



Study Abroad and Exchange Fact Sheet 2020/21

Contact Information	
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Admission Requirements – Erasmus

Erasmus English Language Requirement	Level B2
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Admission Requirements – Non-Erasmus

Minimum GPA	3 out of 4 (on a 4 point scale) or equivalent standard in other qualifications approved by our University.
Language Requirement for Regular Academic Session	IELTS 6.5* or an equivalent standard in other qualifications approved by our University. *This can vary according to programme, for more information about requirements and exemptions please visit: <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/admissions/admissions-policies/language.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/admissions/admissions-policies/language.page</a>

### Available Courses

Online Undergraduate Prospectus: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/>

Online Postgraduate Prospectus: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/taught-postgraduate.page>

Online Module Search: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/modules.page>

For more information on which are available for you to study please check with your institution's international co-ordinator or contact our Study Abroad and Exchange team on either [studyabroad@soton.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@soton.ac.uk) or [erasmus@soton.ac.uk](mailto:erasmus@soton.ac.uk)

### Restricted Courses

Medicine, Health Sciences (Some modules within Engineering disciplines will be unavailable for exchange students)

### Workload Requirements

Workload Per Semester	30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme), or 60 CATS points (Credit Accumulation Transfer Scheme) Modules vary and can be worth 10, 15 or 20 ECTS points
Contact Hours Per Module	3 hours per module per week
Assessment Style	A variety of assessment methods are used; typically exams, coursework, presentations, group work and computer-based assessment

### Tuition Fees for Study Abroad Students

For Study Abroad students a tuition fee will be payable, please speak to your institution's international co-ordinator or email our Study Abroad and Exchange team on [studyabroad@soton.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@soton.ac.uk) for full details.

Tuition fees can be paid in 2 instalments due in October and January. The exact dates will be confirmed on offer of a place. All incoming Study Abroad students are entitled to a 5% discount on tuition fees unless alternative arrangements exist with the sending institution.

### Application Process

Nomination	All Exchange Students must be nominated through an i-survey tool which will be sent to Coordinators	Deadlines	
		Semester 1 and Full Year	15 March
		Semester 2	15 September
Application Process	Please visit our website for details about our application process and requires documentation : <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/exchanges/incoming/exchange.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/exchanges/incoming/exchange.page</a>		
Application Deadlines	Semester 1 and Full Year (September)	15 May	
	Semester 2 (January)	15 October	
Application Submission	Email to: <a href="mailto:erasmus@soton.ac.uk">erasmus@soton.ac.uk</a> for Erasmus applications <a href="mailto:studyabroad@soton.ac.uk">studyabroad@soton.ac.uk</a> for Study Abroad/ International Exchange applications  Please note: Only electronic copies are accepted; do not send paper applications in the post.		

Visa Application Process	
Is a Visa Required?	For detailed and up to date information, please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa">https://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa</a>
Non-EU Students coming to the University of Southampton for 1 semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Visitor Visa required</li> <li>• Covers study in the UK for up to 6 months</li> <li>• Application Fees information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa">https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa</a></li> <li>• Students on a Student Visitor Visa CANNOT switch and apply to extend their stay as a Tier 4 (General) student</li> <li>• Students on a Student Visitor Visa CANNOT work during their stay in the UK</li> </ul>
Non-EU Students coming to the University of Southampton for 2 semesters (full year) of regular academic courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 4 (General) Visa required</li> <li>• Application Fees information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa">https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa</a></li> </ul>
Non-EU Students coming to the University of Southampton to take an English Language course (Pre-Sessional) and one semester/ two semesters of regular academic courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 4 (General) Visa required for Pre-Sessional course</li> <li>• Application Fees information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa">https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa</a></li> <li>• On successful completion of Pre-Sessional course, students will then need to apply for a renewal of their Tier 4 (General) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This can be completed within the UK</li> <li>▪ Application fees for renewal within the UK information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-tier-4-visa">https://www.gov.uk/apply-tier-4-visa</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Required Documents for Visa	<p>See Visa Guidance Team Website for details:  <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/index.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/index.page</a></p> <p>Application Forms:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</a></p>
Visa Application Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are applying for Entry Clearance as a Tier 4 student visa holder from overseas, you are permitted to APPLY for your visa 3 months in advance of your course start date</li> <li>• The earliest start date for a visa is 1 month before the course starts</li> <li>• To check on Visa processing times in your country, search for your country on the UKBA website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration</a></li> </ul>
Contact Details for Visa Guidance Team	<p>Visa Guidance Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By phone on +44 (0) 2380 599599</li> <li>• By email on <a href="mailto:visa@soton.ac.uk">visa@soton.ac.uk</a></li> </ul>



## Accommodation

### Availability of University Accommodation

We are able to guarantee University accommodation (subject to yearly review) to International Exchange/Study Abroad students.

Erasmus exchange students are not guaranteed accommodation however they are invited to apply for accommodation once they have received and accepted their offer to study at our University.

Please see our accommodation website for details on how to apply:

[www.soton.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.soton.ac.uk/accommodation)

Contact email: [accommodation@soton.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@soton.ac.uk)

Deadlines for applying to University accommodation is as follows:

**Semester 1 entry: 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**Semester 2 entry: 1<sup>st</sup> December**

If students wish to live off campus or are unsuccessful in applying for University accommodation, there is plenty of provision within Southampton for students to find shared accommodation in private rented housing with other UK and international students.

It is imperative that all students have booked temporary accommodation before their arrival in the UK for at least 7 days prior to the start of the semester to allow enough time to secure more permanent accommodation. Please also note that the [Southampton Boat Show](#) usually takes place around the start of semester 1 in September and Southampton's hotels and guest houses are extremely busy during this period.

## Health Care in the UK

### NHS care and Health Insurance

The University of Southampton does not provide any health care insurance for incoming exchange students. It is therefore imperative that all students take out travel insurance. Students staying for less than 6 months must also take out health/medical insurance. Please see the [UKCISA website](#) for more advice.

## Enabling Services at University of Southampton

Our Enabling Services team provide support for students with a wide range of specific learning differences, disabilities and health conditions.

Contact details: <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/edusupport/> and [enable@soton.ac.uk](mailto:enable@soton.ac.uk)

Semester Dates	
Semester 1	Monday 28 September 2020 – Saturday 23 January 2021
Semester 2	Monday 25 January 2021 – Saturday 12 June 2021
Christmas Vacation	Saturday 12 December 2020 – Monday 4 January 2021
Easter Vacation	Saturday 20 March 2021 – Monday 19 April 2021
General Information	
Airport Pick-Up	A Meet and Greet Service is available for students arriving in semester 1 and semester 2. please visit: <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/welcome/index.page">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/welcome/index.page</a>
Transcripts	Students can obtain an electronic and a paper copy of their transcript free of charge once the marks are confirmed after the exam period each semester. Please apply via the online store <a href="https://store.southampton.ac.uk">https://store.southampton.ac.uk</a> and use the search box to look for 'transcript'.  Please select 'current students – transcripts' and then add to basket, create an account, pay by credit or debit card. One copy is free, additional copies are £10.
Cost of Living	£7,200 to £8,800 per year for accommodation, food, books, stationary and other items.  <a href="#">Student Living Costs in Southampton</a>
Additional Information	It will be worth it – listen to some of our international students in the video on this link: <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/international.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/international.page</a>

