

The logo for Bournemouth University, featuring the letters 'BU' in a large, white, stylized font with a double outline, set against a dark orange background.

**Bournemouth  
University**



# BU UPDATE

Autumn 2016

for teachers and advisers

## Spotlight on UCAS exhibitions

**Thursday 27 April 2017 will mark our 14th year hosting the Dorset UCAS Exhibition. If you've been to a UCAS exhibition before, you'll know they're a great opportunity for students researching their post-18 options to discover a range of education and employment opportunities, all under one roof.**

**T**here'll be opportunities to speak to experienced people from the higher education sector and we'd recommend students take the time to examine the subject index enclosed in the exhibition guide to consider which will offer the most rewarding degree and the best experience. We'd also recommend they prepare questions about accommodation, as well as the teaching and assessment style. UCAS exhibitions are an ideal time to ask about Open Days - an invaluable way to discover if that university is where they want to spend the next few years.

With so much information available, a note pad and pen will definitely be useful, as well as making time for reflection once the event is over and they're back home with a pile of prospectuses and freebies!

Forward planning will also enable students to make the most of their visit by signing up to some of the general, student life and finance talks that will be running during the day.



Our students (and staff!) talk about the buzz on BU's campuses, but there's nothing like experiencing it for yourself. Attending the exhibition gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the community here at BU.

Students often have an extensive list of questions about student life. A campus tour with a Student Ambassador will add an extra dimension to the various talks, giving your students an opportunity to converse with our current undergrads.

We're proud of our facilities and are keen for prospective students to see them first-hand. Our new teaching spaces in The Fusion Building and study spaces in SUBU tower are definitely worth a visit, not forgetting our television and radio studios and the journalism Mac labs. If it's science, technology or music that takes their fancy, a campus tour will give them a chance to view the industry-approved equipment used by students. There'll also be the chance to view the Student Village, providing an insight to some of BU's accommodation.

**Bookings are now open for UCAS exhibitions. Find out more:**  
[www.ucas.com/exhibitions](http://www.ucas.com/exhibitions)

**Direct your students to our blog to read our top tips for making the most of all the exciting activities to get involved with on campus:**  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ucas-top-tips](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ucas-top-tips)

# UCAS application **top tips**

Whether your students are fine-tuning their personal statements for 2017 entry or starting to think about their higher education options for 2018, we're keen to pass on our advice for making BU applications stand out. Here are our top tips for applying for two of our subject areas.

## BA (Hons) Film

New for 2016 entry, this course is designed to give students the opportunity to explore and experiment with different aspects of filmmaking, producing films individually and collaboratively throughout the duration of the course.

Working alongside internationally recognised film lecturers and practitioners, students will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a way that industry rarely provides.

For your students' applications to stand out, we want to see a passion for film beyond their educational curriculum. We're particularly

interested to hear about their positive attributes and examples of working in a team, as well as what they want to come to university to improve upon.

Alongside demonstrating an interest in film, we want to know why a student wants to come on this course, what appeals to them about working in this industry and why they feel they have the edge over their peers.

**Find out more: [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/bafs](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/bafs)**



## Sport

For our Sport courses, we are looking for applicants who are interested in new ideas, can express themselves clearly in writing, as well as practically, work well in groups and can demonstrate a wide range of sporting interests.



In their applications, encourage your students to show passion for developing and working within the sports industry. We also want to hear about your students' appetite for working with people in order to bring the best out of them, as well as examples of developing into a well-rounded leader and team player.

We look for motivated and innovative thinkers who are familiar with current practice in the dynamic sports industry. If your students are considering applying for one of our Sport courses, they need to have a desire to examine either the management structure of sports organisations and businesses or be familiar with current coaching practices and developing people through sport.

**Find out more: [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/sport](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/sport)**



# Spotlight on new courses available for 2017 entry

## BA (Hons) and BSc (Hons) Archaeology

Our BA (Hons) and BSc (Hons) Archaeology degrees provide a fantastic blend of academic enquiry and practical training.



Both the BA and BSc cover a combination of academic study and fieldwork. After a shared first year, BSc students will focus on Archaeological Science and Environmental Archaeology in Year 2. The BA will introduce students to the diversity of contemporary and past human cultures, and how ancient societies inhabited and manipulated their environment.

Students don't just learn about past societies, they find out how we discover more about them using a range of techniques. Both pathways cover a varied range of archaeological topics that provides plenty of scope in terms of future careers, from working directly in archaeology to taking a role in the museum sector, or within the field of historic building conservation and monument management.

We support students to develop abilities that are also directly transferable to other industries, including critical thinking and honed

communication skills. Students are encouraged to consider and develop interpretations based on evidence and to communicate their findings to different audiences using a variety of media. These skills have taken our graduates into employment in other sectors, such as journalism, tourism and education.

Both the BA and BSc awards stand out with the BU benefit of substantial fieldwork opportunities. Students visit sites of significant archaeological interest (including Stonehenge, Avebury, the hillforts of Wessex, the Roman villas of Hampshire

**“Real world experience has been one of the best things about BU, with placements, the Big Dig and access to BU’s amazing collections of fossils and artefacts.”**

**Amber Williams, BSc (Hons) Archaeological, Anthropological and Forensic Sciences**

and Sussex) with members of our staff who are all involved in investigating these and other key archaeological sites. All our students take part in active field research, including the training excavation (known to all students as the Big Dig) at the end of the first year that is producing results of international importance.

Choosing either pathway enables students to develop their practical aptitudes and to experience a wide range of learning environments – in the field, in the laboratory and in the lecture theatre.

Career opportunities for archaeology graduates are increasing in the UK. According to a report published in May 2016 by Historic England, there is an urgent need for more archaeologists following a surge in infrastructure projects, such as HS2, Crossrail 2 and major road upgrades. The report emphasises the importance of archaeological field schools to produce specifically trained graduates. We are already fulfilling this need: 90% of BU Archaeology graduates are employed (or engaged in further study) within six months of graduating.\*

Although these courses are ideal for students with an interest in the active study of the past, we will consider all subjects from applicants (with the exception of General Studies).

\*Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2014/15



**We are pleased to announce that we are currently developing more new courses in response to demand from employers and prospective students:**

- BA (Hons) Global Business Management (part-time, online)
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Sports Therapy
- LLB (Hons) Law with History

**Find out more:**

**[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ug-courses](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ug-courses)**



# AspireBU programme of activity

**2016-17**

**Is it time for you to book in a campus visit, arrange some academic subject workshops or have our Student Ambassadors in to present on student life and finance? Like you, we want to inspire your students to consider university and support their aspirations, achievement and progression. That's why we offer interventions covering information, advice and guidance, higher education and a subject specific focus.**

**W**e work with young people aged 11 to 19 from a range of backgrounds to inform them about higher education and bring the excitement of university to the classroom.

Many of our activities involve moving the lesson from the classroom to campus and we love helping you support aspirations by offering your students the chance to experience university life. Through our HE Experience Days, Summer Breaks or BU Insight Days, students can discover subject pathways, explore our campus and see for themselves what university life is really like.

We're proud of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programme, which covers a diverse range of subjects, such as forensics, computer programming, animation and engineering. Popular favourites are our Soap workshop which sees students create their own soap design and learn the chemistry behind soap and the diversity of STEM careers, and Who Killed Rudolph? – a day encompassing many forensic techniques from looking at fingerprints to detecting poisons.

You can find out more about our free activities for schools, colleges and academies by downloading the 2016/17 programmes:

**Year 7 – 11 activity:**  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/aspire-7-11](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/aspire-7-11) (270kb)

**Year 12 – 13 activity:**  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/aspire-12-13](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/aspire-12-13) (353kb)

We may be able to support some of your travel costs and additional support for targeted schools and students so get in touch to find out more.

# Continuing to support students financially



**We know that money is an important issue for your students, which is why we want to do all we can to make education achievable and inclusive for everyone.**

**O**ur scholarships and bursaries are designed to help support students financially, whether that's through rewarding academic, sporting or musical excellence, or finance assistance for those from a low income household or care leavers. And the good news doesn't end there as our scholarships and bursaries don't have to be paid back!

We want to recognise academic excellence with our scholarship of £1,500\* for those students who achieve AAA+ in their A-levels, or DDD or above in the BTEC Extended Diploma, or equivalent qualifications. There are an unlimited number of these available and students don't need to apply as we'll automatically award the scholarship if they're eligible.

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**The scholarship gives you a feel good feeling, because you worked hard (extremely hard!) to get it. Who doesn't want to be congratulated on doing well?**  
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**Sarah Holding**  
BSc (Hons) Nutrition

Through the BU Maintenance Bursary, students with a household income below £16,000 will receive £3,500\* to support their learning and living costs. Students with a household income of between £16,001 and £25,000 will be eligible for £3,000.\*

The BU Care Leavers Bursary is still available to support anyone who has been in full-time care for three months or more within the last five years, and who meets the other eligibility criteria. Students will receive £6,000 in their first year at university and £5,000 in their second and final years of study.\*

Our Sport and Music Scholarships recognise excellence in these disciplines.

When you're supporting your students with their university applications, we'd love you to tell them about the funding support we can offer. To find out more, visit [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ug-funding](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ug-funding)

\*Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.



# FUNDING

## for healthcare courses is changing

From September 2017, funding for nursing, midwifery and allied health professional courses is changing. Students will now need to take out a Tuition Fee and Maintenance Loan.

The repayment system is exactly the same as other university students, so they won't be paying anything back until they're earning over £21,000. For a Band 5 healthcare professional, this would mean they're paying back £5.25 a month.

There will be some funding available to support students with travel expenses for placements, as well as support for childcare.

We've produced a flyer and poster, as well as a video to explain the new fee regime.



If you'd like any of these resources, please email [aspirebu@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:aspirebu@bournemouth.ac.uk)



The video's available to watch at [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/nhs-funding](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/nhs-funding)

## Get in touch

If you'd like to know more about what we can offer your school, college or academy, or if you'd like to join our mailing list then we'd love to hear from you.

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[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/teachers](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/teachers)

### AskBU Enquiry Team

For general course enquiries, please contact one of our AskBU advisers:

**Tel:** 01202 961916  
[askbuenquiries@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:askbuenquiries@bournemouth.ac.uk)



## Dates for your diary



### Undergraduate Open Days

Saturday 22 October 2016  
Saturday 29 October 2016  
Saturday 19 November 2016  
Saturday 10 June 2017  
Saturday 1 July 2017  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/open-days)

### Dorset UCAS Exhibition

Thursday 27 April 2017  
[www.ucas.com/exhibitions](http://www.ucas.com/exhibitions)

### Careers Advisers & Teachers Conference

Wednesday 17 May 2017  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/cats](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/cats)

### BU Insight Days



15-17 November 2016  
and 5-8 June 2017

Our BU Insight Days have a subject-specific focus and give an insight into what studying at university is like. Please get in touch if those dates aren't suitable as we can organise something bespoke for you.  
[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/insight](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/insight)