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BA (HONS) CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

The academic team here at Southampton Solent University is delighted to take this opportunity to welcome you to the University and hopes you have a rewarding and memorable time while studying with us. This letter will provide you with all the information on the requirements for your course in advance, so you arrive ready and fully prepared.

Welcome!

Hello from Jamie Clarke (your course leader) and Paul Stevens (your Level 4 tutor). Congratulations on achieving a place here at Solent. Your start date at the University is **Monday, September 21**, the first day of **Welcome Week** (aka Freshers' Week).

Welcome Week will be an opportunity to meet the rest of the team and your fellow students, whilst introducing key things you'll need to know as you head into your first semester. In the meantime, feel free to contact any of the staff team using the contact details below!

Dr Jamie Clarke

Hello! My name is Jamie and I am the Course Leader for BA (Hons) Creative Media Production. Firstly, congratulations on coming to university and welcome to our course.

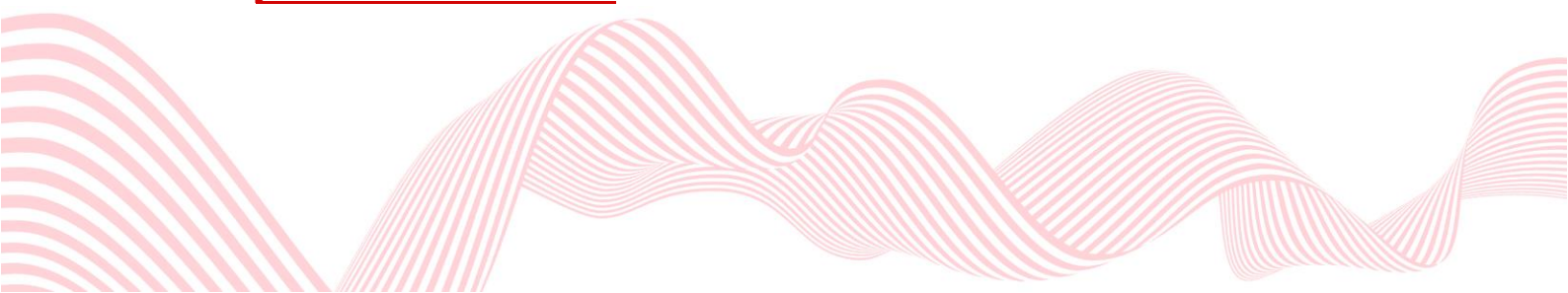
I am responsible for the smooth running of the course and for ensuring you have the best possible experience throughout your time with us. I teach primarily on our video modules and modules that help you to think about your place in the media industry. I promise I will do everything I can to make your time in Southampton a productive, creative and fun experience!

I hope that you're looking forward to the course and I'm very much looking forward to meeting you!

If you have any questions at all before you arrive, please do not hesitate to email me.



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Paul Stevens

Hi, I'm Paul and I'm the first year (aka Level 4) tutor, so I'll be meeting you in person on your first day here and throughout Welcome Week.

After that I'll be supporting you during your time with us at Solent, right the way through to graduation at the end of Level 6!

As far as teaching goes, as a practicing radio presenter, podcaster, and voice-over, I'm mainly responsible for the audio production parts of the degree at all three years of your time here. But I also specialise in social media marketing and throughout the course, I'll be preparing you for your exciting careers in the media!

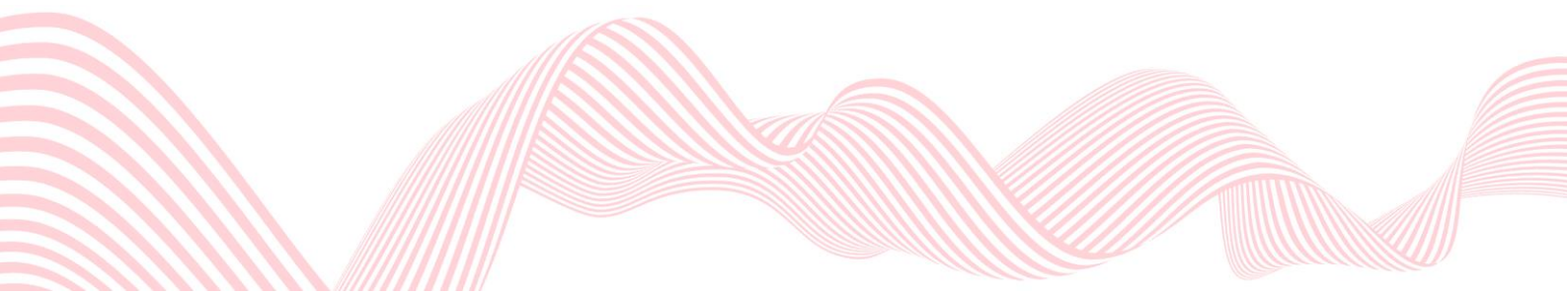


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Equipment

Please note that you don't need your own equipment. The university has resources for everything you will need to succeed on our course.

- It would, however be a good idea to buy an 8GB SD card (rated 10) before arriving. You can buy these on campus, but you should get used to having one with you at all times.
- Our biggest purchasing recommendation is to invest in an external hard drive for backing up your work and or transporting your work between workstations.
- The university provides all the cameras and computers you need, but if you're thinking about investing in your own, we'd recommend speaking to us to ensure you get the best creative bang for your creative buck!





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What could you do over the summer?

It's always good to exercise your creativity. So, we'd like you to work on a small summer project where you develop a themed photographic series.

It's up to you what the series is about with regards to content (e.g. it could be a series of portraits, urban landscapes, still lifes, a documentary project etc.). However, you should consider how the series comes together as a coherent and consistent whole (five to 10 images is a guideline). You can use your phone or any camera you can get hold of. It's the creativity of the person using the equipment that counts!

The main thing is that you photograph something that you're interested in, and which possibly even reveals something about who you are and your interests.

It's super important that you enjoy the process and have some fun too!

Check out [The British Journal of Photography](#) and [Lens Culture](#) for inspiration.

Final things ...

Lastly, you can use our [LINK TREE](#) to see our social media channels, where you'll find examples of creative work by our super-talented current students. You can find our blog, Instagram, Flickr, YouTube, TikTok, and Soundcloud sites. Plus, you can find our [izi.travel](#) museum of spatial audio walks (why not do one of them when you get here?)

That's it! Again, please email if you have any questions or just want to say hello! Enjoy the Summer sunshine, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Jamie & Paul

