University of Southampton is now working with Western Union Business Solutions to provide students with an alternative method for paying student bills. This option allows you to pay GBP student fees in the currency of your choice and provides you with a simple and secure way to initiate a payment electronically.

You have a lot to think about when studying at university, including (for overseas students) entering international markets to make payments for tuition and other university fees. Some of the complications you can encounter using current payment processes (international wire transfers or bank drafts) include:

- Payments are in a currency different from your local currency
- International wires are costly due to high banking fees
- Retail exchange rates are high
- Payment details provided by your banking institution to the university are sometimes incomplete, which can cause additional time for the university to apply the payment to your student account

Advantages of using the WU® GlobalPay for Students platform:

- You can easily make a bank-to-bank transfer via the University of Southampton GlobalPay for Students platform https://student.globalpay.wu.com/geo-buyer/southampton
- You make your payment in the currency of your choice which will then be converted into GBP.
- Western Union Business Solutions and University of Southampton do not charge for this transaction, BUT you may be charged a transaction fee by your bank.
- The exchange rate is valid for 72 hours* after you have initiated the transaction. Your confirmation and payment must be received by Western Union Business Solutions within that period.
- The exchange rate is often competitive when compared to retail rates of your financial institution and for many students their bank service fees are also reduced because the transaction is being initiated as a local transfer.
- Payments will include your reference information and will ensure that your payment reaches your student account quickly.

*For payments from certain countries, Western Union Business Solutions may refer the payer to a Western Union Business Solutions referral partner in that country who will provide a foreign exchange rate and process the payment for the payer.
Making payments via bank-to-bank transfer

Steps to making a payment

**How to Initiate a payment**

**Step 1: Initiate your payment online**
- Go to the University of Southampton GlobalPay for Students website: https://student.globalpay.wu.com/geo-buyer/southampton

**Step 2: Process Payment**
- Enter student details (name, 8 digit student ID number e.g. 100.....)
- Select what fee you are paying for
- Enter amount of GBP that you need to pay
- Select your home currency**
- Finalise transaction

**Step 3: Bank Transfer**
- Forward confirmation page to your local bank in person or via on-line banking
- Local bank will transfer funds to Western Union Business Solutions in your local currency and then Western Union Business Solutions will forward your payment to us

**Step 4: Payment Finalised**
- University of Southampton will post the GBP equivalent to your student account and send you an email receipt for your payment

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** If your local currency is not available, please select an alternative currency or GBP option. You will receive all of the benefits listed above including no banking charges from University of Southampton or Western Union Business Solutions, quicker posting of payment to student account, and fully referenced payments.

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