependent upon the subject you choose to study. All work is externally verified.

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