HND Sound Production *(SCQF Level 8)*
Full-time

Where can I study?

Location	Duration	Course code
Aberdeen City Campus	2 Years	PBDP

Introduction to the course

This course is for those who want to work in professional audio environments. The course will train you in the specification, utilisation and deployment of professional audio equipment, as well as how to operate in the professional sound reinforcement and recording fields. It will also provide you with the ability to assess and remediate the acoustics of rooms, and pursue opportunities as a freelance professional within the creative industries.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have a minimum of two Highers including Maths or Physics, or should have successfully completed the Music SCQF Level 6 course.

A Foundation Apprenticeship in any subject area will be considered equivalent as one unrelated Higher for entry to this course.

For those returning to education, life skills and experience in the industry may allow entry.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will strengthen your understanding of working in the creative industries, and get the chance to make full use of our state–of–the–art media facilities.

Students undertake study in these areas: Acoustics; Digital Audio Workstations; Sound Production Theory; Multi–track Recording and Mixing; Sound Reinforcement; Audio for Multimedia; Music Sequencing and Programming.

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. You will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation.

Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for practical, hands-on work.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Audio Engineering.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you could progress from your chosen course to a related university degree, subject to conditions. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities](#)

University progression

Abertay University

- BA (Hons) Sound and Music for Games year 3. Subject to conditions.

Please note that articulation is subject to satisfactory completion of the course, achieveing an 'A' in Graded Unit 2.

Edinburgh Napier University

- BSc (Hons) Sound Design year 3. Subject to conditions.

Please note that entry is subject to a 'B' grade (or above) in the Graded Unit as well as CV, portfolio and interview.

Glasgow Caledonian University

- BSc/BSc (Hons) Audio Technology year 3. Subject to conditions.

Please note that articulation is subject to satisfactory completion of the HND course, achieving a 'B' in Graded Unit 2.

University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI)

- BSc (Hons) Audio Engineering year 3 (North East Scotland College/Perth College UHI). Subject to conditions.

Please note that you must attend an interview as part of the selection process.

The Open University

An HND can give up to 240 credits towards the 360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours or 180 credits towards the 300 credit BA/BSc Open Degree.

Employment

Typical employment options will include roles as a Producer, Technician, Sound Engineer, Studio Recording Engineer or Music Programmer.

Useful contacts

Head of Faculty:	Elaine Makein Head of Faculty, Creative Industries, Aberdeen City Campus Email: e.makein@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum Manager:	Tony Young Curriculum Manager, Aberdeen City Campus Email: t.young@nescol.ac.uk

Academic Tutor

Once you come to College you will be allocated an academic tutor, who will be your initial point of contact. You will meet your

tutor at least once a term during tutor hour — they are also the person to go to for the following:

- **Induction:** You will be invited to come in the week before your course starts for your induction. Your tutor will cover key aspects of life at the College to make sure you are well prepared for your NESCol experience.
- **Initial support:** Your tutor is the first point of contact for academic, personal and social support.
- **Attendance:** Your attendance and progress while you are at college, will be monitored by your tutor.
- **Additional support needs:** If you have indicated that you have additional learning or support needs, speak to your tutor who will refer you to the Student Advice and Support team for needs assessment as soon as practically possible.
- **Transitions:** your tutor will keep you informed of the many activities and events organised by the College to support you with career choices, employability, enterprise and articulation guidance and advice.

Student Advice Centre

The Student Advice Centre is your one stop shop for all information and support during your time at NESCol. Staff based within the centre provide impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of issues including:

- Applications and course advice
- Funding and money management
- Careers, employability and enterprise
- Transitions to college and university
- Key Skills and Study Skills support
- Additional Support for Learning
- Assistive technologies
- Mental health and wellbeing advice
- Care Experienced and Corporate Parenting
- Tier 4 and international admissions

Learning Resources

My NESCol
My NESCol is the College's student web portal that will provide you with on–demand access to all of the links, news and services that you will use once you have enrolled. It's accessible via any computer, and as an Android or Apple app. It's easy to use, and you can even receive important alerts on your device!

Blackboard
Blackboard is the Virtual Learning Environment system used in the College, where you can find a host of useful information and access your courses online. It will be the main platform that your lecturers will use to make resources available to you including interactive materials, videos, assessments and feedback.

IT HelpZone
The IT HelpZones are run by students, for students, and there are helpdesks located in main social areas at the Aberdeen and Fraserburgh Campuses, and a dedicated helpline at our Altens Campus. You can drop in, email or telephone for assistance.

Library+
Each Library offers thousands of resources for study, including books, journals, e–books, e–journals and magazines — all relevant to the courses on offer at the campus in which they are situated. They also offer quiet, silent, individual, and group study facilities.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
NESCol believes that your learning and teaching experience at College can be enhanced significantly by use of a mobile device, such as a tablet or a laptop. For this reason, many students are required to bring a device with them to College. This initiative is known as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and its aim is to provide learners with a more bespoke and student-centred learning experience.

Digital Skills Space
Located within each Library Plus facility you will find a dedicated Digital Skills Space, featuring Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) workspaces and dedicated desktop PC work areas. These spaces are also used to deliver core IT teaching, drop–in IT support and scheduled digital skills workshops. You can also use these spaces for flexible access to PCs during Library+ opening hours.

College Calendar

Have a look at our College Calendar for further information on key dates throughout the year.