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#### **VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:**

East Surrey College (Institution Number: E32), Gatton Point, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2JX.  
Two years, Full-time, two days a week.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

An A-Level or National Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject. Mature students are always considered if they possess a strong portfolio of work or industry curriculum vitae.

#### **PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:**

Validated by the University of Chichester, the Sound and Music Production Foundation Degree is designed to prepare students for careers in various areas of the sound and music industries. The course is set within the context of contemporary production practice and aims to develop both technical and critical skills. Course modules are delivered by a team of experienced lecturers all of whom are current industry practitioners.

#### **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:**

In year 1, students are given a thorough grounding in the basic principles of sound, the operation of the recording studio, and the use of computers for music creation and sound for moving image productions. Alongside these vocational topics, students examine important developments in the history of recorded music and the influences that have been brought to bear on the creation of specific landmark productions. In year 2, further skills are developed in research, live sound and events management. Entrepreneurial approaches to career development are encouraged and assessment is completed via negotiated projects.

#### **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:**

Sound and Music Production Foundation Degree

#### **ASSESSMENT:**

Assessment of knowledge and understanding is continuous and covered by specific projects staged throughout the year. Evidence may be written, spoken, practical artefacts or a combination of all three. Students are given written and verbal feedback and action points with emphasis on formative assessment. Each module is graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction using criteria shared with the students.

#### **TUITION FEE:**

£7,880 per year in 2023/24. Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. Further information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

#### **STUDENT LOANS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

Full-time and Part-time students from the UK/EU who are studying for a Higher Education course can apply to the Student Loans Company ([www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)) for a Tuition Fee Loan for the full amount (this will be paid directly to the College). Additionally, Full-time UK-only students can apply for a Maintenance Loan (to cover living costs). The Government have also introduced the Maintenance Loans to Part-time students. Evidence of an approved loan must be

provided at enrolment in the form of the Payment Advice letter provided by the Student Loans Company. Further details of how to apply for a Student Loan can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance).

#### **OTHER PAYMENT METHODS:**

If you are not eligible for financial support you will need to pay for the course privately which could include a contribution from your employer. For more information, visit: [www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans](http://www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans).

#### **WHERE CAN IT LEAD?**

The course aims to provide students with the necessary skills for employment in the audio industries, and for progression to further degree level study at other institutions. The qualification provides pathways into a variety of careers including sound engineering, record production, live sound, music management and sound to picture work.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications must be made via UCAS at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) quoting our UCAS College code E32 – until Clearing is entered on 30 June 2023. After this date If you haven't started a UCAS application yet, and only want to apply to the College, you can apply directly at [www.esc.ac.uk](http://www.esc.ac.uk) and we will process a UCAS application on your behalf.

If you have any outstanding queries, please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444, or email: [clientservices@esc.ac.uk](mailto:clientservices@esc.ac.uk).

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