

UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton

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ambition.
International
Student Guide 2015



Welcome to Southampton

The University of Southampton is one of the top 90 universities in the world and a founder member of the Russell Group, a prestigious association of 24 major UK research universities.

Our high-quality courses are taught by expert lecturers, informed by our ground-breaking research. You will have an opportunity to develop not only your academic interests when you get involved in the many extra-curricular activities available to you here. Our students tell us they are very satisfied with their experience of studying here, 88% are satisfied with the quality of teaching and learning resources available to them, and 93% are in employment or further study 6 months after graduation.

We have a thriving international community of 23,000 students of whom 6,500 are from outside the UK, coming from over 135 different countries. This guide will give you an insight into student life at the University of Southampton and our location on the warm south coast of England in a safe and green city. I hope it will encourage you to choose Southampton for your international education so that you can join our global community and achieve an undergraduate or postgraduate degree recognised around the world.

Do visit our website at www.southampton.ac.uk/international to find out more.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Jo Doyle

Director of Student Recruitment
and International Relations





An exceptional learning experience

Studying at Southampton is a life changing experience. You will be working alongside internationally respected academics and have access to some of the best facilities in the world. Linking fundamental research with real-world applications, Southampton has a global reputation for research that consistently breaks new ground.

- Flexible learning with our curriculum innovation programme
- 24 hour virtual learning facilities
- Tackle global issues
- Get ahead in your career
- Make friends for life and become part of the Southampton community

Why Southampton?

Southampton is a thriving, modern city with a rich history and is one of southern England's top leisure and cultural destinations. The University's friendly and diverse campus community offers a wealth of facilities to help you make the most of your time as a student.

Reputation



*2013 QS World University Rankings



The campus

Over

23,000



students from 135 nationalities

Over
6,500
places in halls
of residence

50,000
e-books

Over
2,200
networked
computers for
student use

Our Hartley Library
is open for over
110 hrs
a week

£70m investment in two new
halls of residences

Campus locations in **Southampton,**
Winchester and **Malaysia**

Campus leisure

1,700
capacity
nightclub

Over
250
societies
and clubs

Cinema run and
operated by
students seating
330
people

**World leading arts
spaces** with John
Hansard Gallery,
Nuffield theatre and
Turner Sims

The city

Top **20** retail destination in the UK

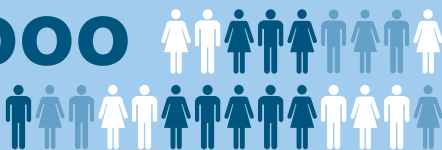
Greenest city in southern England



Home to over

240,000

people from many
different cultures



£175m

investment in new
cultural quarter



Travel and transport

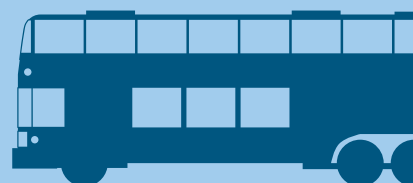
Just over
1 hour
away from central
London by train

45
minutes journey
to London Heathrow

Less than
30
minutes from
the New Forest
National Park

**Southampton
Airport** links the
city with the rest
of **Europe**

Award winning unilink bus service connecting all campuses
and halls of residence in Southampton, the city centre,
the airport and both railway stations



English Language courses

The University's Centre for Language Study offers a wide variety of English language courses. These include year-round and summer Pre-sessional courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP). These Pre-sessional courses are designed to help you improve your language skills and ensure you are prepared for the challenge of studying in a new academic environment

Summer Pre-sessional courses in English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Short, intensive courses during the summer lasting 16, 11 and 6 weeks. These are primarily aimed at students who already have an offer for a degree programme at the University of Southampton.

Normal entry requirements*

	16-Week	11-Week	6-Week
Regular Courses			
Course A		IELTS 5.5	
Course B			IELTS 6.0
Subject Specific Courses			
Management Applicants	IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5**
Undergraduate Art & Design Applicants		IELTS 5.0	IELTS 5.5
Postgraduate Art & Design Applicants (Practice pathways)		IELTS 5.0	IELTS 5.5
Postgraduate Art & Design Applicants (Management pathways)		IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.0
LLM Applicants			IELTS 6.5
Foundation/Pre-Master Applicants			IELTS 5.0

*Applicants progressing to certain degree programmes may require a higher overall test score or may need to achieve minimum scores in one or more of the test components – listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

** For students with 6.5 overall but who do not meet the individual component requirements of: reading 6.5, writing 6.5, listening 6.0 and speaking 6.0.

Dates and fees

	16-Week**	11-Week	6-Week
Dates*	11 May – 12 June 2015	25 June – 11 Sept 2015	23 July – 04 Sept 2015
Course Fees*	£4,012	£3,505	£1,804***
Accommodation*	£1,508****	£1,508	£980.20

* Dates, course fees and accommodation fees for 2015 are indicative and not yet confirmed. Dates and fees will be made available online.

** The first five weeks of the 16-week course is conducted on-line

*** The fee for the 6-week LLM course is £2,004 (2014 fee, subject to increase for 2015)

**** As the first five week block of the 16-week course is delivered on-line you will only require University accommodation for 11 weeks

Accommodation

Accommodation will be allocated automatically for the duration of the Pre-sessional programme: a separate accommodation application is not required. If you do not require university accommodation, please inform the Centre for Language Study at: elaccess@southampton.ac.uk

For a full list of English language qualifications accepted by the University of Southampton see:

www.southampton.ac.uk/international/englishlang

How to apply

Detailed information on summer Pre-sessional courses and the application process can be found on the Centre for Language Study website: www.southampton.ac.uk/cls/english/presess.html

The English for Academic Study (EAS) year-round Pre-sessional course

The English for Academic Study (EAS) course at the University of Southampton is open to international students whose first language is not English. The EAS course is appropriate if you are planning to come to the UK for undergraduate or postgraduate study and need to develop your English language and academic study skills before starting a degree programme. The course is divided into three parts and it is expected that students apply for all parts or parts 2 and 3.

Each part provides a full-time programme of study based in the Centre for Language Study at the University's Avenue Campus and Highfield Campus. This is a full time course that cannot be studied in parallel with another course at the University of Southampton.

Entry requirements

You can find out more about the entry requirements for EAS at: www.southampton.ac.uk/cls/english

Visa

If you do not meet the requirements to obtain a Tier 4 (General) visa, you may be able to come to the UK for up to 11 months to study on the EAS course as a Student Visitor. You can find out more about how to do this, and the requirements, at: www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa

If you come to the UK as a student Visitor you will need to return to your home country to obtain a Tier 4 visa for your degree programme as you cannot change status in the UK.

Dates and fees 2014/15

Part	Dates	Tuition fee
Part 1	25 September 2014 – 24 January 2015 (14 weeks)	£4,320
Part 2	26 January 2015 – 29 May 2015 (14 weeks)	£4,200
Part 3	22 June 2015 – 30 August 2015 (10 weeks)	£11,520 parts 1, 2 and 3 £7,200 parts 2 and 3

If you successfully complete one of the pre-sessional courses by achieving the grade required for progression to your chosen degree programme you will have met the University's English language requirements and will not need to take a further IELTS test.



Study opportunities

We offer foundation, undergraduate, pre-masters and postgraduate programmes in a range of academic areas.

Academic areas are as follows:

Accounting

Exemptions from professional examinations available from ICAEW, ACCA and AIA

Actuarial Studies

Archaeology

Art & Design

Biochemistry

100 per cent student satisfaction (NSS)

Biology

Biomedical Sciences

Chemistry

Civil Engineering

Ranked fourth in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2015*

Computer Science

Criminology

Career-enhancing employability workshops

Economics

Education

Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Ranked second in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2015*

English Language & Literature

Engineering Sciences

Fashion & Textile Design

Finance

Film Studies

Student-run cinema and TV station, and award-winning film-making society

Geography

Geology

Graphic Design

Individual workspaces for all students

Health Professions

History

International Relations

Law Top performer in National Mooting Competitions

Linguistics

Management

Our graduates are earning on average £24,000 a year within six months of graduating

Mathematics Generous scholarship scheme

Mechanical Engineering

Ranked second in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2015*

Medicine

Modern Languages

100 per cent student satisfaction (NSS 2013)

Music

Nursing Ranked third in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2015*

Oceanography

Taught at the National Oceanographic Centre, a world-renowned oceanographic research institute

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Graduates eligible for registration with the British Psychology Society

Ship Science

Sociology & Social Policy

Web Science

Zoology

93% of our first degree graduates go straight into work or continue their studies after graduating

Top **30** University for starting salary

International exchange opportunities in over **50** countries across the world



Engineering students using one of our state of the art wind tunnels

We offer generous scholarships to the most able students. Check our website to see if you could be eligible www.southampton.ac.uk/international/scholarships

To find out more or to apply for one of our courses please visit our courses website. For undergraduate www.southampton.ac.uk/undergraduate and for postgraduate www.southampton.ac.uk/postgraduate

Shaping your future

A degree at Southampton opens doors for career opportunities

We can help you gain the skills you need to succeed with today's employers. Our courses are designed to help you develop these skills and our Career Destinations service can provide you with the information you need to get the career you want.

- 93 per cent of our graduates entered into employment or further study (DLHE 2013)
- Top 30 UK universities for starting salaries (*The Sunday Times University Guide 2012*)
- Our students and graduates are targeted by many top 100 graduate employers including Apple, Amazon, BBC, Enterprise, Ernst & Young, HSBC, IBM, Microsoft, NHS, PWC and Rolls-Royce

Join a global alumni network

When you join the University you become a part of our international community. The University of Southampton has over 200,000 current and former students, each with a shared university experience. At Southampton you will find that there are plenty of opportunities to meet with and learn from alumni of the University during your studies.

As former students of Southampton, many alumni offer help to current students by sharing their experiences of university life and the working world in the form of careers talks, mentoring, work experience and internships.

Once you graduate you will find the alumni community a great way to stay connected to your university. There's the opportunity to attend a wide range of business networking and social events, you can join one of the alumni branches around the world to meet up with fellow alumni locally and in turn, you can offer support back to the next generation of students by sharing your university experience with them. For more information on the University's alumni community visit www.southampton.ac.uk/alumni

“My engineering degree taught me problem solving skills and how to think critically which helps me now in the workplace to deal with uncertainties and to solve engineering problems. I became skilful in using programming and design software, and made several visits to shipyards which provided me with real experience of how the industry designs and builds ships.”

Heiu Le
MEng Ship Science, 2013



How to get here

By road

Southampton M3 – exit M3 at junction 14, following signs for Southampton (A33). Follow the A33 into Bassett Avenue and follow map/signs to University campuses.

M27 (west or east) – leave M27 at junction 5 (Southampton Airport) and follow map/signs to University campuses.

Winchester M3 – exit M3 at junction 9 or 10.

By rail

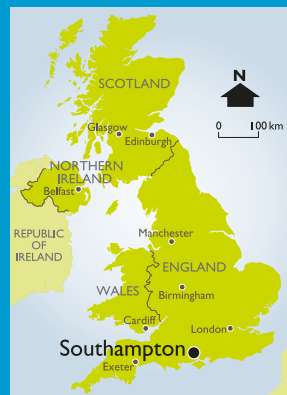
Fast trains from London and Bournemouth/Weymouth stop at Winchester, Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway. Trains from Portsmouth and Bristol/South Wales stop at Southampton Central. The unilink U1 bus service runs between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway via the University.

By coach

Southampton coach station is at Western Esplanade, in the city centre. unilink U1 buses connect the University's Southampton campuses and the city centre.

By air

Southampton Airport is about 20 minutes from the Southampton campuses by bus or taxi. There is a full UK domestic service, as well as flights to mainland Europe and the Channel Islands.



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