

# US Federal Loans Key Points:

## Experiential Prior Learning

The US Department of Education do not allow Federal Student Aid to be administered to students on our degree programs unless they have achieved a High School Diploma or a recognised equivalent or greater academic qualification. This means that students that are admitted onto University of Southampton courses on the basis of equivalent Experiential Prior Learning are not eligible to receive Federal Student Aid.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

You must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to be eligible for your loans and disbursements. Regular assessments are made of your progress including your pace of study, the time still required to complete your study, and your academic attainment. Failure to meet the required standard in an assessment can result in immediate loss of eligibility to receive US Federal Student Aid. More details can be found in the [Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy](#) document.

## Exit Counselling

As a recipient of Federal Student Aid (Direct Loans), you are required to complete [Loan Exit Counselling](#) to ensure you understand the responsibilities for the loans you have taken. We will remind you of this requirement after we have disbursed your second instalment, and will not disburse your final disbursement until this has been completed.

## Withdrawal from studies

Students who withdraw from their University course may need to return Direct Loan funds in accordance with the conditions agreed to in their Promissory Notes. Please see the [University's Return of Title IV Funds policy](#) for further information.

## Certificate of Fees Payment

If you require a Certificate of Fees Payment, please send an email to the [Financial Support Team](#) with your full name and Student ID number and we will issue this to you. Please note that the University of Southampton is not registered to pay tax in the United States and therefore not authorised to fill out an IRS 1098T form, however our Certificate of Fees Payment contains the same information as is requested on the 1098T form.

## In School Deferment Request

If you require an In School Deferment Request form to be signed, please submit this to the Financial Support Team within the Student Services Centre on Highfield campus for completion.

## Additional Information

University of Southampton's ID: G08399

Financial Support Team: [stufunds@soton.ac.uk](mailto:stufunds@soton.ac.uk) +44 (0) 23 8059 9599 Click here for [FAFSA](#) website.  
Click here to apply for [Direct Loans](#).

Full information about the loans process can be found on the [Federal Student Aid](#) website.