

Sysco Higher Education Pre-Contract Information 2020-21

About Sysco

Sysco has operated as an independent training provider since 1989, with the goal of exceeding our client's expectations by providing outstanding products and services; thereby sustaining a long-term viable business.

Sysco is the largest Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) and Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) training provider in the North West of England, able to offer businesses accredited and bespoke courses in Leadership & Management and Housing. In addition, we are also able to train staff in areas such as Business Administration, Health and Social Care, Customer Service, Warehousing, Health & Safety and Information Technology, helping to grow your business and upskill staff. We do this through a number of channels including Traineeships, Study Programmes, Apprenticeships, Short Courses and Workplace Learning.

Our current Study Programme offering, run through our sister company Brighter Futures, includes a variety of vocational programmes, predominantly at Level 3, across a range of sector areas, including Sports, Animal Care and Performing Arts. The Level 3 Performing Arts BTEC programmes offered at our Jelli Campus are the gateway to progressing onto our Higher Education provision at Level 4 and Level 5.

Background to Higher Education Provision

Sysco, through its Collaborative Partnership with The City of Liverpool College, currently offers two Higher Education programmes: the Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre), with the opportunity to progress onto a Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre). Both of these programmes are delivered at our Performing Arts Campus, based at Jelli Studios on Edge Lane, Liverpool.

The Level 4 and, subsequently, Level 5 programmes are designed to allow for students' progression into a number of Performing Arts related opportunities; whether that should be into a top up programme leading towards a full Degree qualification, or employment opportunities within the industry.

Our collaborative partner, The City of Liverpool College, offers a one-year top-up qualification which leads to BA (Hons) Performing Arts with either acting, dance or musical theatre pathways. The course is validated by the Open University and is an excellent opportunity for HND students to continue their Higher Education studies in Performing Arts.

CMA Compliance

As Sysco, through the Collaborative Partnership with The City of Liverpool College, is a provider of Higher Education provision, the terms set out by CMA, Competition and Markets Authority within the Consumer Rights Act 2015 are fully applicable to us. Compliance with consumer law is not only important in giving students the protection required by the law, but also helps to maintain student confidence and the standards and reputation of the UK HE sector.

The full guide on your rights as a consumer are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-guide-to-consumer-rights-for-students>

For a 60-second summary, read this leaflet:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-a-short-guide-to-consumer-rights-for-students>

Our Higher Education Programmes

The BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) and Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) that we deliver as our Higher Education offering are both awarded by Pearson. The link to the Higher Nationals section of the Pearson website, offering further information about their courses, is below;

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-higher-nationals.html>

BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

The Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts offers students a broad introduction to the subject area via a mandatory core of learning, while allowing for the acquisition of skills and experience through the selection of Optional units. The HNC Programme consists of 8 units at Level 4, each of 15 credits, with a Total Qualification Time on the Programme of 1,200 hours and Total Guided Learning of 480 hours.

Sysco offers the Musical Theatre pathway for its Higher National Certificate programme; the Units that a student should expect to complete as a result are listed in the table below. There are 5 Mandatory Units for the Musical Theatre pathway, with a further 3 optional units selected based on offering a fully rounded programme to HNC students.

BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) Units	
Mandatory Units	Optional Units
Unit 1 - The Performing Arts Industry	Unit 9 - Choreography 1
Unit 2 - Professional Development	Unit 15 - Ensemble Singing
Unit 3 - Jazz Dance 1	Unit 20 - Devising Theatre and Performance
Unit 4 - Singing 1	
Unit 13 - Acting 1	

BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

The Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts helps students develop a sound understanding of the principles in their field of study and learn how to apply those principles more widely. Students who achieve their HND will have learned to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems. They will be able to perform effectively in their chosen field and will have the qualities necessary for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making.

Entry onto the HND in Performing Arts is dependent on the completion of the 120 credits delivered as part of the HNC programme. This is a pre-requisite for any student looking to complete the Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts, although grades achieved as part of the Higher National Certificate will not count towards the overall grade achieved on the HND. The Qualification Credit Value is therefore summarised as below;

- A minimum of 240 credits, of which 120 credits are at Level 5, and 120 credits are at Level 4 and usually attained via the HNC.

Sysco offers the Musical Theatre pathway for its Higher National Diploma programme; in order to achieve this qualification, a student must complete the five Mandatory Level 5 Units, four of which are 15 credits, and Unit 32 – Creative Research Project, which is 30 credits. In addition, a student must complete two 15 credit Optional Level 5 Units to achieve the 120 credits overall at Level 5. Sysco, however, includes three Optional Units as part of its HND curriculum; the reasoning behind this is to offer individual students with different specialisms the opportunity to complete Units best suited to their strengths and abilities. The Optional Unit with the lowest grade will be disregarded by Sysco when the HND qualification is claimed with Pearson.

The Level 5 Units delivered by Sysco as part of the Higher National Diploma are listed in the table below.

BTEC Level 4 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) Units	
Mandatory Units	Optional Units
Unit 32 - Creative Research Project	Unit 47 - Choreography 2
Unit 33 - Working in the Performing Arts	Unit 37 - Commercial Dance 2
Unit 39 - Dance for Musical Theatre	Unit 45 - Immersive Theatre
Unit 43 - Singing 2	
Unit 44 - Acting 2	

Entry Requirements

As part of the Collaborative Partnership between Sysco and The City of Liverpool College, applicants to Sysco's Higher Education programmes will, in the vast majority of cases, come from direct progressions from the BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts programmes delivered at the Jelli Campus, through Sysco's sister company Brighter Futures.

As a result, evidence of prior learning is easily accessible for Sysco staff when determining whether students should be accepted onto the initial HNC Performing Arts programme. However, in addition to consideration of prior learning, Sysco Performing Arts staff will also require all applicants to undertake an audition; this audition will be of equal importance in the assessment of an individual's application to the HE preprogramme.

The entry requirements for both the HNC and HND programmes, outside of the student's audition, are listed below;

- **HNC** – A GCSE in English and Maths, alongside a DMM grade or above (BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma) in related subjects. This would be Performing Arts in most cases, but may also relate to other subject areas such as Music.
- **HND** – Applications are accepted on the basis of a previously attained HNC qualification in the same Performing Arts pathway.

Applications can be made via an expression of interest made to Sysco staff at the Jelli Campus directly or alternatively by emailing apply@jellistudios.co.uk

Terms and Conditions

Sysco have matched The City of Liverpool College in adopting the same terms and conditions for fees as set by The Student Loans Company.

Please take note of page 5 as this sets out how much of the tuition fees are payable when you decide to withdraw from a programme. This policy is also adopted when a student transfers from one institution to another.

https://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/slc_terms_conditions.pdf

Link to The Student Room (SFE/SLC info for students):

<http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=5659-Student-Finance>

Tuition Fees are set in line with The City of Liverpool College's HE tuition fees, at £6,465 for the 2020/21 Academic Year.

You have the right to cancel your contract with the College within 14 days without giving any reason. Your full rights under the Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013 are available here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/3134/schedule/3/made>