



UNIVERSITY OF
WEST LONDON
London College of Music Examinations

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About us

- One of the largest, specialist music and performing arts institutes in the UK
- Awarding external examinations since 1887
- Now part of the University of West London
- A diverse and forward thinking community
- Offering qualifications in classical, contemporary and traditional music, drama, communication, early learning and creative media

Our values

- The college was founded on the principle of offering music education to all who wish to learn
- This ethos continues to inspire us today
- Our exam provision crosses many diverse cultures and styles
- Supporting instrumental tuition for children in the UK
- Underpinned by history and tradition, but never bound by it



What we offer

- Classical and contemporary/popular music
- Theory exams for both classical and popular music – written and online
- Traditional music
- Drama
- Communication
- Early Learning
- Creative media
- Over 150 different subjects in over 50 different countries



What we have

- Friendly team of examiners
- Diversity of examiner panel
- Widespread and approachable team of representatives supporting our exams process
- Open access to all staff to discuss any issue from choosing which piece to play, to what happens in the exam itself or the exam entry process

Types of assessment

- Pre-grade 1
- Grade exams
- Recital grades
- Leisure play
- Performance awards
- Ensemble exams
- Performance diplomas
- Teaching diplomas
- Digital exam options



Our qualifications

- Fully regulated and on the Regulated Qualifications Framework
- UCAS points
- Our handbooks contain all the material you need

Teachers

- A community of teachers
- LCME teacher membership scheme
- Programme of workshops and webinars for teachers of all backgrounds and music styles
- 50% discount on LCME Performance and Teaching diplomas
- 10% discount on books from Boosey and Hawkes

Our partners

- London College of Music
- ISoM
- Stave House
- Go Create
- Future DJs

LCM and the University of West London

- Full time degree courses
- Foundation courses
- B. Mus (Hons)
- M. Mus
- PhD



Graded music exams go digital

London College of Music Examinations (LCME) enables aspiring musicians to take online graded exams through innovative options which offer a new level of flexibility and convenience alongside a reliable, independent and regulated assessment for students.

Recorded Exams

Candidates record a performance at a time and place that suits them and upload the video to a newly developed, secure platform for assessment.

Available up to Grade 8, these exams incorporate discussion and technical work components.

Candidates can select performance pieces from the relevant LCME set list, or equivalent from another accredited body.

Online Exams

Candidates studying up to Grade 4 can now undertake live assessments with experienced LCME examiners, exactly as they would in a traditional face-to-face setting but conducted from their own homes.

Find out more about converting to Digital Exams:

 lcme.uwl.ac.uk

Recorded Exams

- Available in most music subjects at all grade levels
- Submission of a video recording of technical work, performances and discussion responses
- Does not include sight reading or aural assessment
- Content can be recorded on phone or tablet
- Backing tracks and accompaniment
- Subject guidelines and requirements available on LCME website: lcme.uwl.ac.uk/exams/digital-exams

The LCME Online Exam

In partnership with the International School of Musicians (ISOM)

- Available in all our subjects.
- Candidates and centres do not need any specialist equipment to conduct the online exam. All you will need is a **laptop, tablet and a webcam.**
- The exam consists of the same components as an LCME face-to-face exam; there is **no added preparation** and **no added stress.** Candidates can continue to prepare as they have been doing.
- The ISoM Team will conduct a Connectivity Call with candidates/centres before the examination to ensure candidates are confident with the technology.



About the International School of Musicians

- The International School of Musicians (ISoM) is passionate about removing the barriers to music education for everyone.
- ISoM has pioneered an online platform that enables candidates to connect with their examiner from anywhere in the world in real-time, making music education **more accessible for everyone**.



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LCME Online Exams – How they work.



1. Before your exam, candidates will be sent the video link.
By clicking this on the day of the exam, they will join the video call with the examiner.



2. Once the video call has started, the examiner will introduce themselves, and will ask a few questions confirming the candidate's full name and date of birth.



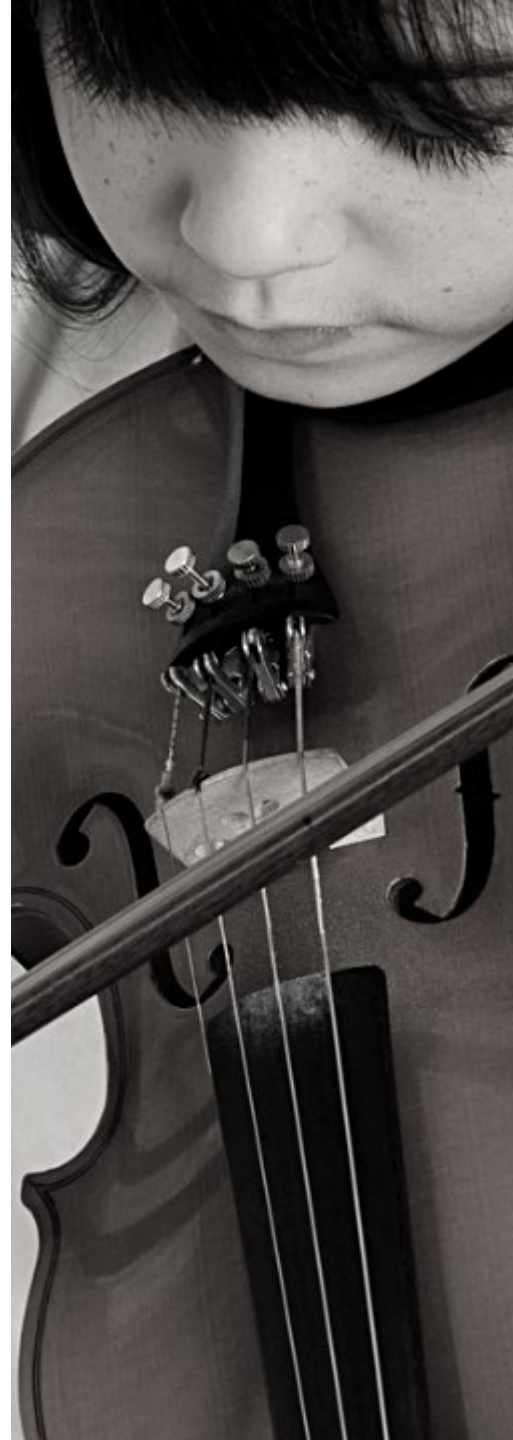
3. Before the exam starts, the examiner will make sure the candidate is comfortable and that they can see and hear the examiner properly.



4. When the candidate is ready, the exam will officially start.



5. Once the exam has followed the structure, mirroring the face to face exam, the examiner will thank the candidate and confirm that they can leave the call.



Digital Assessment for Diploma Candidates

- Performance diplomas
- Teaching diplomas

Why choose LCM exams?

- The only University exam board
- Diverse
- Friendly
- Flexible
- The exam board for the Creative Arts

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