



Shakespeare Studies and Performance

This programme will prepare you for undergraduate degree study in:

- Performing Arts
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Acting

Programme Structure

The IFP in Shakespeare Studies and Performance will provide a broad and analytical understanding of Shakespeare's world and works. This predominantly practical course will enable you to explore Shakespeare's texts through acting workshops in the town of his birth. Throughout the course you will attend productions of Shakespeare's plays in London and Stratford-upon-Avon and your studies will be enriched through your engagement with visiting theatre practitioners. You will take part in an end of course production of one of Shakespeare's plays which will be performed to a public audience in Stratford-upon-Avon.

You will study 5 courses on the programme:

The Language of Shakespeare

This course will help you to understand how Shakespeare uses language to communicate meaning and emotion. You will explore many of Shakespeare's works including his plays and sonnets. Although primarily concerned with textual analysis, this course will allow you to explore Shakespeare's language through practical acting workshops.

Shakespeare: The Man and his World

The enjoyment and level of understanding of Shakespeare's works can be significantly enhanced if you know more about him and the world in which he lived. This course provides

you with the context of his writing; the social and political background and an appreciation for how events in his own life may have informed and influenced his writing.

Shakespeare Performance Workshop

This course will help you to develop your performance skills whilst working on extracts from many of Shakespeare's plays. You will participate in classes where the following skills will be taught: acting technique, voice, movement, dance, singing and stage combat. In some sessions you will present your work to the rest of the group.

Performing Shakespeare

This course is designed to provide you with an opportunity to showcase your skills as a performer in a production of one of Shakespeare's plays. You will undergo an intensive period of rehearsal prior to the performance that will enable you to fully immerse yourself in your acting role(s). Your production will be presented in Stratford-upon-Avon to the general public.

English and Study Skills

This course will focus on the key aspect of developing your English Language skills. In particular, the course focuses on academic English to develop your study skills in the classroom in preparation for undergraduate degree study at university. For example, you will undertake presentations to gain confidence in the classroom, always using relevant and up-to-date materials and texts. You will be able to improve your IELTS score with a focused IELTS programme. The English course is assessed through both examinations and coursework.