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Why postgrad

IN A CROWDED JOBS MARKET, YOU WANT
TO STAND OUT. THAT'S THE POWER OF A
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE.

It's the perfect blend of high-level teaching and practical industry experience, tailored to the relevant industry – and the value employers place on postgrad qualifications is clear, with postgraduates earning around £6,000 more on average than undergraduates.*

So whether you want to improve your skills or learn brand new ones, postgraduate study is the perfect way to develop your professional (and earning) potential. To show what you're capable of. To make employers sit up and take notice.

* Graduate Labour Market Statistics, Department for Education, 2017



PG research and apprenticeships

As well as our traditional taught postgraduate courses, we offer several other options to suit you. So if you're looking for a more workplace-focused course where you earn while you learn, or if you want to make a difference through ground-breaking research, check out these alternatives.

Research and PhD

If you want to do more than be part of your industry – if you want to lead and shape it – a Solent research degree such as our PhD offers the chance to advance knowledge and understanding in the wider world.

As a postgraduate research student, you'll be part of an inclusive and inspiring community of researchers who are inspired by what they do and want to make their ideas count.

Research is academically stimulating, intellectually satisfying and immensely rewarding. Are you ready to make a difference?

To find out more, visit www.solent.ac.uk/research

Apprenticeships

Our master's degree apprenticeships offer you a flexible, workplace-focused and employer-funded alternative to more traditional postgraduate study.

You'll hone your professional skills, learn best practice from leading industry experts, and develop the knowledge and working habits that will help drive your career higher – earning an industry-accredited master's-level qualification while still remaining in work.

And as your course is paid for by your employer, it means no student loan and no tuition fees.

For more information, visit www.solent.ac.uk/apprenticeships



"My course has given me the confidence to excel in my role, and to mentor employees and help them set their own targets so that they can excel. The advice I would give to any mature student working as well as studying would be: continue to be yourself, have the confidence in your knowledge to take on all the challenges, and if you put the hours into your study you will reap the rewards in life and your career."

Sophie Reynard, business manager at Boulder Shack climbing gym, Southampton, Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship student



The background image is a composite. On the left, a man in a white lab coat is shown from the chest up, gesturing with his hands. On the right, a woman is seated on a stationary bike, looking towards the left. The bike has a large monitor and various adjustment levers. The setting appears to be a laboratory or gym.

Dr James Steele

Lecturer in applied sport science

"Solent University has felt like a home to me for some time now. I originally completed the BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science degree here, through which I was exposed to a range of different scientific applications of sport and exercise, including those in elite athletic populations all the way through to clinical populations.

It was through this that I first started to take an interest in the application of exercise in chronic low back pain. My course leader at the time was conducting research in the area of resistance training and chronic low back pain, and I was afforded the opportunity to get involved in his work. From this I began to discuss other gaps in our current knowledge base in this area and what future research could be conducted. I was strongly encouraged to pursue the ideas and consider arranging them into a PhD proposal.

So after completing my undergraduate degree I moved on to pursuing a larger project examining the role of isolated lumbar extension resistance training in chronic low back pain. The project sought to examine whether this type of exercise offered any additional benefits to those previously known for sufferers of chronic low back pain and also how best to administer the intervention.

The results were novel and I was supported and encouraged to present my work at international conferences, and to publish my work in peer-reviewed journals.

Throughout the course of my PhD studies I gained experience in a wide range of research career-related skills, including research design, practical lab skills, data analysis and interpretation, academic writing and publishing, public speaking, grant application writing and so on.

In addition I was afforded the opportunity to gain lecturing experience, setting me up for a holistic career in academia."



Why Solent

WITH A SOLENT POSTGRADUATE DEGREE, YOU'LL REALLY STAND OUT.

Developed with industry, our courses deliver the professional skills, knowledge and practical experience that employers are looking for.

Adding fresh ideas, high-level theoretical knowledge and an innovative new perspective on the challenges of professional life, we'll challenge you to expand your skillset and explore the limits of your imagination.

You'll benefit from our practical insights and professional connections, plus the potential for work experience opportunities you can't find anywhere else.

What's more, many of our courses are accredited by professional and regulatory bodies, so employers will instantly recognise your skills.



98% OF SOLENT POSTGRADUATE LEAVERS ARE IN EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

All leavers: home, EU and overseas, latest DLHE survey (2016–17)

Strong links with industry

Our course teams have strong links with local, national and international industries and businesses, while our mentoring programme can match you with a local industry specialist to help you develop your professional confidence.

We offer real experience, with a range of live industry briefs, study trips, exchange opportunities and industry workshops. And most Solent courses deliver regular guest speakers and networking opportunities.

Plus our online student jobs board and our in-house creative agencies provide employment and experience opportunities throughout your studies.



"I found the course very enjoyable and stimulating. The flexible structure really fitted well around my home life, and the constant support and guidance ensured that I kept on track. I can honestly say that I found the whole experience rewarding, and it has developed me both professionally and as a person."

Karen Bateman, D Young & Co LLP,
MA Personnel and Development
graduate



Driven by research

Active, practical research underpins all our postgraduate teaching.

Through technical innovation, analysis or creative practice, we find new ways to create new knowledge, and that knowledge feeds into every course.

Our research hubs can also offer you an avenue for publication, helping you build recognition as a professional specialist in your chosen field.

Knowledge at your fingertips

Our modern libraries are home to a huge range of online and offline resources, plus award-winning service and support, and hundreds of bookable, WiFi-enabled study spaces.

Plus our online learning environment puts learning materials, study guides and a personal ePortfolio page at your fingertips.

Support while you're here

Your student experience matters to us. We offer all kinds of support during your time here – financial, academic, spiritual and more. And we're used to helping students rediscover their academic skills.



"The quality of the teaching is exceptional and the support offered by the tutors makes the entire process straightforward. I was recently invited to join another organisation in a more senior position and I put this down to the learning I have gone through."

David Evans, HR manager, MA Personnel and Development graduate





Flexibility

Many of our courses offer flexible or part-time study, so you can work around your day job or other responsibilities – or just learn at your own pace.

Inclusivity

Warm, welcoming, diverse and friendly. That's what it feels like around here. We have students of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities, bringing a range of fresh perspectives to the Solent campus.

Whether you're coming from overseas or returning to uni as a mature student, we've got plenty of practice at providing the dedicated support you need – everything from visa and language support to dusting off your academic skills.

Support that lasts

Our employment and enterprise services and our international alumni network ensure that support lasts long after you've graduated.

We can support you with CV workshops and job-hunting advice, or help you improve your LinkedIn profile and networking skills.

Plus we offer training, mentoring and financial support for student business start-ups – with our £2,000 start-up grant open for up to three years after you graduate.



"I've had the time of my life at Solent University. Studying at an English university has boosted my language skills and confidence. The University is a culturally diverse institution and I have made many new friends."
Małgorzata Furyk, MA Human Resource Management student



1,829 NON-UK HE STUDENTS FROM 100+ COUNTRIES
HESA student data 2017/18

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Why Southampton

OUR CAMPUS IS RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THIS BUSY, EXCITING CITY, GIVING YOU EASY ACCESS TO EVERYTHING FROM FOOD AND DRINK TO CULTURE AND SPORT.

Entertainment

Southampton's Westquay and Marlands shopping centres offer over 150 shops and a huge and varied selection of food options.

Our high street has all the familiar names, while Oxford Street, Bedford Place and other avenues tempt you out to the fringes with clusters of boutique stores and a real evening buzz.

And Southampton has a wide selection of pubs, bars, microbreweries and restaurants – everything from well-known chains to the unique menus of independent gems.

Culture

Film lovers are spoiled for choice, with three multiplexes – including the new Showcase Cinema de Lux – and arthouse releases at Harbour Lights.

Southampton is home to one of the largest regional theatres in the UK, the Mayflower, which hosts all the West End's major touring productions, while Guildhall Square – just five minutes' walk from Solent's main campus – is at the heart of the city's cultural quarter.

Here you'll find the new Nuffield theatre, the John Hansard Gallery, Southampton City Art Gallery, Sea City Museum and Solent's own Showcase Gallery.

Space to chill

Whether you're looking for a place to sit and read, a quiet cafe for lunch with friends or somewhere for a quick football game, there's plenty of room to relax.

Southampton is also one of the greenest cities in the country, with five central parks clustered around Solent's East Park Terrace campus, plus a vast, 326-acre common.



OVER £3 BILLION INVESTED IN
DEVELOPING SOUTHAMPTON CITY
CENTRE SINCE 2012

Southampton City Council, Invest Southampton, 2019





Music

The city hosts a range of music and cultural events throughout the year, from Music in the City to Solent's own SO:Music City festival.

Southampton has had a thriving music scene for decades and live venues are scattered across the city, including the O2 Guildhall – a premier venue five minutes from Solent's campus, which is a regular stop on the UK tours of legends and pop superstars alike.



Out and about

If you want to do something a bit different, it's only a short trip to the famous beaches of Bournemouth, the perfect outdoor playground of the New Forest National Park or Winchester's ancient streets.

And London is just a short train ride away – you can get to the capital in just over an hour, making it the perfect weekend day-trip.





"Southampton is an amazing city to live in as a student – it captured my interest in a unique way after a road trip that I did around the UK. The city is very warm and welcoming. During my time here I've had the opportunity to meet people from every corner of the world and create valuable social links."

Rafaellos Dimitriadis, MA Creative Advertising graduate

Accommodation

Whether you're looking to live at one of our postgraduate student residences or rent privately, our accommodation team will help find the right place for you.

From a safe, friendly atmosphere to dedicated rooms for students with special needs, our halls offer all you need. And we also offer advice and support on any concerns you might have about private renting.

For more information, visit
www.solent.ac.uk/accommodation

Sport

Whether you play or watch, Southampton has plenty of sporting action. The city is home to Premier League football at Southampton FC's St Mary's Stadium – a short walk from campus – as well as county and international cricket at Hampshire's home ground, the Ageas Bowl.



SOUTHAMPTON COMMON'S
326 ACRES PROVIDE MANAGED
WOODLAND AND OPEN SPACE
IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.



OVER 46,000 STUDENTS,
WITH A TOTAL POPULATION
OF ALMOST 250,000



See Solent for yourself

UNIVERSITY IS ABOUT MORE THAN
THE COURSES – IT'S THE PEOPLE,
THE FACILITIES, THE FEEL OF THE PLACE
AND THE CITY SURROUNDING IT.
AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE TAKING
A LOOK FOR YOURSELF.

Come along to one of our open days

You can take in everything we have to offer – from our campus and city to our incredible facilities, modern lecture theatres and social spaces. You can learn from current students and staff members what it's really like to study here. You'll also get a feel for the energy and buzz that make us who we are.

We offer tours, presentations and plenty of opportunities to ask the questions you want to ask – about financing your studies, Solent, Southampton, or anything else. Whatever you want to know, our friendly team will be here to help.

Personalised international visits

Are you thinking about coming to Solent from outside the UK? As well as our open days, we also offer personalised visits for international students.

These visits are your chance to get a feel for the University, see the facilities that will support your course and explore the city you'll be living in. Our international support team can show you around, arrange an appointment with a lecturer and advise on the best course for you.

We can also arrange for you to sit an English language assessment in order to evaluate your current level of English.

Find out more or book a visit

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UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Saturday 23 November 2019

Wednesday 26 February 2020

Saturday 18 April 2020

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Thursday 23 July 2020

Tuesday 25 August 2020



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR OPEN DAY

It's simple – just get involved.

- Meet with academic course leaders to discuss your chosen course.
- Find out about furthering your career and life as a Solent alumnus.
- Visit our Student Hub for more information on student support.
- Talk to the accommodation team about our student residences.
- Join a campus tour.



Paying for your studies

Fees for the 2020/21 academic year will be available on the website when released. Master's degree tuition fees for the 2019/20 academic year are:

- UK, EU and Channel Islands full-time:
£7,160 (MA) / £8,220 (MSc) / £10,300 (MBA)
- International full-time:
£12,875 (MA) / £13,905 (MSc) / £15,450 (MBA)
- UK, EU and Channel Islands part-time:
£3,580 (MA) / £4,110 (MSc) / £5,150 (MBA)

In addition to tuition fees, bear in mind that you'll have to pay for any transport and living costs (accommodation, food and so on). You might also need to buy equipment and pay for any trips or visits specific to your course.

For the latest, most up-to-date information, check the course pages on our website – go to www.solent.ac.uk/postgraduate and find your course.

Financial support

Postgraduate student loans

For both taught and research master's programmes, eligible students can apply for a government loan of up to £10,906 for a master's programme and £25,700 for a doctoral degree.* The loan is not means-tested (not based on household income) and can be used towards tuition fees or living costs.

Postgraduate loans are not available for postgraduate certificates or postgraduate diplomas, and you can't apply if you've already gained a qualification at master's (or higher) level. You must also be resident in England prior to the beginning of your course, though exceptions may apply to EU students.

Links to detailed information and full eligibility criteria can be found at www.solent.ac.uk/postgradfunding

Disabled Students' Allowances

You can apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) to cover some of the extra costs you may incur due to mental health problem, long-term illness or any other disability. You can get the allowances on top of your other student finance. You will not need to repay DSAs. For full details, visit www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas

Solent University alumni discount

If you're a Solent alumnus, you could be eligible for a reduction of postgraduate tuition fees of up to 50 per cent.

Detailed information about the discount and how to apply can be found at www.solent.ac.uk/alumni-discount

Postgraduate support grant

This is a non-repayable grant for students who are in financial hardship while studying at the University, which can help with living costs, childcare, travel, accommodation, household expenses, books and course equipment.

Please be aware that international students are not able to apply for this fund.

Find more information at www.solent.ac.uk/financesupport

Academic and sporting scholarships

We have a number of academic scholarships for students from the UK, EU and overseas who hold an offer with us and exceed the course entry requirements.

Solent also offers financial support to student athletes based on their sporting talent and potential. Our High Performance Academy provides bursaries of up to £750 for accommodation in halls, with further benefits including access to services valued up to £2,500.

Sports scholarships are also awarded to students who excel in cricket and basketball. These cover the cost of tuition fees paid in the first year and provide a fees discount of 50 per cent in further years. A half scholarship is also available to football athletes.

* Correct for 2019/20 entry. For the latest up-to-date information or to find out more, visit www.solent.ac.uk/scholarships



How to apply

If you're interested in a taught or research postgraduate course, you should apply directly to the University.

If you're accepted, we'll send you an offer letter detailing the fees and any conditions.

You can find details of how to apply on our website at www.solent.ac.uk/how-to-apply



"The course is really challenging and a big leap from studying an undergraduate degree in terms of keeping on top of the ongoing units and the more frequent deadlines. But the challenging parts are also highlights – they push you to go out of your comfort zone and learn new things."

Sasha Halsey, MA Creative Direction student



Entry requirements

For entry to our postgraduate courses, you'll need to show evidence of your academic and professional background. The minimum requirement is a qualification equivalent to a UK bachelor's degree.

For more detailed course entry requirements, please visit the relevant course page on our website at www.solent.ac.uk/courses



Research degree entry requirements

Research degree applications may be submitted at any point during the year. As well as a CV and personal statement, you will need to provide a research proposal of approximately 1,000 words, plus various other items. For full details, visit www.solent.ac.uk/research-apply

Requirements for international students

International students must meet the UK Home Office's English language requirements for obtaining a Tier 4 General Student Visa.

If you need to apply for a visa, you will require a Certificate of Acceptance for Study (CAS) provided by us.

Solent University also requires EU/EEA/non-EEA applicants to demonstrate an acceptable level of English in all four components of language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking. The University accepts International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and equivalent English language qualifications.

The standard IELTS grade required to demonstrate competence for postgraduate level varies by course; you can find specific information on the individual course pages of our website at www.solent.ac.uk/courses

Portfolio and interview requirements

For some courses you will need to attend an interview (in person or by phone/video call, as appropriate) or provide a portfolio/sample of your work – we will contact you with details after receiving your application, or you can find more information on the relevant course page at www.solent.ac.uk/courses

Criminal conviction checks

Some courses also require Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks – see the relevant course page for details.



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COURSE TITLES

Find more information on the relevant course page
at www.solent.ac.uk/courses

Advanced Building Simulation

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SPECIALISE IN BUILDING PERFORMANCE SIMULATION.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates may secure employment in companies at various scales, such as sustainability consultant, thermal and sound specialist, BIM developer, and so on. The course also creates a platform for further research in the academic environment towards PhD.

WHY SOLENT

- Use the most advanced tools in industry to assess building performance (thermal and acoustic).
- Graduate with a sound understanding of up-to-date UK and international building standards in thermal and sound performance.
- Become capable of designing a high-performance building with maximum comfort for occupants.
- Create a platform to utilise specific aspects of building information modelling to deliver sustainable buildings.
- Fast-track to BREEAM AP qualification at a reduced fee and/or become a BREEAM-accredited graduate, offered in collaboration with BRE Academy.
- Benefit from the extensive links that staff have established with industry, based on many years of delivering professionally accredited courses (for example, CIAT, CIOB, SBID and CABE).

Course overview

This new and exciting course provides an opportunity to explore the application of advanced tools in building performance. It gives you practical knowledge of advanced building simulation tools in dynamic thermal simulation and acoustic performance, in a multidisciplinary environment.

The course introduces the foundations of sustainable design and explores the technical tools of instant thermal performance-based design. You will study the theory of acoustic principles as well as practical application in a collaborative project that simulates the design practice environment.

You will also explore the application of simulation in important areas of practice such as building information modelling, and certification schemes such as BREEAM and Passivhaus.

By integrating practical knowledge in building physics with design solutions, you will graduate as a unique specialist who is able not only to design a high-performance building, but also to work as a technical consultant.

Course content

Core units:

- Sustainable and Intelligent Building Design
- Computer-Aided Simulation – Thermal
- Research Methods
- Sustainable Building Assessment
- Computer-Aided Simulation – Acoustic
- Climate Change and Performance Prediction
- Research Dissertation

Optional units

(choose one of three):

- BIM Frameworks
- Acoustics in the Built Environment
- Research Themes in High-Performance Buildings

Industry focus

The course benefits from the extensive links that the team has established with industry, based on many years of delivering courses accredited by professional organisations. Practitioners from a cross-section of the built environment field contribute regularly to the academic process through providing real world-based projects, guest lectures and site visits, as well as working with students in small, informal settings during seminars and mentoring sessions.

Career skills and work experience

Building performance assessment skills and knowledge are in high demand from construction industries worldwide. Building standards are constantly setting higher specifications for buildings, and graduates of this master's course will be in an excellent position to respond to such requirements.

Assessment

The course will be taught through a combination of lectures, staff- and student-led seminars, studio sessions and project supervision. Assessment is 75 per cent coursework (including essays, design projects, reports and dissertation) and 25 per cent practical examination (including presentations).

Advertising and Multimedia Communications

DEVELOP AN EXCITING CAREER IN THE GROWING AND FAST-MOVING WORLD OF ADVERTISING AND CONTENT MARKETING.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:1 or higher in a related degree.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising (agency and in-house), art direction, creative copywriting, media planning, marketing, graphic design, UX design, paid search, public relations, marketing communications, digital and social media communications, crisis management, internal communications, research and analysis, content management and stakeholder relations.

WHY SOLENT

- An innovative emphasis on content creation and campaign management across paid, owned, earned and shared platforms.
- Taught by industry experts who have strong practitioner careers, with a wide range of guest speakers and practical events.
- Learn how to commission and manage work from PR, marketing and brand journalism specialists, to support your campaigns.
- A work placement and/or freelance project are core parts of the curriculum.
- Many assignments can be adapted to suit your specialisations and career ambitions, as well as your employer's needs if you are working.

Course overview

This course is designed to equip you for a role in contemporary advertising in an account management, media planning, creative or agile role. Recognising the close relationship with marketing and public relations, the course focuses on emerging forms of advertising which blur the boundaries with journalism and the importance of content marketing.

Customer engagement is increasingly key, with the benefits of 'big data' providing detailed analytics for campaigns. Media planning is becoming more scientific and measurable, moving customers up the loyalty ladder to generate content for your brand. Advertising is the catalyst for delivering integrated campaigns and this course will help you make a strategic contribution.

The teaching team is made up of industry professionals and the course covers the development of contemporary integrated marketing campaigns, participation in industry competitions such as D&AD New Blood and Young Creative Network, and collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches.

Course content

Core units:

- Advertising in a World of Converging Communications
- Multimedia Campaigns
- Media Measurement and Evaluation
- Research Methods
- Professional Practice
- Master's Project

Industry focus

Understanding professional practice is vital for career progression and forms an important unit in the course. You will create a personal development plan and then put this into practice in a placement or project, all the time building your industry knowledge and making the most of networking opportunities.

The University's own student agency, Solent Creatives, is a vital resource in linking you to hundreds of live projects with local, regional and national businesses, while you can also benefit from a programme of guest speakers from advertising and the related fields of filmmaking, graphic design, marketing and communications.

Career skills and work experience

The Professional Practice unit incorporates a work placement or freelance project, encouraging you to source your own client through our in-house agency, Solent Creatives, or to find a work placement appropriate to your career interests.

Assessment

Assessment includes essays, portfolios of practical application of theory and classroom learning, reflective reports and campaign outputs. The Master's Project includes a presentation of the early stages of development. On the Multimedia Campaigns unit, students will use cameras, audio equipment and editing software packages for filming, podcasting and vlogging.

Applied Acoustics

SHAPE A HIGH-LEVEL CAREER IN ACOUSTICS AND SOUND BY DEVELOPING SPECIALIST SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ON THIS MASTER'S DEGREE.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- A bachelor's degree in a related science or technology field, including audio/music technology, physics, engineering, construction/architecture or environmental science.
- Alternatively, Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner status or an equivalent qualification, such as the NEBOSH Environmental Diploma.
- We also consider candidates with alternative qualifications and related professional experience.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Acoustics offers an intellectual and practical challenge across a wide range of sectors, from manufacturing or construction to architecture, telecommunications or various engineering industries.

Acousticians could be involved in planning infrastructure projects, making aeroplanes and cars quieter, improving the sound quality of a television or designing new buildings.

WHY SOLENT

- Access to current equipment, software and facilities for acoustics measurement and modelling.
- Blends expertise in teaching, research and consultancy.
- Excellent professional links with a number of different and relevant industry sectors.
- Opportunities to build practical experience on projects and through the University's Solent Acoustics consultancy.
- The course is approved by the Institute of Acoustics.

Course overview

This practical master's degree aims to provide you with the skills and knowledge to work in a range of acoustics fields, including consultancy, engineering, environmental health and the built environment.

Taught by experts from research and industry, you can get hands-on experience, learn to use current measurement, simulation and modelling technology, and study principles such as how humans respond to sound, acoustic physics, and how sound interacts with our environment.

Course content

Core taught modules:

- Principles of Acoustics
- Noise, Vibration and Health
- Computer-Aided Simulation
- Research Methods
- Field and Laboratory Testing

Core project modules:

- Pilot Project
- Research Project

Three optional modules, from:

- Environmental Acoustics
- Acoustics in the Built Environment
- Noise and Vibration Control
- Electroacoustics
- Acoustic Materials
- Professional Skills and Practice
- Psychoacoustics and Soundscapes
- Standards and Legislation

Industry focus

We have excellent links with the Institute of Acoustics (IoA) and the Association of Noise Consultants, as well as a number of companies across the sector, including KP Acoustics with whom we have a formal partnership for work placements and mentoring. The course is also recognised by the IoA as meeting its educational requirements for membership.

Guest speakers from a range of relevant organisations regularly present seminars and workshops. Previous speakers have included Mark Murphy and Jim Griffiths (Vanguardia Consulting), Nicholas Jones (Hilson Moran) and Phil McIlwain (Westminster City Council).

The University also hosts regular industry events and conferences, giving students access to further expertise and knowledge.

Career skills and work experience

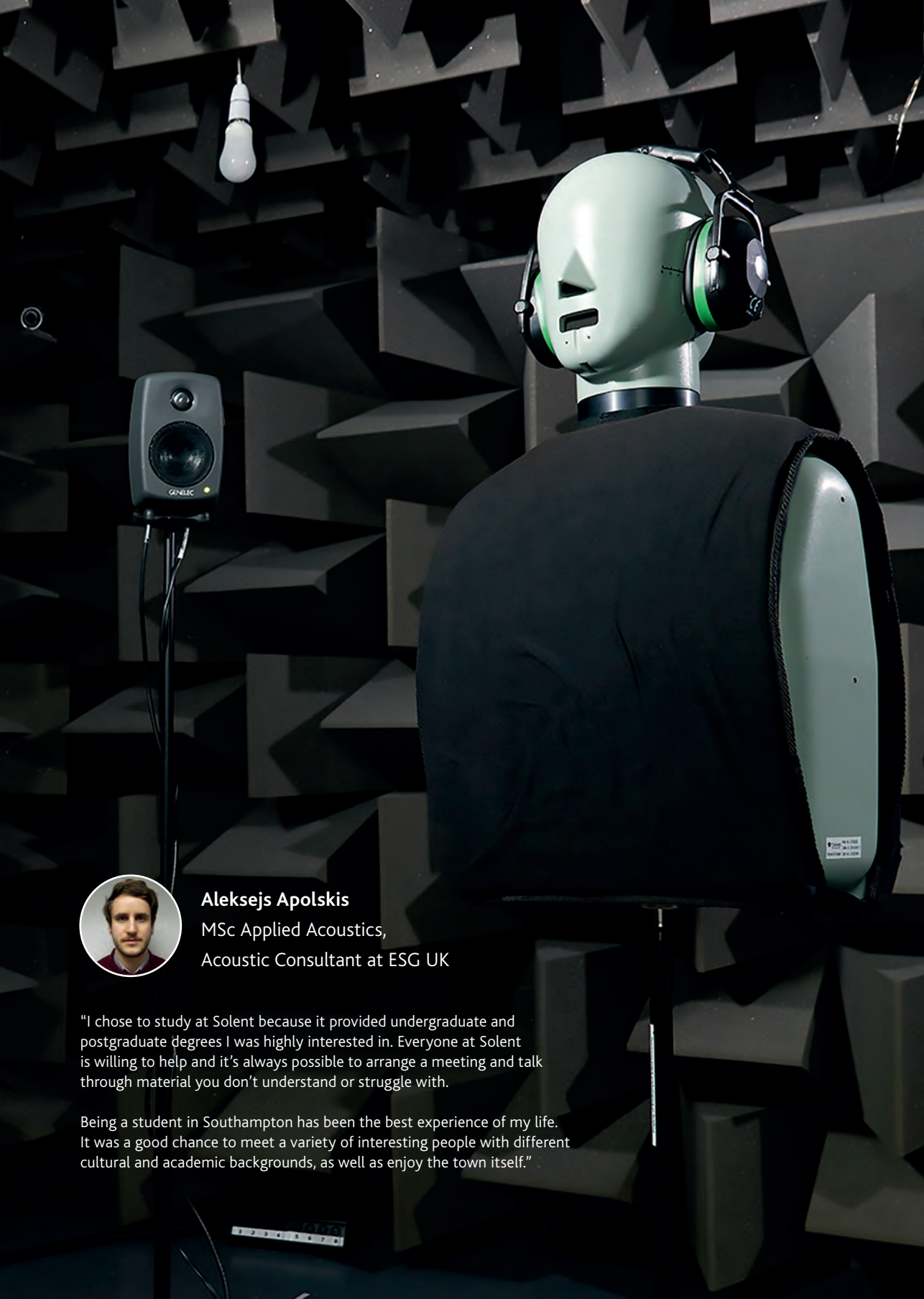
The course offers opportunities to build practical work experience and enhance your CV by undertaking placements with professional partners and contacts, as well as through the University's own Solent Acoustics consultancy which works with music festivals, businesses and public sector organisations.

Past students have worked on a range of projects, including Truck Festival and the Isle of Wight Festival, and with Westminster City Council and KP Acoustics.

Additionally, the Professional Skills and Practice unit involves organising your own work placement with an external company, supported by staff and making use of the course team's industry contacts.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework, projects, presentations, and practical and written examinations.



Aleksejs Apolskis

MSc Applied Acoustics,
Acoustic Consultant at ESG UK

"I chose to study at Solent because it provided undergraduate and postgraduate degrees I was highly interested in. Everyone at Solent is willing to help and it's always possible to arrange a meeting and talk through material you don't understand or struggle with.

Being a student in Southampton has been the best experience of my life. It was a good chance to meet a variety of interesting people with different cultural and academic backgrounds, as well as enjoy the town itself."

Applied Computing

EXTEND YOUR BUSINESS IT AND COMPUTER SKILLS TO A HIGHER LEVEL WITH THIS HANDS-ON MASTER'S DEGREE.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree in business IT, computing or a related IT discipline, or extensive industrial experience in this area.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Suitable roles for graduates include business analyst, project manager, database manager, digital marketer, software developer, web developer, application developer, project manager, senior database analyst, senior user experience analyst, software architect and network deployment specialist.

WHY SOLENT

- Opportunities for practical experience with real-world clients through Solent Creatives, the University's freelance design agency.
- Hands-on experience with current industry-standard software and computer systems.
- Access to our specialist usability lab and other industry-standard facilities.
- Opportunities for networking at regular BCS meetings, with expert industry speakers.
- Available on a flexible learning basis, so you can fit your studies around employment.

Course overview

This essential applied computing master's degree should be of interest to those with a business IT or computing background and aims to give you the advanced theoretical and practical skills to become an in-demand expert in your chosen field.

As well as building hands-on experience at the frontiers of practice and research in computing and its application, you will have the opportunity to go on and gain CCNP Networking, Agile and software testing accreditation.

You'll develop your critical understanding of the theories, practices and systems used in a range of areas of computing, including business IT, software development, security, web design, computer networking, big data analytics, user experience and mobile technologies.

We also host regular meetings of the British Computer Society (BCS), giving you access to great networking opportunities and the latest professional techniques and practices.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Professional Issues and Practice
- Pilot Project
- Research Project

Three optional units, from:

- Data Mining and Analytics
- Application Development
- Project Management
- Enterprise Information Security
- Usability and UX Design
- Advanced IP Routing
- Advanced IP Switched Networks

Industry focus

Course content is developed with input from an industrial liaison panel, allowing your studies to include the latest technology and working practice from industry experts.

Career skills and work experience

The option choices within the course structure provide students with the opportunity for in-depth study at postgraduate level in selected areas of specialisation in computing and business IT, laying the groundwork for a career in management, strategic planning or system development.

You will have the chance to work directly with real-world companies on live briefs, events and projects, while regular BCS meetings hosted at the University are your chance to build professional connections and secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework assignments, group work, videos, presentations, a project research paper and a final poster presentation.

Architectural Project Management

SPECIALISE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course will be able to take up roles as project managers, design managers, sustainability champions, strategic advisers or BIM managers/coordinators in architectural and construction organisations, leading the production of building projects. The course could also open up further research opportunities at PhD level.

WHY SOLENT

- Fast-track to BREEAM AP qualification at a reduced fee and/or become a BREEAM-accredited graduate, offered in collaboration with BRE Academy.
- Utilise and demonstrate the application of value management principles to improve the economic and environmental aspects of building.
- Employ the most up-to-date innovative procurement routes and gain the skills to be able to deal with risks arising from liabilities of contracting parties.
- Use BREEAM and LEED, which are among the most well-recognised and respected international environmental assessment methods available in the market.
- Demonstrate good understanding of building information management (BIM).

Course overview

This new and forward-thinking master's degree is designed to provide the construction industry with professionals who are able to manage both the design and construction stages of complex buildings.

Throughout the course you will develop the necessary skills to rethink design processes using value management principles, with a huge focus on sustainable design as the vehicle during the design and construction stages.

You will follow a holistic approach of looking at building processes and practices, and will be able to critique the design and construction process to add value and optimise solutions.

By using advanced design techniques, coupled with state-of-the-art project management skills on both technical and strategic levels, you will create high-quality designs that effectively respond to current environmental concerns.

Our curriculum is designed to be creative and inclusive, and offers you the flexibility to undertake a dissertation in different disciplines. You will graduate with the vision and skills to shape the future of both the construction industry in the UK and the international building market.

Course content

Core units:

- Project Management Theory and Practice
- Sustainable Architecture and Design Value
- BIM Frameworks
- Research Methods
- Design Management
- Property Finance and Economics
- Research Dissertation

Two optional units, from:

- Sustainable Building Assessment
- Innovative Procurement
- Strategic Construction Management

Industry focus

The course team has extensive links with industry, based on many years of delivering courses accredited by professional organisations (for example, CIAT, CIOB, SBID and CABE). Practitioners from across the built environment field regularly provide real world-based projects, guest lectures and site visits, as well as working with students in seminars and mentoring sessions.

Career skills and work experience

As well as a huge range of transferable skills, you will learn to manage the design stage, champion sustainability and achieve relevant targets, increase building efficiency, comply with building regulations and industry benchmarks, negotiate fees with contractors, manage budgets and plan projects.

Assessment

The course is taught through a combination of lectures, staff- and student-led seminars, workshops and project supervision. Assessment is 100 per cent coursework, to include essays, reports and a dissertation.

Computer Engineering

DEVELOP HIGH-LEVEL COMPUTER ENGINEERING SKILLS ON THIS MASTER'S CONVERSION DEGREE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree in any discipline, or extensive industrial experience in this area.
- Applicants should be able to show an interest in learning to code.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course could consider roles in IT project management, software development, web and mobile development. If you are interested in research, the course offers opportunities to continue to PhD study.

WHY SOLENT

- Build web and mobile applications.
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities including modern computing, networking and usability labs.
- Access to enhancement activities which include industry talks, code jams and employability support.
- Small group teaching which allows for tailored support, helping students shape the course to their own interests.

Course overview

If you are a keen problem solver looking to learn new skills to innovate and control technology, then this could be the course for you.

This innovative degree is well suited to students from a wide range of non-computing backgrounds, enabling you to learn new skills and develop advanced theoretical and practical proficiencies to prepare for a career in the IT and computing industries. You will be exposed to a wide range of both existing and emerging technologies and cover areas such as coding, software development, problem solving, computing, digital and engineering.

You will have access to modern computer labs set up for various programming languages and using the latest design and development software, plus specialist networking labs with a wide variety of real-world networking and high-fidelity simulation systems. Plus Solent's device laboratory allows testing of your applications on a range of mobile devices, ensuring they perform as expected on the target platforms.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Professional Issues and Practice
- Pilot Project
- Research Project
- Computer Fundamentals
- Cyber Security Application
- Software Design and Development
- Networking
- Databases
- Web Technologies

Industry focus

With employment of IT professionals expected to grow nearly twice as fast as the UK average between now and 2020 (e-skills UK), it looks like demand for well-qualified information technology graduates is set to remain strong.

A postgraduate qualification can put you at the forefront of this demand, demonstrating your commitment to the industry and your ability to carry out in-depth computing research.

Career skills and work experience

The course content has been developed with input from a variety of sources, including an industrial liaison panel, ensuring that your studies include the latest technology and working practice.

You'll also have the chance to work directly with real-world companies on live briefs, events and projects, while regular British Computer Society (BCS) meetings hosted at the University are your chance to build professional connections and secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework assignments, group work, presentations and project work.

Contemporary Music

REFINE YOUR SKILLS WITHIN A BROAD RANGE OF MUSICAL DISCIPLINES ON THIS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MASTER'S.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- Honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants may also be required to provide a portfolio of work or attend an audition.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will help prepare you for a wide range of employment and PhD opportunities, including roles such as musician, artist, entrepreneur, music teacher, sound technician or music therapist, to name just a few.

WHY SOLENT

- Access to high-end facilities including industry-standard hardware, software and instruments, a state-of-the-art recording studio, high-tech Mac labs and dedicated performance spaces which can all be booked free of charge outside of class hours.
- Taught by academics with extensive music industry experience.
- Excellent links with the music industry, with regular guest speakers visiting the University.

Course overview

This unique course facilitates engagement in all styles and genres of contemporary music practice and focuses on your individual artistic development, enabling you to progress into today's competitive music industry.

The programme is designed to promote collaboration across disciplines, and core units provide you with space to broaden your knowledge within current music industry trends, take advantage of shared or complementary subject areas and develop your creative aims and aspirations, while enabling networking opportunities, entrepreneurship and artist development – central to the course manifesto.

The master's programme supports pathways for new and current music performers and producers. Performers will have the opportunity to continue their exploration of personal artistic development alongside music producers, enabling the personal advancement of their music production artistry.

The course provides excellent opportunities to hone your craft, professional skills and creativity, build essential industry connections, and develop momentum as a working artist through networking opportunities and entrepreneurship.

Course content

Core units:

- Artist Development
- Music Performance
- Research Project
- Music Production
- Master's Project

Industry focus

The UK is the world's largest consumer of music (relative to population size) and the world's third-biggest music market after the US and Japan (BPI 2013), giving you access to a massive and thriving industry packed with creative opportunities, whatever your personal style or genre.

You'll also benefit from a regular schedule of visiting lecturers who'll discuss their different approaches, philosophies and ideas with you, including musicians, academics and guests from the wider creative industries.

Career skills and work experience

This course will take you on a journey that will change the way you think about yourself as a musician and, ultimately, as a person. You'll graduate with the skills, self-reliance and motivation needed to build and sustain a successful career as a talented music professional – whichever path you decide to take.

Assessment

The course will be assessed by a combination of practical portfolio assignments, individual presentations, research and written assignments.

Creative Advertising

GET AHEAD AND GET NOTICED IN THE FAST-PACED WORLD OF ADVERTISING BY DEVELOPING A PORTFOLIO TO SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVE TALENTS AND IMPRESS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

Also available part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline; we will assess your creative ability as part of the selection process.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Following this course you could be well placed for a variety of careers in national or international advertising agencies.

WHY SOLENT

- Our talented teaching team has strong links with industry through employer liaison panels, industry bodies and businesses, helping you to make valuable contacts.
- Work alongside photography, film, graphic design, visual arts and fashion students, helping you to develop interdisciplinary skills and boost your creative ideas and collaborations.
- There is the option to join Solent Creatives, with opportunities for freelance assignments to boost your portfolio.

Course overview

Are you creative, courageous and experimental? This challenging master's course is ideal for anyone planning a career in the creative side of the advertising industry.

You can explore the theories behind advertising and how it has developed while gaining practical, hands-on experience working on live agency briefs across a wide range of media. You'll be constantly challenged to push the boundaries of your creativity and find innovative solutions to real-world projects. The course encourages interdisciplinary debate, so there are chances to study alongside other students in the University, developing a broad appreciation of media and culture. By the end of your studies you could have a professional portfolio that showcases your talents.

Course content

Core units:

- Creative Strategies
- Creative Portfolio Building
- Cultural Influences on Advertising
- Professional Practice
- Research Methods
- Master's Project

Industry focus

Our experienced teaching team has strong links with high-profile professional bodies, enabling you to develop useful contacts in the advertising world and meet key industry figures.

Industry guest lectures, agency visits and careers events will help to boost your insight into the advertising industry and your network of contacts, and leading creative directors will be among those to critique your work, giving you valuable feedback.

There will also be the chance to develop your industry connections and freelance portfolio through real-world work for Solent Creatives, our in-house creative agency.

Students on the course showcase their work to industry in the D&AD New Blood Festival that takes place early in July each year. You will have the opportunity to take part in workshops, get feedback on your portfolio and network with the industry in a high-energy and dynamic event.

Career skills and work experience

You can develop a range of skills encompassing creative thinking, problem solving, writing and art direction, along with experience in presentation and teamwork.

We encourage you to complete work experience as part of the Professional Practice unit. Through this you can gain real-world experience of working in an agency environment, helping you to plan your future career.

Assessment

Assessment includes creative portfolios, presentations, reflective portfolios and essays, using industry-standard media production facilities.



Adina Zvorwadza

MA Creative Enterprise

"I looked at quite a few different courses at universities from London to Bristol, looking for a creative business course that could help me learn the process of starting a business in depth.

Solent was the only university I didn't request a prospectus from! The online course page explained everything I was looking for, so I decided that I would go to the open day and see if I liked the University. When I attended the open day, the staff seemed extremely nice. I went to find the MA Creative Enterprise stand and after that I thought this was the right course for me.

I previously have a BA (Hons) degree in Fashion Retail Management from Birmingham City University. After I graduated I continued working in high street retail for a few years, then made the transition to a role in a luxury fashion brand's head office.

I currently work for Yoox Net-a-Porter where I have been working within their studio. I've worked on exclusive brand collaborations with Gucci and Balenciaga, and on a few beauty campaigns. I have also worked on editorial fashion shoots and been a styling assistant.

I decided to do a master's for the career progression, 100 per cent. I was in a position where I really wanted to start my own business but didn't have all the knowledge I felt I needed.

I couldn't ask for better lecturers than those at Solent, and they get really good guest speakers in too. I think they are pushing me in a way that I've needed to go for the past couple of years. The module on strategic thinking and problem solving particularly has made me think 'Wow that makes a lot of sense', but more so because I have industry experience and it's made me look at situations from the other side.

My advice? I would say go and intern at as many places as possible. Gain that knowledge but ultimately find passion for an area in which you can start your own business. It's more rewarding to push your own dreams and hopes rather than someone else's."



Creative Direction for Fashion and Beauty

LEAD THE WAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGE AND CONCEPT FOR FASHION AND BEAUTY.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Portfolio; potential interview.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course aims to prepare master's students for roles in creative direction and production for fashion and beauty, with potential employment in a range of industry organisations including fashion/beauty brands, creative agencies, magazines, retail and production companies.

WHY SOLENT

- A robust and established academic team with international experience and a strong portfolio of industry contacts.
- An emphasis on professional practice, with a dedicated unit of study.
- Four weeks of relevant work experience placement/s or freelance assignments as part of the course.
- Access to professional-grade creative studios and other facilities.

Course overview

Develop a refined cultural understanding of image construction on this specialist course, and learn to manage creative work from idea to execution.

The course examines the processes and practices of high-level creative leadership – magazines, events, e-commerce, branding, advertising, tech innovation – and helps you develop essential skills, along with an expert understanding of fashion and beauty in a cultural, ethical and sustainable context.

As you study you will be able to explore multidisciplinary platforms and develop an in-depth understanding of user experience, trend forecasting and directing strategy and image for fashion and beauty. You will also have the opportunity to develop your individually driven critical-thinking skills in preparation for your practical or written master's project.

You'll have access to industry-standard facilities and technical support, including professional-standard photography studios, film studios, make-up studios, cameras and location lighting kits, an 'infinity cove' for fashion shoots, and Mac suites with industry-grade software.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Technical Image Design Skills
- Concept Development
- Creative Direction
- Professional Practice
- Master's Project; Practice-Based or Written Thesis

Industry focus

Solent has strong links with the fashion and beauty industry, and the course is currently offering an innovative collaborative project with the IBM Design Studio, providing the opportunity to propose and develop concepts for fashion and beauty products, services and experiences that utilise the Internet of Things and cognitive technology, with the support of an IBM mentor. Past guest lecturers include Terry Barber (Creative Director, MAC), Lauren Bowker and BAFTA-winning beauty journalist Ateh Jewel.

Career skills and work experience

The course equips you with in-depth industry knowledge and the insight you need to deliver great creative work. You will also be supported in creating reflective, relevant professional development plans.

During the course you will secure one month's placement, freelance work or relevant experience, strengthening your industry understanding and applying your skills in a real, professional environment.

The opportunity to work with IBM provides a unique insight into how technology is becoming the future of fashion and beauty.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mix of practical and theoretical projects, written assignments, presentations and portfolio projects.



Sasha Halsey

MA Creative Direction for
Fashion and Beauty, 2017
BA (Hons) Fashion Styling, 2015

"I studied my undergraduate degree at Solent, graduating in 2015 from the fashion styling course. Then I took a year out to freelance and think about doing an MA. I decided I wanted to study a master's because I would like to teach in higher education. Not only that, but I also wanted to explore the boundaries of fashion and beauty, expanding my understanding of my subject area and subsequently making me more employable in the industry.

The support at Solent is great – there are many members of staff who are always willing to help and advise you when you need it. The MA course is really centred around the industry, working with professionals and having a lot of freedom to explore certain areas, as well as working freelance. But overall you are treated as a young professional and that really helps to build your confidence."



Chris Key

MA Creative Enterprise

"When it came to business start-up preparation, the course delivered modules on creating a business plan, developing a cashflow forecast, writing a marketing plan and building a website for the business. These are crucial tools and the help provided by the lecturers through these modules was invaluable.

For me, the most useful element of this was the sessions on business planning using the Business Model Canvas. This tool allows you to quickly and effectively work out how viable your business idea is and what would be needed to implement it.

These sessions were right at the start of the year, which was perfect for me to validate my idea. It helped me hone in on what I needed to do, who I needed to talk to and the steps required to make my business a reality."



Creative Enterprise

GET YOUR CAREER OFF THE GROUND BY PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE ON THIS INNOVATIVE MASTER'S COURSE FOR CREATIVE FREELANCERS AND ENTREPRENEURS.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants may also be required to send a portfolio and may be contacted for an interview, either face-to-face or through Skype.
- Alternatively, applicants may be considered based on experience in the creative industries.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will equip you to identify opportunities appropriate to your skillset and aspirations. The enterprise skills that you could develop – such as strategic thinking, resourcefulness, self-confidence and motivation – will equip you to succeed as a freelancer or creative entrepreneur, or to work in any aspect of the creative industries. You will also develop knowledge of how the creative industries work in order to maximise your potential within this exciting sector.

WHY SOLENT

- Based in the University's unique in-house creative agency, this course will give you the chance to work on a range of live projects for clients.
- You will develop enterprise skills and competencies, and will be given the freedom to advance as an entrepreneur.
- The final project will encourage you to explore how you can apply your creative abilities to working as a freelancer or within a creative business, or to setting up a creative enterprise.

Course overview

If you have ever thought about setting up your own creative enterprise or working as a freelancer, this course could be for you.

Based in Solent University's own on-site creative agency, Solent Creatives, you will be able to develop your skills within the agency, specialise in your chosen area and develop a portfolio of work relevant to your professional interests – whether in film, journalism, photography, advertising, marketing, public relations, graphic design, fashion or the arts.

You will learn to act as a freelancer by becoming one, with opportunities to work on a variety of live projects with professional deadlines and the expectation of taking full responsibility for managing the client, communicating successfully and delivering projects on time and to budget.

As part of the taught elements you will study the creative economy to understand the impact of the creative industries on the economy and how different sectors of the creative industries operate. The Strategic Thinking and Problem Solving unit will introduce you to a range of methods, and you will be challenged to apply these to a diverse set of problems in order to develop an approach to problem solving.

Course content

Core units:

- The Creative Economy
- Working in the Creative Industries
- Strategic Thinking and Problem Solving
- Research Methods for Master's Level and Research Proposal
- Master's Project

Industry focus

Solent Creatives has excellent contacts across the creative industries and will use these to further your career. It has over 800 business contacts including Marks & Spencer, Southampton Airport, Sodexo, Oxfam and the NHS, as well as many small and medium-sized organisations. Past projects have ranged from filming a live event to managing social media content, designing a new brochure to organising a charity fashion show.

Solent Creatives is also active in various networking groups including the JCI, Creative Network South and Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.

Career skills and work experience

Solent Creatives aims to match talented students with local and national freelancing opportunities so that all students enrolled on the course will be matched to at least one opportunity appropriate to their skillset. In addition, Solent Creatives encourages creative business start-ups with a range of support, from mentoring to sophisticated business planning software.

Assessment

Different assessment methods are used on the course to support your learning. These may include portfolios, business plans, reports, reflective logs, essays, case studies and presentations.

Criminology and Criminal Justice

THIS ADVANCED CRIMINOLOGY COURSE EXPLORES THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, GLOBALISATION AND CONTEMPORARY PRESSURES ON THE EVOLUTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in an area related to criminology, and/or an equivalent professional qualification.
- Other qualifications/experience will be considered if you can also demonstrate graduate-equivalent knowledge, abilities and skills.
- You must be able to demonstrate that you are capable of undertaking research.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With this internationally respected qualification, you'll be well placed to pursue a variety of career opportunities. Past graduates have followed careers in higher police management, international law enforcement, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, financial security and academia.

WHY SOLENT

- Experienced tutors with varied professional backgrounds in the criminal justice sector.
- Teaching staff who are internationally renowned for their research.
- Strong links with local, national and international criminal justice agencies, with regular guest lecturers from industry.
- Study trips to relevant locations to complement theoretical learning.
- Practical skills which are developed to enhance your employability.

Course overview

On this interdisciplinary course you will gain an understanding of key contemporary issues in criminal justice institutions, crime and punishment. Topics include how to connect criminological theory with developments such as globalisation, and examination of international debates in criminology.

You will examine how crime, criminal justice policy and practices have developed globally and how this, and cross-jurisdictional approaches to crime, affect criminal justice. You will also explore major international shifts in the justice process and the delivery of punishment.

You will develop your knowledge of the theoretical and practical issues involved in research, learn about quantitative and qualitative investigative techniques and the broader epistemological framework, and build awareness of a range of methodologies. There is a focus on research ethics and the application of research to policy and practice, and this will give you the platform to undertake your own dissertation or project in a chosen area.

Course content

Core units:

- Contemporary and Comparative Criminology
- Contemporary and Comparative Criminal Justice
- Professional Development and Project Design
- Methods of Inquiry in the Human Sciences
- Master's Project

Two optional units (subject to demand), from:

- Contemporary Penology
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Comparative International Policing
- Political Violence, Terrorism and Security
- Researching Historic and 'True Crime'
- Drugs, Crime and Justice

Industry focus

We welcome regular guest lecturers who provide insight into working in the criminal justice sector and prospective career opportunities.

Previous speakers have included serving and former police detectives in the Metropolitan and Hampshire Police, serving chief officers from Hampshire, Thames Valley and Dorset Police, judges and magistrates, and staff from the National Crime Agency, the National Police Chiefs' Council, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Career skills and work experience

This course gives you an understanding of criminological issues which can be applied to many different careers. You can develop research and critical analysis skills and gain experience in communication, teamwork and leadership.

Past students have completed a range of placements with the Association of Chief Police Officers Criminal Records Office, the criminal justice sector (paid work), witness and victim services, probation services, youth offending teams and voluntary positions in the criminal justice field.

Assessment

Assessment is through assignments, individual/group presentations, examination and a dissertation.

Critical Creative Practice

ARE YOU LOOKING TO FURTHER YOUR CAREER WITHIN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES? SHARPEN YOUR CURATION AND CRITICAL SKILLS ON THIS INNOVATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY MASTER'S COURSE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a relevant discipline.
- Interview, portfolio (if practice-based) and the submission of a written personal statement outlining your proposed practice will be required.
- Non-resident UK applicants will be interviewed via Skype or telephone.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Upon completion of this MA you could go on to further studies at PhD level or use your transferable skills to work in a broad range of the creative industries, including contemporary art practice, design, media, film, fashion, photography, education, academic research, culture and heritage industries, curation, event management and entrepreneurial enterprise.

WHY SOLENT

- The chance to gain additional industry insight through an excellent guest speaker programme which has previously included designers, photographers, stylists, filmmakers and Oscar and BAFTA award-winning film editors.
- A highly experienced course team with strong industry links.
- The opportunity to take optional technician-supported workshops to enhance studies in photography, 3D printing and laser-cutting, performance, film editing and more.

Course overview

Solent's interdisciplinary MA Critical Creative Practice programme focuses on individual student-centred learning and encourages critical creative practice across the creative spectrum, which includes contemporary art practice, design, fashion, photography, film, media arts and technology. This innovative course helps to enhance employability and leaves you well prepared to progress within your chosen creative field.

Taught by both creative industry professionals and academic practitioners, the course enables students to develop ideas and engage with a broad range of resources in both the School of Art, Design and Fashion and the School of Media Arts and Technology. The course focuses on interdisciplinary creative practice (material and digital), emerging digital cultures of the future, the fast-changing demands of the creative industries and the associated changes to cultural production, curation and consumption.

Integration of theory and practice is central to the course and learning is carefully structured through interdependent units to develop a broad base of knowledge. Creative practitioners are encouraged to specialise through the Professional Practice unit and the choice of final dissertation or final project.

Course content

Core units:

- Writing Criticism: Critical and Analytical Frameworks
- Critical Practice: Cultures of Convergence
- Professional Practice
- Research Methods
- Cultural Production, Curation and Consumption
- Master's Project/Dissertation

Industry focus

The course team maintains strong industry connections and students have the opportunity to benefit from relevant industry contacts and academic links including the John Hansard Gallery, the V&A Museum, the ICA Education and Events Programme and more.

Students may also benefit from internship and partnership collaboration opportunities with the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Hub, Hampshire Cultural Trust (Arts Council England-funded South East Museum Development Programme), Arts Council England and more.

Career skills and work experience

This innovative MA course prepares students for employment in the creative industries. Contemporary arts practice, film, digital media arts, fashion collaborations, photography, critical writing, writing as creative practice, curation, academic research, event management, enterprise and innovation are all supported.

Assessment

The assessment format is flexible, as students can choose from theory, theory and practice, or practice-based options of assessment.

Cyber Security Engineering

GAIN THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS TO TACKLE CYBERCRIME AND PREVENT NETWORK SECURITY BREACHES.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree in any discipline, or extensive industrial experience in this area.
- Applicants should be able to show an interest in learning to code.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course could consider roles in IT project management or security management.

If you are interested in research, the course offers opportunities to continue to PhD study.

WHY SOLENT

- Learn how to penetration test networks, prevent and eradicate malware and become an ethical hacker.
- Access state-of-the-art facilities including modern computing, networking and usability labs.
- Access enhancement activities which include industry talks, code jams and employability support.
- Small group teaching allows for tailored support, helping you to shape the course to your own interests.

Course overview

This exciting conversion course provides a background in the skills and knowledge required for employment in the growing field of cyber security.

As well as gaining a firm grounding in web and software development, students will learn the necessary skills to become ethical hackers, penetration test networks, and prevent and eradicate malware. Students will also develop their problem-solving skills and explore research methods.

You will have access to modern computer labs set up for various programming languages and using the latest design and development software, including Adobe Creative Cloud and GNS3.

You will also have access to specialist networking labs with a wide variety of real-world networking equipment from Cisco, Fluke and HP, plus high-fidelity simulation systems, including the market-leading Opnet.

Solent's device laboratory allows testing of your applications on a range of mobile devices mounted on flexible tethers, ensuring they perform as expected on the target platforms.

Finally, you will have the opportunity to learn to program robotic devices, and can develop apps for android devices.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Professional Issues and Practice
- Pilot Project
- Research Project
- Computer Fundamentals
- Cyber Security Application
- Cyber Security Management
- Networking
- Security and Ethical Hacking
- Web Technologies

Industry focus

Members of the course team have wide-ranging experience of computing, computer systems, networking, web development and software engineering, which informs their teaching at this master's level.

Career skills and work experience

The course content has been developed with input from a variety of sources, including an industrial liaison panel, ensuring that your studies include the latest technology and working practice from industry experts.

You'll also have the chance to work directly with real-world companies on live briefs, events and projects, while regular British Computer Society (BCS) meetings hosted at the University are your chance to build professional connections and secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework assignments, group work, presentations and project work.



Terry Antram

MSc Cyber Security Engineering

"What I enjoy most about programming is the excitement of the unknown because there's so many new technologies, so much new software being written every year – there's always new ground to tread, always new techniques you can utilise. You've got an infinite number of hurdles that you're jumping over – and you get a real sense of reward for jumping over them.

As for the academics at Solent, their knowledge and excitement for the subject are really beneficial. They have real-world experience, and for something like ethical hacking that real-world experience is paramount to being good at it. You can learn all the theory, but if you don't have someone to help you integrate that theory into the real world, you're going to be lost in the employment market.

But the Solent staff are more than happy to talk about your subject matter and any issues you've had – they run a really good open-door policy so it's a great team to work under. It's not the easiest subject but it's very rewarding and hopefully will set me up for a career quite early on after completion.

My lecturer offers quite a few projects on Python and various other programming languages to give you that industry experience. As it's in-house, you don't have the pressure of working for a third party – you're working for someone within the University who has received funding for research.

The course also offers the chance to do some extra-curricular activities such as training for a full CCNA, which is the Cisco network qualification. You also get the chance to do the EC Council exam (Certified Ethical Hacker) – a great qualification that lasts three years – which Solent offers free as part of the course. It's a four and a half-hour exam, but it's definitely worth it."



Data Analytics Engineering

LEARN THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO ANALYSE AND FIND MEANING IN LARGE SETS OF DATA.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree in any discipline, or extensive industrial experience in this area.
- Qualifications equivalent to the above may also be considered – contact the University for further information.
- Applicants should be able to show an interest in learning to code and transform data.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course would be well suited for a range of data analytics and data systems design roles. If you are interested in research, the course offers opportunities to continue to PhD study.

WHY SOLENT

- You will have access to high-spec computer labs and can make use of the latest design and development programs.
- You will have the chance to test applications in our new device laboratory – a special test area integrated within one of our existing software development spaces.
- The course hosts regular enrichment activities including industry guest lectures, code jams and employability events.

Course overview

Solent's MSc Data Analytics Engineering programme teaches students to make sense of a world where every action and transaction we perform has some aspect of data attached to it. Data analysts use these data sets to make meaningful inferences that can support business decisions, governmental policy changes and system designs.

As a conversion course, this master's degree is well suited to students from a wide range of academic backgrounds. The course will help you to develop sought-after skills within the technology and big data environment, fully preparing you for a range of careers after graduation.

Designed to prepare students from a range of backgrounds for work in data analytics engineering, the course allows you to tailor your research project to your personal career goals, potentially launching a career or further research.

Topics covered include databases, data management, web technologies, analysis and computing fundamentals. Students will also study academic research methods, which will then inform their final research project.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Professional Issues and Practice
- Pilot Project
- Research Project
- Computer Fundamentals
- Data Management
- Web Technologies
- Databases
- Data Visualisation
- Data Analysis

Industry focus

Course content is developed with input from a variety of sources including an industrial liaison panel. This ensures that your studies include the latest technologies and working practices.

You'll also have the chance to work directly with real-world companies on live briefs, events and projects, while regular BCS meetings hosted at the University help you to build professional connections and secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Career skills and work experience

Students are supported to develop a range of transferable skills throughout the course. These include project management, problem solving and analytical skills that empower students to work in a range of different industries after graduation. Students will also develop high-level academic skills, perfect for those who are hoping to pursue a PhD.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework assignments, group work, presentations and project work.

Digital Design

THINK YOU MIGHT ENJOY A CAREER IN DIGITAL DESIGN? DEVELOP A DIFFERENT SET OF SKILLS WITH THIS INNOVATIVE CONVERSION MASTER'S COURSE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree in any discipline, or extensive industrial experience in this area.
- Applicants should be able to show an interest in learning web design and development technologies.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course could consider many roles in digital areas including project management, front-end web development, web and digital marketing, and SEO.

If you are interested in research, the course offers opportunities to continue to PhD study.

WHY SOLENT

- Access state-of-the-art facilities including high-specification computers from Alienware and Apple, eye-tracking and device labs.
- Learning is enhanced by a range of industry meet-ups, guest speakers, code jams and employability services.
- Small group teaching allows for tailored support, helping you to shape the course to your own interests.

Course overview

This challenging and innovative conversion programme is suitable for students from a range of subject backgrounds, from psychology and business to geography and computing.

Taught by industry experts, you will develop a wide range of industry-relevant skills including user experience design, front-end web development and digital marketing. You will also be able to tailor the course to your own personal career ambitions through a research project, and potentially progress to PhD-level study.

You will be supported to gain a range of transferable skills throughout, including project management, critical thinking, organisation and presentation skills. The Professional Issues and Practice unit aims to prepare you for the workplace by looking at the wider computing industry and the contexts in which digital skills can be used most effectively.

Those on the course have access to a range of industry-standard equipment. Facilities include high-spec computer labs, device testing labs and a usability lab with eye-tracking facilities.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods
- Professional Issues and Practice
- Pilot Project
- Research Project
- Digital Design Fundamentals
- Digital Design Management
- Web Technologies
- Usability and UX Design
- Digital Marketing
- Computer Fundamentals

Industry focus

As well as being taught by lecturers with industry experience, the course has been developed with input from a variety of sources, including an industrial liaison panel, ensuring that your studies include the latest technology and working practice from industry experts.

Career skills and work experience

You'll have the chance to work directly with real-world companies on live briefs, events and projects, while regular meetings hosted at the University are your chance to build professional connections and secure valuable work experience opportunities.

Currently there is very high demand for those with technical skills in a wide range of areas, with most demand in software development, SQL databases, web scripting and Agile development.

Assessment

The course is assessed through a mixture of coursework assignments, group work, presentations and project work.

Film Production

GAIN PRACTICAL FILMMAKING AND PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE ON THIS DYNAMIC COURSE, WITH THE CHANCE TO TAILOR YOUR WORK TO YOUR INTERESTS AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

Also available part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:1 or higher in a relevant discipline.
- Applicants must attend an interview and submit a portfolio as part of the application process.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates pursue a wide range of careers relating to film production, such as freelancing, directing, producing, cinematography, videography and editing. Some have also gone on to pursue doctoral study.

WHY SOLENT

- Experienced staff who have worked across the film industry, so you'll benefit from their wide-ranging knowledge and industry experience.
- You'll gain practical experience through our industry-standard studios and specialist facilities.
- You'll hear from high-profile guest speakers from the film industry who will inspire and inform your work.

Course overview

Experiment with creative ideas, develop a personal signature in filmmaking and learn current industry and independent practice on this exciting course. You will gain a professional understanding of fiction and documentary production, with the chance to explore new ideas, collaborate and develop your own approach to directing, cinematography and visual storytelling.

You will explore the value of politicised documentaries from filmmakers such as Errol Morris, Nick Broomfield and the Maysles brothers, and make the most of the University's industry-standard facilities, training and resources to equip yourself with key production knowledge, confidence and skills.

You will research and produce your own films, creating a portfolio that will demonstrate relevant practical and creative skills to potential employers. You will also explore research methods used in the media industries, and develop your professional skills.

Past Solent film students have gone on to win a range of awards, and with passion, commitment and the support of your tutors, you have the potential to create your own distinctive and high-quality films.

Course content

Core units:

- Finding Fiction
- The Politics of Non-Fiction Film
- Advanced Filmmaking
- Film Futures: Professional Practice
- Film Master's Project: Research and Preparation
- Master's Project

Industry focus

Students have regular opportunities to meet with industry professionals through our masterclass and guest speaker programme. Speakers have included directors Michael Apter and Alan Parker, producer Nik Powell (*The Crying Game*), cinematographer Brian Tufano (*Trainspotting*) and editors such as Mick Audsley (*Alien*, *Twelve Monkeys*, *Everest*).

The course also has well-established links with a range of partners including the BFI Film Audience Network and Film Hub South West, as well as regional organisations such as CityEye and Film Hampshire. We also host events during the annual film festival, Southampton Film Week, giving you the chance to meet and network with other industry professionals.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to develop a portfolio of skills, encompassing research, creative thinking and problem solving.

The course includes a placement opportunity and the chance to gain freelance experience through the University's in-house production company, Solent Productions, and creative agency, Solent Creatives.

Assessment

Assessment is through film production projects, written and visual portfolio work and research.



Joshua van Grinsven

MA Film Production

"Before the course I did an exchange semester at Solent – my university at the time had a partner relationship with Solent University. The facilities, especially for film, got my attention, and when the exchange semester was over I had had such a great time that I wanted to stay. I had to finish my degree in the Netherlands, though!

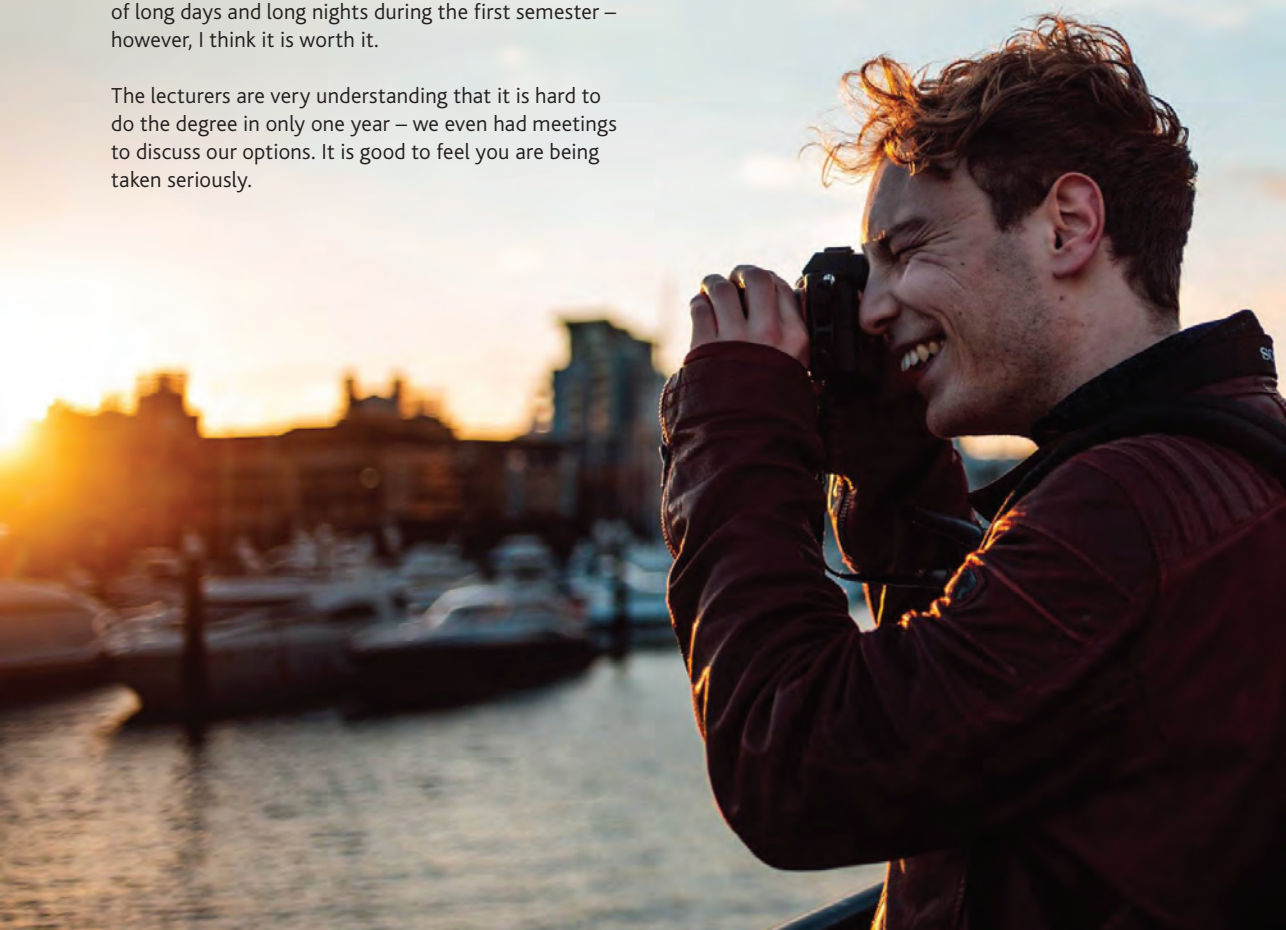
Part of the decision was made because I want to have a degree in film. However, of course, this decision arose because I am just really interested in creating films. During the course I am basically aiming to learn as much as I can, practise on all the industry-grade equipment and go to masterclasses and networking events. Hopefully, this will lead me to a bigger network and eventually to a job in the film industry.

The master's course is definitely more time-intensive than the bachelor's course in film, so there were some challenges to make everything doable. There were a lot of long days and long nights during the first semester – however, I think it is worth it.

The lecturers are very understanding that it is hard to do the degree in only one year – we even had meetings to discuss our options. It is good to feel you are being taken seriously.

The best opportunities the University offers are masterclasses. My favourite memory from one of these is when Eddie Hamilton and Mick Audsley came to talk about editing and how the fight scene in *Kingsman 2* was constructed. Afterwards, there was a reception where the students got to talk to them, which was a great experience, and I recommend everyone to not be afraid to talk to people, even if they seem so much more experienced.

I would say it's really important to be both passionate and motivated. When working with actors or even talking to other people in the industry, these qualities will show. Also, don't be shy to talk to guest speakers at the University – you will see that they are all very open to giving you tips or help."



Football Science

WORKING IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, AND LOOKING TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER? LEARN TO APPLY THE LATEST SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT THEORY TO TRAINING, LEADERSHIP AND MORE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- A relevant undergraduate sport science or related degree.
- Applicants without a degree may be admitted provided they can demonstrate the necessary graduate-equivalent knowledge, abilities and skills.
- Applicants will be required to attend an interview.
- Applicants must be currently working within a professional football environment.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a practising professional working in football, this course will allow you to develop your current role to work towards promotion or enhancement. Enrolling onto the BASES Supervised Experience route will also allow you to progress towards full accredited status.

WHY SOLENT

- You'll have access to a brand new sports complex, with sports halls, fitness studios, clinical spaces and several types of gyms. Students also have use of specialist health and sport science laboratories, including our BASES-accredited physiology lab, biomechanics lab and psychology lab.
- Develop the skills to educate and advise players and coaches on improving training and optimising performance.
- You'll be eligible to enrol on BASES Supervised Experience, the recognised route to BASES professional accreditation as a sport and exercise scientist.

Course overview

This master's degree will enable you to develop and enhance your existing knowledge and skills in monitoring, analysing and implementing programmes of support to elite football players.

You'll engage with, and gain an understanding across, areas such as talent identification and recruitment, training and competition demands, and team leadership and management dynamics. This will help to enhance your experience and knowledge with the application of a multidisciplinary age-appropriate programme for the development of academy through to professional players. In addition, your supervisory and people management skills will be enhanced to gain greater insight into leadership and provide further career opportunities.

As part of the course you'll also be eligible to enrol onto BASES Supervised Experience, the recognised path to full BASES-accredited sport and exercise scientist and chartered scientist status.

Course content

Core units:

- Supervised Experience
- Independent Project
- Training and Competitive Demands
- Talent Identification and Recruitment
- Team Leadership and Management
- Rehabilitation and Return to Play

Industry focus

The course is designed to enhance the skills required to progress within a professional football career.

The course team has close connections with a number of professional football clubs in the UK and overseas, as well as professional bodies within the sport. The team also has strong links with professional bodies and industry experts in other sports, as well as with governing and regulatory bodies.

The team blends highly skilled academics with experienced and qualified football practitioners able to bring context through real-life experiences. Staff include former and current high-level sport science and coaching staff from various Premier League clubs, international set-ups and professional, statutory and regulatory bodies.

Career skills and work experience

The wealth of possibilities for career development is very strong, and this course will help give you the edge both within your current role and in a competitive job market. You will learn the skills valued by employers in the industry, including group working, presentation, meeting deadlines and applying knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Assessment

You will undertake a range of assessments which include a competency-based portfolio as part of the Supervised Experience unit.

Global Master of Business Administration

DEVELOP A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF TODAY'S GLOBAL ECONOMY ON THIS INTERNATIONAL MBA, CREATING INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU AN INVALUABLE ASSET.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time/apprenticeship

Course start dates in September and January

ENTRY LEVEL

- Typically, a UK-recognised honours degree with at least a 2:2 classification and a minimum of two years' professional experience in a business, management or professional function, with suitable levels of analytical work and evidence of career progression and supervision/management of others. Qualifications other than a degree, with relevant professional experience, will also be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.
- Part-time study is not available for overseas students requiring a student visa.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An MBA can improve prospects for a wide range of careers. The curriculum is ideally suited for international students who want to increase their strategic and business administration knowledge. It is equally beneficial for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

WHY SOLENT

- Solent has close links with industry professionals and employers who provide opportunities to develop your connections and secure valuable work experience and employment.
- Academic learning is put into a practical context through real-life case studies and work on live projects with clients; this provides a realistic insight into corporate thinking, analysis and decision making.
- The global MBA offers part-time and flexible study options to fit around your work commitments.

Course overview

Whether you want to progress in a senior management role or become a successful entrepreneur, our MBA aims to equip you with the skills to fulfil your potential in the modern international environment.

On this innovative course you will learn to diagnose, analyse and overcome the ever-changing challenges facing modern businesses; to turn organisational strategy into effective performance; and to grow a sustainable business.

You will learn how to apply knowledge in a global business context, understand effective management and leadership, and engage with businesses and professionals across a range of industries, while critical debates and discussion forums will further improve your critical thinking – an essential skill in business management and leadership.

The course will also provide you with professional accreditation from the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), incorporating a CMI Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership.

Course content

Our MBA covers key areas of study for a successful career in business.

Core units:

- Business Skills for Leadership
- International Business Issues and Practice
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Management of Strategy and Organisational Change
- Management Research Methods
- International Management in Context
- Continued Personal and Professional Development
- International Management/Consultancy/Work-Based Project

Industry focus

Our teaching staff have extensive industry experience, and some still work in the field. They bring real-life examples into the classroom to help you put theory into context, so you can learn about the latest professional practice.

We offer an extensive programme of guest lecturers and visits to businesses, and incorporate live briefs into the programme, giving you vital work experience to make you stand out from the crowd.

Career skills and work experience

You'll leave the course having mastered skills applicable to a variety of roles and industries, including critical thinking, risk management, decision making, business analytics, academic research, project management and presentation. You will also have the option to partner with a professional mentor.

Assessment

Assessment methods reflect the nature of a modern global business environment. These include consulting reports, group presentations, blogs, work-based simulations and traditional examinations.

Human Resource Management

THIS FOCUSED MA COMBINES IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WITH A BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT CONTEXT.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher; equivalent qualifications/professional management experience will be considered.
- Previous work experience is not required if you meet the entry requirements; students are selected on the basis of their outlook, potential and willingness to contribute to the course.
- Applications for exemptions from any course unit, except the dissertation, will be considered, up to 60 credits.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing and a minimum of 5.5 in reading, listening and speaking), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Human resource management is an interesting, challenging and stimulating profession. Following graduation, a wide variety of rewarding career opportunities are available. Some examples include HR/recruitment consultant, HR business partner, general HRM or personnel manager; or an advisory position within employment law, employee relations, diversity and equal opportunities, recruitment, talent and resourcing, training, learning and development, or general management.

WHY SOLENT

- Gain a master's qualification and associate membership of the CIPD.
- A six-week work placement is an integral part of the course and enables application of real-world learning.
- A very supportive learning environment taught by highly qualified professionals, with industry experience and a valuable research record.

Course overview

This cutting-edge course provides you with an in-depth, critical understanding of contemporary and historical debates in human resource management (HRM). You'll learn contemporary HRM theory and the ability to apply that knowledge to real-life situations, while work placement opportunities will allow you to investigate a live, complex business issue from an HR perspective.

We are an Approved Centre for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), the world's largest chartered HR professional body. The course provides an approved qualification, meeting the knowledge requirements of the CIPD HR Professional Map at Advanced Level 7. On completion of the course and a management research report, you will be eligible to seek associate membership of the CIPD and you may meet the criteria for chartered membership (depending on previous work experience).

Course content

Core units:

- Professional Development 1 – Developing Skills for Business Leadership
- Professional Development 2 – Investigating a Business Issue from a Human Resources Perspective
- Human Resource Management in Context
- Leading, Managing and Developing People
- Research Methods and Dissertation

Applications for exemptions from any course unit, except the dissertation, will be considered, up to 60 credits.

Optional units (these may vary from year to year):

- Resourcing and Talent Management
- Managing Employment Relations
- Employment Law
- Understanding and Implementing Coaching and Mentoring
- Organisation Design and Organisation Development
- Learning and Development
- Employee Engagement
- Leadership and Management Development
- Performance Management
- Reward Management

Industry focus

This course has been developed alongside industry professionals. Several organisations support and mentor work placements and live briefs, enabling students to develop work-based knowledge and experience.

Career skills and work experience

You will be supported to develop transferable skills such as communication, presentation, research/analysis, teamwork, networking and mentoring.

The course includes a six-week work placement, live projects for companies and a research project for your CIPD accreditation. Past students have completed work with Carnival UK, South Coast Ports, the NHS, Yellow Buses, Red Funnel, the Mayflower Theatre, Careys Manor and other organisations.

Assessment

Assessment methods vary across units and include written assignments, case studies, group presentations and exams.

International Business Management

ADVANCE YOUR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS ON THIS INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S COURSE, HELPING YOU TO ACHIEVE CAREER SUCCESS IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time (1 full day per week)
- 3 years part-time (classroom and distance learning mix)

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher, or an equivalent professional qualification and/or evidence of managerial experience.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completing this course you will be well placed to take your management career to the next level, either within your current organisation or elsewhere.

WHY SOLENT

- Tutors on the course have vast business management expertise across a variety of industries, which helps you gain a broad range of knowledge and practical skills in core subject areas.
- Lecturers can provide formative feedback (informal feedback on your progress) to ensure you can adapt your learning to meet best practice.
- If you're in full-time employment but are looking to boost your career prospects, our part-time course is designed to fit around your working life, and you will have regular class sessions and frequent tutor contact.

Course overview

On this flexible course, you will gain all the academic and professional skills required for a successful career in international business. If you are already in employment, you will develop your skills and experience through work-based learning; and the course is recognised by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), so you can gain student membership during your studies.

The course has a thematic approach to reflect the real-world practice of management and covers three main themes – personal management development, applied contemporary international management theory and management research – across seven core units.

These core units will: explore skills leadership in the contemporary organisation; equip you with the theory and practice required to succeed as a manager in the international arena; look at behavioural science knowledge and practice; and examine some of the most important contemporary business issues and practices faced by international organisations – all with the aim of preparing you for the challenges you may face in a decision-making role in your career.

You will also develop the skills of enquiry and management research required primarily for your major project, and the course offers additional opportunities to undertake a placement – resulting in a work-based project – or to carry out a management or consultancy report with an international focus.

Course content

The course covers three main themes across seven core units.

Personal Management Development

- Continuing Professional and Personal Development
- Business Skills for Leadership

Applied Contemporary International Management Theory

- International Management in Context
- Organisational Development
- International Business Issues and Practice

Management Research

- Management Research Methods
- International Management/Work-Based Consultancy Project

Industry focus

Where appropriate, you will have opportunities to apply course learning to your own or other organisations, including case studies and projects with an industry client.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to help you develop a range of transferable skills, encompassing group working, presentation, research and analysis, working to deadlines and applying knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Assessment

Assessment is through individual coursework, including portfolios, written work, presentations and a final project.



André Hamer

MSc International
Maritime Business

My bachelor's degree in shipping and logistics from the University of South-Eastern Norway gave me a broad perspective of logistics and the maritime industry, and on graduating I received master's degree offers from universities in the UK.

I had been planning to study abroad for a long time. My father's classmate from his nautical studies had spent most of his career in Star Shipping/Grieg. His stories inspired me, and I decided to follow my dream.

Shipping management was the part of the maritime industry I found the most interesting. I accepted the offer from Solent University, knowing it would provide me with relevant challenges and education.

Compared to other universities, I found the core units in the programme at Solent University to be the most relevant and interesting. The programme aims to prepare graduates for careers in ship management in the UK and internationally. I realised it was the best choice for me career-wise.

My course lecturers have good connections and professional experience, and they go into great detail when explaining important topics in the maritime industry, which is very good. My studies are giving me a very in-depth look at different areas of shipping, preparing me for a career in shipping management.

But I think the best thing about being a Solent student is our learning resources – the lecturers have lots of experience and knowledge. Other than that, I would have to say the social life, which is also great for networking. To be honest, I think the whole programme is very interesting – it's nice to listen to the stories and experiences of my course lecturers.

Southampton is an international maritime city with lots of history. I really love the port and the coastline. Plus, being a postgraduate student at Solent is great. You meet people from all over the world who share the same interests, and I have made lots of new friends.

I live in student accommodation provided by Solent and enjoy it a lot; it is very close to the University and the city centre, which is also very good. Students from MSc International Maritime Business and MSc International Shipping and Logistics meet at events and gatherings, which is a lot of fun.

International Maritime Business

THIS MASTER'S COURSE EQUIPS YOU WITH THE ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN MARITIME BUSINESS AND SHIPPING MANAGEMENT.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- A professional qualification with equivalent standing, such as a UK Class 1 Master Mariner or Chief Engineer Certificate of Competency, together with relevant professional experience, or a non-UK equivalent.
- Other qualifications may also be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.
- Part-time study is not available for overseas students requiring a student visa.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a rich blend of theoretical knowledge and practical skills, our graduates are well equipped for careers in the maritime business sector such as ship management, operations, chartering or brokerage, either in the UK or internationally.

WHY SOLENT

- The course is validated by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and will provide exemptions from some of the institute's professional examinations.
- It is also validated by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.
- You will benefit from Southampton's position as a major centre in the UK and European shipping sector.
- We have strong links with industry in a range of maritime and logistics sectors.

Course overview

On this stimulating and intellectually challenging course you can gain the skills and knowledge to operate successfully within the maritime industry.

The course has a strong business focus and explores the complex factors involved in the management of ships and shipping operations worldwide. You will reflect on the key aspects of maritime law, finance and business risk, and look at the impact of international trade on management strategies in the industry. Our campus is situated in Southampton city centre, in close proximity to one of the busiest and most important cargo and passenger ports in the UK. You will study seven units as well as a project.

Course content

The course has seven units and a project.

Core units:

- Maritime Management
- International Maritime Law
- Research Methods and Proposal
- International Trade and Commercial Law
- Finance and Business Risk
- Maritime Operations and Transport
- Economics of International Trade and Shipping

Project:

Maritime professionals need to be skilled problem solvers to lead changes in policy or practice. You can develop these skills by identifying, planning and implementing research in your chosen area, and analysing and communicating the findings.

Industry focus

Taught by a highly skilled team of academics with wide-ranging experience in the maritime industry, the course has been designed in conjunction with key maritime industry organisations to enable you to graduate with the necessary knowledge and work-based skills that will enhance your career prospects.

Career skills and work experience

Throughout the course you can develop a range of transferable employability skills, including critical thinking, problem solving, negotiating, teamwork and presenting.

Opportunities are available to visit external organisations and facilities to see the practical application of your learning. Previous visits have included the ports of Southampton, Antwerp and Rotterdam, the International Maritime Organization and the Baltic Exchange. Some visits will incur additional costs that are not covered by course fees.

Assessment

Assessment is through a mix of written assignments, exams, individual and group presentations, and a negotiation exercise. The exact mix depends on the unit. You will also complete a 12,000-word research dissertation.

International Shipping and Logistics

GAIN AN ADVANCED QUALIFICATION IN SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS WHILE DEVELOPING YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE DYNAMIC WORLD OF MARITIME BUSINESS.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- A professional qualification with equivalent standing, such as a UK Class 1 Master Mariner or Chief Engineer Certificate of Competency, together with relevant professional experience, or a non-UK equivalent.
- Other qualifications may also be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.
- Part-time study is not available for overseas students requiring a student visa.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With a mix of theoretical and practical skills, our graduates are equipped for careers in maritime business, logistics and/or supply chain management, either in the UK or internationally.

WHY SOLENT

- The course is validated by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and will provide exemptions from some of the institute's professional examinations.
- It is also validated by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.
- You will benefit from Southampton's position as a major centre in the UK and European shipping sector.
- We have strong links with industry in a range of maritime and logistics sectors.

Course overview

Shipping managers in the current marketplace need to understand how the shipping industry operates and its role within complex global supply chains. As the shipping industry evolves towards an integrated, multimodal, door-to-door logistics approach, such knowledge becomes increasingly important.

This intellectually challenging course aims to equip you with the skills and knowledge you'll need to operate successfully within this dynamic industry. The units studied during the course enable you to gain a detailed understanding of the operations and strategies of shipping as a single transport mode within the context of international multimodal logistics.

Course content

The course has seven units and a project.

Core units:

- Maritime Management
- International Maritime Law
- Research Methods and Proposal
- Supply Chain Management
- Operational Risk Management
- Maritime Operations and Transport
- Economics of International Trade and Shipping

Project:

Maritime professionals need to be skilled in identifying and analysing problems to lead changes in policy or practice. This project enables you to develop these skills by identifying, planning and implementing research in your chosen area, and analysing and communicating the findings.

Industry focus

Taught by a highly skilled team of academics with wide-ranging experience in the maritime industry, the course has been designed in conjunction with industry professionals to give you the opportunity to gain the cutting-edge skills for career success. You can also benefit from our excellent facilities in and around Southampton.

Career skills and work experience

Throughout the course you can develop a range of transferable employability skills, including critical thinking, problem solving, negotiating, teamwork and presenting.

Opportunities are available to visit external organisations and facilities to see the practical application of your learning. Previous visits have included the ports of Southampton, Antwerp and Rotterdam, the International Maritime Organization and the Baltic Exchange. Some visits will incur additional costs that are not covered by course fees.

Assessment

The course is taught by a mix of lectures, seminars, negotiation exercises and problem-based learning. There is also a strong emphasis on research, and you'll complete a dissertation under supervision.

Assessment is through a mix of written assignments, exams, individual and group presentations, and a negotiation exercise. The exact mix depends on the unit. You will also complete a 12,000-word research dissertation.

Journalism and Multimedia Communications

DEVELOP YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO FORGE AN EXCITING CAREER IN THE FAST-PACED, EVOLVING AND INFLUENTIAL JOURNALISM INDUSTRY.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:1 or higher in a related degree.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Possible career paths include journalism, media relations, corporate communications, creative copywriting, marketing communications, digital and social media communications, crisis management, internal communications and content management.

WHY SOLENT

- An innovative emphasis on brand journalism, content creation and campaign management across paid, owned, earned and shared platforms.
- Taught by industry experts who have strong practitioner careers.
- Interactive seminar delivery rather than lecture-based.
- Learn how to commission and manage work from PR, marketing and advertising specialists, integrate your brand journalism and run corporate newsrooms.
- A work placement and/or freelance project are core parts of the curriculum.
- Assignments can be adapted to suit your specialisations and career ambitions, as well as your employer's needs if you are working.
- A wide range of guest speakers and practical events including newsroom management and live reporting.

Course overview

Journalism is about crafting and managing communication, altering perceptions and changing people's lives. The power of a journalist comes through their ability to hold people to account. This course places you alongside the creative pathways of advertising and public relations, enabling you to forge innovative and far-reaching working relationships. The course focuses on journalism as an originator of content and a driver of perception as they meet the boundaries of communications.

Media planning is central to the role of a journalist and managing content begins with understanding the complexities of a market and its individual needs. The roles of sources within authority are balanced with those available through social media to engage audiences and to maintain a technologically savvy media message. The digital journalism industry continues to drive content through the trusted pillars of truth and objectivity, focusing on trust of brand and individual media personality.

The teaching team consists of industry professionals, and the course covers the development of journalism content that is fit for professional media and engages the audience.

Course content

Core units:

- Journalism in a World of Converging Communications
- Multimedia Campaigns
- Media Measurement and Evaluation
- Research Methods
- Professional Practice
- Master's Project

Industry focus

Building your industry knowledge and making the most of networking opportunities, you will also benefit from a programme of guest speakers from advertising and the related fields of filmmaking, graphic design, marketing and communications. The University's own student agency, Solent Creatives, is a vital resource in linking you to hundreds of live projects with local, regional and national businesses.

Career skills and work experience

The Professional Practice unit incorporates a work placement or freelance project, with students encouraged to source their own client through our in-house agency, Solent Creatives, or to find a work placement appropriate to their career interests.

Assessment

Assessment types include essays, portfolios of practical application of theory and classroom learning, reflective reports and campaign outputs. The Master's Project includes an assessed presentation, while students will also demonstrate skills in using cameras, audio equipment and editing software packages.

Luxury Brand Management

GAIN INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC SKILLS IN THE DYNAMIC AND EXCITING LUXURY BRAND SECTOR.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience will be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will enable graduates to enter into a range of career areas including business management, brand management, marketing, PR and luxury industry entrepreneurship. If students are particularly interested in research, the course offers opportunities to continue to PhD study.

WHY SOLENT

- Strong industry links allow you to work with key industry contacts on live briefs and consultancy projects.
- Benefit from a programme of key industry guest speakers.
- Focus on key disciplines in the luxury brand sector to suit your own interests and career aspirations.
- A flexible course project allowing for a work placement opportunity.

Course overview

This new and exciting industry-focused MA Luxury Brand Management provides the professional and creative skills and knowledge to equip you for a career working with the world's most prestigious brands.

Perfect for anyone with a desire to work at a senior level with the world's most luxurious brands, the course aims to provide you with a thorough understanding of business management, marketing and creativity, while working closely with industry on real project briefs.

With its blend of live brief and case study-rich modules, and through assessments and unit content undertaken throughout the course duration, you will gain a solid portfolio of in-depth real client work and an impressive bank of in-house and agency industry contacts. We offer both theoretical and practical units, allowing a structure that will suit your own style of learning.

Whether you are interested in the most exclusive brands in fashion and beauty, travel, sport, cars or yachts, this MA provides you with real-world skills and knowledge to increase your career success.

Course content

Core units:

- Luxury Business Management
- Luxury Marketing and Branding
- Luxury Launch
- Professional Practice
- Research Methods
- Master's Project

Industry focus

In this era of 'exclusive inclusivity' and 'Insta-envy', new geographical markets are emerging, together with an increasing number of brands all keen to join the lucrative luxe club. There is increased potential for graduate employment in this field, with both UK and international opportunities.

The course offers a genuine and comprehensive bank of key luxury contacts at CEO and marketing director level through the teaching team's current industry work, and this in turn provides excellent links and engagement opportunities and potential. Our links are used to create a programme of live briefs, consultancy projects and guest speakers.

Career skills and work experience

You will learn transferable skills, including strategic thinking, resourcefulness and client relationship management, alongside core business and marketing skills. The course project is flexible to allow for a work placement opportunity which, although it is your responsibility to source, you will be supported in finding.

Assessment

Assessment methods include essays, case studies, reflective practice, individual presentations and portfolios.

Management

COMBINING THEORY AND PRACTICE, THIS MASTER'S COURSE ENABLES THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT SKILLS TO BROADEN YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS.

COURSE LENGTH

3 years part-time (classroom and distance learning mix)*

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher; alternatively, an equivalent professional qualification and/or evidence of managerial experience will be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completing the course, you will be well placed to take your management career to the next level, either within your current organisation or elsewhere.

WHY SOLENT

- Tutors on the course have vast business management expertise across a variety of industries, which ensures that you gain practical skills and understanding in core subject areas.
- Lecturers can provide formative feedback (informal feedback on your progress) to allow you to adapt your learning to meet best practice.
- If you are in employment but are looking to boost your career prospects, our part-time option is designed to fit around your working life while still benefitting from regular class sessions and tutor contact.

*With online support and access to course materials through our virtual learning environment, you'll study at your own pace and attend four classroom-based weekend sessions each academic year. These run from Friday until Sunday and are approximately eight to ten weeks apart.

Course overview

This master's qualification can help you gain the academic and professional skills and recognition required for a successful career in management.

Reflecting real-world management practice, the course covers three main themes – personal management development, applied contemporary management theory and management research – across seven core units.

The core units will equip you with the theory and practice required to succeed as a manager, look at the application and transfer of behavioural science knowledge and practice, and examine some of the most important contemporary business issues and practices faced by organisations, with the aim of preparing you for the challenges you may face as a decision-maker.

The course offers flexible study options to suit your requirements. It is recognised by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and you can gain student membership during your studies.

If you are already in employment, you can develop your skills and experience through work-based learning.

You will be able to develop the skills of enquiry and management research required for your major project, and for all of the MSc programme units. You will also benefit from our links with industry.

Course content

The course focuses on three main themes across seven core units:

Personal Management Development

- Continuing Professional and Personal Development (CPD)
- Business Skills for Leadership

Applied Contemporary Management Theory

- Management in Context
- Organisational Development
- Business Issues and Practice

Management Research

- Management Research Methods
- Management/Work-Based/Consultancy Project

Industry focus

Where appropriate, the course offers opportunities to apply learning to your own or other organisations. This may include using case studies or working on a real industry project with a client.

Career skills and work experience

The course can help you develop a range of transferable skills, including group working, presentation, research and analysis, working to deadlines and applying knowledge to real-world scenarios.

You can also choose to write about an organisation with which you are familiar or your own workplace.

Assessment

Assessment is through individual coursework, which may include portfolios, written work, presentations and a final project.

Marketing

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND STRATEGY AND CREATIVE CONTENT?

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates are well placed to pursue careers in a variety of areas including marketing, digital marketing, marketing communications, media buying, media planning, account management, creative direction, product management, strategic management and market research.

WHY SOLENT

- Taught by industry practitioners in a creative school, with an emphasis on contemporary content marketing practice.
- Interdisciplinary collaborations through shared units.
- Live briefs and assessments give opportunities to gain relevant industry context.
- Access to Solent Creatives, a unique student-centred creative agency.

Course overview

In a world where digital storytelling is becoming increasingly central for brands, this modern MSc Marketing course provides you with the skills and experience to prove that you understand the importance of amazing online content, have the necessary creative and digital skills, and can back up your strategic planning through your insights. Put simply, Solent's team of industry experts will help prepare you for the contemporary world of marketing.

Working across marketing, advertising and communications, the course covers content marketing through to strategic planning service delivery and customer relationships, with a focus on content marketing in a global context. The relationship between paid, owned, earned and shared media is considered, as well as the traditional marketing roles in an increasingly agile world.

Benefitting greatly from our unique in-house agency, Solent Creatives, you will have the opportunity to respond to live client briefs and reflect on their practice in a fast-changing world.

Course content

Core units:

- Customer Experience
- Strategic Marketing
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- Professional Practice
- Research Methods
- Master's Project

Industry focus

The marketing industry is fast-moving and dynamic, and has to respond to ever-changing customer needs. Social and mobile channels are increasing opportunities for engagement, delivering highly detailed analytics to help evaluate and control marketing plans. Top trends for the future include the central importance of mobile, the need for content (especially visual and user-generated content) and the growth of social channels, all driven by the visualisation of 'big data'.

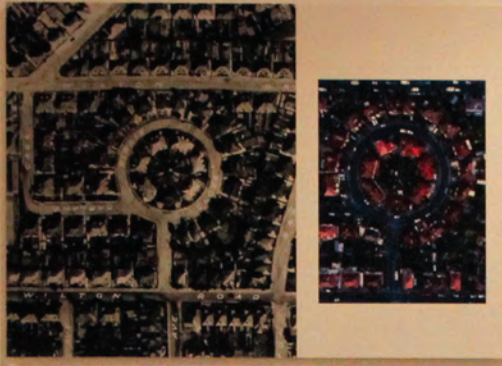
To keep on top of these trends, there are opportunities for question-and-answer sessions and networking through the excellent guest speaker programme, with previous speakers including representatives from Google, M&C Saatchi, Mathy & Fran and Campbell Rowley.

Career skills and work experience

Live client briefs are part of most units – previous companies include Arlington Services and Cunard. The Professional Practice unit involves a work placement or freelance project, while students who are in work while studying have the opportunity to adapt many assignments to suit the needs of their employers.

Assessment

Assessment for the course is through a mix of written coursework assignments and practical exams.



Eliska Peskova
MSc Marketing

"I chose Solent University for my MSc because I studied here for my undergraduate top-up in media production. Studying at Solent made me realise how great this University is, and how much it has to offer, like all the facilities, media equipment, student life, societies, activities and so on.

One of the things I love most about living in Southampton is that there is a lot of nature and places where you can go. It's not an expensive city, and everything is nearby – you can go to the theatre, cinema, pubs and clubs without having to take the bus.

While I was studying my BA, I went through tough times on both personal and professional levels. Studying in a foreign country for the first time was a big challenge for me, especially because I was going through diagnoses for bipolar disorder and ADHD. Nevertheless, I managed to pass all my subjects and finished with second-class honours.

After my graduation, I was eager to start my professional career. However, I wanted to pursue a higher qualification – since I knew this would help me get a good position within the media industries – that's why I decided to study MSc Marketing.

The first semester was really hard for me because I was dealing with so many things, but my friends and family supported me – and also Solent University played an important role helping me with my finances and my mental health. Whenever I had a problem, I went to the Student Hub and the team who work there helped me with everything. I also went to see the wellbeing team to discuss all my personal difficulties and they supported me in every way they could.

The lecturers too are very supportive, always taking into consideration my professional and personal problems. Moreover, the professional connections are great – it's thanks to one of my BA lecturers that I've got my marketing internship at Nuffield Southampton Theatre.

And that internship has led into my final master's project, about how the theatre can attract young audiences through marketing and social media campaigns.

Even if you think you are struggling or you are experiencing a hard time, don't worry – you will find friends at the University who will help you get through. The most important thing you need to remember is to believe in yourself. In the end, everything is going to be ok!"

Media Arts Management

BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

Also available part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a relevant discipline.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be well equipped to take on managerial and executive positions – such as marketing manager, press officer or social media account executive roles – within all sizes of media and arts organisations.

WHY SOLENT

- A highly experienced academic team with strong industry links.
- The long-standing provision of media courses within the University provides scope for networking with creative and entrepreneurial undergraduate and postgraduate peers with career aspirations in media, including, but not limited to, film, television, photography, radio, music, fashion and web design.
- An active guest speaker programme, enabling you to benefit from experts sharing insights from all areas of the industry.
- A range of in-house programmes, organisations, societies and initiatives available to students, designed to connect emerging professionals with external organisations and clients.
- A vibrant and developing cultural and media scene in the city and within walking distance of the University campus.

Course overview

Solent's innovative MA Media Arts Management focuses on the various forces shaping the media and cultural industries. You'll also explore how political, economic, social, legal and technological frameworks have a direct influence.

You'll gain a thorough understanding of management and administrative functions to enable effective management within the sector. You'll also delve into the challenges facing managers and executives working within the creative industries.

Financial planning and marketing communications are key elements of the curriculum. You'll explore financial and accounting practices and how they can be applied to an artistic environment. You'll also be introduced to the marketing mix and the many traditional and emerging mediums for reaching your target audience.

The final major project will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your skills in the areas of organisation and project management, research, critical thinking and analysis in a related area of particular interest to you.

Course content

Core units:

- Media and Cultural Policy
- Financial Planning and Management in the Creative Industries
- Media Arts Administration and Management
- Marketing Communications

One optional unit, from:

- Dissertation
- Major Project

Industry focus

The course's commercial focus within the context of the media industry makes it accessible to candidates from a wide variety of backgrounds. This includes graduates from media-related or business-related degrees. Professionals already working within the media industry who wish to build upon their existing knowledge are also invited to apply.

Career skills and work experience

Students will be trained in transferable skills such as media administration, working with media talent, media financial planning and issues connected to media policy. Work experience undertaken during the course will involve working with live clients, managing peer and undergraduate media projects, organising media events within and outside the University, as well as working with the slate of in-house media organisations at Solent University.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a variety of methods across units. Assessment methods include essays, reflective portfolios, and individual and group presentations.

Personnel and Development

BUILD ESSENTIAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS AND RESEARCH, INVESTIGATING CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND SEEKING SOLUTIONS.

COURSE LENGTH

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher; equivalent qualifications/professional management experience will be considered.
- Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Level 5 or 3 qualifications will be considered.
- A postgraduate diploma in personnel and development (or equivalent) and a good overall level of performance in all diploma-level units permit entry into the final year of the MA.
- As a part-time course, overseas students requiring a student visa are not eligible to apply.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The majority of senior HR roles expect candidates to possess both this qualification and full CIPD membership – the postgraduate diploma provides a route towards this, aligning with the CIPD's postgraduate Level 7 Professional Map. On completion, you will be eligible to seek associate membership of the CIPD and may meet the criteria for chartered membership (depending on your previous work experience).

WHY SOLENT

- Our tutors have extensive HR/industry experience, supporting you in translating knowledge into practical skills and real-life scenarios.
- The learning approach is active, participative, reflective and student-centred.
- You have the opportunity to select a report topic to suit your personal/organisation's interest.

Course overview

Accredited as a Level 7 (Advanced) diploma by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), this essential course delivers the practical skills and theory you need to meet the challenges of today's complex HR and employment environment.

Opening up exciting and varied career paths, you will have the opportunity to build broad personnel skills as a respected generalist, or focus on a specialism such as learning and development.

Developing your professional skills to a high level, you will study core subjects such as leadership, employment law and management of change, and equip yourself for membership of the CIPD.

Course content

Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate in Personnel and Development (PGCert)

Three core units and one optional unit

Core units:

- Human Resource Management in Context
- Leading, Managing and Developing People
- Professional Development 1 – Developing Skills for Business Leadership

Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel and Development (PgD)

One core unit and three optional units

Core unit:

- Professional Development 2 – Investigating a Business Issue

Optional units (these may vary from year to year):

- Employment Law
- Managing Employment Relations
- Resourcing and Talent Management
- Employee Engagement
- Understanding and Implementing Coaching and Mentoring
- Reward Management
- Leadership and Management Development
- Organisation Design and Development
- Performance Management
- Learning and Development

Industry focus

Our tutors have wide-ranging experience across the business and not-for-profit sectors, which informs teaching and learning throughout the course.

We also invite former students to the University as guest speakers to talk about their study experience and research, providing personal experience and first-hand insight into contemporary HR issues.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to develop transferable skills such as research, independent working, effective organisation, writing and strategic/creative thinking. You can also choose a dissertation topic that draws on your work and experience.

Assessment

Assessment includes written assignments, skills workshops and exams.

Personnel and Development

THIS HIGHER-LEVEL COURSE ENABLES YOU TO BUILD ON YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, ADVANCE YOUR HR SKILLS AND BROADEN YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS.

COURSE LENGTH

3 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher; equivalent qualifications/professional management experience will be considered.
- A postgraduate diploma in personnel and development (or equivalent) and a good overall level of performance in all diploma-level units permit entry into the final year of the MA.
- An appropriate range and level of organisational experience is also desirable.
- As a part-time course, overseas students requiring a student visa are not eligible to apply.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This master's course will enhance your career prospects and broaden your opportunities in the HR field. After completing this course, some of our previous graduates have been promoted to more senior posts within their organisations.

WHY SOLENT

- There is the opportunity for flexible study around your job, with six sessions on Saturdays.
- Our tutors have extensive HR/industry experience, supporting you in translating knowledge into practical skills and real-life scenarios.
- Choose from a range of dissertation topics to suit your interests.
- A one-year 'top-up' from the postgraduate diploma is available.

Course overview

This course aims to help you develop the skills needed to be an effective manager of people in changing employment conditions. It provides the ideal route to advance your management career and broaden your managerial skills and core personnel and development competencies.

We are an approved centre for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), the world's largest chartered HR professional body. The course provides an approved qualification, meeting the knowledge requirements of the CIPD HR Professional Map at Advanced Level 7. On completion you will be eligible to seek associate membership of the CIPD and may meet the criteria for chartered membership.

Course content

Year 1: Postgraduate Certificate in Personnel and Development (PGCert)

Three core units and one optional unit

Core units:

- Human Resource Management in Context
- Leading, Managing and Developing People
- Professional Development 1 – Developing Skills for Business Leadership

Year 2: Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel and Development (PgD)

One core unit and three optional units

Core unit:

- Professional Development 2 – Investigating a Business Issue

Optional units (these may vary from year to year):

- Employment Law
- Managing Employment Relations
- Resourcing and Talent Management
- Employee Engagement
- Understanding and Implementing Coaching and Mentoring
- Reward Management
- Leadership and Management Development
- Organisation Design and Development
- Performance Management
- Learning and Development

Year 3: MA Personnel and Development

Research Methods and Dissertation

Industry focus

Our tutors have wide-ranging industry experience across the business and not-for-profit sectors, which informs teaching and learning throughout the course. We also invite our graduates to return and talk about their study experience and research, which proves invaluable for current students.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to develop a range of transferable skills such as research, independent working, effective organisation, writing and strategic/creative thinking. You can also choose a dissertation topic that draws on your current working environment and experience.

Assessment

Assessment methods vary across units and include written assignments, case studies, group presentations and exams. Year 3 consists of a research proposal, a presentation and a dissertation.

Post Production in Film and Television

DEVELOP YOUR CREATIVE SKILLS IN ORDER TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN THE FILM AND TELEVISION POST-PRODUCTION INDUSTRY.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a relevant discipline.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates can expect to pursue jobs in many areas of the TV and film post-production industry. Entry-level jobs can include edit assistant, junior editor or runner. From there, graduates can progress to roles such as picture editor, sound editor, dubbing mixer, colourist or facilities manager.

There are also many post-production jobs outside the broadcast industry. Opportunities exist within the charity sector, local and national government, the emergency services, the financial sector and the corporate and training video market.

WHY SOLENT

- Access to specialist equipment to support your studies, including fibre-networked AVID Media Composer workstations, Pro Tools post-production sound suites and broadcast colour-grading facilities (DaVinci Resolve and Baselight).
- A range of high-end digital film and television cameras and ancillary equipment.
- A course team with excellent industry links, enabling you to benefit from a varied guest speaker programme.
- The chance to gain industry-recognised certification as an Avid and Pro Tools certified user.

Course overview

Solent's MA Post Production in Film and Television will enable you to work with the best industry-standard equipment in a stimulating and creative environment.

Initially, you will study the fundamentals of post-production and then apply these in a wide range of production genres – including comedy, documentary and drama – gaining a deeper understanding of editorial impact on narrative, dramatic structure, storytelling and character.

You will learn title design and the creative use of professional colour-grading software, and complement this with in-depth study of sound design, deconstructing soundscapes to the component elements and applying this knowledge in your own work.

You will then have the opportunity to demonstrate these skills in practical working environments, before completing a professional-standard production which exhibits your creativity and expertise.

You will also have the opportunity to gain industry-recognised AVID-certified professional qualifications in Media Composer and Pro Tools alongside your degree.

Course content

Core units:

- Approaches to Post-Production
- Creative Editing for Film and Television
- Perfecting the Picture and Sound
- Professional Practice and Research Methods
- Major Editing Project

Industry focus

Our strong relationships with professional film and TV editors, sound designers and colourists allow us to offer unique placement and mentoring opportunities. We have close ties with American Cinema Editors (ACE) and the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences, as well as some of the country's top post-production houses – and we have been able to offer experience and job opportunities with companies such as Envy, The Farm, Halo and The Mill, as well as a wide range of course alumni.

We are the official university media partner of the Glastonbury Festival and you will have the chance to apply to work there or at other festivals, including Bestival and Boardmasters.

Career skills and work experience

You will develop many transferable skills but the focus is clear. Through mentor schemes, professional practice and work experience, you will be ideally placed for a career in the post-production industry.

Assessment

We firmly believe that to learn the craft skills of an editor, you need to spend most of your time editing – and our assessment strategies are designed to reflect your developing craft and underpinning knowledge in the context of hands-on post-production work.

Project Management

GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN YOUR CAREER WITH THIS MASTER'S DEGREE, INCORPORATING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SUCH AS PRINCE2 AND AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The project management profession is expanding dramatically, with an estimated 1.5 million additional roles being created globally every year until 2020.* So, following this course, you will be well placed for a wide variety of careers in national or international businesses across all sectors.

WHY SOLENT

- Our teaching team has strong links with the project management profession and wider industry.
- Solent is the only UK university to offer and combine internationally recognised PRINCE2 Practitioner and Agile Project Management Practitioner accreditation opportunities.
- The course content aligns with requirements for the APM Body of Knowledge.
- You can convert any existing PRINCE2 Practitioner or Agile Project Management Practitioner accreditation into credits towards the MSc.

Course overview

Designed to meet increasing demand, this professionally tailored course is aligned to the Association for Project Management (APM) Body of Knowledge.

You will study the methodologies, techniques, principles and processes of project management at a globally accredited institution and gain a sought-after PRINCE2 Practitioner and Agile Project Management qualification.

Equipping you with specialised project management skills, the course will enable you to develop your leadership abilities and financial acumen, and support you to build a professional portfolio to further your career.

Initially you will work towards a PG Certificate Project Management, gaining an understanding of governance, developing your accounting skills – with a focus on management accounting for project managers – and exploring the methodology behind the world's most popular project management qualification, PRINCE2.

Following up with the PG Diploma Project Management, you will examine the structures and processes necessary for any organisation to deliver a project effectively, explore the theories that have created advances in the fields of organisational behaviour (OB), human resource management (HRM) and leadership, and learn the Agile Project Management methodology.

Finally, you will progress to the third level, the full MSc Project Management, by researching and undertaking your dissertation. You will identify your own research topic and explore the application of various management research methods, considering the organisation and management of research and ethical issues.

Course content

Core units:

- Project Management in Context
- Finance for Project Management
- PRINCE2 Methodology
- Project Management Tools and Techniques
- Developing Human Capabilities and Leadership Skills in Project Management
- Agile Project Management
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Industry focus

The course has input from the Association for Project Management (APM) – the chartered body for the project management profession – and is aligned to the APM Body of Knowledge.

The University also has strong links with professional bodies, enabling us to keep right up-to-date with the latest trends in project management.

Assessment

Assessment is through presentations, written assignments, exams, reports, projects, vivas and dissertations.

*Figures from the Project Management Institute and Anderson Economic Group



Basia Dudek

MSc Project Management
(part-time)

"I decided to go back to university and chose the MSc Project Management after speaking to the course leader about the course and what it entails. I thought that the modules that the course offers, as well as the professional accreditations that you receive while studying here at Solent, would be ideal for what I was looking for.

I find the course to be very hands-on and you receive practical knowledge from various industries as the tutors are very well informed in their field. I chose this course over other business-related courses here at Solent, and at other universities in Hampshire, as it will give me an opportunity to apply the knowledge I gained in my current role, as well as provide me with opportunities in other fields in the future.

The professional qualifications that you receive as part of this course are taught over a period of time and not rushed, so that you can understand and apply what you learn straight away."



Public Relations and Multimedia Communications

EVOLVE YOUR CAREER WITH THIS MASTER'S COURSE, DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SUCCEED IN A FUTURE OF INTEGRATED CONTENT COMMUNICATION.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:1 or higher in a related degree.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the course students could go into employment areas such as public relations (agency and in-house), marketing, digital and social media communications, crisis management, internal communications, research and analysis, content management and stakeholder relations.

WHY SOLENT

- An innovative emphasis on content creation and management across paid, owned, earned and shared platforms.
- Taught by industry experts who have strong practitioner careers.
- A work placement and/or freelance project are core parts of the curriculum.
- Assignments can be adapted to suit your specialisations and career ambitions, as well as your employer's needs if you are working.
- A wide range of guest speakers.
- Previous practical events have included a crisis simulation, an 'eCampaign' in a day and participation in industry events such our 'Meet the Professionals' event.

Course overview

This MA's interdisciplinary approach sets PR in the context of today's integrated communications practice, where academic and practical boundaries are increasingly challenged.

The course has a strong focus on 'peer-to-peer' digital communication and explores how the theory and practice of PR are changing as communication moves across paid, owned, shared and earned media.

You will be introduced to the challenge of measurement techniques applied in advertising, marketing, promotion and PR sectors – including the evolution of RoE (return on engagement) – and have the opportunity to develop and implement a number of campaign activities across a wide range of platforms.

A freelance or workplace project will form part of the course and will help inform your choice for your master's project (or dissertation/practice project/ consultancy project) and demonstrate your professional attainment.

Course content

Core units:

- PR in a World of Converging Communications
- Multimedia Campaigns
- Research Methods
- Professional Practice
- Master's Project
- Media Evaluation and Measurement

Industry focus

Our Solent Creatives talent agency has strong relationships with over 500 local businesses, giving you the opportunity to undertake work placement and freelance opportunities while developing your entrepreneurial and professional skillset.

Live client briefs also make up part of the course, and if you are in work while studying, you can adapt your assignment to suit the needs of your employer.

There is a strong relationship between the course and the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. Previously, CIPR presidents have participated in the 'eCampaign in a day' events organised by MA students for undergraduate BA students.

Career skills and work experience

The Professional Practice unit incorporates a work placement or freelance project, encouraging you to source your own client through our in-house agency, Solent Creatives, or to find a work placement appropriate to your career interests.

Assessment

Assessment may include essays, portfolios of practical application of theory and classroom learning, reflective reports and campaign outputs. The Master's Project includes a presentation of the early stages of development. There is an exam for the PR in a World of Converging Communications unit.

Shipping Operations

DEVELOP YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND CAREER IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY WITH THIS FLEXIBLE AND INTERACTIVE ONLINE COURSE.

COURSE LENGTH

2 years distance/online learning

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in maritime studies, shipping, business, law or another appropriate subject, and relevant professional qualifications and experience.
- A Certificate of Competency as a Master or Chief Engineer; Class 1 Master Mariner; Class 1 Engineer; STCW management-level qualifications, or equivalent, plus management-level experience in the sea transport industry (such as a Master, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer, First Engineer or equivalent).
- An HND or foundation degree via the officer cadet route, plus extensive relevant professional qualifications and management experience; all candidates must be working or recently employed in the maritime or shipping industry.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you'll possess a range of skills that will open up a choice of career opportunities, from shipping management through to port operations and teaching.

WHY SOLENT

- Flexible online teaching.
- A strong maritime track record and international acclaim through our Warsash School of Maritime Science and Engineering.
- Southampton is a hub of maritime activity, with access to industry-standard facilities for students.

Course overview

This course is aimed at maritime professionals who have considerable professional expertise and experience in the industry and wish to develop specialised knowledge and skills in ship safety management.

Serving seafarers and shipping industry professionals have demanding jobs that often take them to different parts of the world. Therefore, the course is taught online by distance learning using Solent University's virtual learning environment, which is available anywhere in the world, day and night. The course aims to help you develop the skills needed to succeed in management positions ashore and to identify and solve complex, real-life issues and problems through work-related assignments and workplace projects.

Course content

Year 1 core units:

- Postgraduate and Self-Managed Study
- International Maritime Context
- Business Research Skills
- Professional Skills and Practice Portfolio
- Risk and Safety Management
- Legal Process

Year 2 core units:

- Project
- Safety Culture
- Accident Investigation and Organisational Learning

Industry focus

Our teaching staff keep up-to-date with the latest industry practices and developments through their research and representation at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other shipping bodies.

Industry experts also contribute to the programme and mentor students on work-based projects, helping them to develop professional skills relevant to their work.

Career skills and work experience

The course offers the opportunity to build a range of transferable skills encompassing analysis, problem solving, influencing, decision making, communication, presentation, report writing, time management, debating and career management.

Much of the coursework and project is completed as part of a live brief within your workplace. You'll be supported by an industry mentor who will guide your work-based project and help you create a professional practice portfolio. This allows the development of skills that are relevant to your work.

Assessment

Assessment may be through coursework, presentations, briefing papers, reports, portfolios, personal development plans and project work (including a dissertation).

Sport Development

ALREADY WORKING IN SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY? BUILD ON YOUR EXISTING KNOWLEDGE TO FURTHER YOUR INDUSTRY CAREER WITH THIS POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates will be able to further develop skills and knowledge to advance their career in this area.

The ability to specialise through the optional units means graduates can pursue areas such as sport marketing, media, international sport and youth sport to fit with their own career ambitions.

WHY SOLENT

- Career-relevant, with an emphasis on developing professional skills, research and evaluation, and on the application of knowledge to the sector.
- An exciting and modern curriculum promoting student-centred learning to allow tailoring to your own career goals.
- Delivered by staff with relevant research interests and local, national and international industry expertise.
- Benefit from partnerships and networking with local organisations.

Course overview

This part-time postgraduate certificate programme is designed specifically for those already working within the industry and supports your continuing professional development through academic qualification.

You will learn to critically apply theories, concepts and frameworks in sport development and sport policy, and analyse key approaches to monitoring and evaluation for sport – studying the theory and practice of sport development, sport policy, research methods, and monitoring and evaluation for sport.

You will engage in debates and critical evaluation of the local, national and international context of sport and health, including critically discussing the role of sport in addressing broader social change outcomes, and the role of physical activity in public health agendas.

You will also be able to tailor the course towards your own specific career ambitions, with optional units allowing you to focus on key specialisms such as sport marketing, media and youth sport.

Course content

Core units:

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Theory and Practice in Sport Development

One optional unit, from:

- Wellbeing in Youth Sport
- International Sports Marketing and Management
- Professional Practice
- International Sport, Business Culture and the Media

Industry focus

Staff delivering the programme have a variety of experience in both national and international sport development and are research-active in relevant areas, demonstrating opportunities to fuse academic rigour and industry relevance in innovative ways to aid student learning. Research-informed teaching is also key at Solent and offers an exciting element to this PGCert programme.

The student-focused, research-orientated curriculum focuses on knowledge construction and uses engaging methods of teaching such as learning through scenarios, portfolios and case studies.

Career skills and work experience

Where students are currently in relevant professions, they can use this experience to enhance learning and develop their understanding of the link between theory and practice in the workplace.

If applicable, students will be encouraged and supported to gain work experience and placements, although this is not a requirement of the course. The course team has a number of partnerships and arrangements with local schools, charities and organisations which can be accessed as required.

Assessment

Students are assessed by a variety of methods across units and are supported through a number of formative and summative assessment methods, including essays, case studies, reflective practice, individual presentations and portfolios.

Sport Development and Management

FURTHER YOUR CAREER IN SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY – DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS TO BECOME AN EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTITIONER.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are well placed to pursue careers in sport governance, sport development, sport for social change, business development in sport, physical activity, public health, education and sport management.

WHY SOLENT

- Career-relevant, with an emphasis on developing professional skills, research and evaluation, and the application of knowledge to the sector.
- An exciting and modern curriculum promoting student-centred learning to allow tailoring to your own career goals.
- Benefit from partnerships with local organisations.
- Delivered by staff with relevant research interests and local, national and international industry expertise.

Course overview

This new and exciting MA programme has a contemporary and research-orientated curriculum, allowing you to fuse industry relevance with academic knowledge through the combination of theories, research and practical evidence to develop your sport development and physical activity career.

Taught using real-world scenarios, contemporary evidence portfolios and case studies, you will critically apply theories, concepts and frameworks in sport development and sport policy, as well as analysing key approaches to monitoring and evaluation for sport and physical activity.

The units you study will engage you in debates and critical evaluation of the local, national and international context of sport management and physical activity, and of public health agendas. And course staff are active in relevant research, innovatively incorporating the latest research to aid your learning.

Course content

Core units:

- Monitoring and Evaluation in Sport
- Theory and Practice in Sport Development
- Sport Policy and Practice
- Research Methods in Sport
- Research Paper

Two optional units:

One from:

- Wellbeing in Youth Sport
- International Sports Marketing and Management

One from:

- Professional Practice
- International Sport, Business Culture and the Media

Industry focus

The sport development and physical activity sector continues to evolve and grow in both the public and private sectors. These career opportunities need prepared graduates who can help deliver and evaluate their practice and continue to shape and manage the development of the industry.

Here at Solent University we have strong existing links with local partners, including the Saints Foundation, England Rugby, Hampshire Cricket and EduMove. Staff also have relevant sector experience, which enables them to discuss how theory can be applied in practice and appreciate the challenges of working within the sector.

These partnerships support you to practically apply theories, models and concepts, developing the core skills needed for meaningful community engagement and professional practice.

Career skills and work experience

Students will be encouraged and supported to gain work experience and placements, if required. The course team has a number of partnerships and arrangements, and where students are currently in relevant professions they can use this experience to enhance their learning, developing their understanding of the link between theory and practice in the workplace.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a variety of methods across units, including essays, case studies, reflective practice, individual presentations and portfolios.

Sport Science and Performance Coaching

PUSH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND STEP TOWARDS A GREAT SPORT SCIENCE OR COACHING CAREER.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:1 or above.
- Other applicants who can provide evidence of relevant work experience will be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course opens up a whole host of career opportunities in sport science and coaching. Career paths could include:

- helping professional, elite or Olympic athletes to maintain peak performance in world-class competitions
- developing performance programmes for schools/colleges and encouraging the next generation of athletes to excel.

WHY SOLENT

- The course combines hands-on experience with in-depth master's-level theory, and teaches you how to apply your learning in a professional sporting environment.
- Access to leading sport science facilities, including a BASES-accredited physiology lab, as well as fully equipped modern psychology, biomechanics, and strength and conditioning labs.
- Opportunities for industry placements at all levels, working with elite athletes, regional clubs, schools and colleges.
- Opportunities and support to start your own sport science/coaching business.

Course overview

This high-level master's course prepares you for life in the sport industry, delivering hands-on professional skills and an interdisciplinary approach to sport science and coaching.

You can explore talent identification, long-term athlete development, performance analysis, strength and conditioning, peak performance, technical and tactical development and marginal gains in elite sport.

Placements form an important part of the course as they provide you with the opportunity to practise the knowledge and skills taught in real-world scenarios. Where necessary, you will be supported to find work experience that is commensurate with your previous experience and qualifications.

Access to our outstanding sport and exercise facilities is available, which includes a British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES)-accredited physiology laboratory.

Course content

Core taught modules:

- Technical and Tactical Development in Sport
- Psycho-Social Development in Sport
- Physical Preparation in Sport and Exercise
- Applied Research Methods and Study Design
- Marginal Gains for Peak Performance
- Individual Project

Industry focus

This MSc has been designed in partnership with industry experts, equipping you with the skills, experience and knowledge precisely tailored to industry requirements.

Our industry partners can help to arrange excellent placement opportunities, giving you the advantage of real-world experience alongside potential employers. The course also features a series of guest lecturers from the highest level of various sports, sharing advice, knowledge and industry experience.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to develop presentation, project and time management, leadership, communication, IT proficiency and numeracy skills in both the classroom and practical placement opportunities.

Prior to starting the course you will be expected to have a placement organised for the duration of your studies, in a role (or roles) relevant to the course, such as coach, sport scientist, performance analyst, strength and conditioning coach, exercise physiologist, biomechanist or lab technician.

Previous students have found work experience at elite organisations such as Southampton FC, AFC Bournemouth, London Irish rugby club and Hampshire Cricket, and have worked with a range of individual athletes on national talent development pathways, or at regional clubs, schools and colleges.

Assessment

Assessment includes written coursework, viva, presentations, reports and practical tests.



Tom Smith

MSc Athletic Development and Peak Performance*, 2016

Lead Physical Performance Coach (Girls RTC Academy), Southampton Football Club

"This course is for you if you're looking to widen the knowledge learnt in undergraduate sport science degrees and find practical ways to apply it to real-world coaching.

The course and internship opportunities at Solent provided me with the experience to go into the real world of strength and conditioning, and apply the theories learnt in the classroom to real-life coaching experiences. I loved working with a great team of interns in the High Performance Academy and gaining valuable insight and knowledge from lecturers and mentors alike.

These days I train private clients through my company from 6.30am to 8.30am before travelling to Hampshire Cricket to coach the Hampshire Cricket college players' strength and conditioning sessions from 10am to 3pm. After this I travel to Southampton Football Club where I provide the women and girls academy players (aged u10–u16) with physical preparation and aid with training from 5pm to 8pm. Busy!"

*See MSc Sport Science and Performance Coaching



Sports Broadcast Journalism

LEARN THE ESSENTIAL THEORY AND PRACTICAL SKILLS TO BREAK INTO SPORTS BROADCASTING.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related degree or international equivalent, or extensive professional practice.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Suitable roles for graduates include: sports journalist or editor at a TV station, radio station, production company or live TV unit; newspaper or magazine content producer; online presenter/producer; freelance broadcaster; public relations executive; digital and social media communications executive; crisis management executive.

WHY SOLENT

- The course teaches the latest technologies and approaches to sports broadcast journalism.
- Students will undertake a formal 12-week placement at a broadcaster/digital outlet.
- Students on the course have full access to industry-standard broadcast facilities housed in the University's multi-million-pound Media Academy.
- The academic team has vast sports broadcast experience and all are practitioners still working in the industry.
- The course is aligned with the Broadcast Journalism Training Council (BJTC).
- Practical units on documentary-making and sports news production, with live weekly online broadcasts.

Course overview

Do you see yourself as a sports broadcaster? With an emphasis on gaining real-world experience, this advanced course will help you develop the skills and knowledge to take your sports journalism career to the next level.

You'll learn how to source, gather and deliver professional sports content on numerous different video and audio platforms across a wide variety of sports. You will also be encouraged to develop your editorial and technical skills and build relationships with external clients, while creating a portfolio to showcase your abilities to potential employers.

The course will give you access to industry-standard broadcast facilities, including high-definition cameras, four television studios, eight radio studios and extensive editing and production facilities. You will also have opportunities to secure exclusive extended work placements at organisations such as Southampton FC's media department, Bauer Media, LiveWire Sport (Premier League), Perform Group (Omnisport/DAZN) or That's TV.

Course content

Core units:

- Sports Broadcast Production
- History and Context of Sports Broadcasting
- Sports Documentary-Making
- Professional Practice
- Major Project

Industry focus

Sports broadcasting is a growing industry, with a number of specialist television channels on which exclusive sports content is the sole output.

Sports continue to play a significant part in the programming schedules of other broadcasters, as well as sports clubs, betting companies and newspapers, who understand and recognise the value of audio/visual content.

The course is taught by broadcasters, journalists and academics who still work in the industry. Teaching is led by professional standards and industry practices. The course is both aligned with and has been written in consultation with the Broadcast Journalism Training Council (BJTC).

Career skills and work experience

A key element is a 12-week work placement where you can gain vital hands-on experience in environments such as local or national television and radio stations. You will also be challenged by regular 'news days', when you will need to respond, gather and produce stories for a same-day news and radio output, experiencing a realistic broadcast environment and the deadlines and quick thinking you will need as a sports broadcaster.

Assessment

There will be three assessments in period one which will focus on the lecture-based teaching. There are practical submissions in every period, which will all be accompanied by theoretical essays. The Professional Practice unit involves a time-constrained assessment on media law and ethics in period one, plus a critical reflection on the extended work placement in period two.

Superyacht Design

DESIGN THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUPERYACHTS WITH THIS INNOVATIVE AND UNIQUE MASTER'S COURSE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- A 1st or 2:1 in an appropriate subject, or a professional qualification to Chief Engineer or Master Mariner level, with appropriate experience.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you'll possess a range of skills that will open up career paths such as superyacht naval architect, superyacht designer, superyacht production manager, superyacht stylist and superyacht systems engineer. Students may wish to progress their careers with a PhD in the maritime field.

WHY SOLENT

- A unique master's-level course in superyacht design.
- An in-depth exploration of a range of design factors and topic areas.
- An opportunity for degree-qualified naval architects to specialise in superyacht design.
- Built on Solent's world-renowned expertise in delivering yacht design programmes.
- An opportunity to use facilities such as the 60-metre towing tank, composites laboratory, yacht design CAD suite and materials testing laboratory.
- An opportunity to undertake a design project using the facilities.
- Realistic real-world assignments, and the opportunity to use appropriate experience as a basis for project work.

Course overview

This course concentrates on sailing and motor yachts over 24 metres in length and is for both naval architects and students of yacht design, as well as suitably qualified marine engineers and those with experience of operating superyachts.

A successful design requires a synthesis of naval architecture, structural design, marine engineering, styling, and operational and production knowledge. Inability to prototype and product-test these one-of-a-kind vessels means that designs must be based on sound engineering theory, with all risk minimised – presenting a challenging engineering problem that this unique course will train you to deal with.

You'll develop skills in synthesising aspects of naval architecture, yacht design and production to design the next generation of superyachts.

The course will also help you develop your existing knowledge and skills using our specialist yacht design and analysis facilities, such as our 60-metre towing test tank and composite material laboratory.

Course content

Core units:

- Naval Architecture
- Superyacht Design Principles
- Superyacht Technology
- Superyacht Design Analysis
- Superyacht Design Realisation
- Superyacht Project Management
- Superyacht Design Styling
- Project

Industry focus

You'll benefit from our links with industry, experienced teaching staff (with industrial and research experience) and, where appropriate, the use of real-world problems and briefs for teaching and learning activities and coursework assessments.

Career skills and work experience

You'll experience teaching based on hands-on active learning, with an emphasis on developing your analytical and problem-solving skills to tackle an individual design or analysis project.

You will benefit from guest lectures from those involved in superyacht design, and will have the opportunity to take part in visits to the local maritime industry.

Assessment

The course is taught using a mixture of lectures, seminars and design case studies involving problem-based learning. Independent learning is also encouraged outside the core contact hours. Assessment will be through coursework and project work.

Sustainable Building Design

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN BY SPECIALISING IN THE DESIGN, MANAGEMENT AND MODELLING OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS.

COURSE LENGTH

- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related degree.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in writing), or equivalent.
- Applicants may also be required to send a portfolio and may be contacted for an interview, either face-to-face or through Skype.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from this course will be able to take up roles as sustainable building designers, sustainability champions, strategic advisers or BIM managers/coordinators in architectural and construction organisations, leading the production of environmentally led collaborative projects. The course could also open the door for further research opportunities at PhD level.

WHY SOLENT

- Utilise up-to-date tools used by the building industry to achieve sustainable design.
- Utilise and demonstrate the application of passive and active design strategies in project work.
- The use of BREEAM and LEED – among the most respected international environmental assessment methods available in the market – as benchmarks for sustainable buildings will be covered.
- The course will enable you to demonstrate good understanding of building information management (BIM).
- Fast-track to BREEAM AP qualification at a reduced fee and/or become a BREEAM-accredited graduate, offered in collaboration with BRE Academy.

Course overview

With the predicted growth in construction globally and increased demands for buildings to perform and deliver human comfort, there is bound to be greater consumption of energy, more waste generation and an increase in demand for resources. These environmental considerations will inevitably transform the way we design, build and manage buildings.

This course delivers the knowledge and skills you'll need to become a specialist in the design, management and modelling of sustainable buildings, and is an excellent opportunity to advance your career and help shape the future of sustainable design.

By providing current knowledge in sustainable building design theory and practice, the course aims to produce specialist designers who have the vision and skills to shape the future of both the construction industry in the UK and the international building market.

You will gain a holistic approach to reducing the carbon footprint of buildings, becoming a major player in the design and production process of low-energy, sustainable buildings, using both passive and active strategies. Through incorporating building information modelling and globally renowned energy assessment methods such as BREEAM, LEED and Passivhaus, you will also be able to gain knowledge of the issues of international markets.

Course content

Core units:

- Sustainable and Intelligent Building Design
- BIM Frameworks
- Sustainable Building Assessment
- Integrated Project
- Research Methods

Optional units:

- Project Management or Work-Based Project Management
- Research Dissertation or Design Project

Industry focus

You will benefit from the extensive links that staff have established with industry, based on many years of delivering professionally accredited courses (for example, CIAT, CIOB, SBID and CABE).

Practitioners from a cross-section of the built environment field regularly contribute to the academic process through providing real world-based projects, guest lectures and site visits, as well as working with students in small, informal settings during seminars and mentoring sessions. You will also benefit from our collaboration with BRE Academy. Real-world learning is at the heart of this course, and students in relevant employment will be able to undertake part of their learning in the workplace by opting to study the Work-Based Project Management unit.

Assessment

The course will be taught through a combination of lectures, staff- and student-led seminars, studio sessions and project supervision. Assessment will include essays, design projects, reports and a dissertation.

Visual Communication

DISCOVER VISUAL COMMUNICATION PRACTICE AND THEORY ON THIS ADVANCED CREATIVE MASTER'S COURSE, EXPERIMENTING WITH A FASCINATING VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

Also available as part-time
and distance learning options

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a creative arts discipline.
- Applicants not meeting these requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis if they have other relevant evidence to support their application; a portfolio presentation will be required.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This master's degree delivers the skills you'll need for a wide range of fields in the creative industries, such as art direction, animation, brand identity, information design, publishing, typography, illustration, photography, and even web and app design.

WHY SOLENT

- Excellent creative facilities.
- A strong record of alumni employment.
- Taught by a team of professional practitioners with strong ties to industry.
- Access to a vibrant research culture, including a variety of research clusters within the School of Art, Design and Fashion.
- A postgraduate platform for publishing visual communication research.
- An interdisciplinary approach, bringing together postgraduate students from various design and artistic areas.
- A high level of success in recognised national design competitions.

Course overview

This master's degree aims to give you the creative skills and understanding of visual communications theory to help you build a rewarding career in the creative industries. Students come from a variety of creative backgrounds including graphic design, illustration, fine art, photography, interior design, computer games art, advertising, media, marketing and promotion.

The course teaches the principles of visual communication and supports you in developing a network of contacts within the industry through Solent's extensive professional connections. You'll study the latest innovations in visual practice and examine the ways in which technological and cultural changes have fed into current thinking. With access to excellent facilities and an expanding research base, you'll make an innovative contribution to visual communication through a master's project.

Course content

Core units:

- Professional Practice
- Visual Communication Practice
- Digital Media
- Master's Project Development and Proposal
- Master's Project

Industry focus

The course offers the chance to enter major industry awards schemes, including those from D&AD and the Royal Society of the Arts. Work-orientated assignments will be offered alongside appropriate 'live' projects from local and national organisations. There will be opportunities to visit museums, galleries and design studios, both nationally and internationally, as part of the course.

Career skills and work experience

The course aims to develop skills including: decision making under pressure; visual, written and verbal communication skills; critical thinking; and presentation to specialist and non-specialist audiences. You will also have opportunities to engage directly with employers by organising your own work placement or work-based project, supported by the course team.

Assessment

A variety of assessment methods are used on the course, including written work and portfolio submission, utilising a range of presentation formats.

Youth Sport and Physical Education

ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SECTOR? ENHANCE YOUR CAREER WITH THIS IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE LATEST THEORY, POLICY AND PRACTICE.

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You will be well prepared for roles in youth sport development, teaching (subject to QTS), coaching, leadership and policy making. If you are currently working in youth sport or education, you can use this experience to enhance your own academic development and better understand the link between theory and workplace.

You will be able to further develop skills and knowledge to advance your career in this area. The ability to specialise through the optional units means you can pursue areas such as sport marketing, media, international sport and youth sport to fit with your career ambitions.

WHY SOLENT

- You will benefit from industry links and partnerships throughout the course. These include connections with local schools, the Saints Foundation, EduMove and Isle of Wight Public Health.
- Links with local schools will allow you to gain the essential experience which is required to work in education.
- Delivered by staff with relevant research interests and local, national and international industry expertise.
- Benefit from partnerships and networking with local organisations.

Course overview

This part-time postgraduate certificate programme is ideally suited to those who are seeking to enhance their career within youth sport and physical education.

The core Critical Pedagogies unit will help you to develop an advanced understanding of teaching and learning, applying this knowledge to current practices in youth sport and physical education. The Professional Practice or Wellbeing in Youth Sport optional units will improve your understanding of the context in which youth sport and physical education is delivered. You will also study approaches to monitoring and evaluation, enabling you to critique current practices and evaluate policy.

You will be involved in evaluating current sport and education practices and will be supported as you synthesise information from different sources. Unit assessments are designed to allow you to select areas of speciality aligned with your personal career aspirations or interests. This will help you to improve your academic writing and apply research to the latest sector developments.

The teaching team makes use of case studies and blended learning, strengthening the link between theory and practice.

Course content

Core units:

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Critical Pedagogies

One optional unit, from:

- Wellbeing in Youth Sport
- International Sports Marketing and Management
- Professional Practice
- International Sport, Business Culture and the Media

Industry focus

Our teaching staff have extensive experience of working within all areas of education and with all age groups. Research-informed teaching is also key at Solent and offers an exciting element to this PGCert programme. The student-focused, research-orientated curriculum focuses on knowledge construction and uses engaging methods of teaching, such as learning through scenarios, portfolios and case studies.

Career skills and work experience

The unique design of the course allows students to gain vital work experience relevant to their specific chosen career pathway. For example, previous students have undertaken work experience in local schools, which has been essential in improving their employability. Additionally, the course and any associated work experience enhance learning and further develop understanding of the link between theory and practice.

Assessment

Methods of assessment vary across the course's different units. Assessment methods include essays, case studies, reflective practice, individual presentations and portfolios.

Youth Sport and Physical Education

INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING THE SKILLS FOR A REWARDING CAREER ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

COURSE LENGTH

1 year full-time

2 years part-time

ENTRY LEVEL

- An honours degree at 2:2 or higher in a related discipline.
- Applicants with relevant industry experience may be considered.
- If your first language is not English, you must have an IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 writing), or equivalent.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course you will be well placed for a career working with young people in sport, teaching young people (subject to QTS) and working in youth sport policy and practice.

WHY SOLENT

- Career-relevant, with an emphasis on increasing professional knowledge, evaluation skills and application to practice.
- A diverse and contemporary curriculum with student-centred learning, allowing you to tailor assessments to your career goals.
- Benefit from existing partnerships with Hampshire schools.
- Delivered by staff with expertise in teaching and coaching young people.
- An emphasis on the application of theory and evidence to practice.

Course overview

This unique master's course will give you the knowledge and critical skills that underpin a rewarding career in youth sport. You will learn to use research to confidently critique dominant practices in youth sport and physical education, helping young people achieve their full potential.

Developing a number of core skills and practising evidence-based approaches in your chosen field of expertise, you will gain in-depth knowledge of teaching, critically analyse youth sport policies and consider social, cultural and ethical issues that impact on policy and practice.

Work on scenarios and case studies ensures an engaging curriculum, while optional units in Professional Practice and Wellbeing in Youth Sport will aid your understanding of the context in which youth sport and physical education are delivered.

In addition you will study research methods and learn about the methods and approaches to monitoring and evaluation for sport, drawing on relevant local, national and global policies and practice in sport and education.

Course content

Core units:

- Research Methods in Sport
- Monitoring and Evaluation in Sport
- Critical Pedagogies
- Research Paper
- Sport Policy and Practice

Two optional units:

One from:

- Wellbeing in Youth Sport
- Professional Practice

One from:

- International Sport, Business Culture and the Media
- International Sports Marketing and Management

Industry focus

Our course team has strong links with a variety of organisations, including local schools, the Saints Foundation, EduMove and Isle of Wight Public Health.

Research-led learning is key, and our curriculum is driven by research in the relevant disciplines. Members of staff teaching on the programme are research-active which enables opportunities to use research in innovative ways to aid student learning – this is an exciting part of the MA.

Career skills and work experience

Students will be encouraged and supported to gain work experience and placements, although this is not a requirement of the course. The course team has a number of partnerships and arrangements, and where students are currently in relevant professions, they can use this experience to enhance their learning, developing their understanding of the link between theory and practice in the workplace.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a variety of methods across units, including essays, case studies, reflective practice, individual presentations and portfolios.



Our sports complex

Opened in May 2019 as part of a £100 million campus redevelopment, Solent's new sports complex brings state-of-the-art health, fitness and wellbeing equipment and services to Solent University students and staff, as well as the local community.

The sports complex features:

- Two sports halls, including a dedicated basketball court.
- Two fitness studios and an indoor cycling studio.
- A multi-purpose public gym.
- A high-performance gym for student athletes and commercial partners.
- A host of classes, including body combat, aerobic, yoga, pilates, zumba and more.

And with a dedicated teaching gym for relevant courses, as well as a sports and exercise therapy clinical space, these exciting new sports facilities support and enable excellence in sport, health and fitness-related programmes, as well as associated research.

www.solent.ac.uk/sportscomplex



Terms and conditions

You will be required to abide by the University's regulations, policies and procedures. These documents, together with other information made available to you at the time of an admission offer being made, will comprise the primary terms of the contract between you and the University.

In accepting such an offer, you will be signifying your consent to these terms. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action when regulations are broken, and in extreme cases this could lead to expulsion from the University. As a student, you will have access to a wealth of information via the University website, describing the teaching, examination and assessment arrangements, services and facilities which are available to you. You may wish to start by looking at the Solent University strategy, which sets out our institutional values and our wish to ensure that the University remains a supportive community to all:
www.solent.ac.uk/about/mission-and-strategy
www.solent.ac.uk/terms

Our offer letter will outline the key issues that you need to be aware of prior to joining the University and will direct you to our 'HelloUni' website, which is dedicated to providing you with a range of information that may be helpful in advance of arrival, including the formal policies and procedures that are relevant to all students.

No smoking policy

The University operates a no smoking policy. Staff, students and visitors may not smoke or vape in the buildings and grounds, except in certain designated external areas.

No drugs policy

The University is committed to preventing drug and solvent abuse amongst its staff and students, and to maintaining a safe and efficient educational environment. No illegal drugs or associated equipment may be brought onto any University premises, including the Students' Union and residences. The police will be informed in cases of illegal drug use, and disciplinary procedures will be applied to any student involved, which may result in expulsion from the University.

Consumption of alcohol

With the exception of the residences, the consumption of alcohol at the University is only permitted in licensed areas, other than on special occasions when the prior permission of a member of the University's senior management team must be obtained.

Disclaimer

Every effort is made to ensure that the information given in this prospectus is correct at the time of publication and that the course information accurately describes the courses offered by the University. However, from time to time details change. You should contact the University to verify information, especially if you wish to place particular reliance upon it prior to accepting an offer.







IN BIG LETTERS ...

- Do start a draft
- Get your content right in week one. Draft, draft, draft
- Clear advice will be given in week two. No start now.
- In week three it's your turn to develop your knowledge. You should develop a clear plan of the study. What should you develop a clear plan of the study? What should you develop a clear plan of the study?



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