

# Overseas interview guidelines

## BA (Honours) Theatre and Performance Design

Congratulations on getting through to the interview stage at LIPA. We understand how nerve-wracking the prospect of attending an interview can be, so please read through these guidelines carefully. Remember we're interested in finding out about you as an individual, so please try to relax, be yourself and enjoy yourself on the day.

We want to achieve equality and diversity. We want to be accessible to everyone and we will make reasonable adjustments if you are disabled. If you have any questions about this, please contact Penny Byrne, our Student Support Manager: [p.byrne@lipa.ac.uk](mailto:p.byrne@lipa.ac.uk) or +44151 330 3013.

This information can be made available in other formats – please let us know about any specific needs you have.

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# What the interview entails .....

The BA (Honours) Theatre and Performance Design degree is unique in that you work alongside LIPA's acting, applied theatre and community drama, dance, music, management and sound technology students, creating the high production values for which we have become renowned across the widest possible range of performance projects. We aim to produce creative, ambitious, multi-skilled performance designers, skilled at:

- Designing the sets or costume for a live performance
- Creating a dance environment
- Creating a site specific performance event
- Lighting a gig or play/performance
- Developing the visual concept for all kinds of events from fashion shows, to carnival parades, to puppet shows

The degree is integrated in part with the Theatre and Performance Technology degree, within the Theatre and Performance Design and Technology Department, to share knowledge and skills across the disciplines.

The interview day is a two way process, aiming to offer you the opportunity to discover if our course is right for you, while we try to determine whether you have the experience and qualities to benefit from what we have to offer. We hope you enjoy your time with us. We will endeavour to ensure that the whole process is as positive and relaxed as possible. If at any time during the interview day you want clarification on a point or other information, please ask.

## Course overview

This introductory session includes an outline of the course and a questions and answers session.

## Interview

You take part in a 30-minute interview with members of our teaching team. We ask you to present a portfolio of work, which you have created or worked on and to discuss any projects you have been involved in. We may also ask you further questions to help you and us to assess your suitability for our degree programme.

## What to prepare for the interview day

### 1. Portfolio

Please bring a portfolio of your design/art work with you. This should include a wide range of work (including evidence of 3-D projects if possible), which demonstrates your ability to work with different materials and your potential to develop ideas. You may include work from live performance projects or exhibitions but it is not essential.

### 2. Written review

Please bring a written review about a performance you have seen recently. In your review, please concentrate on reviewing the visual elements and style of the production. The review should be no longer than 500 words.

## **What to bring to the interview** .....

Don't forget to bring your portfolio, written review and a passport photograph.

## **When you will hear from us after the interview** .....

We need time to reflect on the candidates we've seen, so we do not normally tell you the outcome of your interview on the day itself. Typically, we will communicate our decision within three working weeks.

## **Any questions** .....

We wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy your day with us. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about any aspect of the interview please contact the International Team tel +44151 330 3118, email [international@lipa.ac.uk](mailto:international@lipa.ac.uk).



We aim for continual improvement in the applicant experience and would welcome any comments or suggestions you have about our interview process. After the interview, we'll therefore email you to ask you to complete an anonymous online survey about your experience with us.