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BSc (HONS) BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Welcome to Biomedical Science at Southampton Solent University!

Congratulations on accepting your place and choosing to study **BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AT SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT UNIVERSITY**. We are very pleased that you will be joining our vibrant course community and we are excited to meet you. We hope that you will enjoy your three years, make a lot of new friends and unforgettable memories as you navigate what will be a wonderful adventure. The course team cannot wait to meet you in September but before we do, we just wanted to ensure you have all the information you require to arrive ready to dive straight in.

Teaching team

Your core teaching team is comprised of a small number of academics, and this should make it easy for you to navigate and ask any questions. We are:

Dr. Jamil Jubrail (Biomedical Science course leader and Level 5 lead)

Dr. Aref Kyaly (Senior Lecturer and Level 4 lead)

Dr. Ibemusu Otele (Lecturer and Level 6 lead)

Mikaela Lee (Technician Instruction)

You will also meet our associate lecturers and external lecturers as you progress through the course.

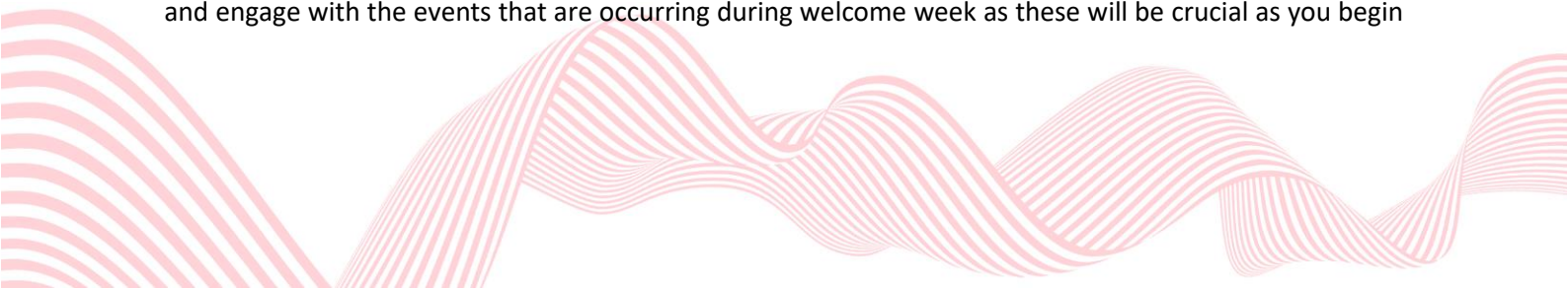
Introduction and support

We totally appreciate that a lot of you will be coming into higher education for the first time and will be experiencing a range of emotions-excitement, nervousness or even eagerness to begin. All of this is perfectly normal, and you will be supported throughout your time with us. You will have a personal tutor who will get to know you on a 1:1 level and have the opportunity to be mentored by current students and professionals. All of this will support your personal and academic development.

Over the next three years the course team will look after you on an academic and pastoral level. We will transform you into perfect Biomedical scientists equipped with all of the high-level skills needed for whatever employment pathway you decide is right for you.

Induction activities | Welcome Week

Our induction week, also known as Welcome Week, begins on Monday 21st September and formal teaching begins the week commencing Monday 28th September, the following week. It's important that you attend and engage with the events that are occurring during welcome week as these will be crucial as you begin





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your academic journey. The staff team will be active throughout the week, helping you get your bearings in more ways than one, helping you to overcome anything that might be on your mind and helping to integrate into your year group.

Unless stated in your timetable, welcome week events will be run on campus. The events will allow you to familiarise yourself with University processes, course specific processes and regulations important throughout your degree programme. You will also learn more about each team member and be introduced to your personal tutor. As the week progresses, we will introduce to you some important questions in Biomedical Science. You will be tasked to think about these critically in an interactive manner which will begin your learning journey with us.

During Welcome Week, you will have access to many essential aspects of university life such as our IT systems, the [Library](#) and the [Students' Union](#). You will also receive your virtual learning environment account details and instructions on how to obtain your student ID card. It may seem like it is a busy week, but it is important and we will be there throughout to help you with anything.

Induction activities | Lab tour

On the Tuesday of welcome week you will see you have a lab tour in our suite of Biomedical Labs. This will be led by Mikaela Lee. It is important you attend this tour to begin to familiarise yourself with the location of the labs and also to receive your health and safety information. This will be important before you begin working in the labs.

Academic year structure

Our university year is split into two semesters. In Semester One (September to January), you will be taking 3 modules and in Semester Two (January to May), you will take 3 more modules. You will be taught by the entire course team in both semesters, have regular meetings with your personal tutor and a lot of lab time.

The teaching on our course is hybrid. For each module you will be expected to engage with pre lecture material on the virtual learning environment before attending the face-to-face session. In the classroom, there will be elements of passive learning but a lot of collaborative learning expecting you to engage with your course mates and tackle activities relevant to the week's material. In addition, module leaders will schedule additional time for assessment and skills-based support, and your personal tutor will also be working with you on this. Your face-to-face teaching will be on campus. We will explain our teaching approach more thoroughly to you during Welcome Week and you will have the chance to engage in a brief taster by each member of the course team.

Before you arrive

Prior to the Welcome Week, please check your personal emails regularly and follow the registration instructions when they are sent to you. This is particularly important as, once registered, you will have



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access to your student email address and be able to log into our online teaching platform, Solent Online Learning, also known as SOL. We also recommend that you download Microsoft Teams and get used to its functionality. From a subject perspective, there is nothing additional that you need to do-enjoy your time off and be ready to immerse yourself in September. If you want to get ahead of the game, we advise you to visit the [IBMS website](#) and consider reading some of their news stories. We will discuss IBMS membership during welcome week.

Starting at the University

We have several welcome and induction activities for you to get involved in during Welcome week and beyond. As a flavour, plus a few important reminders to settle into your university life, consider thinking about the following.

[Solent Sport - try our sport clubs and sport facilities](#)

The Solent Sports Complex has a fully staffed 90-station gym with over 40 pieces of cardio equipment, sports halls, fitness studios and much more. Try out 30+ sports clubs and work towards your fitness goals with our student gym membership. Our sport clubs cover everything from hockey, to equestrian, to squash - regularly compete in BUCS competitions throughout the year.

[Student societies](#)

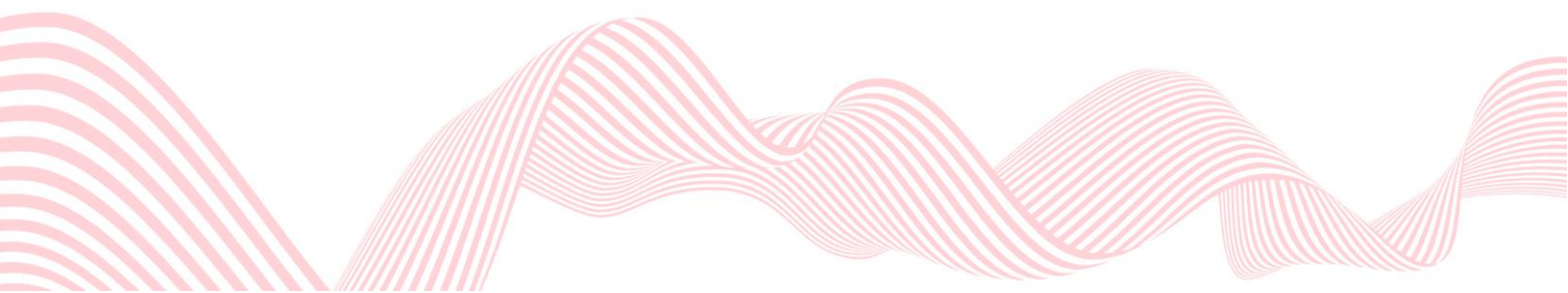
The Students' Union has 30+ student societies and groups where you can meet like-minded people with similar interests. Our societies represent a wide range of interests, from creative skills to political, from religion to activism, to the whacky and wonderful, and everything in between. You can visit representatives from different societies at the Fresher's Fair during Welcome Week.

[Register with a GP near you](#)

To access healthcare, students are required to be registered with a doctor near to where they are living while at the University. A GP registration session will be detailed on your induction week timetable. During this session, you will register with [St Mary's Surgery](#), the most local surgery to the University and halls of residence. If you miss this session, you can register with them directly - visit their website for details. Note this registration is only applicable if you have moved and will be living in halls of residence.

[Health and wellbeing](#)

Health and wellbeing is extremely important to your university experience. Solent Students' Union is here to help across various topics, from mental and sexual health to physical activities and the cost of living, and much more. In addition, as students at Southampton Solent University you have access to our Mental Health and Wellbeing team who can support you.





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Here's where to find dates for teaching blocks, consolidation weeks, Christmas and Easter holidays: [Key dates](#)

Social media

We are working on our social media presence but if you are on LinkedIn you can follow us @Biomedical Science Solent University and on Facebook @Biomedical Sciences Solent University.

We hope you find the information provided helpful and you are super keen to join our thriving Biomedical Science community. We value how successful our students are and look forwards to supporting and ensuring you reach the highest potential.

We cannot wait to meet you on the 21st September for the start of welcome week and the academic year and providing you with a warm welcome to Southampton Solent University.

Best wishes,

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Dr. Jamil Jubrail

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