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Why Solent?

Our courses are led by experienced industry professionals, with cutting-edge research and innovation built into our teaching. Taught with a blended learning approach, we will put you in control of your studies.

We work with a variety of businesses to understand the knowledge and skills that employers value and want. We will help you to become a highly-skilled and motivated professional ready for your career ahead.

We're rated triple gold in the latest **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) review from the UK government Office for Students (2023)**.



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 75,000 graduates from more than 100 different countries, you will be part of a diverse global community.



Live and learn in an exciting city

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



Academic support

With the help of our on-site support teams, you will receive academic and career support to help with 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, 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.

You will be required to take part in classes with additional self-study in your own time.

Daytime study

This study option allows you to study conventionally, with two to three 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 have a full-time career, or are a parent with childcare commitments – this is the study option for you.





Solent and London





Our London centre is based in the buzz of the capital's booming financial district, with a great selection of restaurants, cafés, bars and more, 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 spaces as well as a peaceful library for quiet and reflective study. In addition, the student breakout area offers the opportunity to engage with your peers 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:

- **A modern library and study space with IT facilities**
- **Social and refreshment spaces**
- **Dedicated careers and employability areas**
- **Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) support area**



Overall living costs in London total to £1,500.*

- Accommodation: £1,000 per month
- Groceries: £50-£70 per week
- Transportation: £8 per day




Voted Best UK Student City in WS Student Cities Guide (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)

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

*estimated cost

Solent and Birmingham





Known as England's second city, our Birmingham centre is located in the heart of the city centre, close to travel connections

Birmingham is an ideal place to study and enhance your career, as the large selection of businesses offer many opportunities for part-time work and prospective internships.

This campus offers 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 one of the many city centre cafés and coffee shops. In addition, the campus is equipped with contemporary equipment and facilities:

- **Spacious classrooms with interactive learning facilities**
- **Library with extensive resources**
- **On-site catering facilities**
- **Academic Community of Excellence (ACE)**
- **Careers support team**



Overall living costs in Birmingham total to £1,000.*


- Accommodation: £800 per month
- Groceries: £40-£50 per week
- Transportation: £5 per day

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

*estimated cost

Solent and Manchester





Enjoy a city thriving with culture, creativity and opportunities, with our centre embedded at the heart of Manchester. The city has a large business community, providing students with a great opportunity for career development.

As the third largest city in the UK, Manchester is home to around 100,000 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 short distances of our centre to ensure your university experience is as social as possible.

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.

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 including:

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



Overall living costs in Manchester total to £1,000.*

- Accommodation: £950 per month
- Groceries: £45-£60 per week
- Transportation: £5 per day

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

*estimated cost





Our Courses

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



Foundation Year

Do you need additional support to meet the entry requirements of your undergraduate degree? Our Foundation Year is designed for you.



Prepare for your degree

Solent University's foundation year will help you take the first step into higher education, building essential study skills and refreshing your knowledge before progressing onto an undergraduate degree the following year.



Bridge the gap between 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 - but the foundation year can be a stepping stone into your desired course and future career. It also gives you a chance to make friends, receive all the support you need and find your way around the campus.



Secure your place at Solent

Apply online to study one of our undergraduate courses in London, Birmingham or Manchester.

Find out more and follow our step-by-step guide:
qa.solent.ac.uk/how-to-apply

Find out more qa.solent.ac.uk/courses





BSc (Hons) Business Management

Also available with a foundation year

**Are you fascinated by the world of business?
Do you dream of becoming a future leader?**

It starts here

Our business management degree will help you become an ethical, values-driven professional, equipping you with employability-focused skills to help you thrive in your future career.

The BSc (Hons) Business Management with foundation year is ideal if you are just beginning your journey into the world of business and need extra support to meet the standard entry requirements.

	3 years	4 years (Foundation Year)
Level	Undergraduate degree	
Location	London, Birmingham and Manchester	
Intakes	October, February and June	October and February
Tuition fee	£9,250 (per year)	
Mode of study	Full-time, blended learning	
Contact hours per week	9-12 hours of taught content per week, supported by guided learning	
Assessment method	Coursework, presentations and business simulation	
Entry requirements	112-128 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
Alternatively, applicants can sit the QA Higher Education English test.		

Careers

"The market size of the Management Consultants industry in the UK increased faster than the economy overall" (Ibis World 2022)

This course is the first step towards your career goals, providing you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the business world.

You'll develop transferable and industry-focused skills that will make you the ideal candidate for jobs in a variety of fields and industries.

Recent graduates have gone on to become Recruitment Consultants, Operations Managers, Analysts and TV Research Executives at companies including Stearn Electric, Proco Global, Kingfisher and Grahame Robb Associates.

Suitable roles for graduates include:

- Account Manager
- Business Analyst
- Business Development Executive
- Financial Manager
- Human Resource Officer
- Marketing and Sales Director
- Management Consultant
- Project Manager
- Recruitment Consultant

Skills:

- Marketing
- Project management
- Leadership
- Finance
- Communications
- Problem solving

Example modules

Foundation year

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

Year one

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

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

BSc (Hons) Computing

Also available with a foundation year

**Do you have a passion for computing?
Are you fascinated by modern technologies?**

It starts here

This programme focuses on the technical aspects of computing, placing a strong emphasis on programming skills and giving you the chance to gain an industry Cisco certificate. This will help you to attain the vital technical knowledge required to pursue a range of IT careers, as well as the transferable employability skills needed to secure your first role.

This hands-on degree will encourage you to develop an extensive knowledge of computer programming, including Java and Python, UX, web APIs, JSON, HTML5 and big data analytics. You will have the opportunity to develop these skills by designing, building and implementing computer systems, culminating in a major final-year software development project.

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Tuition fee	£9,250 (per year)	
Mode of study	Full-time, blended learning	
Contact hours per week	9-12 hours of taught content per week, supported by guided learning	
Assessment method	Coursework and exams	
Entry requirements	112-128 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
Alternatively, applicants can sit the QA Higher Education English test.		

Careers

This course provides the academic skills and professional qualifications you'll need to pursue a career in a wide range of areas. Graduates of this course possess a broad array of skills and specialisms, making them well suited for a diverse range of computing roles, from software development or IT support to web development and networking.

Examples of employment obtained by recent graduates include working for Ordix AG, Bottomline Technologies, FDM Group, Dev Net Mobile AG and Accenture.

Graduates can secure roles in:

- Software development
- Project management
- Web design
- Database management
- IT support
- Network management

Skills:

- Programming languages
- SaaS
- Management and leadership
- Network security
- Web development
- Project management
- UX design
- Data analysis and research
- Communication

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 and Security
- Problem Solving Through Programming
- Introduction to Databases
- Data Analysis Tools and Application
- Web Technologies

Year two

- Advanced Database Systems
- Object Oriented Development
- Analytics and 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.

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





Student support

qa.solent.ac.uk/student-support



ACE team

The Academic Community of Excellence (ACE) team has many years of experience providing academic guidance to students of Solent University centres.

The team provides expertise in:

- Academic reading and writing
- Referencing
- Maths, Excel and computing skills

One-to-one appointments

Book a face-to-face or online 30-minute tutorial to discuss your academic development.

Workshops

Scheduled workshops take place throughout the year covering a range of academic topics and are bookable through your virtual learning environment (VLE).

Self-access learning materials

A collection of ACE guides, videos and presentations are available when you need them. These resources, based on common questions and academic needs, are accessible on your VLE.



Careers team

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.

Receive bespoke support tailored around your chosen career path from our dedicated career consultants and make use of the variety of services the team offers including:

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



Library team

As a student you have access to the premium learning and research resources and study facilities our library has to offer. The online library portal features reading lists, databases, guides, and videos that you can access any time to support your studies. For personalised support, you can book a consultation with a librarian to help you plan your research, select relevant sources, and access them.



Accommodation team

Living away from home is a huge part of the student experience and there is a lot to think about when deciding where to live. The accommodation team can advise you on your options including:

- Private rentals
- Homestays
- Shared accommodation

You will also have to consider location, transport and amenities when deciding where to live. If you have accessibility requirements our team can help find accommodation to suit your needs.



Welfare team

The dedicated welfare team works alongside mental health practitioners and a counselling service to support you when you need it during your studies.

The team is on hand to assist with any queries or personal matters that you may have during your studies, and is here to help, no matter how big or small you think your issue is. You can also access a range of guides and resources online that the team has put together.



Academic help hub

The academic help hub is managed by our academic advisors from one email address, making it quick and simple for you to get the support you need, when you need it; from academic advice to personal guidance. The hub's support will help to ensure that your time as a student goes as smoothly as possible. If you need additional help to complete your studies, the hub can provide advice, guidance and support.



Financial 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.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/student-finance or contact us

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 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: £1,500 per month*

Birmingham: £1,000 per month*

Manchester: £1,000 per month*

*Estimated costs

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 year.

Contact us

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

Blended learning

The world is fast becoming a digital-focused society with blended working a permanent feature for many businesses globally.

Learning in a blended way helps you to develop the skills needed to work in a digital workplace. Our approach to blended learning combines live online learning with face-to-face on-campus sessions. This flexibility of learning means our students can balance studying in and around other commitments and join a community both live online and on-campus.

Being able to demonstrate that you successfully studied in a blended learning environment as part of your degree enhances your employability. This is a key requirement in today's digitally-focused businesses.

What is blended learning?

Blended learning combines timetabled live online learning and face-to-face on-campus sessions. With live learning making up 50% of timetabled learning activities, we have ensured the live contact hours you have with your lecturers has remained the same.

We have designed this approach to offer our students greater opportunities to interact with lecturers and classmates with the added flexibility to fit studying around other commitments. When you have timetabled live online sessions, you are not required to be on campus, but can book a study space and have access to the facilities and student support services on campus.

The benefits of blended learning



Ability to study full-time whilst balancing other commitments



Reduced cost and travelling time to campus



Live online sessions allow for real-time interaction and engagement during your class



Recordings of live online sessions to watch back when preparing for assessments



Experience a vibrant campus community, access the study facilities and student support services on campus and virtually

Find out more at:
qa.solent.ac.uk/blended-learning



Your application journey





1: 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-requirements



2: 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.



3: Supporting documents

In order for you to make a successful application to Solent University, you are required to submit supporting materials. This will include references, a copy of your passport, and current and previous UK visas.



4: Start your application

Once you have decided which course you want to apply for, click the 'Apply online' link on the course page on our website to begin your online application.



5: Draft your statement

Draft your personal statement carefully, so it reflects your choice of studies and why you have chosen this/these course(s) at Solent.



6: Submit your application

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

Evening and weekend study

Evening and weekend study options are available for UK/ home students at Solent University centres.

We offer the same levels of student support but with the added flexibility to balance your full-time studies with your personal life.

What would a typical week look like?

Evening and weekend blended timetables will typically follow one of the below patterns each week, with the pattern staying the same for the whole semester.

Your typical week on campus could look like this:

- Live online sessions for two evenings per week and one day, at the weekend, with face-to-face teaching on campus, or
- Classes face-to-face on campus for two evenings per week and one day, at the weekend, with live online sessions.

Can I still apply for student finance?

You are still eligible to apply for a loan through Student Finance England as your course is classed as full-time. More information can be found on page 27.

Is this option available for every programme?

The evening and weekend study option is not available for all courses, you can find information regarding each course on our website by visiting qa.solent.ac.uk/courses

Can I access the London, Birmingham or Manchester campuses outside of my study hours?

As an evening and weekend study student, you will still receive the same support and access to university resources as students who study weekdays. Our campuses offer flexible opening hours to meet your study needs.

Find out more qa.solent.ac.uk/blended-learning







How to find us

Solent University centre locations

London

St James' House, 10 Rosebery Avenue,
London, EC1R 4TF

Birmingham

Louisa Ryland House, 44 Newhall St,
Birmingham B3 3PL

Manchester

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



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Gold-standard teaching and opportunities

Our focus on practical knowledge and employment opportunities is just one of the reasons we're rated triple gold in the latest Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) review from the UK government Office for Students. TEF recognises excellence in teaching, learning and achieving positive outcomes for students - with gold status awarded only to universities offering outstanding student experience and career outcomes.



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The information given in this publication is accurate at the time of going to print in February 2024 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.