

Welcome 2021



BA (Hons) Photography Top Up 2021-22

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 in 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 – Your Programme Leader

On behalf of myself and the course team I would like to warmly welcome you to the BA (Hons) Photography Programme at the University of Northampton. This welcome pack contains all the information you need in order to prepare, how to access the induction sessions, what you will study, what your timetable will be and what to complete for the [summer preparatory work](#). We also look forward to meeting you physically in the week of the 27th September 2021 for an exciting, in-person week of welcome and introduction activities, including a one-to-one personal tutorial and a free exhibition visit. Please wait for details of when and where these will be.

BUT IMPORTANTLY Prior to this there will be induction meetings online in September. (Read below in order to understand how to access this).

In these you will have an opportunity to meet the team, understand how you will study (both online and in person) and have an introduction to the wider teams and opportunities around you through the University. Please read through carefully and if you have any questions, we can answer these in the online sessions on Thursday the 9th September at 10 am. and the Thursday 16th September at 10 am. Now could I ask that you add these dates and times to your diaries.

To prepare for your study we also ask you to read some of the recommended books and look at some of the magazines highlighted in this welcome pack. In particular, it would be great if you could familiarise yourself with the history and theory of photography. You are also required to do some preparatory work over the summer, details of which are provided in the Summer Project (Level 6) document.

In this pack you will also find other relevant information about the course and the University that will allow you to familiarise yourself to the new processes and ways of working at the University of Northampton.

Above all we hope that you enjoy your experience here at the University of Northampton and that you feel free to express your creativity in a creative environment that embraces and values the individual image-maker and strongly encourages experimentation and risk taking as you develop your visual voice. You will have supportive tutors, great technical resources with an excellent level and standard of equipment - and a superb library resource available through the Learning Hub to help sustain your studies.

Engaging fully with what is on offer both from the Photography Department and the wider University opportunities will enhance your experience and reap rewards.

We look forward to you studying with us.

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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 Session 1 & Summer work catch up, help and advice available	Date:	Thursday 9 th September
	Time:	10.00hrs - 11.00 hrs
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/447b45557a3d4e45951465fb2dbe39e4
Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme Session 2	Date:	Thursday 9 th September
	Time:	11.30hrs -12.30 hrs
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/0d48daf951c943e8b073ecff62bad0ae
Supporting Your Success Session 3	Date:	Thursday 16 th September
	Time:	10.00 hrs-12.00hrs
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/9e8733a9b9cc4e3b8cb046254aed5a47

Getting to Know You

Session 1

The aim of this session is to help you begin to meet new people, make new friends and get to know the staff team who will be with you over the course of your studies.

Your task: If someone were to ask you the following questions, what would your response be:

- What groups and communities do you belong to and what ones would you like to belong to at University?
- What values define you as an individual?
- What do you most want to achieve by coming to University?
- What does it mean to be part of a University community?
- What 3 things will challenge you most about being at University?

As with the tasks for all these sessions, it is up to you what you choose to share during the live sessions.

This pre-work should take you about 1 hour

This session will introduce you the Programme Team and to all those who are also new students and have confirmed their place at UON this year

Introduction to the Learning and Teaching on your Programme

Session 2

The purpose of this session is to learn more about how learning and teaching will work on your programme of study and meet your teaching team for this year. This will also be a great time to talk about any arrangements that are in place in relation to ensuring that the campus is Covid safe.

Your task: Take some time to familiarise yourself with [How We Teach](#). This page provides an overview of how we personalise your learning to ensure that you get the best experience possible. We will use this page as the basis for our discussions in the live session, where we will explore what this looks like for your programme of study, and in line with the latest guidance around Covid-19.

Please also click on the link above to find out more about how we use digital technologies not only to support your studies, but also to prepare you for living and working in the modern world.

You may want to have a go at [The Induction Investigation](#) ... an online, puzzle-based challenge to introduce you to the work of Library and Learning Services and how they support all students. This challenge can be undertaken individually but is more fun if completed in a team. Please also make sure that you are engaging with the summer work and have accessed the reading.

This pre-work should take you about 1 hour.

In this session the Programme Team will discuss the Induction Investigation, Active Blended learning and how to access the skills hub.

Supporting Your Success

Session 3

The purpose of this session is to introduce you to the different teams and services around the University who can support you in your studies and help you identify which of these you need to engage with.

Your task: Visit the University [Supporting You](#) webpages to find out more about all our teams. The core teams you should find out about include:

- [Library and Learning Services](#), including our [Academic Librarian and Learning Development Teams](#)
- [Academic and Pastoral Support from your Personal Tutor and our Student Support and Advice Team](#)
- [The Student Information Desk](#) who can signpost you to our specialist support services
- The University of Northampton [Students' Union](#) – for clubs and societies, sports and other social activities, as well as support, information and guidance

Make a note of those teams that you think will be particularly helpful. Discussing these with your Personal Tutor during your 1:1 meeting with them will help you make a good start to your academic year, although if you want to contact them earlier, their details are available online.

This pre-work should take you about half an hour.

During the online session, we will think about what it means to come to University and be part of the wider University Community. You will have an opportunity to ask those questions that you haven't yet found an answer to. In preparation, you might like to think about what coming to University means for you in particular – your hopes and dreams and also to think about what you might find challenging. Don't worry – you only have to share what you are comfortable to talk about.

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.

When the Teaching and learning starts after Welcome week in the wc 4th October, you will be timetabled on the following days;

- Semester 1 is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning (optional) and Thursday
- Semester 2 is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning (optional) and Thursday

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
09.30 hrs	Meet and greet Introduction to your course and course teams, CH321 10.00hrs	10.00 Hrs Buddy meet- L5 & L6 students/mentor CH320/321 Ice breaker activity and a social event – around campus & town all day	SU Activities	X1 PT session Top Up L6 with RW CH317	Staff/student 'Cultural Activity' across the Art and Design Subject area. 08.30-17.30 hrs approx
11.00	Nuts and bolts – H&S inductions for labs/workshops/studios	Nuts and bolts – H&S inductions for labs/workshops/studios- see timetable in CH317 Nuts and bolts – H&S inductions for labs/workshops/studio see timetable in CH317	SU Activities	Central activities – SU/library tours/student support/finance/chang emaker. A central schedule of activities is in development. Students will receive separate comms signposting them to these activities.	
1.30	SU activities	Nuts and bolts – H&S inductions for labs/workshops/studio See timetable in CH317	Guest speaker – industry or subject specific speaker and room TBC		
	SU activities	SU activities			