

BA(HONS) MUSICAL THEATRE WITH PLACEMENT YEAR

Dear

Welcome to BA(Hons) Musical Theatre with Placement Year

We're getting in touch with some important information about your course that will help you as you prepare to join us.

At the end of this letter, you will find a list of equipment that you should bring with you, as well as any other costs that you might incur throughout your course that are not covered by your student loan.

We've also included some suggested reading. You will have access to all the reading resources from the library when you arrive on campus, but if you're looking forward to getting stuck in, this is a good place to start.

Your academic experience will be predominantly in person with some courses using some digital resources to support your learning. To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you may find it beneficial to have a laptop to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

Student Finance

If you are eligible for a loan from Student Finance and have not yet applied, please do so immediately to ensure the loan is approved before you enrol. Once you enrol you are liable for the tuition fees. You can find more information from the Student Loans Company at: [gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company) If you are paying for your tuition yourself please check out falmouth.ac.uk/study/tuition-fees. Advice on managing your finances whilst studying can be found on the University's website here: falmouth.ac.uk/study/student-funding/how-much-does-it-cost

Student Support

We know the prospect of coming to university can feel overwhelming but we're here to support you every step of the way. You can find an overview of the support available to you once you get here at this link falmouth.ac.uk/experience/support

To help us provide you with the right support during your time at Falmouth, if you have a disability, health condition or Specific Learning Difference (SPLD), you should apply for an Individual Learning Plan (ILP). This document suggests simple adjustments to your academic experience, tailored to your needs. By disclosing early, we can ensure that the necessary support is in place before you begin your journey with us. Find out how to apply here studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/accessibility-inclusion/ilps

If you don't have a formal diagnosis of an SPLD such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or ADHD but think you might, our free online screening tool, the Do-It Profiler can help. It's like a quiz that helps

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pinpoint any areas where you might need extra support. More information and a link to the Profiler can be found here studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/accessibility-inclusion/spld-screening

Step Into Falmouth

In the coming weeks, you can join our Step into Falmouth programme, designed to provide advice and guidance to help you to settle into university life. This programme includes a range of informative and supportive videos you can view at a time that suits you, followed by live online events in August where you can meet our staff, current and new students. More information can be found at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/step-into-falmouth

Student Mentors

Before September, if you have any questions, you can join the Student Mentor team on Discord to talk about the course, living in Cornwall and what to expect at Falmouth. Our mentors are already studying on your course, so ask them anything you like. Find them at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/new-students/mentoring. Alternatively, email your name and your course to: studentmentors@falmouth.ac.uk and they will be in touch.

Over the next few weeks, we'll email you more important information about your course and life at Falmouth. If you're going to be away or out of contact, make sure you ask someone to check your emails and reply on your behalf.

We know there is a lot to think about before you start at university. So, we're here to help. If you have any questions, just get in touch with Applicant Services on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable few weeks before the start of term and we're looking forward to welcoming you to Falmouth in September.

Yours sincerely,



Lewis Butler

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Getting started

Your offer

If you have a conditional offer, your place is subject to meeting those conditions. This means we're waiting to receive your results or some more information before your place can be finalised. You can see these conditions on your UCAS Hub <https://accounts.ucas.com/account/login>

If you need to ask us anything about your offer, get in touch with our Applicant Services team on +44(0)1326 213730, use LiveChat on our website or email applicantsservices@falmouth.ac.uk

Enrolment and Student Terms & Conditions

You'll get an email two weeks before the start of term telling you how to enrol online. You'll need to enrol before the first day of term to officially register as a student of Falmouth University and receive your undergraduate student loan.

When you enrol, you'll need to agree to and comply with the University's Student Terms & Conditions. These Terms & Conditions are important, and we encourage you to read them carefully, before enrolling. You can find them under 'Student Terms & Conditions' on our website falmouth.ac.uk/student-regulations

Tuition fees (per year)

2024-2025 full-time UK: £9,250

2024-2025 full-time International: £17,950

2024-2025 placement year: £1,850

Term dates

Term dates can be found at falmouth.ac.uk/experience/term-dates/term-dates-2024-25

Welcome Week starts on Monday 16 September for first year students.

Study Block one begins on 23 September and teaching and assessment will be throughout the full 15 weeks of the study blocks.

Your timetable

Your academic timetable shows all scheduled learning activities and your course timetable. It will be available from 9 September. After you've enrolled, you can view it via the Student Portal at falmouth.myday.cloud/ or the Falmouth University App. You can download the app by searching the Google Play Store or Apple Store. It will also be accessible at mytimetable.falmouth.ac.uk.

Welcome Week

After you have enrolled, your timetable will show you where you need to go and when on Monday 16 September and throughout the week.

This is the week when you'll meet your course mates, course tutors and University staff. There will be important inductions to both your course and the wider University facilities and services, in addition to social activities organised by the University and Students' Union.

Course equipment and costs

To engage in the digital learning activity, although you will be able to access IT suites on campus, you will benefit from a laptop to access the platforms and tools we use. You will be provided with free

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access to the Microsoft Office suite, (including Word, Excel and PowerPoint) while you study at Falmouth.

Essential for the start of Study Block 1:

- Suitable loose warm clothing appropriate for all practical classes (acting, voice/singing, movement/dance and rehearsals). No jeans, jeggings or restrictive clothing. Studio temperatures will be variable, and you should always bring extra layers.
- You will often be working in bare feet in acting/voice classes. You may find it useful to have at least one good pair of comfortable rehearsal socks which you keep for rehearsal.
- Dance gear including footwear for ballet, jazz, tap & conditioning (Tap starts in Study Block 2). Suitable clothing should be tight fitting and would ideally be leotards / tights / unitards / gym type wear with ballet shoes/Jazz shoes or jazz sneakers and trainers for study block 1. Tap shoes are essential for the end of Study Block 1 prior to classes starting in study block 2. Medium strength resistance / stretch bands will be useful for Study Block 1 but are not essential. Knee pads may be useful for Study Block 2 but are not essential.
- A non-shatter water bottle for sessions. A small hand towel is also essential for all movement classes.
- Paper journal and pens

Costs:

In addition to your living costs, it is important to set aside some funds to purchase books, scores, scripts and key textbooks throughout your three years of study. General study materials such as scripts, scores and key textbooks. Approx. £70 - £100/year. There is a useful online market in second-hand books which you should consider as well as an excellent Library here at Falmouth.

You should also budget approx. £70/year for clothing and shoes for rehearsal and performance.

Highly Recommended - the 'Live @ AMATA Pass'

The Academy of Music and Theatre Arts (AMATA) is a live performance venue offering a year-round programme of contemporary, cutting-edge, up-and-coming & high-quality performances for students to experience on their doorstep. For AMATA students in particular, access to live work is an essential part of your degree and the programme will feature artists and performances that relate directly to the AMATA courses of study.

We offer students the option to purchase a one year Live @ AMATA Pass which offers 5 tickets for performances in the 2023/2024 programme of professional work and costs £25.

You will be able to view the AMATA Programme at amata.org.uk from July 2024. However, the Live @ AMATA Pass is available now to book at www.amata.org.uk/livepass

For further information please contact the AMATA Box Office on +44(0)1326 259349 or email boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk

Reading lists

Useful to have for the start of Study Block 1:

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- Alfreds, M., 2013. *Then What Happens? Storytelling and Adapting for the Theatre*. Nick Hern Books, London. RRP £9 - £12
- Linklater, K. 2006 2nd ed. *Freeing the Natural Voice*. London: Nick Hern. RRP £13.40
- Palmer, C. 2020. *Voice and Speech for Musical Theatre*, London: Methuen. RRP £11-£14
- Kenrick, J. 2017. *Musical Theatre - A History*. London: Bloomsbury Methuen Drama. RRP £19-£32