Get ready for BSc(Hons) Diagnostic Radiography

I hope that you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the BSc(Hons) Diagnostic Radiography course. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. I look forward to meeting you.

Sarah Dixon
BSc(Hons) Diagnostic Radiography Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment
Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now
We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

How to make a successful start to your programme

Specific for your course
The induction week is an important start to year 1. You will meet with other students in the Diagnostic Radiography programme as we introduce you to the world of Radiography. As well as an introduction to the programme and teaching teams you will have sessions with a representative from the Society of Radiographers to explain your professional responsibilities.

We utilise this week to get you into the small groups that you will be taught clinical technique in during the rest of the term. We will explore how to make the most of your time at university and look at the importance of maintaining your health and wellbeing with support from your academic personal tutor. There is an opportunity to visit the welcome fair at the student union and look at the vast numbers of clubs and societies you could join.

In previous correspondence you will have already been informed about our additional requirements which must be completed ahead of Enrolment and Induction:

- **Academic certificates**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service check**
- **Occupational Health clearance**

Immunisation
Please read both the Immunisation Letter and Immunisation leaflet prior to commencing your studies.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding, you must send the relevant paperwork to us, as instructed, as soon as possible.

Please be aware that incomplete Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health Checks will impact on your ability to access learning materials, attend placements and complete your enrolment onto your degree programme.

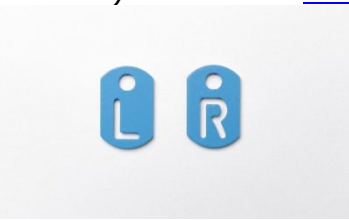
Placement Uniform
Details of how to order your placement uniform online will be sent to you by email soon after you start. This will include guidance to help you take accurate measurements that will be required to process your uniform order. You will also be asked to provide an address where your uniform will be delivered – please ensure that the address you provide is where you will be based when the delivery is made. Uniform deliveries will be made between late October and December. Look out for the email in your UWE email inbox and order your uniform promptly.

When you are in the Clinical environment either at UWE or in clinical practice you will need a comfortable pair of shoes (preferably black). Your shoes need to afford support and protection to your feet (open-toe shoes, Crocs, sandals, and trainers are not permitted by hospital trusts). Please ensure that you bring suitable footwear with you.

Long hair must be tied back away from the face for all practical sessions, and nails must be natural and kept short for health and safety reasons.

Diagnostic Radiography equipment
You will be required to obtain some items of Diagnostic Radiography equipment during the first academic block:

Radiographic side Markers
In clinical practice it is essential that the correct side of the body is marked at the time of exposure to radiation. These can be purchased online from a variety of sources (including Amazon!) for £12-£15. Use of anatomical side markers | SoR



TLD
As a student radiographer, it is a legal requirement to wear a Thermoluminescent Dosimeter (TLD) when you are working with ionising radiation during your clinical placements. A TLD is a personal dosimeter that records occupational radiation exposure to ensure it stays within safe limits. While exceeding these limits is rare, your TLD is an essential form of personal protective equipment (PPE) and regular monitoring of your TLD readings is important for your safety.

The TLD is a small badge that can be attached to your placement uniform at chest or waist level. A new TLD is issued to each student prior to every placement. Your first TLD will be provided to you free of charge, but failure to return any of your TLDs by the specified deadline for each clinical placement will incur a fee of £40. This late/non-return fee is the amount charged to the university by our external partners who oversee student dose monitoring – you will be expected to pay this amount in the event of unreturned, lost, or significantly damaged TLDs.

Further detailed information can be found in the TLD FAQs guide, which will be made available to you upon commencement of the course.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning
I would recommend you do the following before you start at UWE:

- Refresh your knowledge of anatomy and physics by visiting the BBC Bitesize GCSE webpages (Applied anatomy & physiology and atomic structure) and the BBC bitesize higher webpages (biology/physics).
- Visit the HCPC website for professional code of conduct information.
- Access the Society and College of Radiographers student zone

Read around your subject
A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library and Library study skills support - Study skills | UWE Bristol web pages to see the wide range of resources available

to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

- Cancer Research
- Society and College of Radiographers
- Bones and Joints: A Guide for Students : Harcus, James: Amazon.co.uk: Books
- Clark's Pocket Handbook for Radiographers (Clark's Companion Essential Guides) : Whitley, A Stewart, Sloane, Charles, Jefferson, Gail, Holmes, Ken, Anderson, Craig: Amazon.co.uk: Books

The last book on the list above is a good one to purchase your own copy of and can be purchased new for under £30.

Be prepared

Access support
Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped
The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students
The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Sarah Dixon** via email at sarah5.dixon@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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