

December Taster Day Extravaganza

Tuesday 4th December

Special Effects

This dynamic taster day will allow your students to explore studying for work within the special effects sector of the film, television and leisure industries. Uniquely in the UK, Solent's special effects course offers a choice between animatronics and visual effects pathways within the same degree structure – on the taster day students will gain an insight into some of these areas.

Monday 8th December

Business

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Photography

Your students will have a choice to explore what it means to go on and study photography, with an option on the day to explore either Colour Photograms or Black and White Pinhole Camera. A photogram is created through a camera-less process, by which objects are placed directly onto the light-sensitive paper and then exposing light through the object. The resulting image is a negative shadow which shows a variation in tones depending on the transparency and colour of the objects used. A pinhole camera is a simple camera without a lens and with a single small aperture, a pinhole – effectively a light-proof box with a small hole in one side. Light from a scene passes through this single point and projects an inverted image on the opposite side of the box.

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Fashion

Exploring subjects around fashion management, buying and PR, as well visual merchandising this taster day will explore a range of interesting fashion careers and the courses at Re:So on offer at Solent in this area. Students will have the opportunity to visit Re:So, our award winning student led retail outlet and gain a better understanding of the entrepreneurial pathways available to them. For more information about our retail space before the day why not check out our blog <http://retailsolent.blogspot.co.uk/>

Wednesday 10th December

Adventure and Outdoor

Southampton Solent University are excited to offer a Taster Day for students interested in careers in the dynamic world of the Adventure and Outdoor industries and to find out more about our BA (Hons) Adventure and Outdoor Management degree. The day will offer the opportunity for a tour of the main East Park Terrace Campus, course presentation and a choice of interactive workshops and a practical experience either climbing at St Marys Sport Centre or power boating at the Warsash Sports Centre (limited spaces so must be booked in advance for practical on a first come first serve basis). There will be an opportunity to meet staff and current students on the course.

Applied Sport Science

This day focuses on exploring indirect calorimetry – the estimating calorie expenditure of exercise. During the day your students will be led by current Solent students through a practical that is typically undertaken in Year 1 of the degree course. The 90 minute practical will indirectly assesses how many calories we burn when we are at rest and during exercise. Students will collect, analyse and interpret the results. In addition the students will get an experience of what it is like to undertake a laboratory practice from learning how to take scientific protocols for simple measures such as height and weight as well as learn specific indirect calorimetry specific skills. (Parental consent is required for this activity in advance).

Computer Games

Students will have the opportunity to gain an insight into our computer games course within our technology school. These courses give students the tools needed to tap into this exciting new industry. Exploring the latest development techniques from industry experts and covering programming, engine-based scripting and development tools, students will learn about game design, with a focus on producing fun, innovative games for mobile devices.

Digital Animation, CGI & Computer and Video Games

This taster day allows your students to explore the creative aspects of computing and video games. Students will have an opportunity to examine Digital sculpting & 'Unreal' project creation. Digital sculpting, also known as Sculpt Modeling or 3D Sculpting, is the use of software that offers tools to push, pull, smooth, grab, pinch or otherwise manipulate a digital object as if it were made of a real-life substance such as clay.

Engineering

Working in our industry standard engineering labs, your students will have the chance to explore the realistic world of materials testing. A range of activities are on offer and discussion and debate is encouraged. Students will have the chance to see the different tests and discuss with the group why they think materials need to undergo the tests in the laboratory. A range of activities will be included and sometimes the results can be surprising! The whole group will look at the results and consider where they might be required in engineering design.

Graphic Design and Illustration

The taster session will be based in our School of Art studios where each student will create an A3 poster utilising hand drawn text, photoshop and textures from the print room. This will allow students to explore using a wide range of materials and media, and discover their own style, and how they may be able to pursue this further at university.

What is Social Work?

During this taster day you will meet Senior Lecturer who have a wealth of industry experience in all areas of Social Work. It will give you an understanding of the nature of Social Work and the ideology that underpins the teaching of the subject at Southampton Solent University. You will hear about the strong practical element of the course which is built on long-standing relationships with local employers, service users and carers.

Thursday 11th December

Fashion

Discovering and examining subjects around Fashion Styling, Photography and Graphics this taster day will delve into a range of interesting fashion careers and courses. Fashion styling and visual image is key to the success of products, brands, media and celebrity. Students will learn the creative, technical and business skills the industry is looking for, and have a chance to explore and develop your own individual talents through hands-on practical work.

Health, Exercise and Physical Activity

This taster day aims to give you an insight into what it would be like to study Health, Exercise and Physical Activity at Southampton Solent University. As well as learning about the course and taking a tour of our facilities, you will get an overview of how important physical activity is in keeping us healthy and free of disease. You will think about why people aren't as active as they should be and consider what we could do to encourage people to be more active. This will be an interactive session with plenty of opportunity for discussion and questions.

Friday 12th December

Law

Combining insights into two very different applications of the law that of sexual equality and business entrepreneurship. This session introduces students to the difference in legal and sociological approaches to equality – and individual sexuality. Debating the question should the law change to reflect changing social attitudes to differing sexualities? Student will then go on to consider questions concerning business law. Students are encouraged to make and present rational arguments throughout the day.

Monday 15th December

Criminology

Crime Scene to Crime Court – Experiencing Criminology.' The session will take the audience through the investigation and prosecution of a criminal offence. Beginning with the discovery and investigation of a crime scene, the audience will then participate in a mock trial helping to convict or acquit the accused. This interactive approach to learning about crime, justice and popular attitudes towards criminals and their actions is a fascinating insight into the diverse and intriguing world of law-breaking and introduces the audience to several of the themes covered in a criminology degree.

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Tuesday 16th December

Events Management

For your students who want to find out about the vibrant and rapidly expanding Events Management industry. Our taster enables them to meet current students and staff and take part in a practical activity to plan and organise a themed event, deciding on the venue, guests, catering and hospitality, artists and speakers, décor, props, scenery, sound and lighting, audio visual and special effects.

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Marketing

Students will be involved in practical activities throughout the day which will involve the marketing of a new product to university students. You will by the end of the session understand the importance of the marketing mix and social media. Lots of creativity skills will be required!

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Product Design

This taster day will explore visualisation techniques for product design. In order to create a clear link to the daily product design practice (design departments or agencies), the taster day will explore the various ways of visualising and various techniques, in correspondence with the stage of progress.

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Sport Studies

The day will combine practical activities with presentations on the different course content and a chance to meet current students and tour our sport facilities. You will hear about the wide range of opportunities to gain work experience or volunteering whilst on the course to enhance your employment prospects.

Writing and Communications

An opportunity for prospective students to experience 'hands on' activities in a range of course subject areas covered by the Communications and Writing School. We are planning a range of taster sessions to cover the following courses that come under this subject area. Some of those we hope to include are listed below, actual subjects will be confirmed nearer the day:- Feature Journalism, News Journalism, English and Media Writing, Advertising and Communication. Don't miss this opportunity to 'try before you apply'.