



SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT UNIVERSITY  
**TOP-UP COURSES 2015**







# WELCOME

For international students with suitable qualifications, Southampton Solent University is the ideal place to finish your undergraduate degree.

With our exciting range of one-year top-up courses you can convert your existing qualifications and skills into a full UK bachelor's degree with honours.

Students from all around the world choose to study at our vibrant and friendly university, so you're sure of a warm welcome and plenty of support.







# SOUTHAMPTON

## A historic port city

Southampton is a thriving, lively city with global connections. Located on the south coast of England, it was a departure point for historic ships such as the *Mayflower* and the *Titanic*.

A million international passengers now pass in and out of the city each year on cruise ships. Spectacular ocean liners and huge cargo vessels are a common sight in a city that links people and places around the world.

## A multicultural city

Southampton offers fascinating attractions and a safe and friendly environment for European and international students. A multicultural city with diverse communities, it is home to 40,000 students, many from overseas.

## An exciting city

You'll find a great choice of coffee houses, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, pubs, clubs and live music venues close to the University campus. The WestQuay shopping centre is right on the doorstep, with over 100 designer boutiques and stores.

Football fans can view Premier League action at St Mary's Stadium, home of Southampton FC. You can also enjoy sports such as cricket, cycling, sailing and watersports in and around the city.

Southampton is one of the greenest cities in the south, with a huge number of parks where you can relax and meet up with friends. The New Forest, with its famous wild ponies, beautiful coastline and acres of ancient woodland, is just a cycle or bus ride away.

## Gateway to the UK

Ideally placed at the centre of the south coast, Southampton has great rail and road access to the rest of the UK. London, Oxford, Winchester, Salisbury, Bath, Stonehenge, Portsmouth and Brighton are all under two hours away, while Southampton's international airport makes it easy to fly to and from home whenever you want.



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# SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT UNIVERSITY

Offering more than 20,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, Southampton Solent University is dedicated to academic excellence, hands-on experience and the integration of theory and practice.

We are an open, friendly and inclusive university, voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in the 2013 *Which? University* student poll – and we apply this creativity and passion to every one of our innovative top-up courses.

Meanwhile, our strong links to local and international industry partners give you opportunities to work on real-life projects and build the practical, industry-relevant skills that employers are looking for.

## Our global student community

Southampton Solent University welcomes students from many cultures and countries; in 2013 over 3,400 international students from 119 nationalities chose to study at Solent.

With 15 per cent of Solent's student population coming from overseas, we're committed to offering the highest level of support throughout your time here. We provide special induction activities for international students, and our Students' Union runs an international buddy scheme to help

you make friends and settle into British university life. You can find out more about the support we offer to international students at [www.solent.ac.uk/international](http://www.solent.ac.uk/international)

## State-of-the-art facilities

We have some fantastic facilities at Solent. Our state-of-the-art media academy has industry-grade television, film, radio and music recording and broadcasting equipment. We also have £3.8 million-worth of FA-accredited sports facilities, high-tech engineering and materials labs, and a range of arts and creative spaces – as well as plenty of networked computer access points around campus.

If you would like to see what Solent can offer, we run open days throughout the year. You can take a look at our facilities and student residences, meet academic staff in person, and find out what our existing students have got to say.

If you're coming from outside the UK and would prefer a personalised visit, we'd be happy to arrange a time that fits your schedule.



## OUR TOP-UP COURSES

### What is a top-up course?

A top-up course allows you to convert your existing qualifications and skills into a full UK honours degree in one year. We welcome applicants with a range of qualifications, such as an appropriate Higher National Diploma (HND), QCF level 5 qualification or equivalent.

Most successful applicants to Southampton Solent University top-up courses have completed at least two years of full-time undergraduate study, equivalent to 240 CATS points. (The British Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) is used to evaluate the academic value of previous study at other higher education institutions.)

### Beyond the top-up

We also offer postgraduate courses, so when you have completed your top-up course you can continue on to a one-year master's degree. And as a Solent graduate, you'll be entitled to a 10 per cent discount on the first year of postgraduate tuition fees.

### Real-world experience

We encourage our students to think about their future careers, and to develop further experience and skills while they are studying with us.

Our specialised, hands-on courses include many opportunities to gain real-world experience and to put your creative ideas into practice.

Opportunities at Solent include:

- training and experience in the creative industries through Solent Creatives and Solent Acoustics, two agencies working with external clients
- Curriculum Plus units and professional qualifications – study these and gain a competitive edge
- boosting your CV through volunteering
- work experience on campus in a variety of roles
- the chance to take part in business games and simulations
- the chance to pitch your business idea and receive up to £2,000 in funding
- the possibility of a 3- or 12-month job with the Solent Graduate Scheme.

There's plenty of employability and enterprise support, too:

- Solent Sparks, an entrepreneurial society hosting workshops and inspirational speakers
- Solent's Enactus society, part of a student entrepreneurship network endorsed by multinational companies
- Solent's Employability and Enterprise department offers advice from experienced industry mentors and enterprise advisors on searching for jobs, writing your CV and job application letters, or starting your own business.





## STUDY OPTIONS

### English language learning resources

We offer five- and ten-week pre-session English courses for students from around the world who need to improve their level of English before they can study in the United Kingdom.

If English is not your first language and you would like to continue improving your English skills while you study your top-up degree, you might want to consider one of our language courses – which are free of charge as a supplementary unit:

- Applied and Academic English (ENG172) runs four hours a week for one term, focusing on improving your academic and career-focused English: referencing, reading and writing skills, as well as CV writing, job applications and LinkedIn.
- General English Lower Advanced (ENG177) runs two hours a week for the full academic year, with a focus on conversation, interpersonal and intercultural skills – giving you a chance to improve your spoken and written English throughout your top-up year.

### Curriculum Plus

Several of our top-up courses include an optional 'Curriculum Plus' unit, providing a range of career-focused opportunities to broaden and enhance your learning and achievements beyond your core discipline. Sample activities include: community volunteering, work-based learning, career building, languages and sports coaching.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful candidates for entry onto Solent's top-up courses will have a relevant HND with merit overall, QCF level 5 qualification or equivalent, or 240 CATS (120 ECTS) from a relevant degree.

You will also need to demonstrate an acceptable level of written and spoken English language; many applicants submit an IELTS or equivalent exam to demonstrate their level of English. The minimum IELTS score for all top-up courses is 6.0 (5.5 in writing), Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic 56 (51 in writing) or equivalent.

## Portfolio and interview requirements

Some top-up courses also require you to attend an interview (in person or by phone/video call), or provide a portfolio/sample of your work.

Each course entry in this brochure includes icons suggesting the skills you will need to demonstrate as part of your interview or portfolio viewing.

## Key



Relevant creative work (art/design/illustration)



Music production



Photography



Live performance



Digital skills



Subject knowledge



Garment construction



Work experience



Project work



Research and development of ideas



Writing

Once you apply for a course, we'll contact you with the specific details of what is required. Alternatively, for more information, visit our website at [www.solent.ac.uk/solent](http://www.solent.ac.uk/solent)



## HOW TO APPLY

If you are a European Union or overseas student applying for a full-time undergraduate top-up degree course, you should apply through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). If you are applying through an agent or if your home institution has a prior agreement with Southampton Solent University, you may be able to submit a direct application form.



For more information on how to apply, visit our international recruitment website at [www.solent.ac.uk/international](http://www.solent.ac.uk/international) or contact our International Recruitment Office at [ask@solent.ac.uk](mailto:ask@solent.ac.uk)



I enjoyed my top-up course at Solent. It gave me the opportunity to improve my English while developing my business and marketing skills, and gain a new qualification after my two-year degree in France. It was a great experience both personally and professionally. ”

Sophie Delaporte, graduate

## SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT BUSINESS SCHOOL

With students from many cultures and a dynamic and international atmosphere, Southampton Solent Business School offers you the professional skills and learning you will need to become a successful graduate.

Our expert academics have relevant industry experience and professional qualifications. They are engaged in continuing professional development, so the units you study will always focus on current issues in the business world.

You will learn through a mix of classroom sessions, interactive workshops and seminars, with assessment including coursework, presentations, exams and project work.

We also invite guest lecturers with extensive knowledge of the business world, allowing you to gain up-to-date knowledge and insight, while consultancy projects offer hands-on professional experience with local companies.



Visit our blog to discover more about business at Solent:

[www.southamptonsolembusinessschool.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.southamptonsolembusinessschool.blogspot.co.uk)



### Entry requirements

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## BSc (Hons) Accountancy and Finance (Top-up)

You'll study a range of units covering key skills for your future employment, including business finance, financial decision-making and international financial reporting and analysis. Recent course graduates have secured roles in banking, insurance, accountancy firms, business analysis and the stock market.

This is a great opportunity to convert your Economics, Finance or Business HND qualifications into a life-changing degree that will not only enhance your subject knowledge and specialist areas but also improve your employability.

### Subject areas:

Business Finance Management – Theory and Practice | Financial Aspects of Decision-Making | Strategic Marketing Management | International Financial Reporting and Analysis | Academic and Professional Development

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No

## BSc (Hons) Business Administration (Top-up)

This course will give you a broad range of widely applicable management skills through marketing, finance, human resources and management units. After graduating, you will have the analytical skills and business knowledge to find a career in many business, management and marketing environments.

This is a great opportunity to convert your Business HND qualifications into a life-changing degree that will not only enhance your subject knowledge and specialist areas but also improve your employability.

### Subject areas:

Business Finance Management – Theory and Practice | Strategic Marketing Management | HR Management | Cross-cultural Management | Academic and Professional Development | Business Consultancy Project

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No

## BSc (Hons) International Management (Top-up)

As well as specialist knowledge of business and management in the global market, this course offers the opportunity to study a language – which is highly sought after by business leaders. If you are seeking a career in international business, whether in a multinational or a small- or medium-sized enterprise, this course is for you.

This is a great opportunity to convert your Business HND qualifications into a life-changing degree that will not only enhance your subject knowledge and specialist areas but also improve your employability.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Business Finance Management – Theory and Practice | Strategic Marketing Management | HR Management | Cross-Cultural Management | Academic and Professional Development | Business Consultancy Project

**Optional:** Language unit: Spanish, Italian, German, Chinese, French, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), or English (if not your first language)

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No

## BSc (Hons) Marketing (Top-up)

Develop real-world marketing experience and transferable skills on this course. You'll study modern marketing and enhance your creative and strategic skills through projects for real-life clients. After graduating you will have the skills for marketing management roles in agencies or in-house teams across many sectors.

This is a great opportunity to convert your Business and Marketing HND qualifications into a life-changing degree that will not only enhance your subject knowledge and specialist areas but also improve your employability.

### Subject areas:

International Marketing | Electronic Marketing | Effective Marketing Communications | Strategic Marketing Management | Academic and Professional Development | Business Consultancy Project

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No



My experience of the fashion management with marketing top-up at Solent University was exceptional. I gained tremendous knowledge on challenging assignments and live projects, and extensive help from my course leader. This course has really helped me understand how the fashion industry functions. ”

Fatema Akbari

## FASHION

Offering a unique range of specialist courses in all areas of the fashion industry, together with quick access to the heart of the industry in London, Southampton Solent University is the ideal place to launch your fashion career.

Our School of Fashion team has significant industry experience and great connections, while our facilities include professional-standard studios for photography, film, pattern cutting, make-up and hair.

Our top-up courses include at least 100 hours of experiential learning, with all School of Fashion top-up students working on a 'live' brief for a business, employer or agency.

With strong ties to the industry, Solent delivers work experience opportunities and guest lectures from high-profile designers, professionals and brands. You'll also have the chance to contribute to Re:So – a student-run retail store and exhibition space, stocked with products created by Solent students and graduates.



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### Portfolio/interview requirements

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If you are unable to attend a portfolio viewing at the University, you will be asked to submit an electronic portfolio via email, online or CD.



### Don't see a top-up fashion course that suits you?

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent fashion degree, such as fashion graphics, fashion journalism or make-up and hair design.

For more details, visit our website at

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## BA (Hons) Fashion (Top-up)

This course focuses on garment construction and fashion design, giving you an understanding of the whole fashion process – from creative concepts to wearable fashion. Teaching includes pattern-cutting, illustration and skill with InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project: Research Proposal | Fashion Major Project | Work-Based Learning for Fashion and the Creative Industries

**Optional:** Professional Practice | Fashion Design Portfolio | Dissertation | Fashion Practice Dissertation | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Fashion Management with Marketing (Top-up)

For students who wish to follow an exciting, fast-paced commercial or business-led career in the fashion industry, this course prepares you to make management decisions relating to buying and marketing fashion, store and brand management, whilst honing skills needed in your chosen career.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Contemporary Fashion Marketing Strategies | Work-Based Learning for Fashion and the Creative Industries | Major Project

**Optional:** Brand Development and Communication Strategies | Retail Management

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No

## BA (Hons) Fashion Photography (Top-up)

This course gives you the chance to build your existing skills and experience, working closely with industry contacts and developing an extensive professional portfolio through fashion events and live briefs.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Final Major Project: Research and Proposal | Fashion Photography: Major Project | Work-Based Learning for Fashion and the Creative Industries

**Optional:** Photographic Practice | Dissertation | Fashion Practice Dissertation | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Fashion Styling and Make-Up for Media (Top-up)

Get the fast-paced preparation you'll need for the fashion styling and make-up industry. You'll have access to our specialist make-up and hair studio, the latest photographic and lighting equipment, and IT labs with industry-standard editing software.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Work-Based Learning for Fashion and the Creative Industries | Professional Context | Major Project: Research and Development | Major Project: Production and Evaluation

**Optional:** Dissertation | Dissertation and Practice

**Interview?** Possible

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:





## FILM, TELEVISION AND MEDIA

If you are looking for film, television and media courses taught by highly experienced industry professionals in world-class studios and using the latest equipment, then Southampton Solent University is for you.

Our media academy has state-of-the-art facilities, including television, music and radio production studios, editing suites, dedicated fashion, hair and make-up studios, a newsroom and a photography studio.

Talks from industry guest speakers will help you build your professional networks and further your employment and career prospects. You will also have the opportunity to work with external clients via Solent Creatives, the University's media agency, and Solent Productions, the University's film and TV production unit.

Some students do work experience placements with independent television companies, the BBC, radio stations, Glastonbury music festival, Southampton Football Club, Philips and the Cowes Week sailing event.



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## BA (Hons) Film and Television (Top-up)

Working in a broadcast-standard high-definition (HD) digital television studio, you will make short fictional and documentary films and gain substantial experience in digital production. The course prepares you for a wide range of careers in the film and TV industry; students have also gone on to roles in teaching, research and administration.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | The Critic | Production

**Optional:** Television Studio | Writing for the Screen | Stars and Performance | Documentary | Factual Production | Fiction Production | Motion Graphics | Experimental Media | Solent Live Level 3 | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No

## BA (Hons) Media Production (Top-up)

You will focus on audio, television and video production as well as digital photography or online/interactive media. The course can prepare you for careers in television, film-making, photography, web design, promotional media, administration or research and teaching.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | Reading Contemporary Culture

**Optional:** Experimental Media | Motion Graphics for Video | Working in the Creative Industries | Small Business Entrepreneurship | Solent Live | Factual Production | Photography Production (Image Manipulation) | Fiction Production | Creating a Web Presence | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice

**Interview?** Possible

**Portfolio?** Yes

**Skills you'll need to demonstrate:**



## BA (Hons) Promotional Media (Top-up)

This course combines theory and practical skills in a stimulating environment. You'll build digital communications and marketing media skills, and specialise in areas such as advertising design, new media, graphic image-making, TV/film production and promotional media.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | Reading Contemporary Culture | Advertising and Promotions

**Optional:** Global Media Strategies | Photography Production (Image Manipulation) | Working in the Creative Industries | Solent Live | Creating a Web Presence | Factual Production | Media Planning and Buying | Advertising as Persuasion | Online Advertising | Direct and Digital Marketing | PR Strategy and Campaign Marketing | Not for Profit Advertising | Approaches to Marketing | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice 1 | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Portfolio?** Yes

**Skills you'll need to demonstrate:**



Studying film and television at Southampton Solent University was such an amazing experience for me. The tutors were inspiring and I had access to the best facilities on the market. I would definitely recommend the University to future students – it has helped me get closer to achieving my dream.”

Malin Nilsen

**!** Don't see a top-up course that suits you?

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent film, TV and media degree, such as film production, photojournalism, or performance.

For more details, visit our website at

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I moved to Southampton to finish my bachelor's degree in advertising as a top-up student at Southampton Solent University. That's a choice I'll never regret! The thing I have loved most has been to learn how to network with industry professionals. We got to visit and talk to so many great people working in the industry. ”

Marie Larsen

## COMMUNICATIONS AND WRITING

If you love writing and want to break into the fast-moving media and communications industries, Southampton Solent University's communications and writing top-ups courses will help you develop your skills.

Teaching staff have extensive professional experience in the media industries, delivering insight into current industry trends that is complemented by practical work experience, guest speakers and contacts with industry professionals.

You will be able to build an impressive professional portfolio through Solent Creatives, a unique agency which allows students to work as freelancers on real-world projects.



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### Don't see a top-up course that suits you?

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent communications and writing degree, such as English, magazine journalism, sport journalism or publishing.

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## BA (Hons) Journalism (Top-up)

Whether you are drawn to print, TV, radio or online journalism, this course will give you the creative and business tools you need. You will build specialised skills through optional units ranging from travel writing to film, politics or business, and build knowledge of how to operate as a freelance writer.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | Professional Practice | Reading Contemporary Culture

**Optional:** Investigative Journalism | Travel Journalism | The Title Race | Changing the World | Writing Criticism | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Work sample?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Advertising and Public Relations (Top-up)

This course will help you develop corporate and marketing communications skills, from media relations to international promotional strategies. Our industry links keep you up to date with the latest industry developments, and help you build up a professional creative portfolio of work that showcases your talent.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | PR Strategy Campaign Planning and Evaluation | Advertising Account Management and Planning

**Optional:** Direct Digital Marketing | Persuasive Communication | Not For Profit Advertising | Ethics, Issues and Crisis Management | Solent Live | Working in the Creative Industries | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial | Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Work sample?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Media, Communication and Culture (Top-up)

This course combines study of global culture and media with practical work in digital video, event management and public relations. With an emphasis on cultivating your entrepreneurial skills, your assignments will reflect current practice in the workplace.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | Reading Contemporary Culture | Global Media Strategies

**Optional:** Solent Live | Persuasive Communication | Factual Production | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Work sample?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Fashion Writing (Top-up)

Work in a 'real-world' professional environment in our dedicated journalism newsroom, build a first-hand understanding of the dynamics and demands of online publishing and a portfolio of industry-relevant work, and develop your understanding of the social and historical framework of fashion journalism.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Major Project | Fashion Analytics | Publishing the Package

**Optional:** Reporting Politics | Digital Photography | Key Characters in Journalism | Investigative Journalism | Fashion and Styling | Travel Journalism | The Title Race | Changing the World | Writing Criticism | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Possible

**Work sample?** No



## ART AND DESIGN

Southampton Solent University has a dedicated School of Art and Design that dates back to our founding in 1856 as a school of art, with its own studios in a converted warehouse in the city centre.

Working closely with practising artists, you will engage with local independent galleries and Solent's own public Showcase Gallery – developing the essential skills of the professional artist.

You will have the creative freedom and tools you need to discover your own distinct visual signature, covering the latest technology and traditional graphic design techniques.

Our facilities include two Vanderhook letterpresses, three screen print beds, three Intaglio/etching presses, specialist photographic studios and darkrooms, and a fully equipped workshop for metal- and wood-working.



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### Don't see a top-up course that suits you?

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent art and design degree, such as animation, computer-generated imagery, fine art or interior design and decoration.

For more details, visit our website at [www.solent.ac.uk/courses](http://www.solent.ac.uk/courses)

## BA (Hons) Graphic Design (Top-up)

Study the latest graphic design techniques and create your own unique portfolio to get a head start in your career. Become an innovator in research and design, and explore a wide range of visual communication techniques using professional tools and software.

### Subject areas:

Professional Context | Final Major Project | Visual Communication Industry Research Project

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes



## BA (Hons) Photography (Top-up)

Looking to kick-start your career in the photography and cultural media? This Association of Photographers (AoP)-affiliated course will immerse you in the production, philosophy and technical aspects of photography, with a focus on employer needs and advances in technology.

### Subject areas:

Contemporary Studio Practice | Image Text Analysis | Final Major Project

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



The latest technology allows the students to do pretty much whatever they want. You just need to be creative. ”

Derek Sharpe



Moving to Southampton from Norway to study graphic design might have been the scariest thing I have ever done. Now that I look back, I see that it was the smartest thing I have done. From day one our tutor took care of us, and the school offers interesting guest lectures, good tutors with lots of experience, a good working space, and lots of fun. ”

Jette Graaner

## BA (Hons) Visual Arts (Top-up)

Expand your knowledge of artistic production and improve your practical and creative skills on this innovative course. In our specialised studios you will experiment with a wide variety of media, and explore the art of illustration and visual communication alongside editorial and journalistic illustration.

### Subject areas:

Visual Communication Project | Negotiated Study | Final Major Project

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Product Design (Top-up)

Exploring usability and aesthetic considerations, you'll have the opportunity to acquire industry-related skills in design, manufacturing and 3D design software, and to work on a real-world professional project with industry partners.

### Subject areas:

Design Futures | Live Competition Project | Professional Project Research | Preparation for Employment | Professional Project

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:





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As an international student, you will get a solid foundation for your musical career, regardless of which direction you want to go. ”

Svein Schulerud

## MUSIC

Southampton Solent University's popular music top-up courses combine creative musical study with insight into the music and media industries.

You will study a wide range of analytical and critical perspectives and learn from both our experienced teaching team and visiting speakers, including top music industry practitioners, performers, composers and academics.

You will be able to take advantage of Solent's impressive facilities, and increase your employability by taking part in music projects both within and outside the University.

Solent enjoys strong links with a number of music venues within Southampton, and our annual SMILE event features workshops and masterclasses from big names in the music industry – as well as opportunities for performers to practise their live skills.

Assessment includes a balance of creative, professional and technical projects including coursework, performance/production projects and presentations. These will allow you to develop important professional skills and abilities, and to enhance your career prospects.



### Entry requirements

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### Portfolio/interview requirements

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If you are unable to attend a portfolio viewing at the University, you will be asked to submit an electronic portfolio or sample of work via SoundCloud. Students who cannot attend an audition in person should send their electronic audition example via YouTube or similar web-based platform.

## BA (Hons) Digital Music (Top-up)

Learn to produce innovative, individual and exciting digital music on this specialised course, combining music theory, practice and hands-on professional skills. Taught by practising composers, producers, DJs and musicians, you'll study digital music production, sound design, music for film and digital media, DJing and performance.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Digital Music Final Major Project | Music Industry Project | Employability and Entrepreneurship | Collaborative Project

**Optional:** Music Industry Portfolio Project | Songwriting Portfolio | Music and Audio Post Production | Experimental Music Production | Advanced Live Music Production | Festival Cultures | Consuming Music | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance (Top-up)

Combining practical performance skills with an in-depth study of popular music's histories and contexts, this course emphasises the instruments at the core of rock and pop, including guitar, bass, drums, vocal and keyboards. You will learn, write and perform material (including your own) in a wide range of styles, often as part of a band.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Music Practice 3 | Music Strategies and Career Building | Instrumental Studies 3 | Major Project: Popular Music Performance

**Optional:** Songwriting Portfolio | Music and Audio Post Production | Experimental Music Production | Advanced Live Music Production | Festival Cultures | Film Music | Consuming Music | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Audition?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## BA (Hons) Popular Music Production (Top-up)

With full access to our digital and analogue multi-track recording facilities and audio production suites, you will develop research and critical skills through analysing meanings and contexts of popular music, while also developing production experience in studio recording. Students may undertake a live brief from an external client.

### Subject areas:

**Core:** Advanced Studio Recording 3 | Music Strategies and Career Building | Major Project: Popular Music Production | Live Project Brief

**Optional:** Songwriting Portfolio | Music and Audio Post Production | Experimental Music Production | Advanced Live Music Production | Festival Cultures | Film Music | Consuming Music | Freelancing at Solent Creatives | Creative Entrepreneurial Freelance Practice | Curriculum Plus

**Interview?** Yes

**Portfolio?** Yes

### Skills you'll need to demonstrate:



## ! Don't see a top-up course that suits you?

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent popular music degree, such as music management, music promotion or popular music journalism.

For more details, visit our website at [www.solent.ac.uk/courses](http://www.solent.ac.uk/courses)

For more information about music courses at Solent, visit our website at [www.solentmusic.wordpress.com/](http://www.solentmusic.wordpress.com/)



## TECHNOLOGY

Solent's Technology School specialises in hands-on courses, enabling you to underpin the theory taught by our expert academics with essential practical skills. Students from a range of diverse cultures come to study with us, choosing our courses because they reflect the international nature of the industries we work in.

Work experience, industry speakers, industry mentorships and live briefs will prepare you to shine in any workplace. We have strong connections with high-profile, international companies, and we maintain an extensive network of graduate contacts.

We have a state-of-the-art IT centre, a refurbished library with private study pods and group working spaces, as well as dedicated computing suites for students on our computing and networking courses.

For students with less academic learning experience, we offer an academic and professional practice unit to help develop your graduate-level skills. We also provide personalised support for individual students.

You will have access to the latest industry-standard equipment, from IT suites featuring the latest software to specialist facilities like our usability lab. Designed to test the functionality of digital platforms and the user experience, the usability lab offers industry-grade software, eye-tracking devices and digital recording capabilities.

The usability lab is popular with our students, who can use it for evaluation of websites, mobile applications, multimedia products, or complex information systems – testing the effectiveness of their projects and reviewing and analysing data.



### Entry requirements

See page 8 for entry requirements.

If you do not have the right qualifications or are unsure of your eligibility, please contact the University at [ask@solent.ac.uk](mailto:ask@solent.ac.uk)





## BSc (Hons) Information Technology with Business (Top-up)

This course offers two specialised pathways to a full honours degree with only one extra year of full-time study, or on a flexible part-time basis. On the business pathway you'll aim to work in companies as a user of systems, rather than building them, in roles such as business management, business analysis, strategic planning or project management. The computing pathway is for those already involved in database or software development.

### Subject areas:


**Core:** Academic and Professional Practice | Project Research Paper | Strategic Information Systems | Business Operations

**Optional:** Business Pathway Options | Decision Support Systems | e-Business | Software Systems Development | Advanced and Distributed Databases

**Interview?** No

**Portfolio?** No



 **Don't see a top-up course that suits you?**

Qualified students may enter directly onto the second or third year of any Solent degree, such as computer games (software development), electronic engineering or maritime business. For more details, visit our website at [www.solent.ac.uk/courses](http://www.solent.ac.uk/courses)

# FIND US

## By road

Southampton is just 75 miles from London.

**From the north, London and the home counties:** the M3, M27 and A34 provide fast, direct road links into the heart of the city.

**From the west:** the M4/A34 or the A36 are the major routes from the west country, Bristol and Wales.

**From the east:** Follow the A27/M27 and leave at Junction 8.

The postcode for the university is **SO14 0YN**.

## Parking

As a city-centre university, there is little parking on campus. The nearest car parks are at Grosvenor Square (SO15 2BE) and Bedford Place (SO15 2DS).

## By rail

From London, take the regular train service (every 30 minutes) from London Waterloo station.

The closest train station is Southampton Central.

## By coach

Greyhound, National Express and Megabus all provide regular services to Southampton.

Maps (including our accessibility map) can be downloaded from our website at [www.solent.ac.uk/find-us](http://www.solent.ac.uk/find-us)





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