

## Programme Specification

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### English and German (2020-21)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

Awarding Institution	University of Southampton
Teaching Institution	University of Southampton
Mode of Study	Full-time
Duration in years	4
Accreditation details	None
Final award	Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA (Hons))
Name of award	English and German
Interim Exit awards	Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
FHEQ level of final award	Level 6
UCAS code	QR32
Programme code	4112
QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference	English 2007
Programme Lead	Mary Hammond (emh1f06)

### Programme Overview

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#### Brief outline of the programme

This broad and flexible programme will offer you the chance to explore some of the texts, contexts and approaches central to English literary studies together with another subject. The English modules on offer explore particular periods and genres, such as Romanticism, Themes in Mid-Nineteenth-Century American Literature, and Objects of Desire while others introduce you to the study of particular aspects of literary studies, such as Images of Africa, Children's Literature, and Money and Meaning. Some modules focus primarily on particular texts and authors, such as Visions of Beowulf and Chaucer, while others focus more on a range of texts and contexts, such as Sweatshops, Sex Workers & Asylum Seekers: World Literature and Visual Culture after Globalisation and Tales of Travel. Differently from a Single Honours English degree, a Joint Honours degree gives you the opportunity to specialise in English and another subject.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

## Learning and teaching

You will be helped to achieve the learning outcomes by a broad portfolio of learning and assessment experiences.

- Lectures and seminars: these two activities form the backbone of the teaching. The former can provide knowledge, instruction in method, and in skills in an economical, controlled, and communal way. It is teacher-led learning. The latter involves student discussion, which may be more or less formal, and more or less student-led, and may at higher levels and in appropriate modules, involve very light supervision. However, the relationship between the two is organic: lectures may turn more towards seminar discussion, and may involve exercises, question and answer sessions, communal interpretation of visual material, and so on. Longer classes, whether lectures or seminars, are likely to involve a range of activities, such as lecture, student presentations (singly or in groups), use of digital, audio-visual material, etc. Seminar discussion also varies in style, and will frequently require teamwork and promote interpersonal skills.
- Your own research: you will be required to carry out personal research at all levels in the programme, but increasingly through parts 2 and 3. Independence in learning is the hallmark of the maturing student of English at Southampton.
- Giving presentations: presenting your ideas orally as well as in writing will be an important aspect of your work here. It is something you have to learn and an activity which helps you learn about your subject. There will be plenty of opportunities to practise your skills at oral presentation and these may form part of your assessment.
- IT: English in the Faculty of Humanities uses IT in its teaching, e.g., Blackboard (which is used throughout the programme); PowerPoint; email discussion lists, student presentations posted to the group electronically in advance of seminars, feedback on group exercises, blogs, writing for apps, etc. You will learn to access this material and, with guidance, to provide it.

## Assessment

A varied portfolio of assessment activities is central to the Southampton English experience, and one of the ways we ensure the high quality of our graduates. It will help to develop your intellectual flexibility both for the study itself and for future work. The following assessment tasks are used across our programme:

- oral presentation
- written report on oral presentation
- module journals
- diaries
- portfolios
- blogs
- creative projects (including short stories, extracts from novels, poetry, and scripts)
- creative-critical responses involving a combination of imaginative and scholarly writing
- essays from 1-3000 words
- group essays
- "take-away" examinations/timed essays
- "closed" examinations using questions of varying formats: essay-type; practical analyses; multiple short, information-based
- "closed" examinations whose questions have been pre-released up to 48 hours prior to the exam date
- dissertation
- modules may use student self-assessment and team work as formative means of feedback.

## Regulation of Assessment

Details of the regulation of assessment are available to students on the University Calendar and the assessment requirements for every module are published on the relevant Blackboard sites.

Please note: As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration. Any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme are explained on the University Calendar:

<http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/index.html>

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's programme revalidation process, described in the University's Quality Handbook:  
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/quality/index.page>

## Special Features of the programme

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The third year is spent in a German-speaking country which offers you a unique opportunity to enhance your linguistic and cultural proficiency. You can spend your year abroad as an English language assistant in a school, studying at one of our partner universities or on a work placement. Most students of German go to Germany, a smaller number go to Austria, and some have also chosen to spend a year in Switzerland. Our current German-speaking ERASMUS partners are the Universities of Potsdam, Hamburg, Freiburg, Bayreuth, Frankfurt, Marburg, Tübingen, Siegen, Cologne and Vienna. While abroad you will also conduct an investigative project, supervised by a tutor at Southampton.

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- an English language assistant
- studying on a university course
- on an approved work placement

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<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/ml/undergraduate/study/exchanges.page>

Opportunity to study modules from other disciplines or towards a Minor

The structure of your degree programme allows you to exercise choice in each year of study. You can exercise this choice in a number of ways.

- You can choose out of discipline modules to enrich your degree.
- You can choose from a selection of interdisciplinary modules designed for multidisciplinary cohorts of students.
- You can choose modules that build into a minor pathway, the title of which will be stated on your degree transcript.

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## Educational Aims of the Programme

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The aims of the programme are to:

- Inspire you to enjoy the experience of studying English & another subject at university level.
- Ensure that you experience English & another discipline in its breadth and variety, and with a literary and cultural emphasis.
- Give you the ability to analyse texts from a variety of media (including theatre, film, internet, and television), genres, and historical periods.
- Help you to deal with the complex theoretical, political, literary and cultural issues that arise from texts.
- Enable you to understand both mainstream and marginalised texts.
- Give you the opportunity to engage with culturally distant, sensitive or complex areas, such as medieval literature, postcolonialism, gender, the Holocaust.
- Give you opportunities to engage with contemporary creative writing.
- Provide you with a wide choice of modules to complement or enhance the study of your second subject.
- Give you the choice of doing a third-part dissertation or extended individual project in English or your other subject
- Develop your own research and writing to a high standard so as to prepare you for postgraduate study of the discipline, if you wish it, or for the other varied career paths which our graduates take.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

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### Knowledge and Understanding

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On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. the methods by which text of different kinds can be analysed
- A2. text in its historical and generic aspects
- A3. the interaction of language, text, and culture, all of these terms being taken in a broad sense
- A4. the political dimensions of text, including gender politics, and the historical development of English in relation to colonialism, diaspora, and postcolonialism
- A5. the key theoretical and analytical issues which are raised by the study of text, and by its relation to artistic representation in film, visual culture, performance, and, in certain circumstances, other media (such as music)
- A6. the effective deployment of personal judgement, independent powers of imagination, critical analysis, self-reflection, and argument
- A7. the effective deployment of the theoretical, critical, and scholarly research of others

- A8. contemporary creative writing, both as text for study and as praxis carried out by contemporary writers and, where the curriculum permits, by yourself
- A9. methodologies and issues particular to your second subject.

## **Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills**

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- B1. manage coherently ideas gained from a breadth of reading and cultural experience
- B2. articulate this body of knowledge effectively
- B3. apply critical terminology and method
- B4. recognise the importance of and analyse literary contexts: linguistic, generic, social, historical and theoretical
- B5. engage in advanced independent thought and convey this effectively in writing and orally
- B6. evaluate and use relevant critical theory and/or analytic method
- B7. recognise the rhetorical origins and character of literary emotion (affectivity)
- B8. engage in critical reflection on your own viewpoint

## **Teaching and Learning Methods**

Activities particularly designed to enhance your thinking skills include tutor-led and student-led seminar discussion, oral presentations, and dissertation discussion with your supervisor. Meetings with your tutor on essays or in consultation hours are also designed to promote this.

## **Assessment Methods**

Examinations, essays of different lengths, analytical exercises and shorter pieces of assessed work, individual and group presentations and the third-part dissertation or extended individual project will all assess your intellectual skills. The portfolio of assessment is designed to give you flexibility in this area.

## Transferable and Generic Skills

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- C1. demonstrate research skills, such as information gathering from traditional and electronic sources; manipulation of data and information; recognition of the influence of other critics
- C2. argue effectively and fluently, orally and in writing, both in group discussion and individually
- C3. appreciate the implications of argument and of alternative arguments
- C4. use scholarly conventions
- C5. write good scholarly English
- C6. plan and execute projects of different lengths with due attention to time and resource management
- C7. defend your own views while working sensitively and cooperatively with others
- C8. reflect on and manage your time and the module of your own learning
- C9. reflect on how your own circumstances affect your interpretation of issues
- C10. communicate ideas and arguments in a variety of written formats

### Teaching and Learning Methods

Your key skills will be developed through tutor-led and student-led seminars and tutorials, IT workshops with the Library, library induction sessions, use of the discipline websites, independent research, and interviews with your Personal Academic Tutor to consider your progress and acquisition of skills.

### Assessment Methods

You will be asked to demonstrate your key skills through participating in individual and group presentations (assessed), class exercises, class discussion, and a dissertation or extended individual project which requires an annotated bibliography and a written project plan. All of our assessment activities are geared to developing your transferable skills, most obviously those related to researching, planning, writing and speaking. See under 10.1 above.

### Subject Specific Practical Skills

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- D1. analyse and present ideas and positions, both orally and in writing.
- D2. identify and use appropriate resources
- D3. work effectively to deadlines.
- D4. argue effectively and dispassionately.
- D5. manage, plan and execute projects
- D6. work effectively in a team
- D7. understand and extract relevant information from complex texts.

## Disciplinary Specific Learning Outcomes

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On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- E1. the methods by which texts of different kinds can be analysed
- E2. texts in their historical and generic aspects
- E3. the interaction of language, text, and culture, all of these terms being taken in a broad sense
- E4. the political dimensions of texts, including gender politics, class, capitalism, and the historical development of English in relation to colonialism, diaspora, and postcolonialism

## Programme Structure

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The programme structure table is below:

Information about pre and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note in some instances modules have limited spaces available.

### Part I

The programme is normally studied over three years full-time, but may also be taken on a part-time basis for a period of not less than four and not more than eight academic years. It is possible to change between full and part-time study during the programme. Study is undertaken at three parts (each corresponding to one year of full-time study). There are 30 study weeks in each year.

The programme is divided into modules. Single modules have a credit value of 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS), while double modules have a credit value of 15 ECTS (30 CATS). Each part has a total credit value of 60 ECTS (120 CATS).

At parts 2 and 3, modules are assigned to one of three groups according to period: Group A = medieval and renaissance modules; Group B = eighteenth and nineteenth-century modules; Group C = twentieth and twenty-first-century modules. You will be strongly encouraged, but not required, to take at least one module from each group in order to give you experience of the key areas of the discipline.

If you wish to take Film options you will normally have to take the FILM2006 Introduction to Film module at the start of your second part.

As a Joint Honours student, you may take up to 7.5 ECTS (15 CATS) credits per semester in the form of an alternative subject from elsewhere. One of these will replace a single English module and one will replace a German module in each part.

### BA English (Joint Honours ) Module Map

At parts 2 and 3 Joint Honours students normally take half of their credits in English and half in German. The English modules will involve a mix of single- and double-weighted modules. You are not required to take a module from each historical banding group (though this is strongly recommended) but you are required at levels 2 and 3 to take one double and two single-weighted modules from English in each part.

## Part 1

Semester 1: 1 double module in English OR 1 single module in English and 1 single module in an alternative subject plus the equivalent credits in your German

Semester 2: 1 double module in English plus the equivalent credits in your German

## Part 2

You will take 1 double module in English in one semester plus the equivalent credits in German and 2 single modules in English in the other semester plus the equivalent credits in German (you can express a preference as to which semester you take your double or single modules).

If you wish to enrich your degree with work in other discipline(s) you can replace 1 single English module in one semester and 1 single German module in the other semester with such a module taken from elsewhere.

## Part 3

### Semester 1

If you wish to do a Dissertation in English, you will take 1 double OR 2 single modules in English plus the equivalent credits in German.

If you wish to do a Dissertation in Modern Languages, you will take 1 double OR 2 single modules in English plus the equivalent credits in German.

### Semester 2

If your dissertation is in English you will do your English Dissertation plus the equivalent credits in German.

If your dissertation is in Modern Languages you will also do 2 single modules OR 1 double module in English.

If you wish to enrich your degree with work in other discipline(s) you can take one single English module, one alternative subject plus the equivalent credits in German in semester 1 and the Dissertation and your alternative subject module plus the equivalent credits in German in semester 2.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A MODERN LANGUAGE STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED THE YEAR ABROAD PROJECT, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE A DISSERTATION IN EITHER ENGLISH OR MODERN LANGUAGES. In such cases, you will take one double English module plus the equivalent credits in German in semester 1 and two single English modules plus the equivalent credits in German in semester 2.

## Part I Compulsory

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG1017	Academic Skills for ML students	0	Compulsory
GERM9011	German Language Stage 4	15	Compulsory

### Part I Optional

Certificate of Higher Education: 60 ECTS (120 CATS)

Exit Award: Certificate of Higher Education

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING1003	Applications of Linguistics	7.5	Optional
LING1001	Elements of Linguistics - Sound, Structure and Meaning	7.5	Optional
GERM1003	German History, Politics and Society	7.5	Optional
ENGL1087	Group Research Project	7.5	Optional
GERM1002	Introduction to German Linguistic Studies	7.5	Optional
ENGL1080	Literary Transformations	7.5	Optional
GERM1001	Modern German Culture	7.5	Optional
ENGL1085	Multimedia Old English: Song, Skin and Cyberspace	7.5	Optional
ENGL1004	Poetic Language	7.5	Optional
LANG1004	Reading Culture	7.5	Optional
LANG1013	Reading the City	7.5	Optional
ENGL1086	The Act of the Essay	7.5	Optional
ENGL1089	The Novel	7.5	Optional
ENGL1090	Theory & Criticism	7.5	Optional
ENGL1091	World Dramas	7.5	Optional

### Part II

Certificate of Diploma of Higher Education 120 ECTS (240 CATS)

Exit Award: Diploma of Higher Education

#### Part II Compulsory

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
GERM9012	German Language Stage 5	15	Compulsory
LANG2010	Managing Research and Learning	0	Compulsory

## Part II Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
PHIL2001	Aesthetics	7.5	Optional
ENGL2097	Arthurian Worlds	7.5	Optional
ENGL2075	Brief Encounters: Writing Short Stories	15	Optional
ENGL2027	Children's Literature	7.5	Optional
ENGL2107	Decolonising Modernity	15	Optional
LING2004	Discourse Analysis	7.5	Optional
HUMA2019	Extra-Curricular Elective	7.5	Optional
FILM2028	Film Adaptation: Culture and Context	7.5	Optional
FILM1020	Film Theory and Visual Culture: Introduction to Psychoanalysis	7.5	Optional
ENGL2091	From Black and White to Colour: A Screen History of Race, Gender and Sexuality in Post-War Britain	7.5	Optional
LANG2002	Globalisation: Culture, Language and The Nation State	7.5	Optional
ENGL2087	Great Writers Steal: Creative Writing and Critical Thinking	7.5	Optional
HUMA2013	How the Arts Work: a practical introduction to cultural economics	7.5	Optional
HUMA2007	Humanities University Ambassadors Scheme (Modern Languages)	7.5	Optional
ENGL2052	Images of Women	7.5	Optional
FILM2006	Introduction to Film Studies	7.5	Optional
ENGL2105	Introduction to Nineteenth-Century British Literature	15	Optional
HUMA2022	Jane Austen's Playlist: Entertainment in Georgian Britain	7.5	Optional
ENGL2012	Jewish Fictions	7.5	Optional
GERM2004	Language and Society in German-Speaking World	7.5	Optional
LING2010	Language, Ideologies and Attitudes	7.5	Optional
LANG2005	Learning about Culture: Introduction to Ethnography	7.5	Optional
ENGL2096	Making New York Modern	7.5	Optional
GERM2003	Media Perspectives on Post-68 Germany	7.5	Optional
ENGL2104	Modernisms	15	Optional
LING2009	Multilingualism	7.5	Optional
LING2002	Psycholinguistics	7.5	Optional
PHIL1019	Puzzles about Art and Literature	7.5	Optional
ENGL2080	Queens, Devils and Players in Early Modern England	15	Optional
ENGL2106	Rakes to Romantics	15	Optional
ENGL2078	Scriptwriting	7.5	Optional
LING2008	Sound and Voice	7.5	Optional
ENGL2103	Sweatshops, Sex workers, and Asylum Seekers: World Literature and Visual Culture after Globalisation	7.5	Optional
LING2003	Syntax: Studying Language Structure	7.5	Optional

LING2007	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	7.5	Optional
LANG2009	The EU and European Identity	7.5	Optional
HUMA2008	The Life and Afterlife of the Vikings	7.5	Optional
ENGL2099	The Renaissance Body	7.5	Optional
LING2011	Variation and Change in English	7.5	Optional
ENGL2094	Victorian Feelings	7.5	Optional
GERM2006	Vienna and Berlin: Society, Politics and Culture from 1890 to the Present	7.5	Optional
FILM2019	Women and Hollywood	7.5	Optional
ENGL2092	Women Writers Remixed ca. 1850-1915	7.5	Optional
ENGL2011	Women, Writing and Modernity, 1770-1830	7.5	Optional

### Part III

Students will spend the Year Abroad in a country where the chosen language is spoken, either as:

- an English language assistant
- studying on a University course
- on an approved work placement

During the Year Abroad students are required to complete an Investigative Project (LANG3005). This is an

### Part III Compulsory

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LANG3005	Year Abroad Research Project YARP	15	Optional

### Part IV

Final Part

Modern Languages: In each semester you should choose one optional module from the list below (two modules in total). In order to meet the requirements of your programme you must choose at least one GERM module in the year.

BA Joint Honours Degree: 180 ECTS (360 CATS)

Exit Award: Conferment of award/graduation

#### Part IV Compulsory

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
ENGL3016	English Dissertation	15	Compulsory
GERM9014	German Language Stage 7	15	Compulsory
LANG3003	Modern Languages Dissertation	15	Compulsory
LANG3011	Seeing and being seen: Study Abroad re-entry	0	Compulsory

#### Part IV Optional

Code	Module Title	ECTS	Type
LING3003	Advanced Syntax	7.5	Optional
FILM3006	American Cinema Since 1965	7.5	Optional
ENGL3091	American dreams? Monetized bodies, terror, and trauma in American Drama	7.5	Optional
ENGL3097	Animal Forms: poetry and the non-human	7.5	Optional
LANG3008	Audiovisual Translation	7.5	Optional
ENGL3049	Creative Writing in Schools	7.5	Optional
LING3013	English as a Global Language	7.5	Optional
ENGL3086	Eve and the Angels: Love, War, and the End of Epic in Milton's Paradise Lost	7.5	Optional
HUMA2019	Extra-Curricular Elective	7.5	Optional
ENGL3015	Fantasy Film and Fiction	7.5	Optional
ENGL3007	Holocaust Literature	15	Optional
HUMA2013	How the Arts Work: a practical introduction to cultural economics	7.5	Optional
ENGL3083	Inventing America	15	Optional
ENGL3041	Jane Austen and the Regency World	15	Optional
GERM3016	Language and the City	7.5	Optional
LING3005	Language Teaching Theory and Practice	7.5	Optional
LING3014	Language Testing and Assessment in Society	7.5	Optional
ENGL3089	Literatures of Islands and Oceans	7.5	Optional
GERM3006	Minorities and Migrants: Exploring Multicultural Germany	7.5	Optional
HUMA3011	Narrative Non-Fiction: The Interdisciplinary Art	15	Optional
ENGL3101	Narratives of Nineteenth-Century America	7.5	Optional
ENGL3058	Radical England: From Shakespeare to Milton	7.5	Optional
GERM3017	Renaissance of German-Jewish Literature after the Holocaust	7.5	Optional
HUMA3018	Representing Race: Politics and Identity in American Culture	7.5	Optional
ENGL3100	Revolution and Romanticism: Literature of the 1790s	7.5	Optional
LING3001	Second Language Acquisition	7.5	Optional

ENGL3096	Shakespeare Then and Now	15	Optional
LING3015	Sociophonetic Project Module	7.5	Optional
ENGL3099	The Historical Novel	7.5	Optional
LANG3007	Translation: Theory and Practice	7.5	Optional
ENGL3098	Utopias and Dystopias in Literature and Culture	15	Optional
ENGL3056	Victorian Bestsellers	15	Optional
LING3006	Writing in a Second Language	7.5	Optional
ENGL3004	Writing the Novel	15	Optional

## Progression Requirements

The programme follows the University's regulations for [\*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results : Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes\*](#) and [\*Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes\*](#) as set out in the University Calendar: <http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/sectIV-index.html>

## Support for student learning

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- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
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The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
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- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- Support with writing from the Royal Literary Fund Fellows and the Writing Centre
- Subject-specific support with research and writing from your module tutors and Personal Academic Tutor
- Support with the enhancement of your degree programme from the staff-student liaison officer and Director of Programmes

## **Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning**

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You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme
  - Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff: Student Liaison Committees, Faculty Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feed back on your behalf.
  - Serving as a student representative on Faculty Scrutiny Groups for programme validation
  - Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group
- The ways in which the quality of your programme is checked, both inside and outside the University, are:

- Regular module and programme reports which are monitored by the Faculty
- Programme validation, normally every five years.
- External examiners, who produce an annual report
- A national Research Assessment Exercise (our research activity contributes directly to the quality of your learning experience)
- Institutional Review by the Quality Assurance Agency

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

## Career Opportunities

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Our academic syllabus has been designed with student employability in mind, and our teaching methods foster the self-awareness, confidence, social vision, and ability to work effectively within a large organization that all successful professionals need. We will teach you a range of language, communication, problem solving and team work skills that would be difficult to acquire in any other way. As you progress through your degree, you will have opportunities to develop as an independent thinker and practice transferable skills related to written and oral expression such as presentation, chairing and leading discussion and debate, collaborative work and peer review. In particular, we place a special emphasis on the relationship between writing, reading and employability across the 8 first year modules that all students take in their first year of undergraduate study. Our policy for developing those skills throughout the degree is set out in full in the undergraduate student handbook.

## External Examiner(s) for the programme

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Name: Professor Anshuman Mondal - Brunel University

Name: Dr Chloe Houston - University of Reading

Name: Professor Dale T Townshend - Manchester Metropolitan University

Name: Dr Emily Critchley - University of Greenwich

Name: Dr Joanne Sayner - University of Newcastle

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

**Please note:** This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information can be found in the programme handbook.

## Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

### Additional Costs

Type	Details
Hardware	It is advisable that students provide their own laptop or personal computer, although shared facilities are available across the University campus.
Computer discs or USB drives	Students are expected to provide their own portable data storage device.
Stationery	You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationery items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.). Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile.
Textbooks	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 optional 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.
Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes)	Students on placement programmes can expect to cover costs for health and travel insurance, accommodation and living expenses; travel costs; visa costs. This will vary depending on which country you are travelling to. Specific details on what additional costs there will be are detailed in the individual module profiles which can be found under the modules tab of the programme details of your programme.
Printing and Photocopying Costs	Where possible, coursework such as essays; projects; dissertations is likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and 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>

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. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module Profile. 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).