

A photograph of a large, multi-story brick building at the University of Southampton. The building has a prominent arched window on the right side. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway with several people walking. To the left, there are green trees and bushes. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Prepare for your future.
Southampton pre-Masters
programme 2016–17



“I am from Iran and studied my first degree in computing – I decided to come to Southampton to study the pre-Masters as it is recognised as one of the best in the world and I wanted to do the Business pathways to help me build my knowledge in this area. The pre-Masters really helped me distinguish between informal and academic language and it’s been great to learn with students from all over the world.”

Saleh Pirouzi Mohammad

What is a pre-Masters?

Change your future and secure the education you've been dreaming of. This Southampton pre-Masters is an integrated programme designed to prepare and develop students from outside the UK who have an undergraduate degree but may not be considered adequately qualified for direct entry to their chosen Masters course.

The pre-Masters is taught by University of Southampton academic staff and all classes are delivered on campus. Subject to satisfactory performance participants are guaranteed a place on a range of masters programmes at the University.

Pre-Masters Pathways

The Southampton pre-Masters has the following six pathways:

- Business
- Humanities
Including: Archaeology,
English, Film History,
Modern Languages,
Music and Philosophy.
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Mechanical
Engineering
- Winchester School
of Art

Who is the pre-Masters for?

The Southampton pre-Masters can be taken over one or two semesters and will suit you if:

- You are an international student.
- You have qualifications or grades that do not meet University of Southampton direct entry criteria for masters level study (for full details of entry requirements by country visit www.southampton.ac.uk/international).
- You are looking to improve your academic English, study and research skills before pursuing masters level study.

What are the programme aims?

The Southampton pre-Masters has the following key aims:

- To enable you to develop skills to address and resolve academic problems critically and reflectively.
- To engage you in research-led academic study related to the masters programme you intend to join.
- To enable you to develop the academic English language skills essential for success at masters level.
- To help you develop the necessary cultural and study skills for effective learning through the medium of English.
- To familiarise you with the academic environment at Southampton and introduce you to life in the UK.

How is the pre-Masters structured?

The Southampton pre-Masters offers two entry points for most subjects: September and January. The shorter programme, starting in January, is designed for students who already have a relatively advanced level of English and a strong academic record.

The programme is made up of around 20 hours of classes each week including lectures, seminars and one-to-one tutorials.

As a pre-Masters student you will take two core modules plus at least one subject specific module.

Core Modules

English for Masters Study

This module focuses on the specific writing, listening, reading and speaking skills you will need to be a successful masters student.

Reasoning, Study and Research Skills

This module is designed to improve your advanced study skills. You will have lectures, seminars and workshops to improve your research skills and your ability to analyse and evaluate the information you collect in your research.

Research Project

In the second semester most students will choose a topic related to their masters degree choice and complete a short research project guided and supervised by a tutor.

Cultural Perspectives

Most students who start the pre-Masters in September also take this module which is designed to help you make the transition to British academic life by studying current issues in the UK today in a series of lectures and seminars. The assessment of your work will familiarise you with the marking methods which will be used on your master's programme.

Subject specific modules

You will also take a subject specific pathway module or modules to familiarise you with the methods of study, specialised concepts and vocabulary used in the discipline you are going to study at masters level.

MBA, Management, Marketing, Accounting and Finance students take a module in which they study the European business environment.

Law (LLM) students take a module in which they look at the law of contract to introduce them to legal studies in an English language environment.

Music students start in September and choose two music modules. These modules cover a wide range of aspects of music ranging from the history of western music, harmony and counterpoint to performance and composition.

Advanced Mechanical Engineering students start in January and have to take a technical subject specific engineering plus a module mathematical module. The choice of engineering modules includes acoustics & noise control, engineering design, instrumentation, structural aircraft design and materials service performance.

Health Sciences students take two modules; first, comparative health policy and leadership and secondly health and social care.

Archaeology, English, Film, History, Modern Languages & Philosophy students will have a choice of modules in which they study a specific aspect of the subject they aim to pursue at masters level.



“The pre-Masters is a great way to learn more about British culture and cultivate a new way of thinking to prepare for postgraduate study.”

Lijia Xu, pre-Masters

Progression to Masters

You will be guaranteed a place on one of the masters programmes opposite subject to completing the pre-Masters with grades as required.



“Southampton has a great social life too – the Students’ Union helped me settle in and I am now the president of the Persian Society and a member of the Taekwondo club. After completing my Masters, I hope to start a PhD or find a job in research.”

Saleh Pirouzi Mohammad

Archaeology

MSc Archaeological Computing (GIS and Survey)
MSc Archaeological Computing (Virtual Pasts)
MSc Business and Heritage Management
MA/MSc Maritime Archaeology
MA Osteoarchaeology
MA Palaeolithic Archaeology and Human Origins
MA Social Archaeology

Winchester School of Art

MA Design: Design Management
MA Design: Advertising Design Management
MA Design: Fashion Management
MA Design: Fashion Marketing and Branding
MA Design: Luxury Brand Management
MA Design: Global Media Management

Southampton Business School

MSc Accounting and Finance
MSc Accounting and Management
MSc Corporate Risk and Security Management
MSc Digital Marketing
MSc Global Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
MSc Human Resource Management
MSc International Management
MSc Knowledge and Information Systems Management
MSc Marketing Management
MSc Project Management
MSc Strategy & Innovation
Southampton MBA*

*For admission to the Southampton MBA programme there is an additional requirement of at least three years relevant work experience.

Advanced Mechanical Engineering

MSc Advanced Tribology
MSc Bioengineering
MSc Computational Engineering Design
MSc Engineering Materials
MSc Mechatronics

English

MA 20th and 21st Century Literature
MA Creative Writing
MA Eighteenth-Century Studies
MA English Literary Studies

Film

MA Film
MA Film and Cultural Management

Health Sciences

Masters with Integrated Preparatory Study
MSc Leadership & Management in Health & Social Care
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice: Standard; Critical Care; Children and Young People & Midwifery pathways
MSc Clinical Leadership in Cancer, Palliative and End of Life Care
MSc Health Sciences: Standard & Mental Health Pathway

History

MA History
MA Jewish History and Culture

Law

LLM General
LLM Corporate and Commercial Law
LLM Information Technology and Commerce
LLM International Business Law
LLM International Law
LLM Maritime Law

Modern Languages

MA Applied Linguistics for Language Teaching
MA Applied Linguistics (Research Methodology)
MA English Language Teaching
MA Global Englishes
MA Language Acquisition Research
MA Transnational Studies

Music

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Philosophy

MA Aesthetics
MA Philosophy

Fees & entry requirements

If you are considering studying a pre-Masters at Southampton, you will need to budget for accommodation, tuition fees and plan ahead to apply in time for your visa. The University will support you through the process and has a dedicated Visa Guidance Team offering comprehensive advice on immigration issues.

How much are the tuition fees?

The tuition fees are listed by pathway and based on how many semesters you will be studying:

Subject Pathway	1 semester pre-Masters	2 semester pre-Masters
Management, Law, Winchester School of Art, Humanities, Music, Health Sciences	£7,330 (2016/17)	£15,920 (2016/17)
Engineering	£9,005 (2016/17)	–

For further information about accommodation and living costs please visit: www.southampton.ac.uk/international/fees_money

What are the programme start dates?

Most pre-Masters programmes can be taken over one or two semesters, starting in January or September, depending on your chosen course and your English and academic skills.

What are the entry requirements?

To be considered for a pre-Masters programme and successfully progress onto Masters study, the University requires a minimum of a strong bachelor degree and there are further requirements for specific subject pathways.*

English Language Requirements:

	2 Semester (Sept start)		1 Semester (Jan start)	
	Overall IELTS	Min components	Overall IELTS	Min components
Engineering, Business (with the exception of MSc Human Resource Management), Health Sciences, Humanities (except English) and Winchester School of Art pathways	5.5	5.5	6.0	5.5
Law, Humanities (English and Music) and Business (Human Resource Management only)	6.0	5.5	6.5	6.0
Humanities pathway progressing to the MA Medieval and Renaissance Culture	6.5	6.0	7.0	6.5

*Please visit www.southampton.ac.uk/premasters for specific entry requirements by country and for each pathway. Some masters programmes have subject specific requirements that need to be met before joining the pre-Masters programme.

Please note that the Winchester School of Art pre-Masters is only available as a two semester programme and the Engineering pre-Masters is only available as a one semester programme.

1 semester programme	25 January 2016 – 11 June 2016
2 semester programme	29 September 2016 – 17 June 2017

How do I apply?

You will find full instructions on how to apply as well as an online application form for each pathway at: www.southampton.ac.uk/premasters

Application is made direct to the University of Southampton. There is no application deadline but we advise that you need to allow at least two months between applying and the start of your programme in order to have sufficient time to apply for a visa.

NB: When using our online form please select ‘Masters with Int Prep Study’.

All pre-Masters students will be given assistance in finding accommodation and those joining the programme in September will be guaranteed a single room in University accommodation if their accommodation application is received by 1 August.

Where is the University?

The city of Southampton is located in the County of Hampshire on the South Coast of England and is just over one hour from London. It is easily reached from the international airports of Southampton, Heathrow and Gatwick.

Southampton is a vibrant and well-connected coastal city, which is home to 250,000 people (including our 23,500 University of Southampton students). It is:

- one of Britain's top five cities for economic growth
- the second most affordable student city in the UK*
- the number one most affordable student city in England*
- home to more than 40 live music venues and 550 restaurants and pubs
- one of the greenest cities in the UK, with a number of award winning green spaces and Grade II listed public parks – including the 148 hectare Southampton Common which is directly next to the University.

*Source: The Natwest Student Living Index 2015.

The city has a strong maritime heritage and remains a busy port, home to many large-scale ocean liners as well as regular ferry services to the Isle of Wight and Europe.



With around 200,000 residents, it is a safe city with plenty of shopping and sports facilities and has excellent transport connections to the rest of the UK and Europe.

The University has four campuses in the city, including the pleasant and green Highfield Campus, where the main library, sports centre and Students' Union are located. The nearby Avenue Campus is home to our Faculty of Humanities and many of our international pre-session courses. We also have a campus in Winchester, which runs The Winchester School of Art pathway.

What is there to do?

The Students' Union has more than 100 societies organised around international communities, sport activities, religious groups, hobbies and many other interests. You can join an existing society, or create your own.

There is access to a wide range of sports for all levels – from beginners to athletes – which are supported by the state-of-the-art Jubilee Sports Centre complex.

If you like to explore further afield, the University is surrounded by areas of natural beauty such as the New Forest National Park, and is close to the Blue Flag beaches of Bournemouth and the historic cities of Winchester and Portsmouth.



Why choose the University of Southampton?

- International recognition: we are in the top 1% of universities worldwide (QS World university rankings 2015/16 and Center for World University Rankings 2015)
- Ranked 14th in the UK (of 126) by the Complete University Guide 2016, with 14 of our subject areas in the top 10.
- In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, we were ranked eighth in the UK for research intensity and 11th in the UK based on the volume and quality of our research.
- We are ranked 14th in the UK (out of 119) by the *Guardian University Guide 2016*, with 13 of our subject areas ranked in the top 10, including Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Media & Film Studies which both ranked first.
- Prime location: Southampton is just over one hour from central London, on the south coast of England. We are surrounded by areas of natural beauty including the New Forest and the Isle of Wight.
- International diversity: we have over 23,000 students including 1,500 EU students and more than 5,000 international students (from outside the EU) from more than 130 different countries.
- Excellent career prospects: our Career Destinations Department offers free advice to all our students for up to three years after graduation.
- Support to international students: our professional services offer free and confidential support for our international students.

Southampton offers a vibrant mix of societies, entertainment, cultural and recreational activities

“Southampton is an excellent place to study. The skills I have developed on the pre-Masters will definitely help me with my masters programme next year. Critical thinking is one of the best subjects I have ever studied.”

Suphasit Sumethnapis



“I grew up and studied in China, so the pre-Masters programme at Southampton was a chance for me to study in the UK and experience the culture, whilst also helping improve my English and study skills. I particularly enjoyed Critical Thinking, which I’ve used extensively in my Masters coursework to help express and support my own academic arguments. I’ve now completed an MSc Marketing Management course and I’m looking forward to starting my career in England.”

Bin Jiang

The Highfield campus is surrounded by greenery

Relevant web links are shown throughout the Southampton pre-Masters programme 2015–16. Please also consult www.southampton.ac.uk/pre-masters online for further details and/or any changes which have appeared since first publication of the Southampton pre-Masters programme 2015–16 or phone 023 8059 8062 for more information.

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