

Practical Selection Day advice

Drama and Theatre Arts BA (Hons)

Why do we ask you to participate in a Practical Selection Day

Group practical workshops and interviews are part of our selection process because Drama and Theatre Arts requires specialist skills and an ability to collaborate effectively with other students. Seeing you perform and work with fellow applicants enables us to understand whether you will enjoy studying with us and to help ensure that you are choosing the course that best suits you.

What are we looking for?

Commitment:

- A good understanding of the course, its specific features and informed reasons for your decision to study Drama and Theatre Arts
- A high level of enthusiasm for the subject and ideas about what the course can offer you

Critical understanding:

- Evidence of critical thinking and knowledge about drama and performance including aspects of your past or current study of these or related subjects
- An ability to analyse a performance you have seen, and to understand the wider contexts of the subjects of drama and performance

Collaboration:

- An ability to co-create with other students and to make a positive contribution to group work

Practical skills:

- An ability to follow instruction and to explore the subject of Drama and Theatre Arts through performance
- An ability to engage creatively and to devise performance

Communication skills:

- An ability to articulate your thinking, knowledge and ideas clearly and effectively
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

What can you do to prepare?

Think about why you want to study this course and what appeals to you:

- Read your application form and remind yourself of what you have said
- Try and relax – we want you to have an enjoyable experience

Relaxed Practical Selection Day

We strive for inclusivity on our course and will be running relaxed Practical Selection Days, where numbers, lighting and noise will be reduced to help you focus more on presenting the strongest and most creative you. If you feel this would benefit you, then please ask for further details.

Wednesday Practical Selection Day schedule:

- 9.00am:** Check in and refreshments, Vijay Patel Building, Design Wing, Floor 4
- 9.30am:** Welcome presentation by programme lead in Clephan Building
- 10am – 12.30pm:** 10-15 minutes individual interview and Q&A with current students
- 12.30 – 1.15pm:** Lunch voucher will be provided
- 1.15 – 1.45pm:** Course presentation with a member of the Drama and Theatre Arts course team
- 1.45 – 2.45pm:** Group practical workshop
- 2.45 – 3.30pm:** Drama and Theatre Arts facilities and accommodation tours will be offered

Next steps

UK / EU applicants

- Once you have applied, if you meet our minimum entry requirements, you will be invited to attend a Practical Selection Day.

International applicants (living outside of the UK)

- Once you have applied, if you meet our minimum entry requirements you will be asked to submit your performance work digitally:
 - Please use .mp4, .MOV or .AVI format for videos
 - All performance work needs to be saved in one folder and labelled with your name, student reference number and the name of the course you have applied for
 - Files need to be compressed or zipped and not exceed 1GB in size
 - Submitted via <http://www.mailbigfile.com/dmuac>

Contact

We aim to make all of our events completely accessible. If you are unable to attend a Practical Selection Day you will be invited to an MS Teams review. You will have a short interview with a course academic and may be asked to share a digital performance video. Please contact the Applicant Events Team applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk who will be happy to help.

