

University of Portsmouth



The University is very proud of its extensive research programme and excellent links to industry and public sector partners, its international reputation, and its great record of graduate employment. There are over 19,600 students studying a wide range of courses at the University with around 3,000 overseas students from 100 countries. We are continually improving our campus facilities to provide students with a stimulating learning environment.

Academic strengths

The University of Portsmouth is a research-active university that seeks focused international excellence in its research profile. Our performance in the UK Research Assessment Exercise has improved consistently since our first entry in 1992 and we also have well-developed strengths in applied research with business, industry and the public and voluntary sectors.

A huge variety of our courses are recognised by professional organisations which can be crucial for career progression in some sectors. Being recognised and approved by professional bodies is not simple and Portsmouth is proud to be associated with a wide range of professional organisations.

Facilities

The University has 10 halls of residence to choose from and most are within walking distance of the University's teaching buildings. There are many different styles of student rooms with the option of having meals provided or cooking for yourself. All rooms have free internet access (broadband), internet telephony and digital TV, including international channels.

The University Library has study places for 850 readers, and more than 320 computers linked to the University's network. In addition to more than 600,000 books and 250,000 volumes of journals, the library has access to more than 10,000 electronic journals and thousands of e-books. All students have internet access and a personal email address.

There are numerous rooms equipped with combinations of micro-computers, Apple Mac workstations and printers attached to local area networks across campus to assist learning and study. Although nearly the entire campus is a wireless hot spot and so you can access the internet from virtually anyway!

There are a variety of fitness facilities within Portsmouth, including the University's own St. Paul's Gym and Nuffield Sports Centre.

Student life

At the University of Portsmouth we pride ourselves on the level of support we offer all our students. The International Office team is dedicated to providing consistent care for the University's international students. Our International Student Advisers are responsible for the pastoral care of international and EU students and organise events and day trips throughout the academic year. Mix and Match is a mentoring scheme that brings together students from different nationalities and cultures.

The University's support network includes Student Housing, Careers and Recruitment, the Student Finance Centre, the University Nursery, the Academic Skills Unit, the Counselling Service, Chaplaincy and the Students' Union. The University also offers international and EU students free English classes for academic purposes for those who want to further improve their English language skills.

All new international and EU students are invited to join a special orientation programme which is held the week before the start of the term. We also provide a free airport pick up service on arrival into Heathrow Airport. New students will then have the opportunity to receive general advice about living and studying in Portsmouth, meet staff from all the support services and teaching staff from their department and take part in cultural and social events throughout the week.

FEES & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Tuition fees for international (non-EU) students for 2009/2010

Undergraduate: £8,750 - £10,150

Postgraduate: £8,750 - £10,150

MBA (AMBA accredited): in the region of £15,000

Study Abroad programme

Full year: £11,000 - £14,500

Semester 1: £5,600 - £7,500

Semester 2: £5,600 - £7,500

Please note that fees are subject to change and you are advised to contact the University for further details.

Admissions criteria for undergraduate study

Each course at the University will have its own entry requirements. These are indicated in detail in the University's prospectus. As a guide, for degree level study, applicants will need to have the equivalent of one of the following:

2 good 'A'-Levels (GCE Advanced Level) or 160-300 tariff points

a recognised Access/Foundation course

an International Baccalaureate (minimum score 24)

an EDEXCEL (BTEC) National Diploma

a High School Leaving Certificate, where it is deemed to be equivalent to 'A'-Level Standard

Some courses may require higher entrance criteria, especially those courses that are recognised by professional bodies. If we are unable to offer you your chosen course, we will make every effort to offer you a course we feel you will be able to benefit from. In some cases this may be the foundation level or HND.

Admissions criteria for postgraduate study

As a guide, for entry to a postgraduate course, applicants will need to have a good bachelor degree in a relevant discipline or equivalent, or have had relevant work experience in the appropriate field. Every application is considered individually and many factors such as maturity, motivation and work experience are considered in support of your application.

English language requirements

Your level of English will need to be sufficient for you to follow your chosen course, contribute to the classes and pass assignments (coursework and examinations). We require the following proficiency in English Language:

Foundation: IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL 527 (197 computer based or 71 internet based test)

Certificate/Diploma/Degree: IELTS 6 or TOEFL 550 (213 computer based or 79-80 internet based test)

Masters: a minimum IELTS 6 or TOEFL 550 (213 computer based or 79-80 internet based test). Some courses require higher levels of English proficiency.

SCHOLARSHIPS

International Bursary

We are now offering international bursaries to overseas applicants for their first year of study at Portsmouth.

International bursaries are available to all self-funding, full-time postgraduate taught and research students and all undergraduate students studying on a full-time UCAS registered course, with annual fees of £8,750 or above.

The international bursary will take the form of 10 per cent fee reduction effective at the time of registration. It cannot be combined with any other scholarship, discount or fee offer, except the prompt payment discount for students paying their fees in full at the start of the academic session.

ACCOMMODATION



Halls of residence are either within walking distance of the University's teaching accommodation or are linked to the main campus by a free inter-site bus service. The University has many different styles of student rooms with the option of having meals provided (catered) or cooking for yourself (self-catered). Most rooms are ensuite (private bathroom).

All rooms have free Internet access (broadband), free internal telephone calls and voicemail facility. Internet telephony and digital television services, including international channels, are also provided in all rooms at no charge. Accommodation for postgraduate students and female only flats are also available.

All international (non EU) students are guaranteed a room in University accommodation for their first year, provided they have completed an accommodation booking form and paid an advance rent deposit of £200 by 14th August.

LOCATION



Portsmouth is an island city in the centre of England's southern coastline. It's central, sheltered position and good travel links to other cities make Portsmouth a popular location to live, work, and study. London is just 90 minutes away by train and there are good road and rail communications to London, Heathrow and Gatwick airports. France and Spain are only a ferry ride away and the sandy beaches of the Isle of Wight can be reached by boat in just half an hour.

The University quarter is in the heart of the city, making shopping, public transport and leisure facilities very convenient. Most of our modern halls of residence are located in the University quarter, within a stone's throw of the main teaching buildings.

Portsmouth is one of the country's sunniest spots. The daily temperature is 20°C during the summer months, falling to an average of 12°C in winter. Rainfall is lower than the national average and snow is unusual.

Portsmouth was also the birthplace of Charles Dickens and the one time home of Arthur Conan Doyle, Jean Rhys and Rudyard Kipling. As a city with many identities – naval port, tourist attraction and university town- Portsmouth caters for such a diverse population and can offer students a huge variety of social activities and cultural experiences.

FACILITIES



Library

The University Library is conveniently situated right in the centre of campus and is open from 8am until midnight every day during term time. The recent £11 million extension, added 200 more study spaces, six rooms for group study, 200 new IT spaces, a new café and space for an extra 60,000 volumes. There are also over 10,000 electronic journals, together with thousands of e-books, which can be accessed across campus, from home, from wherever there is an internet connection.

IT

The University's faculties all have extensive computing facilities, with a large number of high specification PCs as well as Apple Macs, all running the latest software for specialist and general computing.

Every student has access to a web-based email service called Netmail. Netmail is accessible via a standard web browser from either in or outside the University. Students will have their own email address, disc storage facilities and a free print quota at the start of each academic year. ResNet (Residential Network) provides free high-speed (10Mbps) internet access to all students living in our halls of residence. We also have an extensive wireless network. You can connect your laptop and access University resources and internet across the campus, so you'll never be tied to one location and are free to move around.

Our new drop-in centre, Connect UP, helps students obtain information on services such as wireless, broadband, and new computing initiatives, gain IT advice and buy a broad range of products, including notebook computers.

Sport

The University has its own playing fields including an all-weather pitch and a range of indoor sports facilities. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, hockey, netball and five-a-side football are all available on campus.

The fully equipped St Pauls Gym, offers cardiovascular, free weights and resistance training equipment. Nuffield Sports Hall gives regular fitness and dance classes for both staff and students. For those with a particular skill in certain sports, especially swimming, sailing, rugby and hockey, there are opportunities to represent the University and compete at professional level with leading clubs in the area.

Purple Door Recruitment

Purple Door Recruitment is located right in the middle of the campus and works proactively with employers on behalf of students to find them opportunities for voluntary and part-time work, vacation opportunities and graduate vacancies.

STUDENT LIFE



In a joint venture, the University and the Students' Union have created an award winning Student Centre. The facilities combine shop units, fast food outlets, a high tech nightclub, sports bar, coffee shop and catering facilities for families and friends. Moreover, the Students' Union acts as a base for the University's 107 clubs and societies and is the centre of the University's social life.

For students seeking part-time employment, the University has its own Job Shop. The Job Shop offers students assistance in securing part-time, casual and seasonal employment whilst they are studying at the University.

The Guildhall regularly welcomes major bands, comedy acts and concerts. The city also has two historic theatres, arts centres and a number of clubs and venues, which feature a wide variety of productions, local bands and alternative entertainment, including: Indian Dance, Flamenco, Irish Dancing and Belly Dancing. There are active music clubs and Portsmouth is an important venue for touring folk, jazz and blues bands.

The student sporting life at Portsmouth is varied and lively. Students currently run approximately 60 sports clubs ranging from scuba diving to rugby.

Our location on Britain's south coast provides an ideal position to enjoy water sports of all kinds. Windsurfing from beginner to expert level, in competition or just for fun, can be enjoyed around the island's shores. The University's sailing club regularly competes at international level.

Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy team supports students of all faiths and none by providing a peaceful, hospitable space for sharing ideas, meeting new friends and receiving personal support. Chaplains are willing to spend time face to face with individuals or groups to help resolve problems, explore faith or discuss matters of concern.

Muslim staff and students can use the new Islamic prayer rooms with dedicated ablutions facilities.

Mix & Match

This is a new scheme which helps overseas students to make new friends at the University and settle into life in the UK. Existing students, who act as mentors, will help you to get to know the city, provide study advice, offer opportunities to practise your English in a more informal way and familiarise yourself with the UK life and culture.