

Admissions – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the academic entry requirements for subjects offered by the Faculty of Natural and Environmental Sciences?

Follow link and select subject of interest. Click on entry requirements tab.

- Chemistry <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/chemistry/undergraduate/courses.page?>
- Ocean and Earth Sciences
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/oes/undergraduate/courses.page?>
- Biological Sciences
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/biosci/undergraduate/courses.page>
- Natural Sciences
http://www.southampton.ac.uk/natsci/find_course/msci_natural_sciences.page

2. Is it worth me applying to my chosen course as my predicted grades are below the entry requirements? I think I will improve on my predictions in my final exams.

Generally anyone who offers predicted A-Level (or equivalent) grades of BBB or above and a personal statement that shows enthusiasm for the subject will receive our standard offer. Experience of lab/fieldwork is useful but not essential.

3. What are the English Language entry requirements that I must satisfy?

More information can be found here:

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/entry_reqs/english_language.shtml

4. What is my fees classification status?

Your fees status will be classified by the University's Central Admissions Team. This will be based on information you supply during the application process. If additional information is required you will be asked to complete a Fees Assessment Questionnaire. Please see [here](#) for more information.

5. I am an international student. Where can I find out the entry requirements for the qualification that I have studied?

For more information please see the International pages of the university website [here](#). You can also contact the undergraduate admissions team on ugafnes@soton.ac.uk for advice.

6. I am an international student and will require a CAS number to study in the United Kingdom. How do I obtain this?

When applying for a visa to join the University of Southampton for your undergraduate studies you will need to obtain a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number. The admissions team will apply for this number for you once you have met all the conditions set out in your offer. For more information on visas and immigration please click [here](#).

- 7. I am predicted to achieve high grades in my upcoming exams although I am not studying the correct subjects to be considered for my undergraduate programme of choice. Do you offer a Foundation Year as a solution to this?**

We do offer a Science Foundation Year and this may offer applicants a viable way of joining their preferred undergraduate programme if they have not studied the correct A-Levels (or equivalent). The Science Foundation Year is run by the Faculty of Engineering and the Environment. They can be contacted for more information on foundyr@soton.ac.uk

- 8. I am a mature student. Can I still apply for an undergraduate programme offered by the Faculty of Natural and Environmental Sciences? What entry requirements must I meet?**

We welcome applications from all individuals that satisfy our entry requirements. These requirements are the same regardless of your age.

- 9. I am applying to more than one programme at the University of Southampton (For example, Medicine and Biomedical Sciences). My personal statement will be focused on one subject area only. Therefore, will my application still be considered?**

It is not a problem if you wish to apply for multiple undergraduate programmes offered by the University of Southampton. Understanding that UCAS only allow you to submit one personal statement during the application process, you are welcome to email any updated information that may be relevant to your application to an undergraduate programme offered by the Faculty of Natural and Environmental Science. Please send this information to ugafnes@soton.ac.uk

- 10. Can I defer my application and take a gap year?**

You can defer at any point in the application process. You must select a year of entry when applying through UCAS. If you change your mind after submitting your application, you can contact us on ugafnes@soton.ac.uk and we can either defer or un-defer your application as necessary.

- 11. How will the Faculty of Natural and Environmental Sciences communicate with me regarding my application?**

We will communicate with you via email or telephone in the first instance, using the contact details that you supplied on your UCAS application. Therefore, it is important that you add ugafnes@soton.ac.uk to your email address book so that our communication is not filtered as junk. If you wish for us to contact you in an alternative manner please inform us and we will meet your requirements.

- 12. I have a certain condition that impact upon my study ability. What provisions are there to ensure that my needs are met?**

Enabling Services are the team that will help to meet your needs during your studies at the University of Southampton. If necessary an informal meeting can be arranged with the team as part of your application process to answer your queries and discuss any particular needs you may have. Please see [here](#) for more information on the Enabling Services Team.

13. What is the policy on retakes for entry to undergraduate programmes offered by the Faculty of Natural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Southampton?

We are happy for applicants to retake some or all of their exams in order to meet our entry requirements. We would be unable to consider an application from an individual that has had to retake exams on more than one occasion to meet our entry requirements.

14. Due to unforeseen circumstances I have taken longer than the traditional two years in which to complete my A-Levels. Will my application still be considered?

This is not a problem. Provided you meet our standard entry requirements we would be happy to review your application. Our only stipulation is that no longer than three years have passed from the date that you completed your A-Levels to the date that you are due to start your undergraduate level study.

15. What must I do to secure a place in University Halls of Residence?

You are guaranteed a place in Halls provided you apply prior to 1st August in the year you are due to join in Southampton. This guarantee applies provided you have no dependents and you normally live outside the Southampton City boundary. Please see [here](#) for more details on our accommodation.