

## Unusual University Programs



Some universities offer some very unusual study programs. In Canada, for example, Humber College lets students study about comedy. For four years, students in the program learn to write and perform **it**. They learn about different kinds of comedy such as stand-up comedy on a stage. They also learn how to write humorous scripts for movies and television. Humber's comedy students can also learn about the business of comedy. For example, they can study about managing other comedians. Students need to perform on stage at a local comedy club to graduate the program.

Liverpool Hope University in England has another unusual university program. It offers a degree in the very famous rock band, The Beatles. This program gives students the chance to **analyze** the band's history, music, and lyrics. They can also learn about how popular music can change culture. It takes one year of full-time study to complete the degree. 12 students signed up for the program when it began in 2009 and a Canadian woman was the first to graduate.

Students who want to study about puppets can go to the University of Connecticut in America. Since 1964, it has offered courses in Puppet Arts. Students in the program can learn about designing and performing with puppets. Graduates of this program often find **employment** as designers and performers in puppet plays around the world. The course has become so popular that the university needed to limit the number of students who could join the program.



1. What can students at Humber College learn about?
  - a) how to build a comedy stage
  - b) how to make a movie or TV show
  - c) how to graduate from the program
  - d) how to write and perform comedy
  
2. The word “it” in paragraph 1 refers to:
  - a) the program
  - b) comedy
  - c) Humber College
  - d) Canada
  
3. The word “analyze” in paragraph 2 can be replaced with:
  - a) examine
  - b) repeat
  - c) attempt
  - d) demand
  
4. Liverpool Hope University’s program about The Beatles:
  - a) is only open to British students
  - b) is about learning to play music
  - c) takes four years to complete
  - d) had a small number of students in 2009
  
5. The word “employment” in paragraph 3 can be replaced with:
  - a) jobs
  - b) degrees
  - c) clothing
  - d) tickets
  
6. The University of Connecticut’s program about Puppet Arts:
  - a) is not very popular
  - b) has been going since 1984
  - c) could help students become performers
  - d) lets students learn how music can change culture

Answers: 1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (c)

