

BADC (British Academy of Dramatic Combat)

Foundation (optional) – not examined

2 weapons (Unarmed + one other)

20 hrs



Standard (Level 1)

3 weapons (Unarmed, Rapier & Dagger + one other)

All weapons tested collectively in one scene and fight

35 Hours (minimum)



Intermediate (Level 2)

3 weapons (Tutors choice)

All weapons tested collectively in one scene and fight

35 hours (minimum)



Advanced (Level 3)

5 weapons (Small sword + 4 others)

All weapons tested collectively in one scene and fight

35 hours (minimum)



Single Weapon Specialisation (any weapon)

35 hrs minimum

SUMMARY

Minimum hours to achieve 'Standard' – 35 hours

Minimum hours to achieve 'Intermediate' – 70 hours

Minimum hours to achieve 'Advanced' – 70 hours

If skipping 'Intermediate' by achieving a distinction grade at 'Standard'.

Including 'Intermediate' the minimum to achieve 'Advanced' would be 105 hours.

Grades available at each level – Fail, Pass, Merit, Distinction

Maximum weapons examined in one sitting – 5

With 35 hours minimum training

Exam – Private

No public or other students

Accredited weapons taught – varies but includes Unarmed, Rapier & Dagger and Smallsword.

If you receive a distinction at 'Standard' you can advance straight to an 'Advanced' course, otherwise you must complete an 'Intermediate' level qualification at Pass or above to enrol.

Advanced single weapon modularised route available.
Weapons can be tested individually or 2, 3 or 4 at once to make a total of 5 weapons.

BASSC (British Academy of Stage & Screen Combat)

Single Weapon Certificate

Any weapon can be taken in any order
35 hours per weapon (minimum)



Actor Combatant

Has completed Rapier & Dagger and Unarmed
Weapons can be tested individually or collectively
70 hours (minimum)



Intermediate Actor Combatant

5 weapons (must include R&D and Unarmed)
Weapons tested individually at 35hrs per weapon
175 hours (minimum)



Advanced Actor Combatant

5 weapons or more with 5 passed at 'distinction'
(Must include R&D and Unarmed).
Weapons tested individually at 35hrs per weapon
175 hours (minimum)

SUMMARY

Minimum hours for 'Single Weapon Certification' – 35 hours

Minimum hours to achieve 'Actor Combatant' status – 70 hours

Minimum hours to achieve 'Intermediate' – 175 hours

Minimum hours to achieve 'Advanced' – 175 hours

(You can only achieve advanced status by achieving 5 distinctions irrespective of how many weapons you test in).

Grades available at each weapon – Fail, Pass, Distinction

Maximum weapons examined in one sitting – 3

With 105 hours minim training

Exam – Public

(Students may invite guest)

Accredited weapons taught – 9 as listed below:

Rapier & Dagger, Unarmed, Knife, Sword & Shield,

Single Sword Swashbuckling, Rapier & Cloak,

Small Sword, Quarterstaff, Broadsword