



## PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA

Royal Academy of Music      The Professional Diploma is a one-year programme for students who wish to develop a specific area of specialism such as chamber music, historical performance, compositional specialisms (e.g. specific media) or as preparation for opera studies.

The training consists of principal study lessons as the core element, plus any related departmental classes, and professional development activities agreed between the student, Head of Department and Tutor at the beginning of the year. These activities are drawn from the same pool as for the MA/MMus students, but are selected according to the aims of the individual student. Activities range from performance classes and masterclasses, or consultations with visiting professors, to ensemble and directed ensemble coaching, lectures and skills-based seminars.

Students who have already studied on the MA or MMus at the Academy will follow a different programme of Professional Development Activities from those taken during their previous study.

### Entry Requirements

Successful applicants will display a high level of attainment at audition and will normally have gained:

- A Masters-level qualification in an area closely-related to the proposed specialism by 1st September 2015
- English Language skills equivalent to IELTS 6.0, or 7.0 for preparatory-opera (see <http://www.ram.ac.uk/english-language-requirements>)

### Credit Structure and Assessment

The Professional Diploma comprises 120 credits, as follows:

- Final Recital 60 credits
- Professional Development Activity 60 credits

Reports will be provided for both components at the end of the programme, and for individual Professional Development activities during the year. The overall result is determined by the mark awarded for the final recital. The main postgraduate examination board will confirm your result in June at the end of your studies, and the Graduation Ceremony will be at the end of the summer term.

### Further information

The Professional Diploma is set at Level 7 of the UK Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). All students on the Professional Diploma Programme will be subject to the Academy's Regulations.

For additional information about the programme, you can contact **[postgrad@ram.ac.uk](mailto:postgrad@ram.ac.uk)**

For details specific to your principal study, please contact your Department Administrator, see **[www.ram.ac.uk/departments](http://www.ram.ac.uk/departments)**.

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