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BU Update

Autumn 2018

for teachers and advisers

hello from the Schools Liaison & Partnerships Team

As we've had some staff changes over the last few months, we would like to introduce our team members. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to get in touch via email: schoolsliasion@bournemouth.ac.uk or tel: 01202 963999.



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Assistant



“ I am a BA (Hons) Communication and Media placement student. My role is to support students in schools and colleges when thinking about their next steps, by delivering informative presentations and practical workshops. I enjoy speaking to students about the opportunities at university should they choose this option, and networking with teachers and other professionals working in education. My placement has prepared me for the working world, and challenged me to develop invaluable life skills. ”

Liv



“ I am a BA (Hons) Marketing Communications placement student. There is really no way to summarise a typical week in this role as each day holds a new challenge! Travelling up and down the country talking to prospective students about higher education, liaising with professionals in a variety of roles, and giving presentations in schools are just some of the responsibilities I have. This placement is helping to improve my organisational and time-management skills. ”

Will

spotlight on courses

Nursing degrees at BU

Our Nursing degrees aim to make students feel confident when going out into the world of work. The courses are a blend of 50% study and 50% practice (where students go out on placements).

The first term on our Nursing courses is solely study with no placements. Our fantastic selection of skills suites are based on real-life clinical and community settings which allow students to feel confident and comfortable to practice in a safe and controlled environment before they go out into the workplace in their second term. At this stage, students will still have a mentor who will supervise on placement so they won't be alone.

Students will work in a number of exciting and diverse locations, from NHS hospitals to care homes, private clinics to community nursing teams, giving them the experience they need to grow in both confidence and competence. When prospective undergraduates come to an interview they will be able to give a preference for where they'd like their placement to be based; we will do our best to accommodate all requests, but this isn't always guaranteed.

There are three different nursing options at BU. These are Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing and Children's & Young People's Nursing, so it's important that potential students have a strong idea of where they'd like to specialise. In the first year, there are lots of shared lectures across all nursing specialisms, as inter-professional working is really important within a healthcare setting.

On completion of the Adult Nursing degree, graduates will be able to apply straight away to work in the NHS or in the private healthcare sector, both in hospital and community settings. Newly-qualified nurses will usually start working at band 5 level; in 2018/19, the typical salary is approximately £23,000.

You can find out more

about our guide to our Health & Social Care admissions process and hospital accommodation in our short video on our YouTube page:
<https://bit.ly/2r2criZ>



new home for HSS



Artists' impression

By 2020, our new **Bournemouth Gateway** building will be the home to all the new facilities for the Faculty of Health & Social Sciences (HSS) – so those applying for the nursing degrees for 2020 entry are likely to be the first to study in this brand new building in the centre of Bournemouth.

spotlight on courses continued...

New courses in Medical Science and Psychology

We have just expanded our portfolio in these exciting subject areas.

Our brand new subject area, Medical Science, has two courses: BSc (Hons) Medical Science and BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences. Medical Science is a flexible degree which gives students the option of four pathways. This means students can specialise in a particular area whilst gaining a strong foundation in medical science overall.

The four pathways consist of general medical science, a psychology focus, an engineering focus or a computing, visualisation and artificial intelligence focus. Whichever journey students choose, the future is really exciting opening up options to study in professional practice, including scientific, technical or research-related fields.

The Biomedical Sciences degree aims to inform and improve human healthcare and medicine. A hugely important element of medical science, students will learn to effectively analyse and interpret results supporting the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. We would expect most graduates of this course to go on to work in research.

New specialist Psychology courses

Students can now choose from Psychology with Counselling; Psychology with Forensic Investigation or Cyberpsychology – or take the traditional BSc (Hons) Psychology which is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

In their final year of study, students can select option units including Educational Psychology and Special Educational Needs, Forensic Psychology, and Eye Tracking and Cognition.



Dr Timothy Slattery, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, says: "We have a great faculty here who are really collaborative, really collegiate and really care about student success and students' learning.

"We've got some really wonderful technology – EEG labs, lots of eye-tracking labs, TMS – so lots of cutting-edge technology that's available to students for use on projects."

All courses include the option of a 30-week placement, which can be a highly rewarding experience, as well as enhancing students' employability within their chosen field.

Megan Pleva, a recent BU graduate, says

“ Studying the cyberpsychology unit has opened up avenues I didn't even comprehend as a career when I first started studying psychology. The company that I currently work for believe that the key to preventing, detecting, reducing and dealing with cyber threat lies within successful behaviour change and I am passionate about expanding my knowledge in this area of cyberpsychology. This new BSc (Hons) degree in Cyberpsychology will be engaging, topical and interesting and if you have any interest in psychology and the internet it's definitely worth considering! ”

making our courses work for you

Experience is vital in industry, and we believe applying learning to a relevant work placement is invaluable for students, which is why we encourage all of our students to spend time working in the industry during their course.

How placements benefit students on our Media and Communications courses

Every one of our undergraduate courses gives students the chance to undertake a work placement, and as we've been delivering courses in the media and communications sector for more than 30 years, we've built up a wealth of high-profile industry contacts.

The length of the placements students undertake can vary from a few weeks to a full academic year. Some of our courses include mandatory 30-week placements, while for others this is optional.



Henry Cramer-Todd

A BU Television Production student had a placement at the Discovery channel

“My placement was varied – I could be importing footage from shoots to get into editors’ projects or assisting with any problems on the editing software side of things. There might also be internal filming which I’d be involved in, and once or twice a week, there’d be external shoots that I’d go on where I’d operate the camera or direct.

“I think a placement year is invaluable especially when it comes to finishing university. You may already have an offer from when you were interning at a certain place or met some important contacts. So you’re not just coming out of university after those three years and going hard at the industry and having to stand on your own two feet, with not too much experience of how it all works.”

We have carefully considered our entry requirements for BU Animation and Media Production courses, in the wider context of a pressurised application period for prospective undergraduates. From 2019 onwards, we have removed the requirement for a portfolio and short content piece from those students who meet the tariff points for the respective courses, and have studied our required subjects. For students who have not studied required subjects, we may still consider their application with a suitable portfolio.

Student Ambassadors *new faces on board*

We are delighted to have welcomed 50 new Student Ambassadors as part of our team. Student Ambassadors play a big part in everything we do, and they are able to offer young people 'real-time' experience of higher education and, specifically, life at BU. They go through a vigorous interview process and have a variety of training workshops with us before they go out to schools and colleges to engage with young people.



“It has been a pleasure to work with all of the team for the last year. I feel the Student Ambassador role has helped me grow as a person and improved my confidence in myself and made me a more outgoing person. Thank you to all at BU for providing me with this amazing opportunity and for allowing me to be involved in so many different activities.”

Jack has recently been successful in applying to work at the Ministry of Defence. We wish him all the very best with his future career.

BU is seeking the *next best writing talent*

Are you a frustrated unpublished author? BU's Fresher Writing Prize 2019 is now open for entries from students aged 16 or over and teachers! We're really excited to welcome submissions of short stories and poems inspired by this year's theme of peace. It is an optional theme, but we do hope that you will find it motivational, so that our next anthology of shortlisted entries can be packed with peace-related creative pieces.

Fresher Writing is designed to encourage new writers from across Dorset and beyond, and we would love to see entries from students and school and college staff. As well as £200 prize money, the two winners will receive valuable advice and feedback from an industry professional, and a chance to receive a professionally-recorded reading of the winning work – ideal for your own marketing purposes.

The difficult decision as to who should win each category will be made by our judges, all influential figures from the publishing world,

including publisher and literary agent Humfrey Hunter, author Anna Mazzola and award-winning poet Antony Dunn.

Hannah Persaud, 2016 Best Short Story winner said: "Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that I would not only win, but be introduced to two such prominent figures in the publishing industry. They have both been incredibly supportive and positive, not only about my short story 'Cyfannedd Fach' but also about my novel."

Now established as an annual event, The Fresher Writing Prize is organised in collaboration with Fresher Publishing. This young publishing venture has been established at BU to nurture the publishing talent of the future. BU's MA Creative Writing and Publishing degree equips creative writers with all the skills to take their books to market.

You can enter the Fresher Writing Prize 2019 online at www.fresherpublishing.co.uk, just please make sure you have read our terms and conditions. It costs £7 per entry and the closing date is Wednesday 9 January 2019.

2019 BU Open Days

If any of your students are keen to find out more about BU, but were unable to attend one of our October/November Open Days, we are hosting more Open Days in 2019 which can give your students a flavour of what life at BU is all about. Visitors will see our facilities on a guided tour by one of our Student Ambassadors and find out more about our courses and student life at BU from our current students and staff.

Find out more on our website:
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/open-days

Top tips

- Go on a campus tour to get a feel of what we have to offer, and tell the Student Ambassadors what you want to see! Make sure you ask our Ambassadors lots of questions to get the most out of your visit.
- Leave enough time to get a feel for our Talbot and Lansdowne campuses – and of course, visit the beach!
- Ask your yourself: 'Is this somewhere I can see myself living for the next few years?'

global accreditation for BU's Business School

Our Business School has been awarded accreditation by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).



L to R: Stephen Tee, Dean of the Business School; John Vinney, Vice-Chancellor; Gelareh Roushan, Director of Accreditations; Lois Farquharson, Deputy Dean – Education & Professional Practice and Mark Ridolfo, Principal Academic

This achievement places the Business School at BU amongst the top institutions globally for business degrees. Fewer than 5% of business schools worldwide have attained this hallmark of excellence.

AACSB recognises a focus on excellence in all areas, including teaching and student learning. The Business School was also highly commended for its high levels of student employability, strong emphasis on experiential learning, and the academically excellent environment it is home to.

The Business School is home to our Business Studies degrees, Marketing and Accounting, Finance and Economics courses. Find out more:
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/business

Summer Breaks programme



We are finalising plans for our 2019 Summer Breaks programme. This is our residential for year 10-12 students to gain an insight into university life while at the same time developing hidden talents and skills, equipping them with the information, knowledge and understanding to make an application to higher education in the coming years.

Feedback from last year's students included:

“ I'm definitely glad I came because everything has been so good, including the opportunities we've had to learn about higher education and all the options we've got for when we come to university. ”

“ At the start, I felt really nervous about meeting new people, but it's been completely fine and it's been great meeting new friends. ”

Find out more about our programme on our website: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/summer

We will let you know more about the 2019 programme early in the New Year.



Dates for your diary

BU Open Days

Friday 14 December (Virtual)

Wednesday 9 January

Wednesday 13 February

Saturday 9 March

Wednesday 3 April

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/open-days

Dorset Higher Education Exhibition

Wednesday 24 April

www.ucas.com/exhibitions

Careers Advisers & Teachers Conference

Wednesday 15 May

The theme for this year's conference will be mental health and wellbeing

Please register your interest here:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/catc

Festival of Design & Engineering

Friday 21 - Monday 24 June

Students can take part in a range of hands-on taster sessions, interactive workshops and seminars.

Information coming soon at:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/fode

Get in touch



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

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