



**University of  
Sunderland**  
in London

# **PARENT, GUARDIAN AND CARER GUIDE**

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# INTRODUCTION



**Choosing to attend university is a significant step in your young person's life. While this is an exciting time, we understand that it can also be challenging. At the University of Sunderland in London (UoSIL), we are dedicated to supporting both you and your young person throughout the entire process.**

We've put together key information for parents, guardians and carers to help you understand how we ensure your young person's well-being and academic success. From the moment they apply to the day they graduate, our student services offer a wide range of support including academic guidance, health and wellbeing services, financial assistance, and career advice.

# WHO WE ARE

The University of Sunderland in London offers career-focused courses in business, finance, nursing, health, and tourism. Located near Canary Wharf, our institution attracts a diverse student body from all over the world, preparing students for their future careers in an international and multicultural environment.

We understand the need for flexibility, so our course timetables accommodate a healthy work-life balance with four intakes a year and teaching spread over three days a week. This enables students to work or participate in extra-curricular activities to enhance their employability.

As part of the wider University of Sunderland - which has campuses in the north-east of England and Hong Kong - we are dedicated to widening participation and making education accessible for all students, regardless of their background.

**Visit our website for more information [london.sunderland.ac.uk](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk)**



# OUR COURSES

Our courses are designed with a strong focus on careers, giving your young person a competitive edge as they enter the workforce. Developed in collaboration with employers and affiliated with professional bodies, we offer a variety of undergraduate, foundation, and top-up courses to meet your young person's career aspirations. Many of our lecturers are also active professionals in their fields, providing invaluable insights and real-world experience.



## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- **BA (Hons)** Business and Financial Management
- **BA (Hons)** Business and Management
- **BSc (Hons)** International Tourism and Hospitality Management

## FOUNDATION COURSES

- **FdA** Business and Management
- **FdSc** Health and Social Care
- **FdA** Tourism and Events Management

## TOP-UP COURSES

- **BA (Hons)** Accounting and Financial Management
- **BA (Hons)** Business Management and Entrepreneurship
- **BSc (Hons)** Health and Social Care
- **BSc (Hons)** International Tourism and Hospitality Management
- **BSc (Hons)** Nursing Practice



For the full list of courses and the latest updates, visit our courses page:

[london.sunderland.ac.uk/study/courses](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/study/courses)

# STUDENT SERVICES

Our student services teams are dedicated to helping every young person throughout their student journey. Whether it's academic, personal, or professional, we offer a range of services to ensure they thrive during their time with us.

## STUDENT SUPPORT ENQUIRIES

Our Student Support team is here to help resolve issues or provide assistance with:

- UOS online store enquiries
- General Information queries
- Letter requests
- Course-related queries

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Health and Wellbeing team offers free, confidential services to help students manage challenges they may face, including:

- Mental health advice
- Well-being guidance
- Financial advice
- Support for disabilities and accessibility

## PERSONAL ACADEMIC TUTORS

Personal Academic Tutors (PATs) are dedicated to helping your young person reach their academic and professional goals. PAT services include:

- Academic feedback
- Employability guidance
- Referrals to specialised support services

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Our library offers many resources, including books, journals, and databases. Library staff can help your young person locate, access, and make the most of these resources with tailored support for specific subjects.

## DIGITAL COACHES

Our team of trained student coaches are here to help your young person navigate the digital platforms essential for their studies. This includes Canvas, MS Teams, Compass, and SharePoint. Whether they need assistance with platform navigation, developing key digital skills, or accessing specific features, our peer coaches are ready to make their digital experience smoother.

This comprehensive support network ensures they have everything they need to thrive academically and personally.

# CAREERS AND ENTERPRISE TEAM

At the heart of every young person lies a spark - a unique blend of talent, ambition, and potential that makes them truly special. We are committed to helping your young person recognise their potential, achieve life-changing success, and make a meaningful impact on society.



Whether they are just beginning their career journey, continuing their education, or exploring entrepreneurial ventures, our Careers and Enterprise team supports them every step of the way. The team offers a wide range of services, including:

- **One-to-one career advice**
- **Help with CV writing, job applications, and interview preparation**
- **Assistance in finding internships and graduate jobs**
- **Support for entrepreneurial ventures**
- **Career workshops to enhance skills and employability**

In addition to our extensive range of benefits and services, our Careers and Enterprise team also offers specific career development resources to enhance their skills and employability:

### FREE SHORT COURSES

Students can take advantage of a range of free short courses that complement their degree. These courses, which can last from a few hours to over eight weeks, develop valuable skills for running a business or enhancing career prospects.

### FORAGE VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS

Through the Forage platform, students can participate in virtual internships designed by global employers. These programmes offer practical insights into industry roles, helping students connect with potential employers and access future job opportunities.

### CAREER LAB

This platform is a career hub where students can connect with employers, find job opportunities, and access career advice and guidance to support their professional development.

With the support of our team and the practical skills gained through our courses, graduates from our programs have successfully secured positions with prestigious employers, including:



For more details regarding our Careers and Enterprise services, visit our Employability and Careers page:

[london.sunderland.ac.uk/student-life/employability-careers](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/student-life/employability-careers)

# HOW TO APPLY

There are two ways a home student can apply to study for our undergraduate courses:

- 1 Apply Directly:** Visit our website [london.sunderland.ac.uk/study/courses](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/study/courses) and choose your preferred course, then follow the step-by-step instructions to complete the online application.



Once you have completed this, you will be given a unique personal ID number so you can be kept up to date with any developments in your application.

- 2 Apply through UCAS:** For undergraduate courses, they can also apply through the UCAS website. Our institution code is **S84**.



## Disability and specific learning difficulties

If your young person has a disability or specific learning difficulties, it is important that they tell us about their needs when they apply so we can work with them to try to put appropriate support in place.

# THE APPLICATION PROCESS



Our Admissions team is here to help and support your young person through joining us, from their application to enrolment.

## WHEN TO APPLY

We have four intakes a year but accept applications year-round.

- **August / September**
- **October / November**
- **January / February**
- **April / May**

We recommend applying early so that young person has plenty of time to prepare. We'll contact them about what happens next as soon as we receive the application.

## WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY

Applying is simple. They can complete our online form and submit the following:

- **A personal statement**
  - **Proof of their qualifications**
  - **Proof of ID**
  - **A reference**
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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Once the application is submitted, our Admissions team will review it and contact you if further information is needed. If everything is in order, your young person will receive an offer. This offer could be:

- **Unconditional** - Meaning they've met all our entry requirements.
- **Conditional** - This means they must meet certain conditions, such as exam results, before being accepted.

To confirm their place for the required intake, your young person must then respond to the offer provided by the Admissions Team in a timely manner.

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## ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Throughout the application process, our Admissions team can answer any questions your young person may have. We're here to ensure your young person feels supported at every step of the journey.

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# FEES AND FUNDING

## TUITION FEES

For the 2025/2026 academic year, the tuition fees for home students (UK and EU settled/pre-settled status) are:

- **Foundation Courses:** £9,535 per year
- **Undergraduate and Top-Up Courses:** £9,535 per year

These fees can be covered through Student Finance England, which provides tuition fee loans that do not have to be paid upfront.



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## MAINTENANCE LOAN

Students can apply for an additional loan through Student Finance England, the Maintenance Loan. This is to help towards living expenses while at university, such as accommodation, food, course materials, and travel. EU students who have lived in the UK for at least three years may also qualify. Eligibility depends on nationality, residency, age, and previous study.



Find out more about student finance for undergraduates at:

[gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students](https://gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students)

# SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, AND EXTRA SUPPORT

We offer a variety of scholarships and bursaries to help make higher education more accessible. For the 2025/2026 academic year, our support includes:

## **PARTNER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Students applying through one of our partner colleges/sixth forms are eligible for a £1,000 fee waiver per academic year.

## **UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND IN LONDON BURSARIES:**

These are available to home, fee-paying, full-time undergraduate students studying eligible courses. Our bursaries prioritise under-represented groups in higher education, such as Gypsies, Travellers, asylum seekers, refugees, carers, and students from lower-income households.

## **DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (DSA):**

If your young person has a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental health condition, or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, they might be able to get funds to cover extra costs. Students can get up to £27,783 of support for 2025/2026. Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) can be used alongside the main student finance application and doesn't usually have to be paid back unless they leave their course early.



Find out more about DSA at:

[gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/how-to-claim](https://gov.uk/disabled-students-allowance-dsa/how-to-claim)



For more information on scholarships and bursaries, visit our Scholarships and Bursaries for Home Students page:

[london.sunderland.ac.uk/admissions/fees-scholarships/scholarships-discount-bursaries/home-scholarships](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/admissions/fees-scholarships/scholarships-discount-bursaries/home-scholarships)

# OPEN DAYS AND PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS



We invite parents to join our Open Days to explore our campus, meet staff, and learn more about how we support our students. We also welcome parents who are interested in studying with us to join our Open Days.



Book for an upcoming Open Day at:

[london.sunderland.ac.uk/discover-us/open-days](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/discover-us/open-days)



If you can't attend one of our Open Days, you can book a one-to-one personal consultation with our team on a day that works for you at:

[london.sunderland.ac.uk/personal-consultation](https://london.sunderland.ac.uk/personal-consultation)

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For our undergraduate degrees, we typically require:

- **56 UCAS tariff points (For Foundation courses) or 120 UCAS tariff points (for 3-year Bachelors) from Level 3 qualifications.**
- **Three GCSE passes at grade C/4 or above (including Maths and English).**



# UCAS TARIFF POINTS

You can use the following UCAS tariff points table to work out required points to meet our course entry requirements:

A-LEVEL AND AS-LEVEL UCAS POINTS		
GRADE	A LEVELS	AS LEVELS
A*	56	0
A	48	20
B	40	16
C	32	12
D	24	10
E	16	6

T-LEVELS UCAS POINTS	
Distinction*	168
Distinction	144
Merit	120
Pass at C or above in core component	96
Pass at C or E in core component	72

SCOTTISH UCAS POINTS			
SCOTTISH HIGHER		SCOTTISH ADVANCED HIGHER	
A	33	A	56
B	27	B	48
C	21	C	40
D	15	D	32

BTEC UCAS POINTS					
EXTENDED DIPLOMA	DIPLOMA	FOUNDATION DIPLOMA	EXTENDED CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	UCAS TARIFF POINTS
D*D*D*					168
D*D*D					160
D*DD					152
DDD					144
DDM					128
DMM	D*D*				112
	D*D				104
MMM	DD				96
		D*			84
MMP	DM				80
		D			72
MPP	MM				64
		D*			56
PPP	MP	M	D		48
				M	
				D*	28
		P		D	24
			P	M	16
				P	8

IRISH UCAS POINTS	
LEAVING CERTIFICATE HIGHER LEVEL	
H1	36
H2	30
H3	24
H4	18
H5	12
H6	9

IRISH UCAS POINTS	
LEAVING CERTIFICATE ORDINARY LEVEL	
01	12
02	10
03	8
04	6



We are committed to supporting your young person's success, both academically and personally. We look forward to being a part of this important chapter in their lives and are always here to assist you both as they embark on this exciting journey.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, email [recruitment-london@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment-london@sunderland.ac.uk)

**We're here to make this transition as smooth and rewarding as possible.**



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