



Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

BMus (Traditional Music) Shopping List

It would be helpful for you to source the following items prior to your arrival at the Conservatoire:

Stationary

- Pens
- Mechanical pencils
- Eraser
- Folders for course work
- Note pads
- Wall planner
- Manuscript paper

Equipment

- Sibelius notation software – download the free student version to your own computer if possible
- Scanning app for your smartphone if possible
- Metronome
 - *Metronome phone apps are also available*
- Recording device
 - *This can also be your phone, or you may wish to invest in a higher quality recorder such as the Zoom H1 or H2n*
- USB stick
 - *We suggest purchasing a good quality USB storage device for storing digital files such as essays, presentations and Sibelius files. It is advisable to keep two, one for general work and one for backup. You can also use storage websites such as Dropbox to keep a backup of your coursework.*
- Instrument spares
 - *Try to be prepared, and ensure you have spare strings, reeds, bows, leads etc.*

Equipment for Pipers

- Bb chanter
 - *We use Bb chanters for public performances. If you do not have a Bb chanter it would be advisable to purchase one. Student discounts are available for a range of Bb chanters in the National Piping Centre shop.*
- Whistles
 - *You will be working with fellow students during Folk Ensemble and other collaborative studies. In order to be as versatile as possible we advise students who only play Highland Bagpipes to consider purchasing a whistle. Advice can be given regarding which whistles are best to purchase for your situation.*