

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Performance Skills 1  
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Owning School/Faculty: Sports Studies, Leisure and Nutrition  
Teaching School/Faculty: Institute of the Arts Barcelona

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 24      **Total Delivered Hours:** 138  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 102

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Practical	132
Tutorial	6

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	Participation in improvisation assessment workshops and exercises	20	
Presentation	AS2	Class based Singing presentation of two contrasting songs	40	
Presentation	AS3	Class based presentation of scene studies exercises	40	

### Aims

*To support dance students in the development of secondary / supporting performance skills in acting and singing. More specifically the module aims to*

1. Provide the students with a core understanding of the principles of acting and aid them in the development of their own personal approach to acting
2. Provide them with skills in improvisation to develop their creativity, spontaneity, imagination
3. Provide students with basic singing skills and an understanding of anatomy and physiology of the voice linked to a introductory understanding of music theory and vocabulary

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Recognize and understand his/her own individual process as an actor and the strategies for its further development
- 2 Develop effective acting performances which respond to text and context (scene studies)
- 3 Identify and use improvisation techniques creatively
- 4 Perform a song accurately, with confidence, and utilizing healthy voice practice

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Pres 1	1	3
Pres 2	2	4
Pres 3	1	4

## Outline Syllabus

*The module will be delivered in two parts.*

### *Acting technique*

*Through workshops and actor games students will be asked to recognize their own individual qualities as an actor and work towards the development of the neutral – from which to build the techniques for transformation as an actor. This will on to text based work through which they interrogate the material and explore the process of the translation from page to stage.*

*Throughout the module student will be introduced to, and work, with a variety of models of dramatic improvisation through which to encourage freedom, imagination, trust, creativity, teamwork and discipline*

### *Singing and Music*

*In singing students will explore a range of technical vocal skills required for singing. Studies will include an exploration of:*

*Vocal Health*

*Breathing*

*Range*

*Pitch*  
*Rhythm*  
*Resonance*  
*Projection*  
*Articulation*  
*Harmony*  
*Musicality*

*Student will be asked to explore and evaluate their vocal range and develop their musical ear. The module will introduce the students to a range of songs from a variety of genre (musical theatre, religious, popular music and choral) In addition to this students will be introduced to the core vocabulary and theory of music so as to help them work in the context of their future professional practice*

### **Learning Activities**

The module will principally be delivered in whole cohort groups however a range of other strategies will be employed.

1. One-to-one singing classes (Initial diagnostics only)
2. Small group singing classes
3. Large group singing ensemble classes
4. Acting and Improvisation workshops and classes both in whole group and sub-groups
5. Independent and guided research exercises and presentations (page to stage)
6. Audio /Video screenings and presentations and the watching of live performance
7. In class / Institutional performances / sharings

### **Notes**

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