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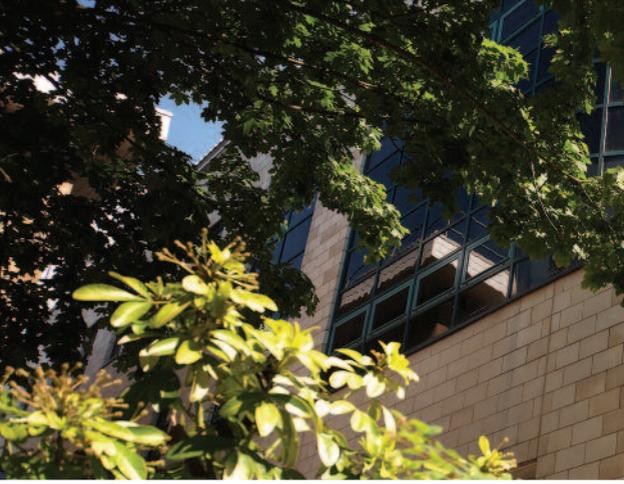




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Southampton Solent facts and figures

150+ years of history

Four campuses

£100 million campus investment (2010 to 2020)

Student population:
around 11,500

gender split: 58% male, 42% female

Total number of postgraduate students and researchers: **211**

Total number of international students: 1,521 from more than 100 countries

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Being a student at Southampton Solent University (SSU) has been the best experience of my life so far.

It was interesting, challenging and fun. You get to meet people from many different cultures and work on real-life projects for potential employers. Everyone at the University is very helpful and you get incredible opportunities for personal and professional development all the time.

My degree at SSU helped me develop skills which led to an amazing internship straight after I graduated. I am currently working on projects within different departments: I get to organise events, film interviews, go to conferences and even travel abroad! My time at university helped me become more confident in myself and prepared me for the real world. ”

Simona Boeva, Bulgaria



Working together for you

Southampton Solent University is a dynamic and distinctive new university, dedicated to academic excellence, social justice and the integration of theory and practice.

We recognise the value of hands-on experience when it comes to finding a job, and real-world industry opportunities are built into our exciting range of courses.

In the last few years we have pioneered innovative courses in new subject areas, designed to meet the fast-changing needs of the modern economy.

Shaped and informed by employers and professionals, the courses we offer combine intellectual stimulus, academic excellence and experience in the workplace – ensuring that when you graduate, you will be more than ready for the challenges of the professional world.

Employment and enterprise are prominent themes, shaping our thinking and educational practice. Every

student has opportunities to work with external clients on live projects, and paid internships for recent graduates are available.

Last year we provided funding for 46 student business start-ups, along with help and advice on everything from initial concepts to securing external financial backing. The University is a friendly, open and inclusive place where people achieve extraordinary things. We offer fairness, integrity and excellent value.

If you decide to choose us for your time at university, we look forward to welcoming you.

Learning at the heart of a great city

We're located in the very heart of the cultural and commercial capital of the south. It's a great place to be, and here's why...

A global village

Southampton is a lively and cosmopolitan hub of culture, entertainment, nightlife and shopping. Just over an hour from London and a short distance from Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Winchester, it's easy to travel to Europe and beyond, either by ferry or from the city's airport.

Culture and entertainment

Solent's School of Art, Design and Fashion complements the Solent Showcase Gallery, which is at the centre of Southampton's impressive new cultural quarter. Just minutes from the main campus, the city has state-of-the-art auditoriums, studios, art galleries, restaurants, two major theatres and three cinemas. There's plenty going on all year round in this lively area, including numerous concerts, festivals, workshops, shows and events.

Nightlife and restaurants

The city has a great choice of restaurants. The Bedford Place area, popular with students, is a buzz of activity and offers a wide selection of boutiques, pubs, bars and restaurants.

Fantastic shops

Southampton has a great choice of shops. With the popular WestQuay and Marlands shopping centres and other city outlets, it's one of the top 20 retail destinations in the UK.

Green space on the doorstep

Southampton's many parks and 300-acre common make it one of the greenest cities in southern England. With city-centre parks right on the doorstep, Southampton Solent students have plenty of opportunities to relax, revise in the summer sun or have a kick-about with friends.

First port of call

The city has a strong maritime heritage. *The Mayflower* set sail from here for the New World in 1620. Medieval walls nestle among modern developments to create a unique waterfront environment. Southampton's port is renowned worldwide for its container ships and prestigious cruise liners, while the city's SeaCity Museum celebrates the importance of the sea to Southampton's past and present.



Economic hub

The city was the birthplace of the Hovercraft and fibre optics, and continues to be at the forefront of commercial innovation. Its diverse economy includes the head offices or regional centres of B&Q, Carnival, Old Mutual Wealth and Ordnance Survey. With more than 7,000 businesses operating here, there are plenty of career opportunities for Solent students and graduates.

Safety first

Southampton Solent has dedicated support teams who work closely with students to ensure that their time here is as safe and enjoyable as it can be. Along with the council's safer neighbourhoods team and Hampshire Police, community spirit, volunteering and personal safety are encouraged.

Sporting chance

Mad about sport? You can indulge your passion at a variety of spectacular sporting venues that play host to professional football, major sailing events, and county and test match cricket. The Ageas Bowl is home to Hampshire County Cricket Club, while successful Southampton Football Club plays at nearby St Mary's Stadium.

The big outdoors

When you want a change from city-centre life, it's only a short trip to the golden beaches of Bournemouth or the miles of stunning Hampshire coastline. The New Forest is close by and offers acres of open woodland to explore on foot, bike or horseback.



City facts

- Population of city – 236,900
Student population – around 42,000
- Only 75 miles and 75 minutes from London, Southampton is highly accessible by train, bus, ferry, road and air.
- The city centre occupies 350 hectares between the rivers Itchen and Test, with the major development quarter located on the west side of the centre.
- The city is one of the greenest in the country, with over 21 hectares of parkland in five historic central parks. Just over 20 per cent of the city is covered by council-managed green space.
- The region boasts around 75,000 businesses in sectors ranging from marine and tourism to engineering and finance, and is an area of major economic activity.
- With a turnover of £37 billion per year and employing more than a quarter of a million people, the UK has the largest marine sector in Europe. Nearly half that sector lies within the south east of England, with significant clusters around the Solent.
- The Port of Southampton is one of the country's busiest and most successful deep-water ports, with facilities to handle virtually any type of cargo. Known as the 'cruise capital of northern Europe', Southampton is home to the UK fleets of P&O Cruises and Cunard Line. The cruise industry is worth more than £350 million a year to the local economy.
- Following on from the development of Southampton's cultural quarter in the city centre, a new development, Watermark WestQuay, will include flagship restaurants, a luxury cinema, shops and a landscaped plaza set against the city's historic medieval walls.
- Over 15,000 rail passengers use Southampton Central Station each day, and the University is only a ten-minute walk away.
- Southampton is a leader in sustainability, with an award-winning district energy scheme serving over 30 of the largest energy users in the city centre and saving over 11,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year.





Thinking of studying with us?

You can take your pick from around 150 undergraduate degrees and almost 40 higher national diplomas and foundation degrees, together with a wide variety of taught and research postgraduate degrees, professional education and short courses.

Undergraduate level

Foundation programmes – 1 year, leading to a bachelor's degree

Higher National Diplomas (HND) – 2 years, leading to a bachelor's degree or a bachelor's top-up degree

Bachelor's degrees – 3 or 4 years; Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) and Bachelor of Law (LLB)

Bachelor's top-up degrees – 1 year; final year of a bachelor's degree for students who have completed the equivalent of a British HND

Taught postgraduate level

Postgraduate diploma – 1 year

Master's degrees – 1 year; Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Law (LLM).

Research postgraduate level

Master of Philosophy degrees – 2 years

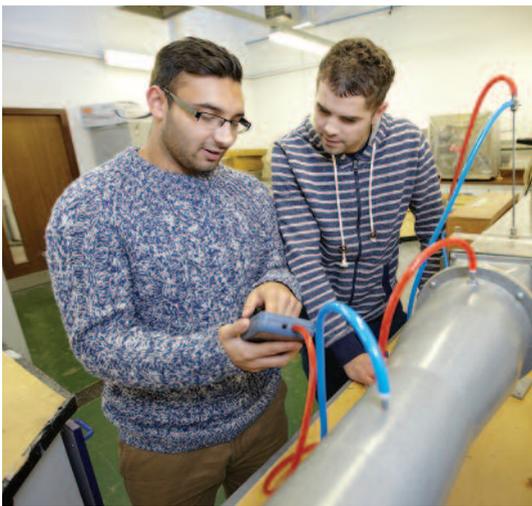
PhD degrees – 3 years

Study Abroad programme

Southampton Solent University's Study Abroad programme allows international students who are enrolled at a university outside the UK, at which there is no bilateral exchange agreement in place, to study with us for a semester or an academic year. You will need to have a learning agreement signed by both your home institution and Southampton Solent University. On completion of your studies with us, you will be able to transfer the credits you have obtained back to your home institution. Studying abroad will give you an international academic experience and help you to prepare to live and work in a more global society.

Exchange opportunities

Once you are a current student at Southampton Solent University, you may be eligible to spend a period of time studying or working in the EU through the Erasmus Mobility programme, depending on certain eligibility criteria. The length of the exchange must be for a minimum of three months and a maximum of a full academic year.



The opportunity to take part in an exchange depends upon your degree programme. If the structure of your course means that you are unable to study abroad, you might wish to consider a work placement abroad – which is also possible under the Erasmus programme.

Current partner universities can be found in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

For further information on either the study abroad or the exchange programme, please visit:

www.solent.ac.uk/exchange



First-class facilities

We provide a stimulating learning environment and access to state-of-the-art resources to help you make the most of your time with us.

Flexible, modern learning spaces suitable for both individual and group study, all with Wi-Fi access, contribute to the lively and contemporary study environment at Southampton Solent.

Our courses also benefit from purpose-built facilities which enable you to develop hands-on and work-related skills.

From day one, you will have access to the student portal, designed to help you with everything from enrolment to successfully completing your coursework via the Southampton Solent virtual learning environment.

We also use social media to keep you informed of up-to-the-minute information – such as extended library opening hours.

The University's libraries are modern and spacious, and have everything you need to succeed on your course, including remote access to electronic information sources (such as e-books and online journals).

Our networked resource centres are equipped with Macs and PCs, and include areas for group work and discussion.

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I chose to go to Southampton Solent University because the university provides unique courses that other universities don't. With my degree I have an opportunity to receive professional qualifications such as CIM, CAM and PRINCE2. I am also a current student ambassador team leader, which gives me incredible work experience and can create opportunities for me in the future.”

Nadezda Golubeva, Russia





£30 million
teaching and learning building
in 2015

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Media academy
State-of-the-art newsroom, computer and
video games design areas, and photography,
tv, radio and music studios

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£3.2 million
on new football facilities

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£2.7 million
on the new world-class ship-handling centre

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£1.4 million
on a new city-centre site for
the School of Art, Design and Fashion



Course guide

Undergraduate courses

Foundations

Business Foundation Year
Football Foundation Year
International Foundation Certificate*
International Foundation Year
International Foundation Year (Football)
Law and Criminology Foundation Year
Popular Music Production Foundation Year
Sport, Events and Tourism Foundation Year
Technology Foundation Year

* Overseas only

Bachelor's degrees and higher national diplomas (HNDs)

Art, design and fashion

BA (Hons) Animation
BA (Hons) Beauty Production
BA (Hons) Computer and Video Games
BA (Hons) Computer Generated Imagery
BA (Hons) Digital Animation
BA (Hons) Fashion
BA (Hons) Fashion Buying and Merchandising
BA (Hons) Fashion Graphics
BA (Hons) Fashion Journalism
BA (Hons) Fashion Management with Marketing
BA (Hons) Fashion Photography
BA (Hons) Fashion Promotion and Communication
BA (Hons) Fashion Styling
BA (Hons) Fine Art
BA (Hons) Graphic Design
BA (Hons) Graphic Design for Web and Mobile Devices
BA (Hons) Illustration
BA (Hons) Interior Design
BA (Hons) Interior Design Decoration
BA (Hons) Make-up and Hair Design
BA (Hons) Photography
BA (Hons) Photojournalism
BA (Hons) Product Design
BA (Hons) Special Effects
BSc (Hons) Web Design and Development

Built environment

BA (Hons) Architectural Technology
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BA (Hons) Interior Design
BA (Hons) Interior Design Decoration

Business, management and law

BA (Hons) Accountancy and Finance
BA (Hons) Adventure and Outdoor Management
BA (Hons) Advertising
HND Business and Management
HND Business and Marketing
BSc (Hons) Business Economics
BA (Hons) Enterprise with Entrepreneurship
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology
BA (Hons) Business Management
BA (Hons) Events Management
BA (Hons) Festival and Event Management
BA (Hons) Fashion Buying and Merchandising
BA (Hons) Fashion Promotion and Communication
BA (Hons) Fitness Management and Personal Training
BA (Hons) Football Studies and Business
BSc (Hons) Information Technology Management
BA (Hons) International Air Travel and Tourism Management
BA (Hons) International Business Management
BA (Hons) International Tourism Management
LLB (Hons) Law
LLB (Hons) Law with Commercial Practice
BSc (Hons) Maritime Business
BA (Hons) Marketing
BA (Hons) Marketing with Advertising Management
BA (Hons) Music Management
BA (Hons) Music Promotion
BA (Hons) Public Relations and Communication
BA (Hons) Publishing
BSc (Hons) Shipping and Port Management
BA (Hons) Social Media
BA (Hons) Sports Studies and Business
BA (Hons) Tourism Management

Computing, games and networking

BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology
BA (Hons) Computer Games (Art)
BSc (Hons) Computer Games (Indie)
BSc (Hons) Computer Games (Software Development)
BA (Hons) Computer Generated Imagery
BSc (Hons) Computer Networks and Web Design
BSc (Hons) Computer Systems and Networks
BSc (Hons) Computing
BA (Hons) Digital Animation
BA (Hons) Graphic Design for Web and Mobile Devices
BSc (Hons) Information Technology Management
BSc (Hons) Network Security Management
BSc (Hons) Software Engineering
BSc (Hons) Web Design and Development

Engineering and yacht design

BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering
BSc (Hons) Engineering Design and Manufacture
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
BA (Hons) Product Design
BEng (Hons) Yacht and Powercraft Design
BEng (Hons) Yacht Design and Production

Geography and tourism

BA (Hons) Events Management
BSc (Hons) Geography with Environmental Studies
BSc (Hons) Geography with Marine Studies
BA (Hons) International Tourism Management
BA (Hons) Tourism Management

Health and social sciences

BA (Hons) Criminal Investigation with Psychology
BA (Hons) Criminology
BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
BSc (Hons) Fitness and Personal Training
BA (Hons) Fitness Management and Personal Training
BSc (Hons) Health, Exercise and Physical Activity
BSc (Hons) Psychology
BSc (Hons) Psychology (Counselling)
BSc (Hons) Psychology (Criminal Behaviour)
BSc (Hons) Psychology (Education)
BSc (Hons) Psychology (Health Psychology)
BA (Hons) Social Work

Maritime

BSc (Hons) Maritime Business
BSc (Hons) Shipping and Port Management

Media and media technology

BEng (Hons) Acoustics
BA (Hons) Advertising
BEng (Hons) Audio and Acoustic Engineering
BSc (Hons) Audio Engineering
BSc (Hons) Broadcast Systems Engineering
BA (Hons) Computer Generated Imagery
BA (Hons) Digital Animation
BA (Hons) Digital Music
BA (Hons) Film
BA (Hons) Film and Television
BA (Hons) Film Production
BSc (Hons) Live Sound Technology
BA (Hons) Marketing with Advertising Management
BA (Hons) Media Culture and Production
BA (Hons) Popular Music Production
BA (Hons) Publishing
BA (Hons) Special Effects

BA (Hons) Television and Video Production
BA (Hons) Television Post-Production
BSc (Hons) Television Production Technology
BA (Hons) Television Studio Production

Music and performance

BSc (Hons) Audio Engineering
BA (Hons) Digital Music
BSc (Hons) Live Sound Technology
BA (Hons) Music Management
BA (Hons) Music Promotion
BA (Hons) Performance
BA (Hons) Popular Music Journalism
BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance
BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance and Production
BA (Hons) Popular Music Production

Sport and fitness

BA (Hons) Adventure and Outdoor Management
BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science
BSc (Hons) Fitness and Personal Training
BA (Hons) Fitness Management and Personal Training
BA (Hons) Football Studies
BA (Hons) Football Studies and Business
BSc (Hons) Health, Exercise and Physical Activity
BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Therapy
BA (Hons) Sport and Physical Education
BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching
BA (Hons) Sport Coaching and Development
BA (Hons) Sports Studies
BA (Hons) Sports Studies and Business

Writing and communication

BA (Hons) Advertising
BA (Hons) English
BA (Hons) English and Advertising
BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing
BA (Hons) English and Film
BA (Hons) English and Magazine Journalism
BA (Hons) English and Media
BA (Hons) English and Public Relations
BA (Hons) Events Management
BA (Hons) Fashion Buying and Merchandising
BA (Hons) Fashion Journalism
BA (Hons) Fashion Promotion and Communication
BA (Hons) Journalism
BA (Hons) Magazine Journalism
BA (Hons) Marketing
BA (Hons) Marketing with Advertising Management
BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism
BA (Hons) Music Management

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BA (Hons) Music Promotion
BA (Hons) Photojournalism
BA (Hons) Popular Music Journalism
BA (Hons) Public Relations and Communication
BA (Hons) Publishing
BA (Hons) Social Media
BA (Hons) Sport Journalism

Top-up courses

These one-year courses let you top up your existing qualifications to a full bachelor's degree.

Art, design and fashion

BA (Hons) Creative Enterprise
BA (Hons) Fashion
BA (Hons) Fashion Management with Marketing
BA (Hons) Fashion Photography
BA (Hons) Fashion Styling and Make-Up for Media
BA (Hons) Graphic Design
BA (Hons) Interior Design Decoration
BSc (Hons) International Construction, Design and Management
BA (Hons) Photography
BA (Hons) Product Design
BA (Hons) Visual Arts

Business and accountancy

BSc (Hons) Accountancy and Finance
BSc (Hons) Business Administration
BSc (Hons) International Management
BSc (Hons) Marketing

Computing

BSc (Hons) Applied Computing

Media

BA (Hons) Advertising and Public Relations
BA (Hons) Digital Music
BA (Hons) Fashion Writing
BA (Hons) Film and Television
BA (Hons) Journalism
BA (Hons) Media, Communication and Culture
BA (Hons) Media Production
BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance
BA (Hons) Popular Music Production
BA (Hons) Promotional Media
BA (Hons) Songwriting

Postgraduate courses

Art, design and fashion

MA Creative Advertising
MA Creative Enterprise
MA Fashion Merchandise Management
MA Visual Communication

Business, management and law

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Fundamentals
MA Human Resource Management
MSc International Accounting and Finance
MSc International Business Management
LLM International Trade Regulation
MSc Management
MA Marketing Management
Master of Business Administration
MSc Project Management

Computing

MSc Applied Computing

Health and social sciences

MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice

Maritime

MSc International Maritime Business
MSc International Shipping and Logistics
MSc Shipping Operations (distance learning)

Media and media technology

MSc Applied Acoustics
MA Film Production

Sport and fitness

MSc Athletic Development and Peak Performance

Postgraduate research studies

We also have a wide range of research areas currently available.

For further information, please email

research@solent.ac.uk

or visit **www.solent.ac.uk/research**



Entry requirements

English entry requirements

In order to join one of our programmes, we ask that you demonstrate an acceptable level of competence in both written and spoken English.

The normal examinations to demonstrate competence are:

Undergraduate level

IELTS minimum 6.0 (5.5 in each component), or
CAE minimum grade C, or
I/GCSE English grade C or equivalent
Password minimum 6.0 (5.5 in each component)

Postgraduate level

IELTS minimum 6.5 (6.0 in writing, 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking), or
CAE minimum grade B, or
CPE minimum grade C or equivalent
Password minimum 6.5 (6.0 in writing, 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking)

Note to all international students requiring a visa:

All international applicants need to be aware that the English language requirements to attend Southampton Solent University and the English language requirements to obtain a visa from the UK Home Office may be different. This means that if you meet the Southampton Solent University language requirements to gain a place on a course, you may have to meet additional requirements to be granted a visa by the UK Home Office.

Visit www.gov.uk

Pre-sessional English Language Course

If you need to improve your English language skills before starting your course, we offer a five-and ten-week pre-sessional English language course. The course will help you improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to the level required for your chosen undergraduate or postgraduate course.



Academic entry requirements

Undergraduate first degrees

The normal minimum entry requirements for an honours degree course are:

- A-levels or high school leaving examinations equivalent to A-levels
- International or European Baccalaureate
- International Foundation Year/Certificate
- Or any recognised equivalent of the above qualifications.

Taught postgraduate master's degrees

The normal minimum entry requirements for a master's degree course are:

- British bachelor's degree with a minimum of 2:2
- Or any recognised equivalent of the above qualification.

Application procedures

Undergraduate students

Undergraduate students must complete an online UCAS application form via the UCAS website (www.ucas.ac.uk) with the appropriate fee.

Overseas students have until the end of June to apply to UK institutions. EU students are advised to apply by the official UCAS January deadline, although you can still apply afterwards while there are places left.

Postgraduate students

Postgraduate students apply directly to the University. You must complete an application form, which you can find on our website or obtain upon request. Please make sure that you enclose a copy of your official transcripts and two references along with your application form.



Fees and scholarships

Tuition fees, scholarships and EU funding

Tuition fees for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate courses, as well as information on our scholarships and EU funding, can be found on our website. Visit: www.solent.ac.uk/international-funding

Cost of living

You will need to pay for your living expenses in addition to the course fees. These include your accommodation, food, socialising, books and other general expenses. Your living cost is estimated at approximately £820 per month.

Further study

Southampton Solent University alumni can receive up to a 15 per cent discount on the first year of their course fees if they go on to further study at the University. For example, this could be applied to a postgraduate course after graduating from an undergraduate or top-up course.

The Solent Sport Scholarship

The Solent Sport Scholarship is for students with great potential as basketball or cricket players. For each successful applicant, academic fees are

covered by Southampton Solent University at 100 per cent for the first academic year and then at 50 per cent for the second and third years.

High Performance Academy

The High Performance Academy programme offers different levels of support to students based on their sporting talent and potential.

There are three categories:

- High Performance Squad
- Development Squad
- Performance Squad

Support packages for successful applicants are up to the value of £2,500.

For further information, please visit our website (www.solent.ac.uk/sport) and click on the 'Sport scholarships and high performance' section.



Student accommodation

We have six halls of residence, all within a short walk of the city centre and the campus. So, whether it's lectures, a session in the library, shopping or a night out on the town, it's all close by.

Contemporary and comfortable, all study-bedrooms are furnished with a bed, wardrobe, chair and desk. Many are en-suite and are in flats with their own front door or access-only entry. All the residences are self-catering, and have shared kitchens with a cooker, kettle, microwave and fridge/freezer.

Bedding packs may be provided for international students; please contact the accommodation office team for further details.

Alternative accommodation

Self-catering shared flats with Liberty Living, Unilife or Vita.

www.collegiate-ac.com
www.libertyliving.co.uk
www.unilife.co.uk
www.vitastudent.com

A list of private sector accommodation can be provided upon request. This is a directory of providers who meet our safety criteria. Viewing is essential.



Contact

For more information, visit our website or contact the accommodation office:

Tel: +44 (0)23 8201 3461

Email: accommodation@solent.ac.uk



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Living in the student halls is a great experience. I got to meet people from various backgrounds and learnt about their cultures, countries and traditions. The city centre, train and bus stations are all very close to the halls. ”

Ozair Shaikh, Abu Dhabi



Why study at Southampton Solent University?

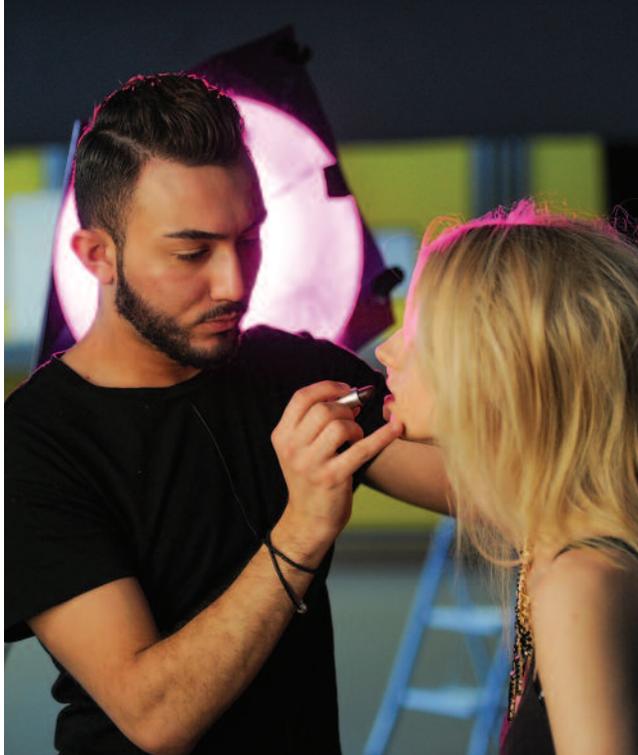
Through a global network of industry contacts, first-class facilities and an innovative blend of specialised knowledge and real-world experience, Southampton Solent University gives you everything you need for a great career.

We offer:

- **Practical and professional education** – with work placements and industry contact embedded into our courses. Our tutors bring professional knowledge, experience and contacts.
- **An exciting range of innovative courses** – including business and enterprise, engineering and technology, creative industries and media production, maritime, sport, health and social sciences.



- **Strong international ties** – with industry-focused training, innovative programmes of study and international partnerships. Fifteen per cent of our students come from overseas.
- **A diverse, inclusive and student-focused environment** – Southampton Solent has an extraordinarily diverse, friendly and inclusive university community, made up of over 11,000 students and including over 100 nationalities from all across the globe.
- **Great facilities** – the University provides excellent learning resources and facilities to its students, from campus-wide wireless to extensive library services, and dedicated student working spaces with plenty of laptop



points. In the 2015 National Student Survey, Southampton Solent's learning resources scored 89 per cent for student satisfaction.

- **Creativity** – we were voted one of the UK's most creative universities in *Which? University's* 2013, 2014 and 2015 student polls, and our innovative in-house student media agency, Solent Creatives, provides opportunities for freelance work with real-world clients: solentcreatives.co.uk
- **World-class maritime education and training** – our Warsash Maritime Academy has provided first-class maritime training to global companies – for example, Maersk, BP International and others.
- **UK-leading academic and competitive sports provision** – ranked first in the UK for student satisfaction on health, exercise and sport science degrees in the 2012 National Student Survey.
- **A great location** – home to Southampton FC, the city is next to the sea and is full of beautiful parks. The University's main campus is located in the heart of the city, while our active and lively Students' Union offers a great range of events, volunteering opportunities, clubs and societies. The city has everything, from culture to clubs to sport, and is perfectly placed for access to the rest of the UK and beyond by train, air and road.

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I was encouraged to explore what I'm really interested in, with both technical and theoretical support from the staff. Being creative and pushing the boundaries of cinema is as important as future career skills ... the whole studying experience has been liberating! ”

Zhizhong Zhu, China



Applying for a student visa

Tier 4 Student Visa

If you are an international student coming to study a course of more than six months' duration or a pre-sessional course to prepare you for further study in the UK, you will need to obtain a Tier 4 Student Visa in your country of residence before travelling to the UK. You cannot apply for a visa at the airport when you arrive.

The Tier 4 General Student Visa allows you to:

- study a course of more than six months' duration or a pre-sessional course to prepare you for further study in the UK
- work part-time in term time and full-time in official university holidays. Part-time means:
 - 20 hours per week for courses which are at degree level and above
 - ten hours per week for courses which are below degree level (foundation/IFP/pre-sessional/HND)
 - **You may also undertake a work placement without obtaining additional permission if it is an assessed part of your course.**
- extend your Leave (permission) to Remain in the UK, providing that you meet the requirements of the Tier 4 Policy Guidance.

Please note that in order to study in the UK on a Tier 4 Student Visa; the course must be full-time.

Five-year Tier 4 limit

Any new Tier 4 application must lead to you spending no more than five years in total on courses at degree level (NQF 6/7). Any time you have already studied in the UK with a Tier 4 or Student Visa at this level will be included in the five years, although exceptions exist. **PhD courses are exempt from the cap.**

For more information about this, see www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa
www.gov.uk

What do I need in order to apply?

In order to make a successful application you will need to meet all the requirements of Tier 4.

You will need to have accepted an offer at Southampton Solent University and received a certificate of acceptance for study (CAS) from the University to show that we will be acting as your Tier 4 sponsor. You will also need to show evidence that you meet the English language requirements for your course and that you have enough money to meet the Tier 4 Maintenance Requirement (tuition fees and living expenses).

Further information can also be found on our website; please visit www.solent.ac.uk/international-visas



Working in the UK

If you are a European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss national, or the dependant of one, you are permitted to work in the UK without any restrictions on the number of hours or type of work. You will need to show an employer your passport or identity card as proof that you are a national of an EEA country/dependant of one.

Croatian nationals

While studying in the UK, Croatian nationals are entitled to work 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during holidays. However, you must first obtain a yellow registration certificate confirming that you are a student by completing a CR1 form.



Non-EEA nationals and work

If you are a non-EU/EEA/Swiss national, you should check the conditions on your visa or Biometric Residence Permit to check that you have been given the correct work entitlement for the level of your course, as above.

For further information, please visit www.gov.uk



Supporting you to succeed

We will provide high-quality, professional, friendly support to help you achieve your full potential whilst you are studying at the university. Our teaching staff are approachable and focused on your needs.

We provide an integrated student support network which offers a wide range of services in the following areas: pastoral care, careers and job advice, support for disabled students and those with learning difficulties, advice on student policies, study assistance, funding advice, accommodation advice, counselling, hypnotherapy and faiths/religious support and advice.

Meet and greet service

During welcome week when you first arrive in Southampton to start your studies, we provide a free minibus service from Southampton Central train station and the National Express coach station to university halls of residence and city-centre accommodation.

International welcome activities

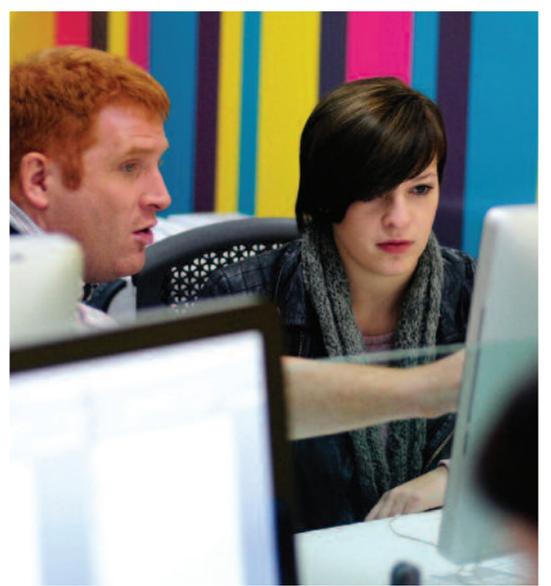
This is an opportunity to meet fellow international students, find your way around the campus and settle into the city. It is intended for all international and EU students accepted on a course of study at Southampton Solent University and includes a number of educational, cultural and social events.

International advice

Our international advice team is here to support you throughout your student experience and to help you get the most out of your student life, from arrival to graduation. We can provide information, advice and guidance on a wide range of issues, including visas and immigration matters, life in the UK and employment, and can offer support regarding any worries or questions you may have prior to and during your studies.

English language

If English is not your first language, you may be able to take an option in English as a foreign language (EFL) on some courses, while on others a tutor could recommend additional classes in English.



Healthcare

If your course lasts for six months or more, you are entitled to full and free healthcare under the National Health Service (NHS) from the beginning of your stay in the UK.

Access all areas

We work to support disabled students in achieving their academic potential. Our staff can help ensure that relevant support is in place.

Here to help you study

The university's online guide, succeed@solent, helps you get better grades. It offers extensive, practical online tutorials on topics such as academic writing, research and giving presentations. There are also advisers available to provide face-to-face support.



How to find us

From London Heathrow

By rail – take the Heathrow Express train from Heathrow Airport to central London. Services to Southampton Central operate from Waterloo station. The total journey time from Heathrow to Southampton is approximately two hours. The Railair service runs every 30 minutes and picks up from all four terminals. For more information on the service, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

By coach – the National Express coach service operates from the bus station at Heathrow Airport to Southampton coach station. On direct services, the average journey time is one hour and 50 minutes. Discount coach cards are available for students and young people. For more information on services to Southampton and discount coach cards, visit www.nationalexpress.com or www.megabus.com

From London Gatwick

By rail – train services operate between Gatwick Airport and Southampton Central. The average journey time is two hours.

By coach – National Express coach services operate from Gatwick to Southampton coach station, via Heathrow (coach changeover). The average journey time is four hours.

Southampton Airport

There is a train station located at Southampton Airport with a direct service to Southampton Central station, taking just under ten minutes. Alternatively there are taxis available at the airport that can take you to the city centre.

Further information on planning your journey can be found on our website. Please visit www.solent.ac.uk/international and click on **Pre-arrival information**.





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www.solent.ac.uk/accommodation

International office

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www.solent.ac.uk/international

International advice service – visa/immigration

Tel: +44 (0)23 8201 3821

Email: internationalsupport@solent.ac.uk
www.solent.ac.uk/international/visa-immigration/visa.aspx

External contacts

British Council

Tel: +44 (0)161 957 7755
www.britishcouncil.org

IELTS Centre Worldwide

www.ielts.org

Pearson Academic Test

www.pearsonpte.com/test-takers/test

Southampton Tourist Information Centre

www.discoversouthampton.co.uk/visit

Student Finance England

Tel: +44 (0)141 243 3570
www.gov.uk

TOEFL Centre Worldwide

www.toefl.org

UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)

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www.ukcisa.org.uk

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