



Preparing for life at Southampton
Guidance for International Students

Congratulations on receiving an offer from the University of Southampton!

Below is some guidance to help you prepare for your exciting new life at University.

Your offer

- Please make sure you respond to your offer as soon as possible either by the UCAS system (undergraduate) or by returning your reply to offer letter to your academic department (postgraduate).
- Do send us copies of your transcripts/English language certificates and any other documentation stated in order for your conditional offer to become unconditional.
- Your offer letter will tell you who to contact for your reply to offer or outstanding documents.
- Have you considered our English Language pre-sessional courses?

Length of Course	10 weeks	6 weeks
Minimum IELTS	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0
Dates	07 July – 16 September 2011	04 August – 16 September 2011

Useful website

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/cls/english/press.html>

Useful email: elaccess@soton.ac.uk

Paying your fees

- We don't require you to pay any fees up front, but if you would like to you can pay online at www.webpayments.soton.ac.uk.

You can also pay by cheque or bankers draft.

- You can pay in full before early October or you can pay in 2 instalments in early October and early January.
- For Postgraduate Taught Management courses, a £1000 deposit needs to be paid. Details are contained in your offer letter.
- Sponsored students should provide the University with a copy of your official letter.

Useful website:

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/fees_money

Useful email: ssc@soton.ac.uk

Visas

- CAS statements will be issued by the University when an offer is unconditional firm or unconditional accepted. These are only sent by email.
- You must accept your offer before we can issue a CAS number.
- Please check whether your course requires an ATAS certificate. Information about this can be found on your offer letter.
- Visas can take up to 30 days to be processed so please submit your application as soon as possible.

Useful website:

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/sais/visa>

Useful email: visa@soton.ac.uk

Accommodation

- International students on full time courses are guaranteed places in University accommodation if you apply by the 01 August.
- All applications are made online – you can apply online even if the deadline has passed (but you are not guaranteed accommodation if you miss the deadline).
- After you apply for accommodation, you will receive an accommodation offer by email. Please check your email regularly as your accommodation offer will need to be accepted within 7 days.
- We can also help you to find private rented housing using our accredited 'SASSH' scheme.

Useful website:

www.southampton.ac.uk/accommodation

Useful email:

accommodation@soton.ac.uk

Make friends before you come

We arrange pre-departure briefings in many countries to give you an opportunity to meet new classmates as well as current students and alumni who can give you an authentic account of what it is like to study at Southampton.

See what our students think by visiting

You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/UoSInternational>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/UniSotonIntl>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/UosInternationalOffice>

To find out when the next pre-departure event is taking place in your country please visit http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/welcome/pre-departure_events.html

What should I bring?

- The climate in the winter is around 7 degrees Celsius, so bring some warm clothes, although there are plenty of shops in Southampton.
- There are International food stores in the local area so there is no need to pack heavy foodstuff.

Meet and greet

- A free Meet and Greet service is available for new international students. University staff and students will meet you at London Heathrow Airport (Terminal 3) and take you directly to your University halls or campus.
- The service will run this year on Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 September between 10:00 – 22:00 (offering four pick-ups a day).
- Please register online (www.southampton.ac.uk/international/welcome) if you would like to take part and to find out more information.
- The deadline for applying for the Meet and Greet is 01 September.
- There is also a Meet and Greet service for pre-sessional students on 06 July and 03 August. For more information and how to book, please visit http://www.southampton.ac.uk/cls/webforms/transport_app_webform.html or email elaccess@soton.ac.uk.

- If you cannot make our Meet and Greet services, you can make your own way to the University, please see here:-
http://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/whereissoton/international_arrivals.html

Useful website:
www.southampton.ac.uk/international/welcome

Useful contact:
welcome@soton.ac.uk

International welcome programme

- Our Welcome Programme has been designed to help you settle in to university life and to introduce you to the City.
- The Welcome Programme will be taking place on 22 and 23 September with social events also taking place 24 and 25.
- Please visit the welcome website (as above) for full programme details.
- The deadline for applying for the International Welcome Programme is 01 September.

What should I do when I arrive?

- If you hold a tier 4 visa you must 'check-in' with the University when you arrive. Information on the 'check-in' events can be found on the welcome website.
- If your visa is stamped 'required to register' you will need to make an appointment to register with the police through our Student Services Centre. If you attend the Welcome Programme, we will give you all the information when you arrive.
- You will need to enrol in person when you arrive at the University which can be done at our Student Services Centre.

- If you are going to be late for your course, please email international@soton.ac.uk as soon as possible, as there is a deadline for students to enrol for each course.

Checklist

- Is your offer unconditional?
- Have you accepted your offer through UCAS or by the reply to offer form? (postgraduates only)
- Have you applied for your accommodation?
- Have you received your CAS statement?
- Have you applied for your visa?
- Have you booked your flights?
- Have you registered for the International Welcome Programme/Meet and Greet Service?
- Do you have your original documents for registration?

Who to contact?

Hopefully you will have all the contact details you need either in your offer letter or listed above in this document. However, if you still need further help, please contact international@soton.ac.uk

Useful external websites:

National Express
www.nationalexpress.com

National Rail
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Southampton tourist information
www.visit-southampton.co.uk

Winchester tourist information
www.winchester-tourist-information.com

Radio Taxis (local taxi company)
00 44 23 80 666 666

British Council
www.educationuk.org

