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Dear Students,

Congratulations on what must have been a great last year for all of you. For our Freshers, did you know that we already think you are brilliant – you have beaten off perhaps 10 to 12 people for your place to study at Southampton, and that in our eyes means that you are a star. For our Continuing Students, you have not only won your place here, but you have progressed through your initial studies and are well on the way to achieving your degree now. For all of you, welcome (back) to Southampton, and good luck for the year to come.

Whilst many of you will be focussed on your own disciplines as your main point of contact, each of your disciplines sits within the Faculty of Social, Human and Mathematical Sciences. We are the largest and the most diverse of all eight Faculties in the University, and this brings you great opportunity. You can choose from a broad set of ‘minor’ subjects, many of which come from within our own Faculty. Alternatively, you can choose from a long list of broadening modules and option modules to complement your own discipline, many of which also come from our Faculty. This means that we actively support you in gaining a broad education to suit your interests and we are sure that there is something for everyone.

Within the Faculty, you may also like to know that there are numerous staff who have chosen the role of ensuring the quality and innovativeness of your experience at Southampton. My role, as Associate Dean, is to provide leadership to this group of staff, developing educational strategy and ultimately overseeing all matters to do with your education and its assessment and quality. I have a commitment to ensuring the best possible student experience and, if all is working well, I will be like the duck on the pond – calm on the surface but paddling hard underwater.

In all of our endeavours, we aim to provide a distinctive flavour to our education, both when bringing students from all over the world to Southampton, and when taking Southampton to the world. It is our hope and intention that you too will experience our different and cutting edge way of doing things, and that you will thrive and succeed in your studies and in all that University can offer you outside of your studies. Most of all, we hope that you will be happy during your time with us. This will shine through, and your positivity will be a beacon for friends, for opportunity and for achievements. Our staff are ready and willing to help you on that journey and we will be delighted to hear from you.

For now though, welcome (back) to what we hope will be a ‘home from home’, and good luck for your year to come.

With best wishes,



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## Welcome

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the University of Southampton. I am Head of Teaching Programmes in Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology and my responsibilities cover all aspects of education, student matters, and your experience while you study here. Whichever of our degree programmes you are taking, you will be meeting staff and other students representing a wide spectrum of approaches to social scientific research. A lot of exciting work goes on here and it is our aim to give you the best education we can and to help you feel part of what we do. Your undergraduate years are an amazing opportunity to encounter new ideas and to challenge your old ones. We will encourage you to hone your analytical skills, become critical and reflective, and sharpen your intelligence. This will be educational in the broadest sense of the word. It is vastly more than assignments and exams, more than attending classes and taking notes. You are probably already aware that university is a more independent form of study than what you might have experienced in the past. That means it is also a form of study that rewards your own initiative and powers of insight. All of our degree programmes are selective and our expectations are high. We know that yours are too and we will do our best to live up to them. We believe that each of our students is capable of excellent performance and we will help you in any way that we can to achieve your full potential as a student with us. Indeed, while we want all of our students to develop a strong sense of independence and self-sufficiency as learners, we aim to provide a culture of academic support to help you to achieve this. Our goal is to create an environment that will enable each of you to flourish, and to graduate with a sense of accomplishment and feeling that your decision to come to Southampton was definitely the right one.

The information you are reading now is the Part I Student Guide and it is a compendium of useful information about studying in Social Sciences. You can't possibly absorb all the detail, so you will find a Quick Help section below. This guide is available online at <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/academic-life/faculty-handbooks.page>

If anything in the Guide is unclear or if you have any questions that the Guide does not answer, real live human beings in Social Sciences are there to help. Questions about specific module material should be addressed to the module coordinator. Questions of a general academic nature should be addressed to your Academic Tutor. Also, staff working in the Student Office can explain and advise on many matters. In short, there is a wealth of support and you should use all that we make available to you.

One final word about pastoral support. As well as your academic needs, we take your personal needs and circumstances very seriously and if at some time you need to call on other kinds of support, you should bring any issues to the attention of either your Personal Academic Tutor, the Senior Tutor for your department, or the Student Office. If it is not possible to assist you directly, it may be appropriate to signpost you to the Enabling Services team. This expert team has dedicated staff helping students and is there to provide assistance in a wide range of areas. This places an obligation on you to seek that support when you need it, so please do so.

The key point is that your undergraduate studies should be exciting and transformative. I hope you enjoy your time here and that you get as much as you can out of your degree programme.



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## 1. General Information

The information contained within your programme handbook is designed to provide key information applicable to you and your programme during the 2017/18 academic year. It will complement the University's Student Portal. You can access the Portal by logging on to [SUSSED](#), using your username and password, and clicking on the Students tab in the top navigation bar. It is important that you make use of these resources as they support the regulations relating to your obligations and that of the University while you are a student at the University of Southampton. It also provides helpful information on matters such as housing, finance, leisure, healthcare and support facilities.

### FSHMS HUB – Student Hub and Academic Information Resource (SHAIR)

This is a [Blackboard](#) site for undergraduate and postgraduate taught students in the Faculty of Social, Human and Mathematical Sciences. This is designed to be a one-stop shop to direct you to everything you need to navigate your academic journey with us. Containing How To Guides, links to services across the University, copies of all the forms you might need, contact details for academic staff members and your Student Offices, and much, much more, this should be your first port of call for any information you need as a student in the Faculty.

Resource	Weblink
Academic integrity	<a href="http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/academic-integrity-regs.html">http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/academic-integrity-regs.html</a>
Blackboard	<a href="http://blackboard.soton.ac.uk/">http://blackboard.soton.ac.uk/</a>
Faculty website	<a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/departments/faculties/faculty-social-human-sciences.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/departments/faculties/faculty-social-human-sciences.page</a>
Faculty staff information	<a href="#">Social Sciences</a>
Library	<a href="http://www.soton.ac.uk/library/">http://www.soton.ac.uk/library/</a>
Programme and module descriptions	<p>Descriptions relating to your programme can be found via the programme pages on the web, and on Blackboard (see above).</p> <p>Your programme structure (ie which modules make up your programme) is available in your programme specification and via the online programme catalogue, which is accessible via <a href="#">Banner Self Service</a>.</p> <p>To find links to broad generic descriptions of the programmes and modules, follow links to your programme starting from <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/socsci/">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/socsci/</a></p>
Programme regulations	The <a href="#">Regulations and Definitions Applying to Progression for all Credit-Bearing Programmes</a> should be read in conjunction with your own <a href="#">programme regulations</a> which detail any supplementary regulations specific to your programme of study.
Educational support services	<a href="#">Enabling Services</a> provides a wide variety of support for students who have disabilities, mental health problems or specific learning difficulties. Its expert team can provide advice and support relating to your studies throughout your time here.

### 1.1 Your Student Office

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 5.00pm

Location and contact details: **Building 58, room 2127**  
 Economics ([economics.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:economics.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk))  
 Gerontology ([gerontology.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:gerontology.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk))  
 Maths ([maths.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:maths.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk))  
 Politics & International Relations  
 ([politics.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:politics.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk))  
 Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology  
 ([sspc.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:sspc.studentoffice@southampton.ac.uk))  
 Social Statistics & Demography ([socstatdemo.studentoffice@soton.ac.uk](mailto:socstatdemo.studentoffice@soton.ac.uk))

You should visit the Student Office for all general queries relating to the administration of your programme (this may include coursework submissions and collection of feedback, module registration changes, special considerations requests; sickness self-certification forms, suspension and withdrawal requests).

## 1.2 How we keep in touch with you

### Email

We will use your University email account to contact you when necessary. We will not use any other email accounts or social networking sites. It is your responsibility to check your University email account regularly and you must not let your inbox exceed your storage limit. Notification that you are due to exceed your storage limit will be sent to your University email account and you should take immediate action as you will be unable to receive further emails once your storage limit has been exceeded.

### Written Correspondence

Formal correspondence regarding your programme of study (e.g. suspension, transfer or withdrawal from programme, academic performance (including progression/referral information), issues of academic integrity, student complaints and academic appeals) will be sent to your term-time (TT) or permanent (PM) address listed as active on your student record. You are responsible for advising the University if you change your permanent or term-time address. The University will not be held accountable if you do not receive important information because you failed to update your student record.

### Use of social networking sites

We understand that students are increasingly using social networking sites to interact with members of their student community. You should note that any behaviour that affects other members of the University community or members of the general public in ways which might damage the standing and reputation of the University may be subject to disciplinary action within the scope of the [University's Regulations](#).

## 1.3 Confirmation of your student enrolment status

The Faculty Student Office can provide you with a certificate to confirm your status as a student (e.g. for bank account opening purposes). Please ensure that you give at least 48 hours' notice of your requirements (longer at peak times such as at enrolment or during the examination periods). Your award certificate will be produced using the legal name data you have provided within your student record. Please make any necessary amendments to your record immediately a change occurs to ensure that your certificate contains accurate information.

In accordance with policy, a scale of fees exists for the provision of certificates, transcripts and award certificates. Please see point 11 '*Transcripts, Certificates and Award Letters*' within the [fees section of the University Calendar](#) for a list:

Your award certificate will be produced using the legal name data you have provided within your student record. Please make any necessary amendments to your record immediately a change occurs to ensure that your certificate contains accurate information. Changes are made via Banner Self Service.

## 2. Supporting you through your studies

### 2.1 The role of your Personal Academic Tutor and other key academic staff

The University operates a tutor system to help support and advise students in their academic study. As a student, you can expect to be allocated a Personal Academic Tutor. Your Personal Academic Tutor may or may not be one of the teaching staff you see in the course of your studies, but their role in this context is to provide advice and support to you throughout your study, and to help review your academic progress. You can expect to see your Personal Academic Tutor at key points through your University career and, if you need to, you can contact them more frequently. Sometimes, your Personal Academic Tutor may refer you to other areas for support. They may refer you to individual support services, or to your student office for information, or to a Senior Tutor. The Senior Tutor will have a more specialised understanding of supporting students, and may support you if you have a particular problem. You can also contact the Senior Tutor if you wish to change your allocated Personal Academic Tutor. The Senior Tutors for each discipline within Social Sciences are:

Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology – Graham Baxendale  
Social Statistics and Demography – David Clifford  
Politics and International Relations – Jack Corbett  
Economics – Maksymilian Kwiek

The University expects that you will engage with your Personal Academic Tutor, attend the scheduled meetings, respond to messages from your Personal Academic Tutor, and notify your Personal Academic Tutor (or Senior Tutor, if you prefer) if you are experiencing problems which are affecting your performance, attendance or progress in your studies. In particular, you should contact your Personal Academic Tutor if you feel your performance in any forthcoming examinations will be affected by ill health

or other special considerations, and check with your Personal Academic Tutor if you plan to cite him/her as a referee for job applications.

## 2.2 Student buddying and mentoring schemes

University of Southampton faculties and societies provide new undergraduate students with opportunities to liaise with current students who are able to offer advice and guidance based on their own experience as they adjust to living and learning at the University. Some of these opportunities are described as student buddying, family or peer mentoring schemes.

The Social Science Buddy Scheme for freshers runs from week 0 through to week 6. The aim of the scheme is to have something outside of the 'formal' University structures, which can help incoming freshers with the transition to University life. The scheme is run by students for students and recognises the fact that transitioning to university and student welfare at this time is not merely an academic issue. Incoming freshers may have problems and questions on aspects of University life which they are not comfortable taking to their PAT but would rather discuss with a trusted (and specially trained) senior peer. The overall goal is to smooth the transition, reduce the possible escalation of issues, sign-post freshers to further support services (and their PAT as necessary) and hopefully reduce early withdrawals.

In 2017-18 the Buddy Scheme will be run by Laura Izod ([SocialSciencesBuddyScheme@soton.ac.uk](mailto:SocialSciencesBuddyScheme@soton.ac.uk)), who will tell you more about it during induction. The scheme is supervised by Ben Mason (Social Statistic and Demography).

## 2.3 What to do if you are ill

It is important that your doctor (as well as your Personal Academic Tutor) is immediately informed of any illness that is likely to affect your studies. You may wish to ask your GP for written confirmation of your health difficulties if you feel that these may be affecting your academic performance, which you may then wish to pass on to your Personal Academic Tutor. More information can be found in the [General Regulations – Attendance and Completion of Programme Requirements](#)

## 2.4 External factors affecting your attendance or performance in your studies

We expect you to take responsibility for your studies to ensure that your full academic potential can be realised. However, sometimes difficulties can arise that can affect you.

If you are absent from an examination or other assessment or have other grounds for believing that your studies have been affected by external factors you must bring this to the attention of your academic tutor or to the Student Office immediately. Whilst we recognise that students can sometimes be reluctant to discuss cultural, sensitive or personal issues, it is essential that you bring problems affecting you to our attention immediately so that we can determine how best to help you.

## 2.5 Special considerations

If you believe that illness or other circumstances have adversely affected your academic performance, this is known as Special Considerations. If you wish for these circumstances to be considered by the Faculty you must complete a Special Considerations form. **It is important that you submit this to your Student Office in a timely manner (normally not more than five working days after any assessment or deadline that may have been affected by the circumstances).** All claims must be substantiated by written documentary evidence, eg a medical certificate or GP/consultant letter, self-certification or a statement from your Personal Academic Tutor. The purpose of asking for supporting documentation is for you to be able to corroborate the facts of your submission.

**All claims will be reviewed by the Special Considerations Board which meets regularly throughout the year. You will be notified of the outcome of your claim once the Board of Examiners has considered the recommendation of the Special Considerations Board. Full details of the University's policy on Special Considerations can be found [here](#).**

## 2.6 Fitness to study

This [Fitness to Study](#) policy applies to enable the University to respond appropriately to situations where visible signs of illness, mental health difficulties, psychological, personality or emotional disorders may have a profoundly disturbing impact on the functioning of an individual student and/or the wellbeing of others around them. The University has a positive attitude towards those with impairments and is committed to maintaining students' wellbeing. The policy identifies the procedure and support available to both students and staff when a student becomes unwell and/or presents a risk to self and/or others.

## 2.7 Suspending your studies

Should you feel that you need to take some time out from your studies, known as [suspending your studies](#), you should first discuss this with your Personal Academic Tutor. A Suspension Request form should be obtained, completed and returned to the Student Office. Please note that, if you wish, you can suspend your studies in order to undertake an internship or period of industrial training outside of normal vacation time.

## 2.8 Withdrawing from your studies

If you no longer wish to continue with your studies, a Withdrawal Notification form should be obtained, completed and returned to the Student Office. Further information can be found in the [General Regulations – Transfer, Suspension, Withdrawal and Termination](#).

The Students' Union Advice Centre has developed a [Guide](#) for students.

## 3. Your safety

Ensuring student health and safety is a major goal of the University. As a new student you will have received information on Personal Safety and H&S/Fire Safety as part of your 'Southampton Welcome'. Both new and existing students should also take a look at the following links for further information:

<https://www.susu.org/support>

[http://www.southampton.ac.uk/hr/services/health\\_and\\_safety/index.php](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/hr/services/health_and_safety/index.php)

The University statement of Health and Safety Policy Statement and Management System, which defines commitment, governance, responsibilities and management of health and safety is available here:

[http://www.southampton.ac.uk/hr/services/health\\_and\\_safety/index.php](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/hr/services/health_and_safety/index.php)

The Faculty's Health and Safety Local Arrangements document is available at:

<https://groupsite.soton.ac.uk/Administration/FSHS-Health-and-Safety/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

### 3.1 Local arrangements

Key local Health and Safety arrangements are as follows. If you have questions relating to any of the following information please contact a member of the Faculty Health and Safety team, details of which you will find at the end of this section.

### 3.2 Action in the event of a fire



If you notice or suspect that there is a fire you should immediately raise the alarm by operating the nearest fire alarm call point (one will be located on the wall as you leave the building). The fire alarm is a continuously ringing bell.



On hearing the alarm you should immediately stop what you are doing and make your way out of the building by following the green emergency exit signs to the nearest exit, shutting doors behind you as you leave. Do not stop or return to collect personal belongings. Do not use lifts unless you have a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP).



On leaving the building make your way to the assembly point. Ensure any car parks or roads are kept clear for emergency vehicles. Do not re-enter a building until you are told it is safe to do so by the Fire & Rescue Service, the senior Fire Warden or Security staff.

Fire extinguishers are provided in buildings but should only be used by those trained in their use and only if it is safe to do so.

Evacuation alarms are tested weekly. The times of these tests are detailed near main entrances to buildings. When tests take place the bell will ring for no more than a few seconds.

If you have a permanent or temporary mobility impairment that affects your ability to use stairs to exit a building then you should have been notified to Health and Safety personnel in order for a PEEP to be developed. If this has not been done please contact the Health and Safety team using the details overleaf.

### 3.3 Assembly points

Building	Assembly point
B32 (Education)	Visitor car park at North end of B32 (Burgess Road end).
B34 (Education)	Area around flag pole in front of University library.
B39 (S3RI)	Car park in front of B54
B44 (Geography / Psychology)	Grassed area in front of University Health Service Building (North end of Physics building).
B44a (Psychology)	Car park in front of B44 (Shackleton)
44 Chamberlain Rd (Psychology)	Car park in front of B44 (Shackleton)
B54 (Mathematics) and B56	Grassed area adjacent to Turner Sims Concert Hall.
B58 (Social Science)	Grassed area in front of University Health Service
Other buildings	Check the emergency information that should be displayed on a noticeboard in teaching rooms.

### 3.4 First Aid



In the event of an accident causing injury, the nearest first-aider should be contacted. Their details are displayed on signs in corridors. Alternatively, contact security on 3311 using an internal phone and they will assist. Following treatment, the incident must be reported to your line manager/supervisor and the Faculty Health and Safety team.

### 3.5 Incident Reporting



If you are involved in an accident or incident, spot a hazardous situation or are concerned that you are being asked to do something without the necessary information, instruction or training that would ensure your safety, please report this to your supervisor and the Faculty Health and Safety team. The circumstances can then be investigated and measures put in place to minimise future risk.

Incidents can be reported online at: <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/healthandsafety/incident-report.page?>

### 3.6 Induction and Training



As a new student you should have the following expectations with regard to Health and Safety:

- To be made aware of local emergency arrangements and H&S contacts on your first day.
- To receive a local induction before using any laboratory or workshop area. This will identify hazards and make you aware of particular procedures in place to help ensure your safety.
- That risk assessments and other written arrangements that maintain good H&S in all your activities will be brought to your attention by your supervisor.

### 3.7 Building Access

Most University buildings are open to all from 08.00-18.00 Mon-Friday excluding University and public holidays. All undergraduate students must leave buildings by 18.00. Access by ID card may be available to postgraduate students from 06.00-23.00 depending on student status. Buildings are to be clear by 23.00 and remain so until 06.00 (Closure Period) unless you have particular need which must be approved by your Head of Academic Unit.

### 3.8 Out-of-Hours Policy

The Out-of-Hours Policy covers the Closure Period from 11.00pm through to 6.00am the following day and applies to every day of the year, including weekends and Public Holidays. You must have received approval to work during the closure period from your Head of Academic Unit and this must be documented using **Form 1.5** available from the link <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/estates/what-we-do/security.page>

When you are present in the building you should have access to a completed copy of this form plus your University ID.

### 3.9 Further information

More detailed information, forms and links to other sources of advice are available on the FSHMS H&S site.

### 3.10 Contact Information

A student's primary contact should be their supervisor. However, the following contacts may be used if necessary:

Faculty Health and Safety Team (Social, Human and Mathematical Sciences)				
Pete Dargie	Faculty Health and Safety Officer	44/3011	023 8059 4513	<a href="mailto:P.G.Dargie@soton.ac.uk">P.G.Dargie@soton.ac.uk</a>
Peter Morgan	Health and Safety Officer - Geography and Environment	44/1017	023 8059 4673	<a href="mailto:P.R.Morgan@soton.ac.uk">P.R.Morgan@soton.ac.uk</a>
Safety and Occupational Health				
Safety and Occupational Health (SOH)	Please contact SOH if local contacts are not available	26 University Road	023 8059 3277	<a href="mailto:soh@soton.ac.uk">soh@soton.ac.uk</a>
Security - Central Control Room (CCR)				
CCR	023 8059 3311 (Emergency)	023 8059 2811 (Enquiries)		<a href="mailto:unicc@soton.ac.uk">unicc@soton.ac.uk</a>

## 4. Your Academic Programme

### 4.1 The academic year and the programme structure

The structure and modular content provided within the programme specification is specific to your own programme. You can view the most up to date version of the programme specification via [Sussed](#).

The taught components of the programme are delivered in modular form and typically run over two semesters. The teaching weeks are followed by a two to three week examination period. The semesters overlap the traditional three term structure which still determines the pattern of vacations at Christmas and Easter.

For any given programme a module is either core, compulsory, or an option. Definitions of these and of the rules surrounding compensation are provided in the [General Regulations – Regulations and Definitions Applying to Progression for all Credit-Bearing Programmes](#) and are reproduced below.

**Core Module:** A Core Module is a module which must be taken and Passed by all students on a particular programme. Core Modules may not be Passed by Compensation. Where programme regulations specify, a student may be required to select a Module from within a group of Modules, which, once selected, becomes Core.

**Compulsory Module:** A Compulsory Module is a Module which must be taken by all students on a particular programme. Compulsory Modules may be Passed by Compensation.

**Option Module:** An Option Module is a Module selected from a group of available Modules which does not become Core or Compulsory on selection. Option Modules may be Passed by Compensation.

*Compensation:* Pass by Compensation is the award of credit for a Failed Module on the basis that overall performance elsewhere in the Part is sufficient to merit the passing of that Part and the learning outcomes of the programme as a whole will be met.

*Non-Compensatable Fail:* A Non-Compensatable Fail is a Failed Module which cannot be Passed by Compensation. A Failed Module is Non-Compensatable if the mark achieved for the Module is lower than the Qualifying Mark, or if the Failed Module is a Core Module for the programme.

*Pass Mark:* The Pass Mark is the minimum mark that must be achieved in order to pass. It may be applied to a Module to an Average Mark or to a Final Average Mark.

The University standard Module Pass Mark for undergraduate students taking modules at all levels is 40 ([Regulations for Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes](#), (section 2).

*Qualifying Mark:* The Qualifying Mark is the minimum mark that must be achieved in a Module in order for a Pass by Compensation to be awarded.

Unless stated in the programme regulations (and subject to paragraph 3.3 of the [Regulations for Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes](#)), the University standard Qualifying Mark for undergraduate students taking modules at all levels is 25.

Your student record should automatically record core and compulsory modules and these must be completed in accordance with the requirements for progression applicable to your programme. Most programmes will have a number of option modules. If applicable you will need to select a certain number of option modules to complete your portfolio of modules and fulfil the credit points as required for the programme.

#### 4.2 Registering for your option modules

When choosing your options, you are strongly advised to ensure that you have the same total number of modules in Semester 1 and Semester 2, to maintain a balanced workload throughout the year. Once you have registered your options, it is possible for you make changes but there are restrictions. The substitution of modules is not allowed (i.e. you cannot take an extra module in semester 2 to replace a semester 1 module in which you failed to perform well).

You may request a change to your option module choice up to the **end of week 2** in each semester. You should complete a Change of Module form to specify your request (forms can be obtained from the Student Office). If your option module choices clash in your timetable, then you will need to amend your option choice accordingly by contacting the Student Office immediately.

You should regularly check your online student record for details of your registered modules. This is particularly important after you have made any changes and will help to maintain the accuracy of your student record. It will also save time and confusion during the examination period.

#### 4.3 Attendance

The University's [Attendance Regulations](#) detail the University's general expectations placed upon you as a student.

#### 4.4 Additional Costs

You may incur additional costs as a result of your programme, for example for materials, field trips or books. General programme costs are located in the programme specification. Option modules that are available to select may also include information on module specific costs.

Main Item	
Approved Calculators	Candidates may use calculators in the examination room only as specified by the University and as permitted by the rubric of individual examination papers. The University approved model is Casio FX-570 This may be purchased from any source and no longer needs to carry the University logo.

Main Item	
<b>Stationery</b>	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationary items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc). Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source.  Some modules suggest reading texts as <b>optional</b> background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module.
<b>Printing and Photocopying Costs</b>	In some cases, coursework such as essays; projects; dissertations will be submitted online. However, in some cases students will be asked to provide a printed copy. A list of the University printing costs can be found here: <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing</a>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	Some programmes, such as Population and Geography, run optional fieldwork trips, which may involve a range of costs for those students choosing to participate (travel, vaccinations, accommodation etc). Please contact the member of staff responsible for the trip for information about expected costs.
<b>Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes)</b>	Social Sciences partners with academic departments in a number of other countries to provide study abroad opportunities. Please contact the International Office for information about the expected costs of participating.
<b>Optional Visits</b>	Some modules may include optional visits (museums, conferences, prisons [Criminology]). You will normally be expected to cover any costs such as travel and admission, unless otherwise specified in the module profile.
<b>Illegible Exam Scripts</b>	If your examination script is considered illegible, you will be asked to come in to dictate your script so that it can be transcribed. The costs associated with producing the transcript will fall to you and will be charged at £10.00 per hour. If you refuse to attend, you may be awarded a mark of zero (0). The Illegible Examinations Scripts Policy is available at <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/assets/imported/transforms/content-block/UsefulDownloads_Download/3B577FE48C0B45FAA726364427668BAB/Illegible%20Examination%20Scripts%20Policy.pdf">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/assets/imported/transforms/content-block/UsefulDownloads_Download/3B577FE48C0B45FAA726364427668BAB/Illegible%20Examination%20Scripts%20Policy.pdf</a> .

*(Further information regarding additional costs for individual programmes can be found within your programme specification, which can be accessed here:*

<https://intranet.soton.ac.uk/sites/kisinfo/SitePages/Home.aspx>)

In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at [www.calendar.soton.ac.uk](http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk).

#### 4.5 Faculty Exchanges / Placement Opportunities

Students on a number of degree programmes will have opportunities to apply to spend a semester in a European University under the Socrates scheme. In addition, Social Sciences operates an exchange scheme with the University of Madison-Wisconsin in the United States. Further details of these exchange schemes are available through the Student Office. The Social Sciences Exchange Co-Ordinator organises information sessions each year, usually at the beginning of the second semester. Contact the Student Office for details.

### 5. Faculty Teaching and Learning Skills

#### 5.1 Time management

It is your responsibility to manage your time in order to ensure that you keep up to date with the material presented and with the requirements of the programme. Deadlines for work submission should be adhered to; otherwise marks will be deducted via the imposition of a late submission penalty. However, the framework of when lectures and classes occur and deadlines for submission of work will be made available to you well in advance, but if you are unclear about any aspect of your module you should talk this through with your module lead or programme director. This knowledge will allow you to plan your life based on how you know you work best. Effective use of your time will allow you to perform well on your course and to enjoy student life. One of the work-place skills you should aim to acquire at University is the ability to manage multiple priorities. If you have problems in this area please discuss them with your personal tutor.

## **5.2 Lectures**

A single lecture slot lasts 45 minutes. It is therefore vital that you arrive promptly in order to gain maximum benefit from the time. Each lecturer will present material using either handouts or require you to make your own notes. Transcribing lectured material into a form that you find most useful is an important part of the learning process. You should ensure that you understand the material and, if you have difficulty in understanding or applying the knowledge, use recommended reading and other teaching materials or the assistance of teaching staff during tutorials to gain understanding. It is your responsibility to develop your ability in a given subject. How well you have acquired that ability and the associated knowledge is gauged by the examination and coursework assessment process. Lectures are provided for your benefit and you should take full advantage by ensuring you attend all of the lectures in a given course module. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend, ensure that you get hold of a copy of the notes or handouts from Blackboard or your module lead.

## **5.3 Use of electronic recording devices or mobile phones in lectures or classes**

Out of courtesy to staff and other students, please ensure that mobile phones are switched off in lectures and seminars. You are advised that lectures are the copyright property of the lecturer and permission to audio-record a lecture must be personally sought from the lecturer before proceeding.

If you wish to use a lap-top computer or tablet to take notes in a lecture, you should do so in a way that does not cause disruption to those sitting near you.

*If you have a health condition for which additional support is needed, you may, following assessment by the University's educational support services, make appropriate arrangements with staff for recording lectures.*

## **5.4 Tutorials/supervisions**

Group tutorials/supervisions are timetabled for some modules. These sessions are intended for you to develop your problem solving skills as well as for you to discuss further with an experienced member of staff any particular lecture material you are finding difficult to understand. It is essential that you come well prepared for these sessions. These sessions are one of the most effective ways of reinforcing the lecture material.

## **5.5 Self-learning**

Independent study or self-directed learning involves using libraries, data retrieval systems, internet, etc, or in a group working on coursework, reading the lecture material or reading around the subject. This should also develop your investigative and problem solving skills in furthering understanding of the subject, creating links with other modules - past and present - and providing a broadening of your educational experiences and knowledge base.

Self-learning is your personal responsibility and your commitment to the programme. It requires discipline, motivation and focussing on achieving individually set targets. It enables you to reach your full potential academically, develops your personal skills and helps establish a successful professional career.

## **5.6 Key skills**

Key skills are those skills which can be applied to other disciplines and fields of work. Employers are increasingly seeking to employ individuals with well-developed key skills. More information can be found on the [Academic Skills](#) pages of the Library website. A conscious effort is made by the Faculty to ensure that every module allows and encourages development of key skills. Further details can be found within individual module specifications.

## 5.7 Academic integrity: the University Policy

The University expects that all students will familiarise themselves with the [Regulations Governing Academic Integrity](#). Where professional, statutory and regulatory body requirements apply and for programmes that lead to professional registration, additional reporting requirements may be in place. The Students' Union Advice Centre has developed a [Guide](#) for students.

Procedures will be invoked to investigate suspected breaches of academic integrity when concerns are raised during the marking process or in connection with suspected cheating in examinations. We are aware that students may have experienced differing standards at other institutions (including those overseas) but it is essential that you take steps to ensure your full understanding of the standards expected at Southampton as significant penalties can be imposed if these are breached. These penalties will always affect the mark you receive for the piece of work in question, and the most serious cases could lead to a reduction in degree classification or even termination of programme. There is likely also to be an impact on any future reference we provide.

It is often helpful to discuss ideas and approaches to your work with your peers, and this is a good way to help you think through your own views. However work submitted for assessment should always be entirely your own, except where clearly specified otherwise in the instructions for the assignment. In some instances working in groups will be required, and there may be occasions when work is submitted from the whole group rather than individuals. In these instances the instructions will make it clear how individual contributions to the joint work should be identified and will be assessed. If you are in any doubt, check with the person setting the assignment. If you have worked with others you should make sure that you acknowledge this in any declaration you make.

If you wish to improve your study skills, always seek advice sooner rather than later. Your personal tutor or module convenor will be able to help you identify sources of assistance. It is an important element of independent learning, and a normal part of academic development, to recognise when you need to seek advice, and to learn to benefit from it. This would not necessarily mean that you are 'struggling' with your work – you may feel you need additional advice to reach your personal potential.

If in doubt about what is required in any particular assignment, what referencing styles are appropriate etc, always ask. Your tutor or module lead will be able to point you in the direction of appropriate sources of advice and information.

You are responsible for your own work and conduct, and for ensuring that you neither fall accidentally into poor academic practice in your written work nor engage in practices which breach academic integrity. Such practices are unacceptable, whether they have been followed deliberately or through a lack of understanding. As well as damaging your own development, failure to work with academic integrity is unfair to other students who complete work honestly and fairly. It can also potentially damage the relationship between staff and students which is at the heart of the University community, and relationships with external partners. Ultimately, your results will not be a true reflection of your performance, which may potentially damage the academic standing of the University's awards.

Furthermore, should you have reason to believe that a fellow student is not working with academic integrity, you should speak in confidence to the module convenor. Your identity will not be revealed as part of any investigation; however no further action would be taken unless additional evidence is identified by the marker or module convenor.

## 5.8 Faculty policy on referencing

In Social Sciences degree programmes, the Harvard referencing system is preferred. Speak to your module lead before using any other referencing system. Details about how to use the Harvard referencing system can be found through the following library link: <http://library.soton.ac.uk/sash/referencing>

## 5.9 Research Ethics

The University of Southampton is committed to carrying out its research, teaching, enterprise and other activities within a comprehensive ethical framework (<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/ris/policies/ethics.html>).

Principles of ethical research include the expectation that studies are undertaken with integrity, quality and transparency. Participants in research must be fully informed about the research and participate voluntarily. They need to know what will happen with the information they provide, and that they can withdraw from the study subsequently (wherever possible). Risks from participation in research must be explained and minimised. Participants' anonymity and/or confidentiality should be protected, for example

by removing information that could be used to identify them and by storing confidential information securely.

All research on human participants, their tissue or data requires ethical approval via the University's Ethics and Research Governance Online (ERGO) system ([www.ergo.soton.ac.uk](http://www.ergo.soton.ac.uk)). This includes, but is not limited to, studies of the following kind:

- analysis of existing secondary data at an individual level, even where such data have been anonymised and/or the datasets exist in the public domain;
- collection of data using questionnaires and online surveys;
- collection of data using interviews, observations, focus group discussions or similar qualitative approaches; and
- experiments involving human participants.

Research on animals is governed by separate procedures.

The University believes that ethical issues should be interpreted broadly and that ethics approval might also be needed for research where other factors could be present including:

- a risk of damage to the environment;
- political or social sensitivity; and
- impact on culture and cultural heritage.

If you are in doubt about whether the research for your dissertation requires ethical approval, please contact your divisional 'ethics champion', or a member of the Faculty Ethics Committee via [risethic@soton.ac.uk](mailto:risethic@soton.ac.uk).

To obtain ethical approval for your research, please apply via the ERGO system ([www.ergo.soton.ac.uk](http://www.ergo.soton.ac.uk)). Detailed guidance on how to apply and what documents to upload can be found on the Researcher Portal (<https://intranet.soton.ac.uk/sites/researcherportal/>) and in the Downloads section on the ERGO page.

Please note that the University does not permit mass emailing for the recruitment of research participants.

Your supervisor will need to approve your ethics application before it is reviewed by the Faculty Ethics Committee. There are no submission deadlines; instead applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. You can expect a decision within 10 working days. Please allow extra time in case you are asked for revisions. **You must not begin your research before you have obtained approval via ERGO!** Retrospective approval is never granted.

Failure to obtain ethics approval or to comply with the University's Ethics Policy will be investigated under the University's regulations governing Academic Integrity (<http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/academic-integrity-regs.html>)

## 6. Assessment and Examinations

### 6.1 Coursework assessment and submission

A number of modules include coursework assignments as part of the assessment. Coursework can often occupy a large amount of time and balancing your time across your full programme of study is important. Conversely, students who forget or do not bother to hand in work can make it very difficult for themselves to achieve their full academic potential.

Normally, all coursework should be accompanied by a completed Coursework Submission/Feedback form and submitted to the Student Office by not later than the published date and time. If both paper-based and electronic submission is required, you should note that your submission will not be considered complete until both formats have been submitted. If other arrangements are in force for submission of a particular piece of coursework, this will be advised by your module lead.

### 6.2 Overlength work

Although the types, lengths and styles of assessed written work vary considerable between disciplinary contexts, the production of written work to a specified length is an important transferable skill that you are expected to develop during your studies. The ability to produce concise, clear writing to a determined length is fundamental both to academic work and to professional working life. In response to student demand for greater clarity, a Faculty policy has been developed (available on the [FSHMS Hub](#)) to provide a consistent approach towards overlength work across the Faculty. Where relevant and appropriate, written assessments may specify a word limit either as a single figure or as the upper limit of a range. Your work will be overlength if you go even one word over the stipulated length or upper limit. There are no

complicated penalties to apply. Instead, overlength work will be addressed through marking solely **that proportion of work that falls within the word limit**.

### 6.3 Penalties for late coursework submission

When coursework is set a due date for submission this will be specified and there will be associated penalties for handing in work late.

The University has a uniform policy for the late submission penalty for a piece of assessed work worth 10% or more of the final module mark.

Work submitted up to 5 days after the deadline should be marked as usual, including moderation or second marking, and feedback prepared and given to the student. The final agreed mark is then reduced by the factors in the following table.

University Working Days late	Mark
1	(final agreed mark) *0.9
2	(final agreed mark) *0.8
3	(final agreed mark) *0.7
4	(final agreed mark) *0.6
5	(final agreed mark) *0.5
More than 5	Zero

### 6.4 Coursework extensions

If you know there will be a valid reason why you cannot submit the work at the given date you must contact the Student Office as soon as possible. You should complete a Special Considerations form, which should provide adequate detail of the reasons why you are seeking an extension. Your completed form should be submitted to the Student Office who will arrange for your request to be reviewed. The Student Office will contact you via your University email account to let you know once approval has been made. **It is your responsibility to request an extension in a timely manner.**

### 6.5 Examination preparation (also see Appendix A)

You will know yourself how best you prepare for examinations. It is always worth remembering that the sooner you start your preparation the better and that one of the aims of each module is to help you prepare for the examination. Make sure that you have a complete set of notes; that you understand their content; that you can apply the material by solving the example sheet questions; and that you have practiced questions from past papers under examination time constraints. The University's online archive of previously set examination papers is available to assist with your learning and preparation for forthcoming examinations. There is a link to 'Past Exam Papers' from the [Students Portal of SUSSED](#).

Remember that if you get into difficulty during your revision process on a particular subject ask someone to help you. This may be either one of the lecturers or teaching assistants on the module. For helpful hints on revision strategy and examination techniques, please refer to Appendix A.

### 6.6 Examinations

The dates of University examination periods are published annually on the [assessment webpages](#). You can also find helpful information on policy, process, exam regulations, venues and timetables.

### 6.7 Illegible exam scripts

If your examination script is considered illegible, the [Illegible Examination Scripts Policy](#) will be instigated. You will be asked to come in to dictate your script so that it can be transcribed. The cost of this work will be met by you. If your script is not transcribed then it will receive a mark of zero (0).

### 6.8 Coursework and examination feedback

Feedback comes in many forms and you must learn to recognise the merits of all of these. The [Student Feedback policy](#) provides an overview of formal feedback. Formal feedback is well documented and the following paragraphs identify ones that you are officially entitled to.

Informal feedback is just as important and comes in the form of individual chats with your Personal Academic Tutor, module leaders or project supervisors, or group meetings with academics after a lecture or practical session. Also tests and quizzes on Blackboard, which are available for several modules, can provide valuable feedback on how you are progressing.

All coursework will be marked and returned to you, accompanied by feedback which will relate to the standard of your work and the reasons for the mark/grade given. You should note that all marks are considered provisional until they have been reviewed and confirmed by the Board of Examiners. This feedback will typically be returned within four weeks following your submission. Large assignments (e.g. your dissertation/project work) may take slightly longer to be returned. Bear in mind that if you hand in work late, your feedback may be delayed.

Where appropriate, for example with smaller problem solving exercises like calculations, the lecturer will decide if feedback should be given individually, or reported back to the whole group. You are, however always free to ask the lecturer personally how you are progressing.

The feedback you receive will be:

- **timely** - allowing you to learn from your work
- related to the **learning outcomes** for that piece of work
- **constructive** and **honest** - allowing you to take the comments on board, learn from your mistakes and understand why you did well.

For the feedback to be effective, it is important that you work with the feedback given and identify how you can improve your work in the future. Should you need further information about your work, get in touch with whoever marked the coursework.

Feedback may be made available online or can be collected from the Student Office. You will be contacted when feedback is ready. For some kinds of assignment, other arrangements will be made and the module lead will explain those to you.

Although individual feedback on examinations is not automatically given, you may request a meeting with the marker of the exam (or convener of the module in question) to discuss your performance (see 6.9 below). In addition, feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the performance of the whole group that took an examination will be available via Blackboard.

## **6.9 Access to coursework/examination scripts**

Students are entitled to view their examination scripts on request to the Faculty (your Student Office can advise on the process to be followed). You are only permitted to view an examination script to enable you to see how you can improve your future performance and no mark or other annotation on the script is negotiable or open to alteration. The absence of annotation on a script does not mean that it has not been marked.

## **6.10 Release of results**

Students will be given, as a matter of course, the marks they obtain in each individual module of study after they have been ratified by the Board of Examiners. More information can be found in the [Release of Marks procedure](#).

These marks will be made available by your Student Office according to the procedures of the Faculty. In certain cases, especially for semester 1 exams, such marks at the time of release may be provisional only and subject to change by a subsequent Board of Examiners. It will be made clear when marks are provisional.

You should note that the official transcript of your marks would normally show the latest mark obtained in each subject with a note, where appropriate, that it was obtained at repeat or referral attempt.

## **6.11 Prizes**

Each Social Sciences discipline awards achievement prizes for each year of study, based on average marks achieved. There is also a dissertation prize for finalists. An example of prizes awarded are shown in Appendix B.

## 6.12 Final assessment

At the end of your programme, your overall performance will be assessed. The basis of this assessment is specified in your [programme regulations](#). If you satisfy the academic standards necessary, the Board of Examiners will recommend you for award.

## 7. Student feedback: getting your voice heard

### 7.1 Student representation

Through the [Students' Union](#) you will be invited to elect your Faculty representatives (Faculty Officers, Academic Presidents, Academic Vice-Presidents and Course Representatives) who co-ordinate the student voice on Faculty committees to enable your voice to be heard.

More information on the Students' Union officers and their roles is available on the [Students' Union Representation](#) webpages.

Staff-Student liaison committees have representatives from across each programme. These committees have the role of monitoring the organisation and management of the student programmes, to note any difficulties that students may be encountering, and to take advice about ways of improving the programmes.

### 7.2 Module Survey

Removal of comment and full replacement of text "The Faculty formally seeks feedback on every module every time it is delivered in line with University Policy. This is normally done through an anonymised electronic system.

In addition, all programmes should seek informal feedback from you part-way through your module. Your module leads will confirm to you the processes and opportunities to provide feedback.

We encourage you to take every opportunity to express your opinions/comments/and suggestions as this is very valuable to the Programme Team and the Faculty in our drive towards continual enhancement of education.

### 7.3 Module reports

Your feedback to module surveys will be reflected upon by the module leader and will be included in the module report. Module reports are available via Sussed under the "programme specific information" tab.

## 8. Careers and Employability

The [Careers and Employability Service](#) provides support to students at all levels of study and has a range of opportunities on offer. Research\* shows that graduates with no previous work experience are unlikely to be successful during the selection process and over 30% of positions will be filled by graduates who have already worked for that organisation. The Service provides drop-in advice, 1:1 guidance, workshops, skills sessions, Careers Fairs and employer led events to support your career planning as well as the following opportunities.

\*High Fliers 2016

In Social Sciences, we recognise the importance of career planning and a member of academic staff has the role of the Social Sciences Employability Co-ordinator. The Employability Co-ordinator will email you with career planning opportunities, careers talks and events, placement and volunteering opportunities. If you have ideas for particular employability events the Employability Co-ordinator would be happy to discuss these with you. In addition, each Department has an Employability Co-ordinator (a member of academic staff) who will contact you about relevant events and workshops, training and job opportunities.

### 8.1 Excel Southampton Internships

The [Excel Southampton Internship Programme](#) offers 4-12 weeks paid internships which enhance your CV, expand your network and offer graduate recruitment opportunities.

### 8.2 Business Innovation Programme

The [Business Innovation Programme](#) provides an opportunity to develop your business acumen, team working and problem-solving skills by working on an 8 week project put forward by local businesses or not-for-profit organisations.

### 8.3 Year in Employment Placements

The [Year in Employment](#) is a work placement of up to 12 months' duration taken after your second year or study enabling you to develop the skills employers value and to gain insight into an industry of your choice. Eligibility criteria are available [here](#) – please check before applying.

### 8.4 Volunteering Bank

[Volunteering](#) is a great way to help you gain many of the skills employers are looking for, build your network and develop yourself in new ways. Opportunities vary in duration and the type of role advertised.

### 8.5 Employability within the Academic Unit

A social science degree is a very portable and flexible one in the employment market. It can facilitate students' entry into careers such as teaching, law, finance and professional services. As social science students you will be developing your employability throughout your undergraduate degree. The modules you take as part of your degree programme will help you to gain a range of transferable skills and competencies that include written communication, problem solving, research, team work, presentation, digital literacy and time management. These are skills that are valued by employers in many different industries. They are also important for those going on to postgraduate study.

In addition to the skills you are developing as part of your degree programme you will be offered a wide range of support and opportunities such as work experience, employer events and employability workshops which will help you to develop your particular interests and profile.

#### *The Careers and Employability Service*

The Careers and Employability Service work closely with departments and Faculties to provide targeted careers support within and alongside your curriculum. Activities and opportunities may appear within the timetable or be advertised within your Faculty. Examples include lectures and workshops, online learning options, and events featuring alumni-employers. There are often opportunities to connect with organisations that offer themed events focused on employability. Some companies offer projects linked to dissertations or specific research. Details of events and opportunities are set out below:

- Tailored undergraduate employability workshops and/or talks linked to your programme of study, including drawing your attention to career opportunities relating to your degree.
- New for the 2017/18 academic year, is a “Your Future Career” event. This has been specifically designed for those students studying your subject. This comprises employer talks, workshops and a networking event. Career areas covered as part of this event are some of the most popular for students studying social sciences degrees, including Civil Service Faststream, Office for National Statistics, Teaching, Marketing, Banking and Finance among many others.
- Employer Talks - A comprehensive programme of employer talks and presentations runs throughout the academic year covering a wide range of career sectors. These are a really great way to discover more about a particular organisation or career, and to receive some key advice on how to do well in the recruitment process. Booking a place on these events will be through the Event Calendar <http://www.student.careers.soton.ac.uk/eventcalendar/>
- Career mentoring programme -An opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge and expertise from a mentor especially chosen for you to support your transition into the graduate job market. See: <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/mentoring.page>
- Student Enterprise - is a creative and rewarding field. Engaging in its activities will offer you opportunities which you may otherwise never encounter. Southampton students have created businesses on the east coast of Africa. Other students have created start-ups which are operating in the heart of London. Excluding business start-up however, countless students have gone to employers as entrepreneurial agents with experiences which make them uniquely employable. See: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/enterprise/index.page>
- Advice, Information and Guidance - Our Drop-in Service provides an opportunity for you to have a conversation with one of our advisers to assess how the service can best meet your present needs. We may refer you to appropriate resources, activities or information, including small and large group sessions, talks, campus events and individual help sessions. See: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/talk-to-an-advisor.page>
- MyCareer - is our online careers site, which allows all University of Southampton students and graduates to easily find out about everything we have to offer, including finding jobs and opportunities – see: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/mycareer-user-guide.page>

### *The Social Sciences Employability Short video Competition*

All social sciences students will have an opportunity to enter the Employability Short Video Competition in 2017/18. Students make a 2 minute video about their experiences of work, volunteering or an internship whilst at the University of Southampton. The winning entry will win £500 and the opportunity to learn video making skills. Look out for the competition announcement in October 2017.

### **Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology**

Throughout your degree you will be offered timetabled employability talks provided by the Careers and Employability service and you will receive regular emails informing you of opportunities to undertake internships, volunteering and work placements, and to attend employer talks and seminars on postgraduate study. Even if you do not have a definite career in mind we recommend that you explore these opportunities as they help you develop your confidence and enrich your CV.

There is a dedicated Employability blackboard for SSPC where you can find information and opportunities. If you have any questions please get in contact with your department Employability Officers: Rebecca Taylor [r.taylor@soton.ac.uk](mailto:r.taylor@soton.ac.uk) and Lambros Fatsis [l.fatsis@soton.ac.uk](mailto:l.fatsis@soton.ac.uk)

## **8.6 Professional accreditation**

The following undergraduate programmes have recognition from professional, statutory and regulatory bodies:

BSc Economics and Actuarial Science: accredited by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries for the purpose of exemption from some professional examinations.

BSc Accounting and Economics: accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW) for the purpose of exemption from some professional examinations.

BSc Criminology and Psychology: accredited by the British Psychological Society and confers eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership.

## **8.7 Curriculum innovation**

Interdisciplinary and open-disciplinary modules allow you to create a personalised and flexible approach to your learning. Most Social Sciences degree programmes will allow you to choose something from the suite of modules available through the Curriculum Innovation Programme:

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/cip/interdisciplinary/index.page?>

## **8.8 Programmes with a Minor**

If your degree is eligible, there is the opportunity to study a Minor subject alongside your main programme of study. The Minor will be in a different area to your subject. More information is available on the [Minors website](#).

## **9. Further study opportunities**

Perhaps you are considering postgraduate study. There is a wide range of programmes leading to various qualifications available to you, and selecting the appropriate programme may not be easy. The first thing to realise is that you need to make a well informed decision and therefore the key is to obtain all the information you need. The Faculty always aims to retain its best and brightest students for research. However when collecting information about postgraduate studies, you should cast your net wide. You need to select an area that interests you – a difficult task in itself because you will also seek an area that has good employment prospects. There is also the choice between taught postgraduate programmes leading towards a Master of Science (MSc) and/or research postgraduate degrees.

Further details on the programmes offered by the Faculty can be found on the Faculty's website.

## **10. Regulatory Issues**

We hope that you will be satisfied with your experience during your time as a student at the University of Southampton but we do recognise that, on occasion, things can go wrong. If you have a concern about any aspect of your experience at the University we encourage you to raise it as soon as the concern arises. It is always better to let us know that you feel there is a problem as soon as possible so that the matter may be resolved quickly. You may alternatively wish to consult with your student academic president if it is an

issue in common with other students. Please be reassured that you will not suffer any disadvantage or recrimination as a result of raising a genuine concern, student complaint or academic appeal.

### **10.1 Academic appeals**

Provided you have grounds, you may appeal against any academic decision made by the University. There are some exceptions and you should note you cannot appeal against a decision that has been made in the proper exercise of academic judgment. The [Regulations Governing Academic Appeals by Students](#) outline the policy and the procedure that should be followed should you wish to steps that should be followed when making an academic appeal.

The Students' Union Advice Centre has developed a [Guide](#) for students.

### **10.2 Student complaints**

The [Regulations Governing Student Complaints](#) sets out the process that should be followed should you wish to raise a complaint about a matter relating to either the facilities and services provided by the University, its academic programmes, and the conduct of University staff, and which has materially affected you.

### **10.3 Dignity at work and study**

The University's [Dignity at Work and Study Policy](#) applies to the conduct of staff and students, in the context of their University work of study, or which otherwise affects the working, learning or social environment of the University. Fair criticism of staff or student performance or conduct will not be considered to be bullying or harassment provided that those involved are treated with dignity, courtesy and respect. Any allegation of harassment, bullying or victimisation will be treated seriously, regardless of the seniority of those involved, and anyone found to have behaved unacceptably may be the subject of disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or expulsion.

### **10.4 Student Discipline**

As members of the University community, all students are expected to conduct themselves with due regard for its good name and reputation and are required to comply with the University's Regulations at all times. Any allegation of misconduct will be considered within the [Student Discipline Regulations](#), in accordance with the evidence and circumstances presented. Information for students on discipline is available from the [Student Services website](#).

## Appendix A - Revision Strategy and Examination Techniques

### A.1 Revision strategy

Revision should be an on-going process which starts very early in your programme. The amount of knowledge to be accumulated and the variety of skills and techniques to be developed are large and they are best assimilated gradually and consolidated as you go along. Regular revision is really a part of the learning process but, of necessity, becomes more concentrated as the examination approaches. "Revision" means looking again at things you have already seen – it is not about learning for the first time.

#### A.1.1 Final revision programme

At the start of your final revision schedule (during the Christmas Vacation for Semester 1 exams, and during the Easter Vacation and at the end of the taught element of the programme for Semester 2 exams) you must get organised, and the best way to do this is to devise a revision timetable. Plan your time carefully, give yourself definite objectives for each session, revise actively, test yourself regularly, make notes, and practise problem solving. Use revision sessions to study topics you have worked on before, as revision is simply the process of reminding you of topics and techniques previously understood. You will appreciate how well-organised notes will help you during your revision. Write out important definitions, proofs, formulae and equations, checking them against your notes. Re-work previously solved problems without looking at your previous solution, then attempt questions that you have not looked at before. Make special revision notes for quick reference on cards to keep in your pocket and charts to hang on the wall of your study room. Practise your examination technique.

#### A.1.2 Examination practice

You should be familiar with the modules and syllabuses you will be examined in at the end of Semesters 1 and 2. Analyse recent examination papers. Work out how long you have for each question and become familiar with the style of questions.

During your ordinary study periods you will no doubt have attempted many questions but will have seldom given yourself strict time restrictions. In examinations the timing of your answers to questions is vitally important. Practice answering examination questions in mock examination conditions, allowing yourself only the normal available examination time and the equipment you are permitted to take into the examination room. To obtain 'mock examination' practice save one or two complete examination papers so that you can use them as final test papers 'against the clock'.

Examination nerves are common and understandable but will be lessened if you have followed a sensible course of study and revision. You may not do yourself justice if you have a poor examination technique. The hints on the next page should help you to tackle the examination with greater confidence.

### A.2 Examination techniques

#### A.2.1 Before the day

Before the actual day of your examination, make sure you know:

- the date, day, time and venue of each paper for your course;
- how to get to the examination venue if it is not well known to you;
- your candidate number;
- the telephone number of the Student Office.

Prepare any equipment you will need for your particular examination:

- pens which are comfortable to use;
- sharp pencils, a pencil sharpener and rubber;
- drawing instruments such as a ruler, compasses, protractor, set squares;
- University approved calculator (if allowed) and spare batteries (check that you know how to replace them quickly);
- an accurate watch or small clock.

#### A.2.2 On the Day

*Before the examination:*

Check that you have all the equipment you will need before setting off for your examination with plenty of time to spare. If you are delayed, contact the Student Office (have the telephone number with you) to explain what has happened. Arrive at the examination room early; a late start to an examination cannot

be a good start and you will not be permitted to enter the examination room later than 30 minutes after its scheduled start time.

*Just before the start:*

Listen carefully to the invigilator. There may be some changes or special instructions which you were not expecting or some errors in the paper. Fill in any details, such as your candidate number, when the invigilator instructs you to do so.

*Reading the instructions*

When the invigilator says that you may begin, read the instructions on your examination paper very carefully. Make sure that it is the correct examination paper and, in particular, note:

- the number of sections and questions you have to do;
- how much time you have to do them in;
- which questions (if any) are compulsory;
- what choice of questions (if any) you have;
- how to present your answers.

*Planning your time*

Quickly calculate the length of time you should spend on each question. You will have practised doing this for past papers but make sure that you use the instructions on your actual examination paper, rather than making any assumptions. Try to allow about 10 minutes at the end for checking your paper.

*Choosing the questions*

Read through the whole examination paper carefully, checking that you have read each page. If you have a choice of questions:

- cross out the ones you can't do;
- tick those you can definitely do;
- choose the correct number to do;
- mark the order in which you are going to attempt them, attempting your best question(s) first.

*Answering the question*

Before you attempt to answer a question, read it all again carefully, jotting down points such as formulae and information relating to that question. These hints should help you when writing an answer.

- Plan before you write – the stress of working under time constraints in the exam room can make all your good study intentions disappear. However, this is when it is more important than ever. Take a few minutes to think and plan.
- Think about what the question is actually *asking*. What are you expected to include in your answer. What material will be *relevant*?  
Underline the key words in the question; identify the main topic and discussion areas; choose a few points/arguments about which you can write; make a mini plan which puts them in order before you start writing. You can cross it through afterwards.
- Make sure that your writing is legible.
- Present your answer in a neat, logical and concise way.
- Show all your working; marks are often given for methodology as well as your answers.  
You should be able to refer by name to the main theorists/researchers in your topic, giving the year of their major works. You do not need to give page numbers of lengthy quotes, except in an open book exam. You do not need a reference list.
- Do not do things you are not asked for.
- If relevant, state any principles, results or formulae used and indicate your reasons for using them.
- Check any formulae you use with the formula sheet, if provided.
- Always do a rough estimate of any calculation to check that your answer is sensible.
- When using a calculator, make sure that each calculation is shown clearly in your answer and give your final answer to the required degree of accuracy.
- If you get 'stuck', re-read the question carefully to check that you have not missed any important information or hints given in the question itself.
- When you have completed your answer, re-read the question to check that you have answered all parts.

*Examination discipline*

It is important that you try to keep to the times you have allocated to answering a question or section and that you answer the correct number of questions. If you answer less than the number of questions required you are limiting the number of marks available to you.

*At the end*

Before handing in your examination script check that:

- any 'front sheet' is completed according to the instructions;
- every loose page is clearly marked with your candidate number, etc;
- every answer is numbered correctly;
- pages are numbered clearly and in order

## Appendix B – Departmental Prizes

(It should be noted that the prizes awarded in any year are subject to change and the information provided here for an example only).

<b>Sociology, Social Policy &amp; Criminology</b>
<b>YEAR 1 - The Sociology, Social Policy &amp; Criminology Year 1 Performance prize</b> (£100) is awarded to the UG student demonstrating the best overall performance in the first year of their degree programme.
<b>YEAR 2 - The Sociology, Social Policy &amp; Criminology Year 2 Performance prize</b> (£100) is awarded to the UG student demonstrating the best overall performance in the second year of their degree programme.
<b>YEAR 3 - The Sociology, Social Policy &amp; Criminology Year 3 Performance prize</b> (£100) is awarded to the UG student demonstrating the best overall performance in the final year of their degree programme.
<b>YEAR 3 - The John H Smith Prize</b> (£100) is awarded to the UG student who has gained the highest mark in her/his final year dissertation. John Smith was a professor of sociology in the 1980's.

## Appendix C – Study Abroad opportunities in Social Sciences

There are many benefits to studying abroad. Many companies now require their employees to liaise and converse with colleagues from all around the world. By studying abroad and gaining cultural and linguistic skills, students compete more effectively in an increasingly global market place.

The Social Sciences at the University of Southampton has a range of [Erasmus](#) partners across Europe as well as partnerships with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Western Ontario, Hong Kong University, University of Sydney and Sao Paulo University in Brazil (only economics). Thus there are numerous opportunities for current students to broaden their horizons and have a period of study in another country. At most of our partner universities, courses are taught in English.

Further information can be found at the web pages shown below or by email to [studyabroad.socialsciences@soton.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad.socialsciences@soton.ac.uk)

<b>University</b>	<a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/study_exchange/studyabroad_exchange_home.shtml">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/study_exchange/studyabroad_exchange_home.shtml</a>
<b>Sociology, Social Policy &amp; Criminology</b>	<a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/sociology/undergraduate/study/exchanges.page?">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/sociology/undergraduate/study/exchanges.page?</a>

If you are interested please contact the SSPC exchange coordinator, Dr Nana Zhang – [Nana.Zhang@soton.ac.uk](mailto:Nana.Zhang@soton.ac.uk)

## Appendix D – Key roles within the Academic Unit

See below a list of academic staff in the academic unit of Social Sciences and in your department.  
Please note that this list may be subject to change.

Key Educational Roles within with Academic Unit	
Head of Academic Unit	Derek McGhee
Director of Research & Enterprise	Ros Edwards
Director of Programmes	Emanuela Lotti
Academic Integrity Officer	Jakub Bijak
Employability Coordinator	Rebecca Taylor
Director of Academic Partnerships	Jan Podivinsky

Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology	Semester 1	Semester 2
Head of Department	Professor Pauline Leonard	Professor Jenny Fleming
Head of Teaching Programmes	Dr Paul Bridgen	Dr Paul Bridgen
UG Programme Lead	Dr Karen Anderson	Dr Craig Webber
PGT Programme Lead	Professor Traute Meyer	Professor Traute Meyer
PGR Programme Lead	Dr Bindi Shah	Dr Bindi Shah
Examinations Officer	Dr Karen Anderson	Dr Karen Anderson
Extensions Officer	Sarah Chapman ( <a href="mailto:SSPC.StudentOffice@soton.ac.uk">SSPC.StudentOffice@soton.ac.uk</a> )	Sarah Chapman ( <a href="mailto:SSPC.StudentOffice@soton.ac.uk">SSPC.StudentOffice@soton.ac.uk</a> )
Admissions Officer (UG)	Dr Alisa Stevens Professor Susan Halford (BSc Web Sci)	To be confirmed
Admissions Officer (PGT)	Professor Traute Meyer Professor Jenny Fleming (MSc Crim)	Professor Traute Meyer Professor Jenny Fleming (MSc Crim)
Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator	Dr Nana Zhang	Dr Nana Zhang
Employability Coordinator	Dr Rebecca Taylor and Dr Lambros Fatsis	Dr Rebecca Taylor and Dr Lambros Fatsis

## Appendix E – Grade Descriptors and categorical marking scheme

First class	Description	First class qualities include relevance (a high degree of focus on the question), accuracy of interpretation, originality and insightfulness of analysis, critical reflection, wide reading, coherence of structure, and clarity of expression. These factors will be present to varying degrees in a first class answer.
100	Outstanding 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>An assessment that could not be bettered within the time available.</b>
90	Excellent 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Distinguished by substantial scholarship and, in some cases, originality.</b>
85	Very good 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>An answer that includes almost all the first class qualities.</b>
78	Good 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>An answer showing a great deal of insight into the question, and one which indicates wide reading beyond the reference lists provided in course handouts.</b>
72	Low 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>An answer showing substantial evidence of most of the first class qualities, demonstrating a comprehensive coverage of the subject matter and relevant literature, a very strong analysis, and no major inaccuracies of interpretation.</b>
Upper second class		Upper second class qualities include a good degree of focus on the question and accuracy of interpretation, evidence of reading of the core literature and some insightful analysis. Although not necessarily original, the answer will articulate a clear and well-supported viewpoint on the key issues being discussed. The work will be well-structured and relatively clearly expressed.
68	High 2:1 – Very good	<b>Displays all upper second qualities, but narrowly misses first class, most commonly in areas of insight or breadth of additional reading.</b>
65	Mid 2:1 – Good	<b>An answer that displays most of the upper second class qualities. There will be clear evidence of reading of relevant literature and key issues will be interpreted accurately, although the answer may not be entirely comprehensive, or may be let down by one or two weaker components such as coherency of structure.</b>
62	Low 2:1 – Capable	<b>An answer which displays some of the upper second class qualities. There will be evidence of reading of relevant literature and key issues will be interpreted mostly accurately, although the answer may be let down by one or two weaker components such as coherency of structure, coverage of key issues and readings.</b>
Lower second class		Lower second class qualities include a good degree of relevance, coverage of the topic and accuracy of interpretation. There is evidence of reading, but it is limited in extent. Coherence of structure, clarity of analysis and degree of insight and critical reflection are also limited.
58	High 2:2 – Competent	<b>Displays all of the lower second class qualities, but fails to demonstrate much reading. Structure is present, but may not be the most suitable. Typically, such an answer may cover the course material and be correct, but display a lower level of clarity in comprehension and analysis than a low 2:1.</b>
55	Mid 2:2 – Satisfactory	<b>An answer that displays most of the lower second class qualities, largely relevant and accurate and covering the topic, but with limited coverage of the literature and limited insight.</b>
52	Low 2:2 – Adequate	<b>Some of the required qualities are significantly lacking. The structure may be weak, or there may be little evidence of reading. An answer at this level may be let down by significant sections which are not relevant to the question, or by some inaccuracy of interpretation.</b>
Third class		Work with severe shortcomings in presentation, relevance, analysis and structure. Though there may be some evidence of basic knowledge of the literature, it is likely to be superficial and/or inaccurate.
48	High 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rudimentary	<b>An answer that is relevant to the question and demonstrates some of the key points, but with little or no evidence of reading, and possibly large segments of inappropriate material. The answer demonstrates little or no insight and is weakly structured.</b>
45	Mid 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Weak	<b>An answer that is only partly relevant to the question and covers only some of the key issues, with little or no evidence of reading, and possibly large segments of inappropriate material. The answer demonstrates little or no insight and is weakly structured.</b>
42	Low 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Very weak	<b>An answer that demonstrates only a rudimentary understanding of the key issues, with little focus on the question, little or no evidence of reading, and</b>

		<b>possibly large segments of inappropriate material. The answer demonstrates little or no insight and is weakly structured.</b>
Fail		Poor answers with serious omissions or errors. A distinction is made between answers at the higher end of this range, which typically demonstrate a serious weakness in argument and/or a lack of knowledge and understanding, and answers at the lower end, which are simply deemed inadequate.
38	<b>Bare qualifying fail – Poor</b>	<b>Answers with serious omissions or errors, but with some material relevant to the question. There is evidence that the question has been understood in part, but that there is only a fragmented and shallow acquaintance with the subject. Work at this level will demonstrate serious weakness in argument, and/or a serious lack of knowledge and understanding.</b>
28	<b>Low qualifying fail – Inadequate</b>	Little substance or understanding, but with a vague knowledge of the correct answer.
18	<b>Unqualifying fail – Unsatisfactory</b>	Some relevant facts but an inadequate structure and approach leading to a jumble of disorganised material. This grade is also appropriate for an answer which is wholly tangential to the question, or to a very short answer (less than one side), without promise of being better had it been longer.
0	<b>Wholly unsatisfactory</b>	Virtually nothing of relevance to the answer, lacking any real structure.

NB please note these grade descriptors may be amended by module tutors where non-standard forms of assessment (eg presentations) are used. These amendments will be detailed in the relevant module handbook.