

Welcome 2021



MSc Molecular Bioscience

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 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

Dear students,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to the University of Northampton to take the next step of your academic journey into Masters level study. Molecular Bioscience is such an exciting field of research and scholarship and we hope you will enjoy discovering new aspects of the subject and challenging yourself to explore your current interests in more depth. We will also welcome you to our Molecular Biosciences Research Group where you will join colleagues working on projects such as identification of biomarkers for cancer, genetic diversity of sepsis and Covid 19 patients and novel methods for classification and identification of bacterial species and you should easily find an exciting research project to study for your dissertation.

Best wishes from the MSc Programme 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:

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| Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting to Know You• Introduction to Learning and Teaching on your Programme• Supporting Your Success | Date: | Friday 24 th September 2021 |
| | Time: | 10.00 am |
| | Link: | https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/3cc15a3698b346388e2b117d6a0ce049 |

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

Please note that this timetable is provisional. Some times/sessions may change

| Time | Monday 27 th September | Tuesday 28 th September | Wednesday 29 th September | Thursday 30 th September | Friday 1 st October |
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| Morning | 9am-12pm Enrolment and Student services drop-in | 10am Good Academic Practice – Avoiding Plagiarism. 11am Assessments – Rules, Regulations & Best Practice | 9am How to be successful at Masters Level –Skills and Resources 10-12pm Personal Tutor meetings. You will be able to book a time to meet one to one with your tutor | | Campus Festival |
| Afternoon | 2pm Meet the MSc team 12-5pm Student Union Day | 2pm Life Sciences Seminar with guest speaker 12-5pm Student Union Day | 12-5pm Student Union Sports Taster Day | | Campus Festival |