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University of Southampton

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Courses



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Restricted Courses

Medicine and Health Sciences modules are not available to exchange students. Chemistry and some modules within Engineering disciplines will also be unavailable for exchange students.

Games Design and Art exchange is only available in semester 1, not semester 2.

Workload Requirements

Workload per semester

30 ECTS or 60 CATS (Southampton credits). Modules are typically worth 7.5 ECTS each.

Contact hours per module

Typically, 3 contact hours per module per week. The exact ratio of contact hours to independent study hours is listed in the module catalogue for each individual module.

Assessment style

A variety of assessment methods are used. Typically: exams, coursework, group and individual presentations. The exact assessment style and its weight in the final grade are listed in the module catalogue for each individual module.

Student Life at Southampton



The University of Southampton boasts a large community of International students, with clubs, activities and restaurants to help you stay connected to home as you explore the bustling seaside city of Southampton. Get active with our sports centres and gyms, visit our campuses, from the state-of-the-art Boldrewood Campus to the classically beautiful Avenue Campus, experience UK football at St Mary's Stadium or discover the lively music scene at our many live venues.

Visit our Student Life and International Student Support pages to learn more.



[Student Life Page](#)

[International Students Support Page](#)

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

ESN is an organisation by international students for international students. They offer a range of social activities where you can meet other exchange students at the University of Southampton. They regularly host events such as curry and quiz nights, trips to local cafes and bars, and the annual trip to Edinburgh.

You can find them on Instagram at [esn_southampton](#).

Admission Requirements



English Language Requirements

All single-semester exchange students (from partner universities) must submit an English Language Proficiency Letter. Each student must provide one letter, completed and signed by their home institution's representatives to confirm that the student has a minimum English Language proficiency equivalent to B2 in all four areas.

All other students (full-year exchange students and fee-paying single semester or full-year students) must meet our entry requirements and submit their IELTS/TOEFL or Duolingo certificate dated within 2 years of the start of the term they are applying for.

Requirements: Minimum IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in all components or an equivalent standard in other qualifications. Some courses may require a higher score. Please contact us if uncertain.

Download the Partner Confirmation of English Proficiency Form [here](#).

Academic Requirements

All students must have a GPA of minimum 3 on a 4-point scale or equivalent standard.

Tuition Fees



Exchange students do not need to pay tuition fees.

For **Fee-Paying Study Abroad** students, a tuition fee will be payable. Please see our [tuition fees page](#) for more details.

All incoming Study Abroad students are entitled to a 5% discount on tuition fees unless alternative arrangements exist with the sending institution.

Information about paying tuition fees: [Pay your tuition fees | University of Southampton](#)

Nomination and Application Procedures



Nomination Process

All Exchange Students must first be nominated through an online nomination platform. Email nominations will not be accepted.

The link to this platform changes with each nomination period. The correct link will be shared with coordinators via email at the start of the nomination period.

If you do not receive this link and you would like to nominate students, please get in touch with us before the deadline.

Nomination Deadlines

Semester 1 (Fall) and Full Year

15 March

Semester 2 (Spring)

29 September



[Application Process](#)

We will contact nominated students directly with the application form, application deadline, and application instructions. Students are asked to submit their application documents to us by email.

The full application procedure and required documents are also available on [our website](#).

[Application Deadlines](#)

Semester 1 (Fall) and Full Year

15 May

Semester 2 (Spring)

15 October

Term Dates



Semester 1 (Autumn)

Semester 1: 22 September 2025 - 24 January 2026

Christmas break: 14 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

Semester 2 (Spring)

Semester 2: 26 January - 13 June 2026

Easter break: 22 March - 19 April 2026

Visa Application



Is a visa necessary?

Yes. For detailed and up-to-date information, please visit [UK Visas and Immigration Government website](#).

Required documents

Visit the University of Southampton's [Visa and Immigration Guidance page](#).

Contact the Visas Team

Contact the Visa and Immigration Student Advice Service (VISAS) by [email or drop-in online chat](#).

General Information



Enabling and Support Services

Our Enabling Services team provide support for students with disabilities, mental health conditions, or specific learning difficulties. See more here: [Student Disability & Wellbeing | University of Southampton](#)

For additional support options available to students, please see our [support and wellbeing page](#).

Airport Pick-Up (Meet & Greet)

The University offers a free Meet and Greet airport collection service to first-time arriving students. This service is available in both semester 1 and semester 2 from select airports only.

For a list of airports and more information, see our [Meet and Greet Service page](#).

Cost of Living in the UK

Approximately £1,000 per month, depending on accommodation and living expenses. See guidance on [student living costs in Southampton](#).

Transcripts

Transcripts will be available to order at the end of each semester, after marks are released. Students are solely responsible for obtaining the transcript through the official ordering

process outlined on [this page](#). Students can order a digital and/or hard copy of their transcript after the following dates:

Semester 1 – 20th February 2025

Semester 2 – 26th June 2025

The exact dates for the following academic year are published every September and may change by a day or two.

When a student orders their transcript via the online store, they can add their home university as a recipient for their transcript. The University of Southampton certificates team will then send the transcript to the student and their home university nominator. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they add home university contacts as recipients when ordering a transcript. As of August 2025, transcripts can take up to 30 working days to be delivered.

University Accommodation



A range of accommodation options are available at a variety of price points and locations close to each of our campuses. Our rooms are all single-occupancy and can be private en-suite rooms or shared bathroom rooms. Students can submit special requests, such as accessibility features, a quieter room, a single-gender or alcohol-free flat, and more.

An offer of accommodation is guaranteed for students coming to Southampton for a single semester only, provided they apply by the deadline.

For students coming to Southampton for the full academic year, we cannot guarantee accommodation, but we try to prioritise your application where possible. Please see our accommodation website for details on how to apply: [Student accommodation | University of Southampton](#)

For accommodation application deadlines, check the accommodation website above.

Students who do not want to apply for university accommodation or are unsuccessful in their application will need to find private rented accommodation. The Students' Union provides guidance [here](#).

Email: accommodation@soton.ac.uk

University of Southampton Summer School



The University of Southampton International Summer School offers short non-accredited courses to students from all over the world. Students can choose to attend one or more courses during July each year, and experience life and education at a UK Russell Group University and in the beautiful maritime city of Southampton. Information on courses for 2026 will be available on our website starting October 2025. Students can register their

interest and view example courses from 2025 on the website here: [International Summer School | University of Southampton](#)

If your university is considering sending a group of 5 or more students, please email summer@soton.ac.uk for information on potential partnerships and discounts.



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