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WHY SOLENT



Everything we do at Solent is focused on you. And with our centres located in the heart of popular UK cities, you are in control of your learning.

We provide all the skills, knowledge and practical experience you'll need - all the things employers are looking for. So when you graduate, you'll already feel like a professional.



Four-star rated overall, with five stars for employability, facilities, inclusiveness, internationalisation and teaching.
(QS World University Rankings, 2019)

LEARN FROM EXPERTS

Taught by professionals in their field, you'll learn knowledge and practical skills, and how to apply them.



DIVERSE COMMUNITY

With over 60,000 graduates from more than 100 different countries, our centres provide a diverse global community for an immersive and worldly experience.



LIVE AND LEARN IN AN EXCITING CITY

Based in the centre of three of the UK's most notable cities, your university experience will be right in the heart of the action.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

With the help of our on-site support teams, receive academic and career support to assist your studies.



COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

This is university with a twist. Engage with students from various universities and a range of courses, all in one modern centre.



STUDY YOUR WAY

All of our students will be taught on our blended learning approach, combining live online learning with face-to-face on-campus sessions.

We offer daytime study and evening and weekend study options. This flexibility of learning means our students can balance studying in and around other commitments as well as build friendships and join a vibrant community.

DAYTIME STUDY

This study option allows students to study conventionally, with 2 to 3 days of the week (Monday to Friday) dedicated to your lectures and seminars.

These dates will be confirmed when you receive your timetable each academic year.

EVENING AND WEEKEND STUDY

If you are a working professional with a full-time career, or a parent with childcare commitments – this is the study option for you. You will be required to attend 12 hours of classes each week, with an additional 38 hours of self-study in your own time.

An average week may look like this:

Two evenings per week: 5.45pm – 8.30pm

One weekend day per week: 9.30am – 3.00pm





SOLENT AND LONDON

Our London centre is based among the buzz of the West End in London's booming financial district. The selection of restaurants, cafés, bars and more are all within walking distance.

Experience everything that London has to offer with frequent and easily accessible transport surrounding our London centre. Hop on the tube to get to Zone 1 popular hotspots - including Oxford Street, Soho and Covent Garden - and travel to iconic London attractions; from world-famous museums and libraries, to vibrant restaurants and bars in an instant.

This friendly multi-university centre provides various open classroom space as well as a peaceful library for quiet and reflective study. In addition, the student breakout area offers the opportunity to engage with a multitude of students in a welcoming social space.

Further along from this centre is our Student Hub – a contemporary space with the 21st century learner in mind. Equipped with up-to-date technology and furnishings, students have access to a relaxed and informal space for studying and socialising, including:

- PCs, printing services and a modern library
- Social and refreshment spaces
- Dedicated careers and employability areas
- Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) support area

Find out more: qa.solent.ac.uk/london



VOTED BEST STUDENT CITY IN QS STUDENT
CITIES GUIDE

(2018, 2019, 2022)



SOLENT AND BIRMINGHAM

Known as England's second city, our Birmingham centre is located minutes away from the refurbished New Street station in the heart of the city centre. With easy access to a flourish of shops in the renowned Bullring, and a selection of dining and social opportunities, this centre is surrounded with culture and community.

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Situated in the heart of the city centre, this campus offers many different work spaces and opportunities to meet students from other universities. Spend time in the relaxed breakout area playing pool or table tennis, or relax in the ground floor café for a casual coffee and a chat. In addition, it is equipped with contemporary equipment and facilities:

- Spacious classrooms with interactive learning facilities
- Extensive resources in a welcoming library
- Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) and
- Careers Team support
- On-site café and catering facilities

Birmingham is an ideal place to study and enhance your career, as the large selection of businesses creates more opportunity for part-time work experience and prospective internships.

Find out more: qa.solent.ac.uk/birmingham



SOLENT AND MANCHESTER

Thriving with culture, creativity and opportunity, the city of Manchester is embedded within this centre. Manchester has a large business community, providing students with a great opportunity for career development.

As the third largest city in the UK - closely behind London and Birmingham – Manchester is home to more than 85,000 students from across the globe. A city with a passion for innovation, it is a hub of activity with something to suit all. Theatres, restaurants and bars, museums, galleries and more are all within local distance of our centre to ensure your university experience is as social as possible.

Housed in one of QA's refurbished spaces, this is a state-of-the-art learning environment with modern facilities. Located in a modern commercial building, this spacious centre is home to a large pool of students from multiple universities. With breakout area spaces to relax in, this building is also equipped with contemporary equipment and facilities:

- Spacious classrooms with interactive learning facilities
- On-site self-catering facilities and nearby cafés

The centre is conveniently located near many key transport links that assist students with getting to and from the centre. The city's excellent tram and bus networks run close to the building as well as Manchester Piccadilly station, offering train services across the UK.

Find out more: qa.solent.ac.uk/manchester

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FOUNDATION YEAR

Need additional support to meet the entry requirements of your undergraduate degree? Our foundation year is designed for you.

START YOUR JOURNEY HERE

Solent University's Foundation Year will enable you to spend a year building up essential study skills and a strong foundation of knowledge, before progressing straight onto your chosen specialist undergraduate degree the following year.

FILL THE GAP BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY

For some students, especially those who are not originally from the UK, the leap between high school and university can be daunting. Our Foundation Years are designed for students who would like to start a related undergraduate degree but don't yet meet the entry requirements. Students can use this Foundation Year as a stepping stone into their desired course.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DEGREE

The Foundation Year is ideal for those who are looking for an alternative route into higher education, or who wish to update or broaden their knowledge before progressing onto an undergraduate degree.



ADJUST TO LIFE AT UNIVERSITY

Students who opt to do the Foundation Year have a good opportunity to settle into every day and academic life before starting their undergraduate degree. Students can use this time to make new friends and find their way around campus.

SECURE YOUR PLACE AT SOLENT

Solent's Foundation Year will help students take the first step into higher education, broadening their industry knowledge and enabling them to enrol onto a related undergraduate degree.

Find out more:

qa.solent.ac.uk/courses



Solent's employment rate is higher than the sector average for the second year in a row.
(Higher Education Graduate Outcomes Statistics 2018/19)

BSC (HONS) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (WITH FOUNDATION YEAR)



Are you fascinated by the corporate world? Do you want to pursue a career in business leadership?

IT STARTS HERE

The BSc (Hons) Business Management aims to fuse academic business with theory with industry application, enhancing your employability and career prospects. You will explore specialist theory and knowledge in a systematic and critical way in order to develop your understanding of contemporary international business and enterprise sector issues.

The Foundation Year will provide you with the knowledge and skills to progress and succeed onto your undergraduate course, having developed essential knowledge of business and employability skills in the process.

	3 year	4 year
Level	Undergraduate degree	
Location	London, Birmingham and Manchester	
Intakes	October and February	
Tuition fee	£9,250 (per annum)	
Mode of study	Full-time	
Study hours per week	9-12 hours of lectures and seminars	
Assessment method	Coursework, presentations and business simulation	
Entry requirements	96-112 UCAS points or equivalent	48 UCAS points or equivalent
English language requirements	GCSE English at Grade 4/C, or above; IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5 in each band, or equivalent	GCSE English at Grade 4/C or above; IELTS 5.5 with no component less than 5.0 in each band, or equivalent

CAREERS

Recent graduates have gone on to Recruitment Consultant, Operations Manager, Omni-channel Analyst and TV Research Executive roles at companies including Stearn Electric, Proco Global, Kingfisher and Grahame Robb Associates.

EXAMPLE MODULES

Foundation year

- Academic & Personal Development
- Fundamentals of Business
- Introduction to Marketing Insights
- Business Project
- Introduction to Enterprise & Entrepreneurship
- Understanding Finance

Year one

- Positive Psychology for Success
- Creative Enterprise & Innovation
- Contemporary Management Theory
- Business Finance for Managers
- Marketing, Sales & Negotiation
- Data Analysis Tools & Applications

Year two

- Project Management in Business
- Operations Management
- Global Challenges for Sustainable Growth
- Social Enterprise
- Values Driven Leadership
- Customer Experience

Year three

- Sustainable Strategic Management
- Research Methods
- Developing the Professional Manager
- Ecological Economics
- Business Start-up
- Final Major Project

All modules are core and worth 20 credits, unless specified

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BSC (HONS) COMPUTING (WITH FOUNDATION YEAR)



Develop your interests and pursue a career in Computing with the BSc (Hons) Computing (with Foundation Year). Studying this programme focuses on the technical aspects of computing, allowing you to gain the necessary knowledge to begin a successful computing career.

IT STARTS HERE

Available as both 3 and 4-year programmes, the 4-year programme includes the addition of a foundation year, ideal for students who wish to increase their knowledge of computing prior to the undergraduate degree. This benefits students who lack the formal qualifications for direct entry onto the degree programme.

The undergraduate programme has a large focus on programming. During these 3 years of study, you will attain a range of information surrounding databases, usability and web technologies, and networking, as well as gaining a set of transferable skills such as communication, teamwork and project management.

	Year 3	Year 4
Level	Undergraduate degree	
Location	London, Birmingham and Manchester	
Intakes	October, February and June	
Tuition fee	£9,250 (per annum)	
Mode of study	Full-time	
Study hours per week	9-12 hours of lectures, seminars and laboratory sessions	
Assessment method	Coursework and exams	
Entry requirements	72-96 UCAS points or equivalent	48 UCAS points or equivalent
English language requirements	GCSE English at Grade 4/C, or above; IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5 in each band, or equivalent	GCSE English at Grade 4/C or above; IELTS 5.5 with no component less than 5.0 in each band, or equivalent

CAREERS

Recent graduates have secured roles in software development, web design, network, database or project management and have gone on to work for companies such as Ordix AG, Bottomline Technologies, FDM Group, Dev Net Mobile AG and Accenture.

EXAMPLE MODULES

Foundation year

- Problem Solving
- Foundation Mathematics
- Group Technology Project
- Digital Media Technologies
- Foundation Computing
- Individual Degree Related Project

Year one

- UX - User Experience
- Introduction to Networks & Security
- Problem Solving Through Programming
- Introduction to Databases
- Data Analysis Tools & Application
- Web Technologies

Year two

- Advanced Database Systems
- Object Oriented Development
- Analytics & Business Intelligence
- Research Methods Project
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Web Application Development

Year three

- Contemporary Web Applications
- UX Strategies
- Data Science
- Industrial Consulting Project
- Dissertation Project (40 credits)

All modules are core and worth 20 credits, unless specified

THE ACE TEAM

The Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) Team have years of experience providing academic guidance to students of Solent University Centres.

With years of professional and academic experience, they are on hand to provide students with expertise in:

- Academic writing
- Improving reading capabilities
- Referencing
- Maths and computing skills

During your time on campus, the team support you in the following three ways:

ONE-TO-ONE TUTORIALS

Book a face-to-face or online 30-minute tutorial to discuss how they can help with your academic development. This includes everything from paraphrasing, referencing, academic writing styles to general knowledge questions.

WORKSHOPS

Available throughout the year, these workshops highlight many academic topics. You will be able to attend a drop-in session to ask any questions you may have, and discuss answers with your fellow students.

SELF-ACCESS LEARNING MATERIALS

The ACE Team also provide you with a collection of materials that cover answers to many frequently asked questions. You will gain full access to the quick guides, videos and presentations via your Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) during your studies.



THE CAREERS TEAM

Making decisions regarding your career can be challenging which is why the Careers Team is on-hand to prepare you for your professional life after studying.

When you come to study with us, you receive in-depth advice and assistance with your career development. We want you to achieve your ambitions, make the most out of your experiences, develop your skills and help you manage your future career.

Attend interactive group workshops covering a range of popular topics; from CV writing to tips to perfecting your interview.

Receive bespoke support tailored around your chosen career path from our dedicated Career Consultants and make use of the variety of services the team offer.

Their areas of expertise include:

- General career advice
- Job searching
- CV writing skills
- Application form guidance
- Interview preparation



MONEY AND SUPPORT

As an undergraduate student, you'll have two main types of expenses – tuition fees and your living costs. Some courses also have additional or optional costs – for field visits or equipment, for example – and you can find details of these on our course pages.

TUITION FEES

For the latest information on fees, visit qa.solent.ac.uk/finance

Eligible home students from England can apply for a loan from Student Finance England (SFE) to cover tuition fees.* This loan doesn't depend on your household income and is paid directly to the University on your behalf. You only need to start paying this loan back when you are earning more than £25,000 per year.

*Terms and conditions apply please visit: qa.solent.ac.uk/centres/terms-conditions for the most up to date information.

MAINTENANCE LOANS

Eligible home students, including those under the EU settlement scheme can apply for a loan to support them while they study which will be paid into their bank account in three instalments at the beginning of each academic term.

The amount available depends on:

- Where you live while studying.
- Your assessed ('means-tested') family income.
- Your entitlement to state benefits.

For more information, please visit: gov.uk/student-finance

LIVING COSTS

It's important that you are aware of your everyday costs as a student and how these differ from city to city.

Your day-to-day costs cover everything from accommodation and utility bills to entertainment and food costs.

As a rough guide, you can expect the following monthly costs in each of the city locations in which we offer courses:

London: £1,334 per month

Birmingham: £1,023 per month

Manchester: £1,023 per month

ADDITIONAL COSTS

In addition to the tuition fees, you should be prepared to buy some of the course textbooks which are around £30 each. This would average around £200 per annum.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions relating to finance, then please don't hesitate to contact our Finance team on **+44 (0)20 3925 6352**.



APPLICATION JOURNEY



CHECK YOUR ENTRY POINT

Check which entry point is most suitable for you and the minimum grades for your target course.

Find out more:

qa.solent.ac.uk/entry-reqs



TALK TO US

If you would like more information, please contact us and our advisers will be able to discuss the details of your academic history and recommend the best entry point for you.



COLLECT YOUR REFERENCES

In order for you to make a successful application to Solent University, you are required to submit one reference along with your application.



COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have decided which course you want to apply for, you can begin to fill in the application form. Visit qa.solent.ac.uk/applicationhub for additional support to complete your application.



DRAFT YOUR STATEMENT

Draft your personal statement carefully so that it reflects your choice of course(s) and why you have chosen them.



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your application along with your supporting documents via our online admissions portal.

HOW TO FIND US

SOLENT UNIVERSITY CENTRE LOCATIONS

London

10 Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1R 4TF

Birmingham

5th Floor, Centre City, 5-7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA

Manchester

Saint James Buildings, 61-95 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6FQ



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Solent University and QA Higher Education are committed to being equal opportunities education providers and will therefore make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants and students.

The information given in this publication is accurate at the time of going to print in January 2022 and the University and QA Higher Education will use all reasonable efforts to deliver the programmes as described.

The University and QA Higher Education reserve the right to withdraw or change the programmes or programme combinations included in this prospectus. These changes will only be made as a result of UK legal compliance, minimum student number requirements or for course validation reasons and applicants will be contacted by the University or QA Higher Education at the earliest opportunity in the instance of these changes occurring.

Please check the website for up-to-date information on our programmes.

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