



## Solent is second university in the world to use exclusive surround sound technology

Southampton Solent University's 3D cinema has been fitted with a new system that will provide students with exclusive playback and mixing facilities for object-based surround sound.

Solent is only the second university in the world (the first being the Beijing Film Academy), to have installed the new Dolby Atmos audio rendering system. As well as presenting films in the new surround sound format, the system allows students to produce mixes for moving image, in a Dolby-certified studio facility.

Pete Richardson, technical instructor for media technology, says this is a fantastic opportunity for students

"It's great to have the investment from the University for this exclusive facility," he says. "For the students especially, to have access to this kind of technology is amazing - not many places in the world can boast this sort of experience for their students!"

Media technology students who choose to take the sound design module in their second year will have the opportunity to mix in Dolby Atmos. In their third year option, broadcast and cinema sound, they will learn how the latest surround sound technology works.

The cinema is also used by Sonar Film, the University's student-run cinema, to show recent blockbusters for students at a cut price. Students will be able to watch *Legend* and experience the new technology from Friday 2 October. You can find out more about the cinema and what films are on at [www.sonarfilm.co.uk](http://www.sonarfilm.co.uk)

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### About Southampton Solent University

Southampton Solent University offers more than 19,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The University was awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2014 poll of students. Solent Business School has been awarded the Small Business Charter Award, which is supported by the Association of Business Schools and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and 'gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).