



**Bournemouth
University**

Frequently Asked Questions Applicants

What year groups can take part in the Bournemouth University (BU) Summer Schools and when do they take place?

- Year 10 & Year 11 Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 July 2022
- Year 12 & Year 13 Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21 July 2022

Do I have to pay for the BU Summer School?

No, our Summer Schools are completely free for you to attend! We provide all food, accommodation, and activities whilst you are with us.

How do I apply for the BU Summer School?

You can apply for the Summer School by completing the application form on our website. Part of the application should also be completed by your parents/carers/guardians so make sure they are nearby when you are completing the form.

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 12:00pm (midday) on Friday 6 May 2022.

Do my teachers have to complete any part of the application form?

No, teachers do not complete the form. However, we will email teachers to ask for a 'teacher reference' for any successful applicants.

Why are the questions being asked on the application form?

The questions in the form help us to assess each application against our targeting criteria which aim to increase undergraduate applications and enrolments from currently underrepresented groups at BU.

We will look at a variety of information to prioritise applications including those living in areas where a lower number of people typically go to university or higher education. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer places to students who have previously attended a BU Summer School.

How do participants get to BU for Summer School?

We will contact all successful applicants to arrange travel to BU and travel home at the end of the Summer School. Travel funding may be available to support you to attend, we will send more information about this if your application is successful.

What happens at a BU Summer School?

BU Summer Schools are a great opportunity to gain an insight into university life while developing hidden talents and skills.

At the start of Summer School, you will be given a project brief in a subject area that can be studied at BU. This will include academic sessions, practical workshops using our specialist facilities and group-work supported by our current BU students. The BU team will also deliver presentations and workshops that are designed to support you with future applications to Higher Education.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in a range of social activities that form an integral part of the university experience, so there will be social activities each evening, including a beach barbeque and a party in the Students' Union¹. You will meet lots of new people at a BU Summer School, try out different activities and discover whether university is for you.

¹ Social events are subject to change.

Where do I stay at Summer School?

Each student will have their own bedroom with their own bathroom. This will be within in a flat in the BU student accommodation at our Lansdowne Campus.

How will I meet new people?

Although you might find yourself on the Summer School with a small number of friends from school or college, you certainly won't know everyone. It's normal to feel a bit nervous before the start of the week but remember that everyone is feeling the same way! To help you settle in, the BU team will run activities which will help you to get to know the other students, student mentors and staff.

What if I have a disability, special educational needs (SEN) or a medical condition?

BU is committed to supporting all students, whatever their needs, and to include everyone who might want to attend the Summer School. This means that accommodation will be appropriate, taught sessions will take each person's circumstances into account and the social programme will be accessible and enjoyable for all. You should disclose any special educational needs, disabilities or medical conditions on the application form.

If you have additional needs and wish to attend as a non-residential, daytime only attendee at the Summer School, you should indicate this on the application form.

When will I hear if I have a place?

We aim to notify applicants of their outcome in late May. If the application deadline gets extended for any reason, we will email existing applicants to let them know the new deadline date.

I have already applied to another Summer School, can I apply to BU Summer School as well?

If you have applied to a Summer School at a different university, you are welcome to apply to one at BU. You'll just need to make sure the dates don't overlap because you can't attend more than one Summer School in the same week.

Who will be there?

Other participants: 60 places are on offer at each BU Summer School, so you will have the opportunity to meet students from other schools and colleges.

BU Staff: A variety of staff at BU will lead sessions at the BU Summer School. Academics and teaching staff will run academic sessions during the day. Other BU professional services staff will run other activities and events both in the day and evenings.

Current BU Students: Student Mentors are current BU students who will be there to support you throughout the week and will share their experiences of being at university. Previous BU Summer School participants say that getting to know the Student Mentors is one of the best things about the experience.

My question hasn't been answered here. What do I do?

Email schoolsliasion@bournemouth.ac.uk with your query or call us on 01202 963 999 and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.