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Built Environment Apprenticeships

Welcome to Southampton Solent University!

As Course Leader, I'd like to be the first to congratulate you and thank you for choosing to study with us. I hope you're enjoying the summer and are ready for an exciting and rewarding journey ahead.

Our Built Environment programmes, particularly our apprenticeships, bring together students from a wide range of backgrounds, from school and college leavers to experienced professionals looking to gain a formal qualification. Whatever your experience, you'll find a welcoming and supportive learning community here.

As an apprentice, you can take advantage of free student membership with your professional body. Construction Management and Quantity Surveying apprentices can join the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), while Civil Engineering Senior Technician apprentices can join the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). Representatives from both organisations will visit during the first few weeks to explain the benefits of membership and professional development.

Remember, your apprenticeship is more than just achieving an academic qualification. It is designed to develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours both at university and in the workplace, preparing you for your End-Point Assessment and a successful career in the industry. Start thinking about your End-Point Assessment from day one, we'll support you every step of the way.

Before you arrive, please read the joining instructions carefully. We strongly recommend revisiting GCSE Maths topics such as trigonometry, equations, areas and volumes, along with key Physics concepts including forces and bending moments. These skills are particularly important for Civil Engineering apprentices, where mathematics forms a core part of the programme.

Most assessments are submitted electronically, so confidence with Word, PowerPoint and Excel will be beneficial. You'll also learn industry-standard software including AutoCAD and Revit, both available free through student licences. If you plan to use a work laptop for your studies, please speak to your IT department now to ensure you have permission to install software.

You'll soon receive your Solent Portal and SOL login details. Please complete the activities on the "Getting Ready for Solent" page before you arrive.

Welcome Week begins on **21 September**. Please attend all scheduled activities, as they are designed to help you get the best possible start. Bring a fully charged laptop or tablet to every



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session (mobile phones are not suitable), along with photo ID and your original qualification certificates for enrolment.

We look forward to welcoming you to Solent and supporting you throughout your apprenticeship journey. If you have any questions before you start, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

See you in September!

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