

Welcome 2021



**BSc (Hons) & Certificate of HE in
Leather Technology**

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 induction sessions scheduled during the first three weeks in September
- Technical information to make joining these sessions as easy as possible
- What happens during Welcome Week – meeting with your Personal Tutor and other University-wide events

Welcome from your Programme Leader

On behalf of the team, I would like to Welcome you to the University of Northampton and Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT).

The Leather Technology courses at ICLT are designed to teach you the principles behind the various processes of leather manufacture, the properties of the materials used and their effects on the finished leather. We will not attempt the impossible task of giving you a book of recipes or ready-made solutions to every problem you are likely to meet. Rather, we will attempt to equip you with the skills to apply the knowledge you gain to the solution of production problems and support to develop your understanding.

[Please click here](#) to find useful information about the course, such as your module tutors, their email addresses, information on leather modules you will be taking plus various links.

All Course Tutors are more than willing to discuss any academic difficulties you may have. Should you have any problems regarding the course please do not hesitate in having an informal chat with me, the programme and module leaders.

I hope you have an enjoyable and rewarding time during your studies.

Best Wishes

Rachel Garwood

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:

Session 1: Getting to Know You	Date:	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
	Time:	12:00 – 13:00 (GMT)
	URL:	Please click here to join
	Pre-Task:	<p>As part of our first online session we would like to do a quiz. Please don't worry; we won't ask you any questions about leather or leather processing. Instead, we would like you to prepare a multiple-choice quiz (MCQ) containing 5 questions on the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your country or where you are from • What you like and dislike • Your favourite food, sports and music • Your favourite place to visit <p>Don't forget to include some wrong answers along with the correct answers- it would be fun to guess. In addition, you need to find out one interesting fact about Northampton (wackier is the better) and present it to the rest of the team.</p>
Session 2: Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme	Date:	Wednesday 15 th September 2021
	Time:	12:00 – 13:00 GMT
	URL:	Please click here to join
Session 3: Supporting your Success	Date:	Wednesday 22 nd September 2021
	Time:	12:00 – 13:00 GMT
	URL:	<p>Please click here to join</p> <p>You may already have an idea what you would like to do after completing your course or perhaps you are still wondering about career opportunities. Click here to find out more about opportunities in the leather industry.</p>

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. If you are a Joint Honours student, you will be in a tutor group with other students who share one of your subject areas. 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 the latest version)

Time	Monday 27 th September	Tuesday 28 th September	Wednesday 29 th September	Thursday 30 th September	Friday 1 st October
10.00 – 12.00	Venue: ICLT Room LC105 Welcome to ICLT: meet your Personal Tutor and ICLT members of staff (face-to-face meeting) It is important we keep you safe during practical sessions, so you will try out lab coats, boots, gloves so that we can order the correct PPE size for you. (Please note, an additional charge of £100 is payable towards PPE and raw materials).	Venue: ICLT Room LC105 Personal 1:1 meeting with personal tutor (face to face meeting)	Venue: ICLT Tannery Tannery play – create your own leather Dr Andrew Ballantyne & Mr David Miller	Venue: ICLT Tannery Tannery play – create your own leather Mr Ashokkumar Baskar & Mr Marc Gummer	
13.00 – 15.00		Venue: ICLT Room LC105 Health and safety induction Mr David Miller & Mr Joe Bauwens*	Venue: ICLT Tannery Tannery play – create your own leather Dr Andrew Ballantyne & Mr David Miller	Venue: ICLT Tannery Tannery play – create your own leather Mr Ashokkumar Baskar & Mr Marc Gummer	Social gathering at 12.30 at Waterside Restaurant

* Please note You must complete the online health and safety introduction and pass the health and safety test before attending the tannery sessions. Both the course and test will be available on NILE following your enrolment.