

The following frequently asked questions relate to the BA Acting, BA Actor-Musician, BA Applied and Contemporary Theatre and BA Musical Theatre courses only. If you have any questions about our BA Theatre, BA Theatre Production or postgraduate courses, please see the relevant FAQ's on the GSA course pages – www.gsauk.org

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If you have any further questions, please contact our [Admissions](#) team and be sure to state the programme you wish to apply for and your Student Number (URN) if you've already submitted an application.

APPLYING – BA ACTING, BA ACTOR-MUSICIAN, BA APPLIED AND CONTEMPORARY THEATRE AND BA MUSICAL THEATRE

How do I apply for a place on a programme at GSA?

Applications for undergraduate courses are made via UCAS.

My predicted grades are below the requirements, can I still apply?

Yes; we offer an audition to every applicant who applies to GSA. Each year, GSA is able to offer a very small number of places to students who do not meet the academic requirements based on their particularly exceptional performance at audition. These places are offered at the discretion of the audition panel.

What happens after I have submitted my application?

You will be sent an email with instructions to set up your Surrey Self-Service. You will need your Student Number (URN) in order to set this up. You will then need to pay the relevant audition fee to have further information sent to you.

I applied in the past and was unsuccessful. Can I apply again?

Yes. You will need to submit a new application via UCAS, and attend another audition. We don't consider the previous application and you will be auditioned as a new applicant.

Can I apply now for a place in the future?

No. You must apply in the academic year before you want to start at GSA.

Can I apply for multiple programmes at GSA?

Yes, you can apply for more than one course in the same year, but will not be able to audition for multiple courses in one audition. You will need to pay an audition fee for each course. Please see the information below regarding audition fees.

Do you accept applications from non-native English-speaking applicants?

GSA welcomes candidates who have English as a second language. However, it must be emphasised that fluency and accuracy in the English language is essential. This should be matched by an extensive vocabulary, text awareness and a genuine desire to work on improving the language. If you are successful at audition, you may be asked to provide evidence of English language. If English is not your first language you will be asked to provide evidence that you meet the [University of Surrey's English language requirements](#) that are stated on the relevant programme pages.

AUDITION FEES

Is there an audition fee?

Yes – for some courses. This is currently set at £15.00 for first-round, and £30.00 for recall auditions for the BA Acting, Actor-Musician and Musical Theatre courses. The audition fee must be paid via Surrey Self-Service, and you will be emailed information on how to set this up once we have received your application. There is no audition fee for the [BA \(Hons\) Applied and Contemporary Theatre](#) programme. The audition fee for Foundation programmes is £45.00.

Is there any financial support available to cover the audition fee?

The University of Surrey is able to support eligible students who have applied to an undergraduate course at GSA, by waiving the audition fee for initial and recall auditions. To be eligible you must satisfy **all** of the **essential criteria**, and also **one** of the listed **Widening Participation and Outreach (WP&O) criteria**. Full information can be found on the [Auditions & Interviews](#) page on our website.

Is the audition fee refundable?

No. Please consider your application carefully. If you think you might change your mind, it is important that you understand we will not be able to give you a refund. This refund policy is also stated on the University of Surrey and GSA websites.

What other financial support is available?

Please see our [Scholarships and Bursaries](#) webpage for more information.

I paid for a first-round / recall audition, but I haven't received any information.

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When are auditions held?

The audition process for BA courses will start in November, and usually ends in April. Auditions for MA courses are held between January and May.

Where are auditions held?

For undergraduate programmes, first-round auditions will be via self-tape. If successful, you will be invited to a recall audition at the University of Surrey campus. For BA Applied and Contemporary Theatre there is only one audition to attend (in person).

How do submit a self-tape / book a recall audition?

You must first pay the first-round audition fee in Surrey Self-Service. When this has been processed, you'll be sent instructions on how to submit your self-tape. Please read the guidance attached in Surrey Self-Service carefully. If your self-tape is successful, you will receive an email inviting you to a recall audition. You will first need to pay the recall audition fee, and once this has been processed, you will see a list of available recall audition dates.

I live outside the UK. Will I need to travel to the UK for an audition?

If you live outside the UK, you will not be required to travel to the UK for any part of your audition, and we will conduct the audition process entirely online. Please [contact Admissions](#) for more information.

If circumstances change and I can't attend my recall audition, can I reschedule?

Yes, you can. Please cancel your attendance on the current booking, which will show the list of remaining available audition dates for you to book onto. If there are no dates remaining, please [contact the Admissions team](#).

How long is a typical recall audition?

A recall audition lasts all day. You should aim to be at the venue at least 15 minutes before the audition is due to commence

Special arrangements for applicants with additional needs.

If you have declared a disability and will need specific support to enable you to participate in the audition process, or that prevents you from attending a recall audition, please [let us know](#) in advance.

AFTER YOUR AUDITION

When will I hear the outcome of my application?

We aim to let you know the outcome of your first-round audition within two to four weeks. During certain periods of the year, we experience a significant peak in the number of auditions and this may cause a small delay. The decision of your application will be updated via UCAS Track and Surrey Self-Service.

What happens if my first audition is successful?

You will be invited to a recall audition, which will be held at the GSA premises. Details of the requirements for this session will be made available after a successful first audition. Please note that you will need to pay the recall audition fee before being able to book onto a recall audition.

Will I be able to get feedback about my audition?

Unfortunately not. Due to the high numbers of auditions that take place each year and the large volume of applications we receive, we are not able to provide individual feedback.

I've been made a conditional offer – does this mean I am guaranteed a place?

No. Only if you meet the conditions of your offer will your place be guaranteed. This usually means meeting our academic, and/or English Language requirements.

If I receive an offer of a place, can I defer for a year?

Unfortunately GSA is not able to defer any offers. If you decline your offer you will need to apply and audition again the following year.

Can I have a tour of the facilities?

Due to the number of applications we receive, it is not possible to arrange bespoke tours of our facilities. The best way to get an idea of the GSA environment is to attend an Open Day or see one of our shows.

What are recent graduates doing?

West End credits include; *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *Hamilton*, *Aladdin*, *SIX – The Musical*, *Tina - The Musical*, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and many more. GSA Alumni can also be seen in the following films and television shows; *Charlies Angels (2019)*, *Les Misérables (2012)*, *Beauty and the Beast (2017)*, *Love Actually (2003)*, *Game of Thrones (HBO)*, *Vera (ITV)* and [many more](#).

RESERVE LIST

How likely is it I'll be offered a place on the course?

The audition panel reviews the candidates on the reserve list after every audition – as they are putting together an ensemble, they will be looking to ensure that the cohort will work well together. We will contact you if we are able to make you an offer. Please don't be discouraged by being placed on the reserve list – that in itself is a fantastic achievement as it is so competitive to gain a place at GSA.

Will I find out if I've been accepted onto the course or unsuccessful?

Yes, you will receive a final answer from us in both scenarios, and this will be communicated in Surrey Self-Service and/or UCAS Track.

When will I hear if I've been offered a place or unsuccessful?

We keep the reserve list open as long as possible up to the start of the course. This is so we can offer a place to someone on the reserve list - should a vacancy become available - at the last minute. If at any time you'd like to be removed from the reserve list, please [contact Admissions](#).

How many people are on the reserve list?

We're not able to give this figure as it can change daily and can vary between courses.

Where am I ranked on the reserve list?

The reserve list is not ranked in order and so we are unable to tell you how likely it is that you will be made an offer. Being on the reserve list means you are very much still 'under consideration'.

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