Content Notices

Over the course of your studies at the Faculty of Music, you may encounter material and topics that you find upsetting or distressing. Certain kinds of cultural material induce discomfort in some way. Sometimes this can be easily anticipated; at other times strong reactions can be hard to predict. Nevertheless, students can expect difficult topics to be handled with sensitivity, and in an inclusive environment.

Lecturers have been asked to provide a notice to warn students in advance when potentially disturbing issues are to be broached. This will be done in accordance with guidelines from the Cambridge Centre for Teaching and Learning. In deciding whether to issue a content notice, lecturers will take into account the form and degree of detail in which such material is represented. Please bear in mind therefore that the decision to issue a content notice can be a matter of discretion, though the Faculty recommends to instructors that they issue a notice if in any doubt.

We understand that content notices provide an important way for students to prepare themselves for encountering material, without the need to disclose particular sensitivities. Where you feel able, however, we would encourage you to speak to your Director of Studies, lecturer, paper convenor, or supervisor about any issues that arise or for an overview of upcoming content.

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