

How we work together at Backstage Academy

Partners in learning, teaching and assessment

Studying at Backstage Academy should be exciting, stimulating and inspiring. As well as preparing you for work in the challenging world live events we aim to ensure you have the key transferable skills that make you a valuable asset wherever your career takes you and to instil in you a sense of learning for life. Learning at Backstage Academy is about doing. We want to be actively involved in your own learning to understand not just how to do something, but also *why* you are doing it. As future practitioners and leaders, staff and students are committed to working together to enhance each other's experience within a safe, supportive and engaging learning community.

What you can expect of us

- ✓ a detailed induction introducing you to Backstage Academy and your course of study;
- ✓ a supportive learning environment;
- ✓ an up to date and modern course of study that is supported a range of quality learning resources;
- ✓ study which uses a mix of teaching, learning and assessment methods;
- ✓ experienced staff teaching a professionally planned, coherent course that is updated regularly;
- ✓ the means by which you will be taught both how to reflect critically on practice and to evaluate your sources of information;
- ✓ transparent and up-to-date information of your course and on Backstage Academy policies and procedures that relate to you;
- ✓ fair and transparent assessment criteria, that provide you with opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills you have acquired;
- ✓ relevant and meaningful feedback on your work in a variety of formats within a timeframe that allows you to learn for subsequent assessment;
- ✓ opportunities for you to offer feedback on your experiences, and to be kept informed of the ways in which Backstage Academy is responding to your feedback, including investment in resources;
- ✓ mechanisms for you to be engaged in the on-going development of teaching and learning at Backstage Academy.

What we expect of you

- ✓ become familiar with the requirements of your course of study;
- ✓ be present (on campus, logged on to Moodle or at a placement) whenever required your course;
- ✓ actively participate in *all* sessions specified for your course;
- ✓ take responsibility for your learning and become independent, self-reliant learners;
- ✓ be committed to your studies, to do your best and aim high;
- ✓ reflect critically on your work in order to make informed contributions in all learning environments;
- ✓ be responsible time managers and to submit work by the deadlines, avoiding any penalties;
- ✓ take advantage of all available ICT facilities, including Moodle and other web-based resources;
- ✓ adhere to the expectations of the Backstage Academy community in terms of intellectual integrity and ethical behaviours and good academic practice;
- ✓ seek help if struggling;
- ✓ learn from the feedback given by tutors and visiting professionals;
- ✓ reflect on that feedback to improve future assessments;

Student Experience

We believe Backstage Academy experience is unique, distinctive in its approach and aims to reflect your needs and expectations both at Backstage Academy and as you begin to make your way in the profession. Your experience will be supported by a culture of artistic and technical innovation, first-class facilities and excellence in teaching and research, all of which help to build our vibrant community of students and staff.

What you can expect of us

- ✓ an environment in which staff and other students always treat you with respect and dignity and follow Backstage Academy policies and procedures;
- ✓ a safe and secure environment that ensures the health, safety and welfare of all Backstage Academy students, staff and visitors;
- ✓ independent advice and support on personal and pastoral matters from Backstage Academy's Support Services, throughout your studies;
- ✓ support and guidance to student reps
- ✓ advice and guidance and contact with industry professionals throughout your studies to develop your personal skills;
- ✓ opportunities to engage in placements and work opportunities both within and outside your course of study;
- ✓ democratic structures that allow students and their views to be represented on Backstage Academy Committees as part of decision-making processes;
- ✓ the opportunity once you have graduated to be part of the extended global community of alumni and professional practitioners;
- ✓ opportunities for you to offer feedback on your experiences, and to be kept informed of the ways in which Backstage Academy is responding to your feedback;
- ✓ opportunities to participate in the on-going development of teaching and learning at Backstage Academy.

What we expect of you

- ✓ to treat staff and other students within Backstage Academy with respect and dignity at all times;
- ✓ behave responsibly and professionally whether on campus, in accommodation on placement or in the wider community;
- ✓ take responsibility for your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by our actions;
- ✓ be aware of the wellbeing of your friends, colleagues and fellow students;
- ✓ develop our personal skills through extra-curricular activities as well as through your academic studies;
- ✓ access the advice and guidance available on careers opportunities and reflect on the development of your personal skills;
- ✓ keep staff informed, in a timely manner, if you have any personal problems that may affect your work and to seek out support and advice where appropriate;
- ✓ take advantage of the opportunities available to participate in the social and cultural life of the Backstage Academy sharing mutual interests with our peers
- ✓ develop connections across levels of study, nationalities and cultures.

Within the Backstage Academy community you have the opportunity to use your skills and knowledge to collaborate, invent, challenge and share in artistic and cultural diversity and vibrancy, to shape the experience of current and future students and to enhance Backstage Academy's reputation of which we are all justifiably proud.