University of Sunderland in London



Parents, Guardian & 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, computer science, 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 two to 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





Your Steps

Year 12

September – February

- Research courses online via UCAS or university websites
- Find out if you need work experience for your chosen course
- Talk to your school or college adviser
- Visit recruitment fairs
- Come to an open day

Year 12

March – August

- Attend Higher Education Fairs
- Narrow down courses and long-list your chosen universities
- Find out if your chosen course need interviews or portfolios
- Visit your long-listed universities' open days

Year 13

September – December

- Shortlist your universities and course choices
- Finalise your personal statement
- Submit your UCAS application to your school referee
- Revisit your shortlisted universities open days
- Keep track of your application on the UCAS Hub
- Attend interviews

Year 13

January – April

- Secure your place via a direct application on our website without UCAS
- Submit application by UCAS Equal Consideration Deadline (Please note, dates may change so keep an eye on UCAS)
- Start receiving offers
- Start thinking about making your Firm and Insurance decisions
- Start applying for student finance
- UCAS Extra Opens (February)
- Attend interviews

to Success

Year 13

May – June

- Decide on your Firm and Insurance choice (June Deadline)
- A level/Level 3 exams
- Apply for your student accommodation

Year 13

July

- UCAS Extra closes
- Consider Clearing if your plans have changed
- Research back-up option if you changed your mind

Year 13

August

- You get your exam results
- Confirm or decline university places
- Apply directly through Clearing if your plans have changed
- Secure your place via a direct UOSIL application on the university website without UCAS

Year 1 of Uni

September/October

- You are officially a student
- Enrol on your course
- Set up student finance
- Enjoy Welcome week/ induction
- Access student support if needed



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.



Our Undergraduate Courses

- BA (Hons) Business and Management
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Financial Systems
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with AI
- BSc (Hons) Fintech and Digital Finance
- BSc (Hons) Health, Wellbeing & Social Care
- BSc (Hons) Global Hospitality & Tourism Entrepreneurship

Our Foundation Courses

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

Our CertHE Courses

- CertHE Computer Science with AI
- CertHE Health, Wellbeing & Social Care

Our Top-Up Courses

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

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

london.sunderland.ac.uk/subject-areas

Student Services

Our student services teams are dedicated to helping every young person throughout their student journey. Whether its 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:

- General enquiries and signposting
- Letter requests
- Course related queries

Wellbeing Support

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

- Mental Health advice
- Well-being advice
- Financial guidance
- Disability and Accessibility support
- Crisis and emergency support
- Student Harassment and Sexual Misconduct



Personal Academic Tutors

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

- Advice on keeping up with your studies
- Course and assignment related support
- Referrals to specialised support services
- Identifying personal strengths and interests for career progression

Library Services

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

Digital Coaches

Starting university can feel overwhelming, especially when adapting to new digital essentials. That's why our team of trained student coaches are here to help your young person navigate the digital platforms essential for their studies—including 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 transition as smooth as possible. This comprehensive support network ensures they have everything they need to thrive both academically and personally.

Employability & Enterprise Team

At the heart of every child 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 employability and enterprise team support 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 with finding part-time work that fits around your course
- Support for entrepreneurial ventures
- Career workshops to enhance skills and employability

In addition to our extensive range of benefits and services, our **EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTERPRISE TEAM** 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 compliment 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

Forage is a free online platform, working with global employers across industries to build virtual internship programmes.

Programmes are designed by employers and provide an insight into the concepts, scenarios, roles, and tasks that you would encounter as an employee.

Employers use Forage to engage with potential talent for their organisation and may have relevant graduate jobs.

Online Hub

Our online hub is an employability platform which enables students and graduates to connect with employers and access job opportunities, career advice and guidance, and other employability services.

It is designed to support students and graduates in developing their careers and finding employment.

Graduates from our course have gone onto securing roles with well-known employers such as:

amazon · British Airways · BT · Emirates · HM Revenue & Customs · J.P.Morgan · Lloyd's · NHS · Sainsbury's · Savoy · citi · Transport for London

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

london.sunderland.ac.uk/student-life/careers-employability

The Application Process

Applying for university is an exciting time but can be overwhelming. It requires preparation and research, and you may have a lot of questions. So, to help you out, here's our guide on how to tackle the application process.

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/subject-areas** 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 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 difficulty, sharing this on their application allows us to collaborate with them and arrange appropriate support.

Our Intakes

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

- October
- January
- April
- August

We recommend applying early so that your 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

What Happens Next?

Once the application is submitted, our Admissions team will review it and will be in touch 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 receiving the grades required 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.

Advice & Support?

We're here to make the admission process for your young person as smooth and stress free as possible. Our Admission team are on hand to answer any questions, ensuring they feel supported from the moment they apply until they join our student community.

Fees & Funding

Tuition Fees

For the 2026/2027 academic year, the tuition fees for home students (UK and EU settled/pre-settled status) are:

- Foundation and CertHE Courses: **£9,790**
- Undergraduate and Top-Up Courses: **£9,790**



These fees can be covered through Student Finance England, which provides tuition fee loans that do not have to be paid upfront. Learn more about fees and funding at:

london.sunderland.ac.uk/scholarships-and-bursaries

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:

www.gov.uk/student-finance/new-fulltime-students

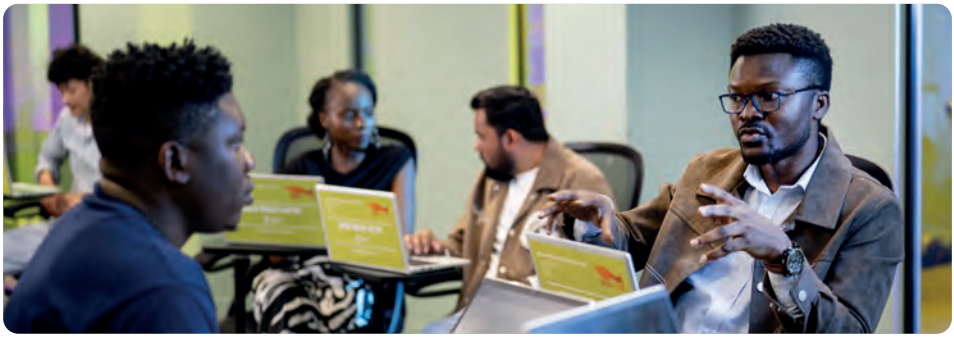
Scholarships, Bursaries, & Extra Support

We offer a variety of scholarships and bursaries to help make higher education more accessible. For the 2026/2027 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

Available to home, fee-paying, full-time undergraduate students studying eligible courses. Offering **awards between £500 and £2,000**, our bursaries prioritise under-represented groups in higher education, such as Gypsies, Roma, Travellers, asylum seekers, refugees, carers, and students from lower-income households.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

If you're 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 2026/2027. 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

Open Days & Personal Consultations



We invite parents, guardians, and carers 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/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

Entry Requirements

For our undergraduate degrees, we typically require:

- 56 UCAS tariff points (For Foundation courses) or 112 UCAS tariff points (for 3-year Bachelors) from Level 3 qualifications.
- GCSE grade C/4 or above in 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
	PP		M		32
				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 via email:

recruitment-london@sunderland.ac.uk

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

Visit our Open Days:

london.sunderland.ac.uk/open-days

Take a virtual campus tour:

london.sunderland.ac.uk/about/virtual-campus-tour



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