

Welcome 2021



BA Fashion Design

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 Subject 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 – Your Subject Leader

Welcome to The University of Northampton and to the exciting, fast paced, award winning subject area of fashion. Our academic staff team are among the best in the world thanks to their dedication to their teaching, research, publication and practice. The team have been recognised for excellence in teaching, learning and assessment through fellowships to the Higher Education Academy. In addition, individuals have been nominated, shortlisted and/or won awards within the University and been recognised externally by being awarded the title of Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, presented their research internationally through conferences and exhibitions and bring to the curriculum a rich industry background and experience. As a team, we are all dedicated to offering you the very best student experience and supporting you on your journey, not just in your academic studies but also beyond.

We look forward to meeting you during the online welcome activities and over the course of your studies. The fashion team and I are delighted that you are joining us and wish you the very best for an enjoyable and successful academic journey. In the meantime, have a look at what our fabulous students have been doing on Instagram @fashionuon

With Best Wishes,

Vicki Dean, Subject Leader Fashion & Foundation

WELCOME FROM THE TEAM

Congratulations on securing a place on the BA (Hons) **Fashion Design** at the University of Northampton! A very warm welcome both to The University of Northampton and to the programme! We are absolutely delighted to have you with us.

We are an experienced team who will be working with you to develop your skills in a range of areas to support your chosen degree. With hard work and commitment, these skills will enable you to understand what is required of you, with the intention of reaching your highest potential possible.

We look forward to working with you both on campus at Waterside and online and look forward to working with you throughout your studies.

With best wishes,
The Fashion Team

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	Date:	Monday 6 th September
	Time:	11.00 – 12.00 Midday
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/11430bdd929247028f7455bb8cc156fd
Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme Session 2	Date:	Monday 13 th September
	Time:	11.00 – 12.00 Midday
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/11430bdd929247028f7455bb8cc156fd
Supporting Your Success Session 3	Date:	Monday 20 th September
	Time:	11.00 – 12.00 Midday
	Link:	https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/11430bdd929247028f7455bb8cc156fd

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 the latest version)

Time	Monday 27 th September	Tuesday 28 th September	Wednesday 29 th September	Thursday 30 th September	Friday 1 st October
11.00 – 1.00 pm	Welcome and introduction to the team The Creative Hub CH201	Meet your personal Tutor Group session The Creative Hub CH201	Practical workshop sessions The Creative Hub CH201	Practical workshop sessions The Creative Hub CH201	
1-2pm lunch					
2 – 4pm	Tour of facilities, learning spaces and Q & A	Individual Personal Tutor sessions on request Drop in sessions The Creative Hub CH201	Practical workshop sessions The Creative Hub CH201	Social activity an opportunity to meet with fashion students from other years as well as those in your year CH201	