



Drama.

Audition guidance notes.

**University of
Northampton**

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interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk



How to accept your audition.

Please accept your audition date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk prior to your audition date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

Checklist.

To do	Done
Read this document thoroughly which contains important instructions and guidelines.	
Respond to your audition invite (as detailed above).	
Make a note of your audition date and time in your calendar.	
Check which location you need to attend on the day.	
If you have any requests for reasonable adjustment, please contact admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk and the programme leader, Johnmichael Rossi, Johnmichael.rossi@northampton.ac.uk	
Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here and where you will park	

Audition details.

Arrival and structure of the day.

The time you have been invited for enables you to complete registration and have your documents checked before your audition begins. Should you be running late / unable to attend on the day please let the [Interviews Team](#) know as soon as possible.

On arrival please report to the [Learning Hub](#)

Guests.

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafés will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your audition. The process can be quite lengthy – opening times of our catering outlets can be found [here](#).

Travel information.

For information on transport options, please visit our [website](#).

Special Park and Ride interview/audition day discount

Applicants attending an audition and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview/audition. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge.

In order to claim this discount, when you arrive at the Park and Ride car park, you will need to report to the security cabin, show your audition invite email and collect your Interview Pass. Please ensure you leave enough time to do this as there may be queues during peak periods (between 11am and 2.30pm).



The image to the left shows the security cabin that you need to look out for. It is near the entrance to the car park. **You must show your Interview Pass to the bus driver on both your journeys to gain your discounted travel so please keep it with you.** If you cannot show your interview/audition invite email at the security cabin at the Park and Ride car park, they will not be able to issue you with an Interview Pass and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

The address for the Park and Ride is:
Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park
Edgar Mobbs Way
Sixfields
Northampton
NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes Monday – Friday and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey to the University. For the full timetable visit the [Uno Bus pages](#).

Other information.

Photographic Identification.

On the audition day please bring with you an original piece of photographic identification. The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card

Requests for reasonable adjustment.

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination.

Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk and the programme leader, Johnmichael Rossi, johnmichael.rossi@northampton.ac.uk.

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.

Audition workshop details.

We know that an audition can be an alarming experience. We make allowance for nerves and we try to make the process as enjoyable as possible.

The audition day is designed with you, the applicant in mind however parents and guardians are very welcome to come along. Our Welcome Team will be happy to provide information on visiting the Town Centre but parents/guardians should be prepared to spend their time independently.

How to prepare for the Audition workshop.

The auditions are held in groups and are focused on assessing your collaborative skills as a drama practitioner. As this is not an Acting audition, there is no need to formally prepare any material prior to the audition. All you need to bring is your imagination and a willingness to explore, experiment and play.

Please wear suitable clothing (any casual clothing that does not limit your movement is acceptable). You are not permitted to wear street shoes in the theatre space, and therefore will need to either have a pair of soft-sole plimsolls to change into, or you may choose to participate wearing socks. You should also bring a bottle of water with you to all your sessions.

Structure of the Audition workshop.

The time you have been invited to attend your interview is your registration time. This allows for your documents to be checked prior and for a photograph to be taken for the purposes of the Audition Panel's note-taking. On arrival please register in the Learning Hub. You will then be escorted to the Creative Hub where the audition workshop will take place.

- **Check-In, Welcome, Nametags & Photos (30 minutes)**
- **Programme Overview Presentation and Q&A (30 minutes)**
- **Collaborative Audition Workshop (90 minutes)**
- **Group Reflection Session (60 minutes)**

The entire process takes approximately three and half hours. You will need to make appropriate travel (and if required) accommodation arrangements.

The Audition workshop process.

Prior to the workshop, there will be an information session giving further details about the programme, followed by a brief Q&A.

Following the presentation, there will be a brief physical warm-up which will lead into a group workshop which will involve a series of improvisational activities and devising a short work-in-progress with the other applicants.

Following the workshop, applicants will be grouped in small clusters for a Reflection Session where you will have opportunity to discuss your experience of the workshop in relation to your past experiences of making and/or seeing theatre; as well as your career goals, and expectations for a Drama practitioner in training.

What to expect after the Audition workshop.

Selections to our programmes are made on a rolling basis and we aim to advise UCAS within two weeks of your audition.

Please note that it is not possible for individual tutors or Programme Leader to provide you with an individual assessment of your application, either verbally or in writing.

Get in touch.

If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please contact interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk

Good luck, and remember that ***we want you*** to succeed!!