STAGE 1

Module	History of Music Production
Course code	BAMPH-HMP
Credits	5
	50% assignment
Allocation of marks	20% presentation
	30% aural test

Intended Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:

- i. Outline the development of western music recording and production.
- ii. Recognise the characteristics and limitations of production techniques.
- iii. Analyse the changing role of the producer.
- iv. Critique the influence and major contributions of key practitioners.
- v. Evaluate the contribution of key technical developments.

Module Objectives

The objective of the module is to give the learners the ability to recognise the stylistic traits of music production in a historical context and to develop their critical and contextual language in relation to music production.

Module Curriculum

The history of recorded music

- Key developments in media: vinyl, tape, digitisation
- Evolution of recording equipment and hardware
- Computers in music

Evolution of the role of the producer

- The early electronic composers
- The label era
- Record company A&R as producer
- The emergence of the independent producer and recording studios
- The emergence of production companies

Iconic producers and their techniques

- Key practitioners and techniques Meek, Phillips, Martin, Spector
- Analysis of their technical production methods
- Influences on style and genre

Modern day producers and styles

- Key practitioners and techniques Eno, Horn, Dre, Flood
- Producer as artist
- Producer as engineer

The future of music production

- Discussions and debates concerning the future role of the producer Future skills and emerging technologies