

Welcome 2021



**MSc Computing (all pathways)
MSc Advanced Design and Manufacturing
(including placements)**

Welcome to the University of Northampton

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your studies at the University of Northampton. The purpose of this document is to help you prepare for coming to study with us and give you an opportunity to meet members of your programme team as well as other students who've chosen the same course. We want to make sure that you are inspired, anchored, prepared, and enabled to succeed.

Through engaging with our welcome and induction activities you will get to know your super-supportive tutors, have a chance to make new friends and be able to access what you need to know and do to start studying successfully. Ultimately, we want you to feel confident about how you will learn.

This Welcome Pack covers the following key areas:

- A welcome message from your Programme Leader
- Details of online Welcome and Induction sessions scheduled during the second half of August and the first three weeks in September
- Technical information to make joining these sessions as easy as possible
- What happens during Welcome and Induction Week – meeting with your Personal Tutor and other University-wide events

Welcome

It is my distinct pleasure to warmly welcome you to your programme on behalf of the programme team and subject area of Technology (Computing and Engineering). Each year, the arriving classes of new students bring with them such an exhilarating sense of promise and possibility. We have a diverse staff team from different cultures who are approachable and super supportive. Our commitment to transforming lives and inspiring change is at the heart of all that we do. We want to ensure that your experience studying with us enables you to transform your life and those of others too, no matter how great or small this may be. We are committed to all aspects of excellence, equality and diversity and will continue to seek to deliver quality, impactful research that informs teaching.

We look forward to meeting you.

Dr Suraj Ajit

Deputy Subject Leader (Technology – Computing and Engineering)

Welcome and Induction Online Sessions

We would like to invite you to join members of your subject and programme team, and other students joining you at the University of Northampton this year for an online welcome and induction experience in the weeks leading up to the start of term. The details of your programme specific experience are as follows:

Getting to Know You and Introduction to Learning and Teaching on <u>MSc Computing (All Pathways including placement)</u>	Date:	20 September 2021
	Time:	11.00 am
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/9e9e5fe75ca743ff80b6f19b83901ae0
Getting to Know You and Introduction to Learning and Teaching on <u>MSc Advanced Design and Manufacturing (including placement)</u>	Date:	24 September 2021
	Time:	11.00 am
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/7c2d6396a820496c867964d010d83fbe

Preparing you for Learning and Teaching at Northampton

Learning and teaching at the University of Northampton is designed to help you take control of your own learning, using small group teaching, team-working and one-to-one tutorials that allow learning to take place in face-to-face environments and using carefully crafted digital experiences. To help you prepare for this personalised approach to learning, our welcome and induction activities are designed to introduce you to our learning technologies so that you are ready to go for the start of term. Through engaging in some preparatory work before our live sessions, you can think about some of the questions you might have and have opportunities to explore the many ways in which you are supported. You can also meet the other students on your programme.

Technical Support

As part of our welcome and induction, we would like you to engage with us using our online tool, Blackboard Collaborate. It is broadly similar to using Skype or Zoom, which you may have come across before. You will be able to join your Welcome and Induction sessions as a guest, meaning that you do not need to create an account in order to participate.

Using Collaborate

- 1) [Test whether your browser will work with Collaborate](#)
- 2) Review the [student guide to using Collaborate](#)
- 3) Test Collaborate by visiting our test 'classroom' to address any technological challenges. This classroom will be available 24/7 from now until the end of

September. You can [join the classroom now](#) and follow the instructions to test your audio and video functions.

If you are still experiencing difficulties, please call our on-site team for further help: +44 (0)1604 893333.

LinkedIn Learning

Once you become a student at the University of Northampton, you will also have access to a wealth of online technical support through [LinkedIn Learning](#) so you can improve your digital skills any time, any place.



What Happens in Welcome Week?

The first week of the semester is devoted to a range of activities that will help you to meet the rest of the students on your course, the people who will teach you and allow you to familiarise yourself with what you will be studying and the facilities you will use.

A separate timetable of events is provided for this week which will tell you where you need to be and at what time. There will also be plenty of other staff and student ambassadors around to make sure that you find your way to the right things.

Each student is allocated to a [Personal Tutor](#) (PT) and you will have an opportunity to meet with them during the first week. The PT meeting would be a good opportunity for you to discuss any questions you may have about personalised support if you haven't already contacted those teams directly. Please know that you can also get in touch with your Personal Tutor directly should you need to. Your PT will tell you more about how to do this.

At the University of Northampton, our Personal Tutors meet regularly and frequently with their tutees, both in group and in 1-to-1 sessions. They will help you to reflect on how your studies are going and explore actions you can take to maximise your chances of success.

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Welcome Week Timetable 27th September to 1st October 2021

(Subject to change. Please check programme NILE site after enrolment for latest version)

Time	Monday 27 th September	Tuesday 28 th September	Wednesday 29 th September	Thursday 30 th September	Friday 1 st October
9.30 – 12.00	Venue: Learning Hub (LH)	Venue: Learning Hub (LH)	Computing Students Personal Tutor Session (11am – 12.30) (online)	Venue: Learning Hub (LH)	Engineering Students: Personal Tutor Session (11am – 12.30pm at LH101)
	Enrolments	Enrolments		Enrolments	
	Campus Security and Safety	Campus Security and Safety		Campus Security and Safety	
	Travel Roadshow	Travel Roadshow		Travel Roadshow	
11.00 – 12.00	Welcome to the UK talk by International Student Services	International Student Experience talk	Introduction to Student Information Desk (11.00 – 11.30 - online)	International Student Experience talk (online)	Engineering Facilities: (12.30pm – 1.30pm at LH101)
14.00 – 16.00	Northampton Town Tour	Library and Learning Services Welcome Week Activity (Floor 2 – LH)	Venue: Learning Hub (LH)	Explore Student Union (Engine Shed)	Northampton Town Tour
			Enrolments		
			Campus Security and Safety		
			Travel Roadshow		
18.00 – 22.00			E-Sports Tournament (Student Union)		