



PERF13018 Performance and Production Studies

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Term 1 - 2023

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General Information

Overview

This is the third unit in the Music Ensemble minor. Studying at an advanced level in music and production, you will gain knowledge of how music is created, rehearsed, recorded, and performed. You will specialise in contemporary musical styles. Using industry recognised software, you will gain experience with multi-track recording, editing and audio mixing. The study of practical and theoretical principles gives you the opportunity to establish various performance, technical and creative skills.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Students must be enrolled in CG51 Bachelor of Music (Specialisation)

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2023

- Mackay
- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes - in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

2. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 35%

3. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 35%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Personal communication

Feedback

Unit design

Recommendation

Students continue to comment positively on the integration of performance and production focused studies in this unit. They have indicated that they place high value on the diverse skills developed in the project work undertaken in this unit. It is recommended that the delivery of this unit continues to provide these opportunities for technical and performance development.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate musical knowledge and relevant skills needed for the performance of repertoire at an advanced level
2. Apply technical knowledge and relevant skills needed for the performance of repertoire at an advanced level
3. Collaborate with others to perform musical arrangements of repertoire at an advanced level
4. Implement a range of professional skills relating to performance including punctuality and preparedness, attendance and personal practice
5. Create a portfolio of audio work, relevant to advanced repertoire, using audio production techniques in a digital audio workstation.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Practical Assessment - 35%	•	•	•	•	
2 - Practical Assessment - 35%	•	•	•	•	
3 - Practical Assessment - 30%					•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Communication	•		•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•		•
3 - Critical Thinking				•	•
4 - Information Literacy		•			•
5 - Team Work	•		•		
6 - Information Technology Competence		•			•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence			•		
8 - Ethical practice					
9 - Social Innovation	•				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures					

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Webcam
- Ableton Live software
- Microphone or instrument lead
- Audio interface
- Studio headphones

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

Jason Smyth-Tomkins Unit Coordinator
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Schedule

Week 1 - 06 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Online students: Meeting with Unit Coordinator

Mackay: Production Class #1
See Moodle for specific details

Week 2 - 13 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Online: Virtual rehearsal

Mackay: Production Class #2
See Moodle for specific details

Week 3 - 20 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Mackay: Production Class #3
See Moodle for specific details

Week 4 - 27 Mar 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Online: Virtual rehearsal

Mackay: Production Class #4
See Moodle for specific details

Week 5 - 03 Apr 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #5 See Moodle for specific details		

Vacation Week - 10 Apr 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 17 Apr 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Virtual rehearsal Mackay: Production Class #6 See Moodle for specific details		
		Recording Project 1 Due: Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 7 - 24 Apr 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #1 See Moodle for specific details		

Week 8 - 01 May 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Virtual rehearsal Online: Production Class #2 See Moodle for specific details		

Week 9 - 08 May 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #3 See Moodle for specific details		
		Recording Project 2 Due: Week 9 Friday (12 May 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 10 - 15 May 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #4 See Moodle for specific details		

Week 11 - 22 May 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #5 See Moodle for specific details		

Week 12 - 29 May 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Online: Production Class #6 See Moodle for specific details		

Review/Exam Week - 05 Jun 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Production Project Due: Review/Exam Week Friday (9 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Exam Week - 12 Jun 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Term Specific Information

Equipment Requirements for Recording Projects

Performance and Production Studies students require some very specific equipment to facilitate the recording requirements of this unit.

This unit provides training in performing recording and mixing music. Because of this, you will need to have access to the following:

- *Ableton Live* software
- An audio interface
- Your instrument
- A quick stable internet connection (preferable ethernet)
- Microphone and lead or an instrument lead
- Studio headphones and your computer / webcam

About Ableton Live

Ableton Live is an industry standard DAW (digital audio workstation) and learning how to use it is extremely beneficial. You will be required to submit Ableton Live sessions as part of your assessments and therefore need to have access to a copy of Ableton software. As the production classes are based on the Ableton software, no other DAWs are acceptable for this unit. A free 90 day full use trial version of the Ableton Live software is available for download from the Ableton Live website (<https://www.ableton.com/en/trial/>).

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Unit Coordinator, Jason Smyth-Tomkins (j.smyth-tomkins@cqu.edu.au).

Assessment Tasks

1 Recording Project 1

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

This assessment task involves you preparing for and presenting practical performance recordings, relative to repertoire selected for the online ensemble.

You are required to develop a selected repertoire of the chosen style by:

- accurately transcribing, learning and playing the set repertoire to performance standard.

You are expected to approach the genre of study in a professional and conscientious manner. This involves seeking to attain the highest possible standards of achievement.

Recording Your Tracks

All recordings of your individual parts will take place in *Ableton Live*.

Submission Requirements

You may record and refine your parts as many times as possible in the process of producing your recorded work.

You are required to submit:

- Weekly audio recordings as evidence of progress with a brief explanation of the alterations / improvements in each version (this represents your contribution to the recording process)
- A video recording of your individual ensemble parts for the repertoire studied
- An audio recording of your individual part/s at the final stage of recording.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Friday (5 May 2023)

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on a combination of criteria relating to the development of musical and technical skills as applied to the repertoire and genre of study.

The criteria may include the assessment of:

- Accuracy of intonation and quality of tone
- Accuracy of rhythm and articulation
- Appropriateness of stylistic phrasing
- Accuracy of melody and harmony
- Clarity of lyrics
- Quality of recorded performance
- Contribution to the recording process

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See unit Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Create a portfolio of audio work, relevant to advanced repertoire, using audio production techniques in a digital audio workstation.

2 Recording Project 2

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

This assessment task involves you preparing for and presenting practical performance recordings, relative to repertoire selected for the online ensemble.

You are required to develop a selected repertoire of the chosen style by:

- accurately transcribing, learning and playing the set repertoire to performance standard.

You are expected to approach the genre of study in a professional and conscientious manner. This involves seeking to attain the highest possible standards of achievement.

Recording Your Tracks

All recordings of your individual parts will take place in *Ableton Live*.

Submission Requirements

You may record and refine your parts as many times as possible in the process of producing your recorded work.

You are required to submit:

- Weekly audio recordings as evidence of progress with a brief explanation of the alterations / improvements in each version (this represents your contribution to the recording process)
- A video recording of your individual ensemble parts for the repertoire studied
- An audio recording of your individual part/s at the final stage of recording.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Friday (12 May 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Friday (26 May 2023)

Weighting

35%

Assessment Criteria

You will be assessed on a combination of criteria relating to the development of musical and technical skills as applied to the repertoire and genre of study.

The criteria may include the assessment of:

- Accuracy of intonation and quality of tone
- Accuracy of rhythm and articulation
- Appropriateness of stylistic phrasing
- Accuracy of melody and harmony
- Clarity of lyrics
- Quality of recorded performance
- Contribution to the recording process

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See unit Moodle site.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate musical knowledge and relevant skills needed for the performance of repertoire at an advanced level
- Apply technical knowledge and relevant skills needed for the performance of repertoire at an advanced level
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3 Production Project

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

In this assessment task, you will perform a sound mix on a pre-recorded song using *Ableton Live* software. In performing the mix, you will create a balanced mix using levels, pans, and signal processing. You should reference other songs from a similar genre as you make decisions about the relative level of each instrument and their position in the stereo image. Your completed mix will require you to demonstrate the use of the following techniques:

- Manipulate the level balance of instruments in the recording
- Manipulate the panning of instruments in the recording
- Control the dynamic of instruments where required (compression)
- Add depth to your mix (reverb, chorus and delay)
- Shape or enhance the spectral content of the instruments (EQ)
- Apply automation

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Friday (9 June 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

End of term.

Weighting

35%

Assessment Criteria

- Level balance, pan and automation are implemented effectively
- Spectral processing implemented effectively
- Dynamics processing implemented effectively
- Time based processing implemented effectively
- Ableton Live Set should not contain any unused or missing audio files

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 7th Edition \(APA 7th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See unit Moodle site for specific details.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate musical knowledge and relevant skills needed for the performance of repertoire at an advanced level
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Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem