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The teaching team and I are delighted to welcome you to the course and to the university. We hope that you will enjoy and find the experience of studying with us highly rewarding.

Starting at university can be daunting, particularly for those of you who have not studied in the UK before, or it is some time since you were last in a classroom. I want to reassure you that we have extensive experience of working with students and international cohorts of students and we are all committed to supporting you to achieve your career aspirations. The help and support begin with our Welcome Week sessions.

Welcome week starts on **Monday 21 September 2026**. Alongside the formal registration and university wide support sessions, there will be course led sessions. These are designed to introduce you to the teaching team and your fellow students and to orientate you to the skills and information that we want you to have during your journey with us.

Your Welcome Week timetable will be available on the Solent Online Learning course pages (SOL). The sessions will really help you and attendance should be prioritised amongst the many things that will require your attention as you arrive in Southampton.

Moving to new accommodation, a new city, and country requires courage – we and the excellent support staff in the university are here to help you.

As a course, university, and a teaching team we celebrate our student diversity – it reflects the very international nature of the maritime business. There are many clubs and societies available to you, not least our very own Shipping Society. There will be a dedicated event during Welcome Week when you will be able to find out more, and sign up to, any club or society that interests you.

Life-long friendships are formed both in the classrooms and in the non-course activities that you engage in. Whilst we will introduce and instruct you in the many specialist resources that we think that you should engage with when you arrive. If you do not already do so, in preparation for your studies I encourage you to follow the international news to keep abreast of geo-political events; that will help you prepare for the course.





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During the coming year there will be many opportunities, external events and visiting speakers joining us which will help develop your subject knowledge, academic and professional skills and help you build contacts within our fascinating industry.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you in person in September. If you have any queries about the course in the meantime do not hesitate to contact myself or the support staff before then.

Kindest regards,

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