



Making it all happen

- ✓ Submitting the application
- ✓ Paying the bills
- ✓ Your home from home



Check in to the Open Day

Let us know you're here:



Ask a member of staff or Student Ambassador to scan the QR code on your e-ticket





01: Your application

Right place. Right course.



Location:

Large city, small town, coastal or the countryside?



Lifestyle:

Somewhere you feel safe, part of the community and where you can be you.



Size:

Some unis have 20,000+ students while others only have a few thousand.



Living costs:

accommodation, transport and food can vary enormously.



Assessment methods:

what is the balance of coursework, exams, group work.



Work experience:

is there any opportunity for field work, practical learning or study abroad?



You're not on your own

UCAS

One-stop-shop for
uni guidance



Student reviews and
stories



Key stats to compare
by



UCAS

All applications for undergraduate courses in the UK go through UCAS

- Find & compare
- Apply
- Track



Important:

Apply using your personal email address rather than a school/college one – it's easier to keep in touch and for when you finish school/college.

How to find and apply to UK universities

Searching for the right universities to apply to can be overwhelming. We ask some first year students for their advice on how to pick a university, applying through UCAS, writing your personal statement, interview tips, and more.

Your application

- Maximum of **5 choices**
- **Choice restrictions** in specific subject areas
 - Medicine
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Dentistry
- **Simultaneous consideration**, but with 'invisibility' from your other choices
- **£28.95** for 2026 entry | **£34.50** for 2027 entry
- **Codes (Institution, Course, Campus)** – make sure you get them right:

Example:

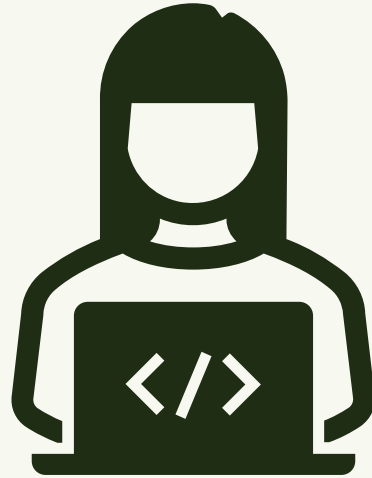
Bournemouth University – B50
Business and Management – NN12
Campus code not required for BU



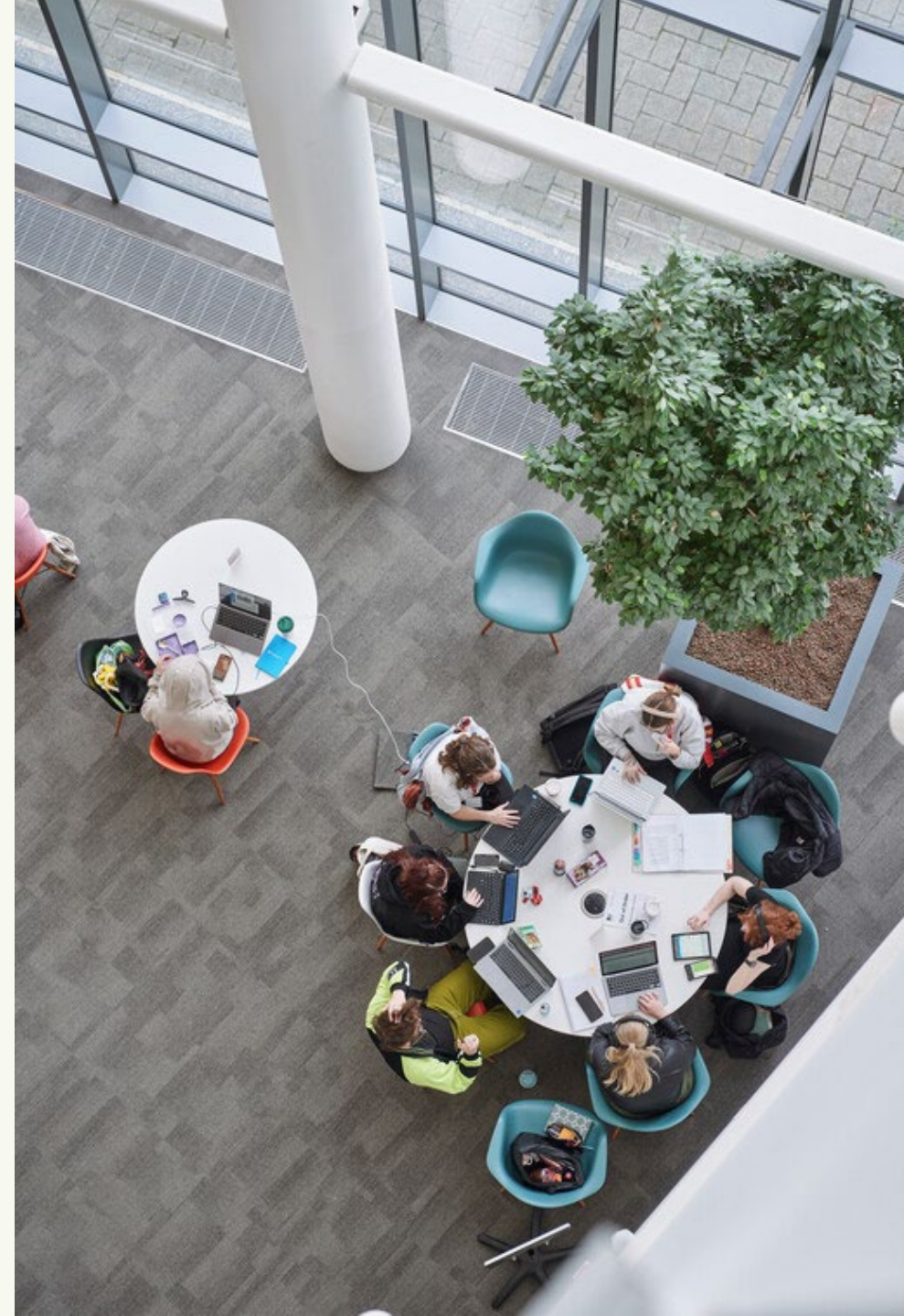
Your application

5 sections

- Education
- Employment
- Extra activities
- Choices
- **Personal statement**



Nominated access: You can nominate someone to discuss your application on your behalf.



Your personal statement

- 4,000 characters/approx.
- 650 words.
- split across three questions.

Personal Statement Builder on your UCAS Hub home page

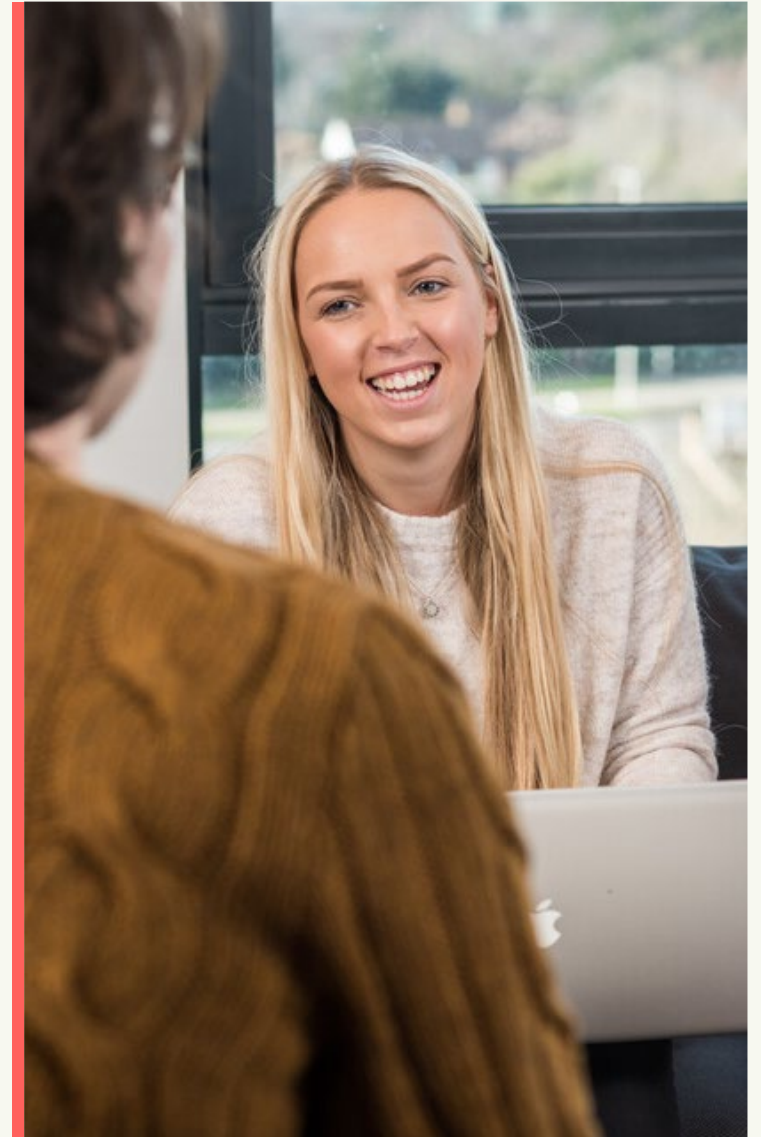
- Q1: Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- Q2: How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
- Q3: What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

AI: should you use it?

Your personal statement should feel **naturally you!**

- **Generating most/all = cheating.** You'll complete a declaration to confirm authenticity when you apply.
- **Inspiration, ideas, & checking readability** – probably ok (check individual unis).

Start early & be authentic. Let your true personality and passion shine.



References

Applying from a school, college or centre

- Enter your 'buzzword'
- View and tracking permission
- Reference provided
- Submission of application to UCAS on your behalf

Not applying from a school, college or centre

- Provide an academic or professional reference
- Check they are happy to be a referee and add their details to your application
- UCAS will share a link and password to your referee to complete online

Applications timeline – 2026 entry

- ✓ **Research** your options
- ✓ Register on **UCAS Hub**
- ✓ **Submit your application**

- You will have the opportunity to visit unis again for:
- **Interviews**
 - **Portfolio days**
 - **Applicant Open Days & Experiences**

- You will make your final decisions:
- **Firm**
 - **Insurance**
 - **Decline** remaining choices

- Your results are considered:
- **Firm/Insurance place confirmed**
 - **Change your mind** - Clearing
 - **Unsuccessful** – Clearing or other opportunities

September

Submit application from **2 Sept 2025**

Universities and Higher Education providers will consider the application

- They will decide to:
- **Offer** (Conditional/Unconditional)
- **Interview** (other selection measures)
- **Reject**

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Apply by **14 Jan 2026** for September 2026 entry

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Receive university decisions by **31 March 2026***

May/June

Make your firm & insurance choice by **6 May 2026***

If you don't receive all university decisions by 31 March, make your firm and insurance choice by **2 June 2026***

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How we'll assess your application

We will make you a personalised offer based on your application that will look at more than just your academic performance.

Depending on the course you apply for we'll look at:

- your grades and other academic experience
- work and other experience
- personal statement
- your performance at an interview/selection test
- an academic/professional reference (Health & Social Care courses only)

AccessBU

- Recognising Personal Circumstances
 - Flexibility in the Offers we make
- Search "AccessBU" to find out more
- Open to school leavers and those returning to education



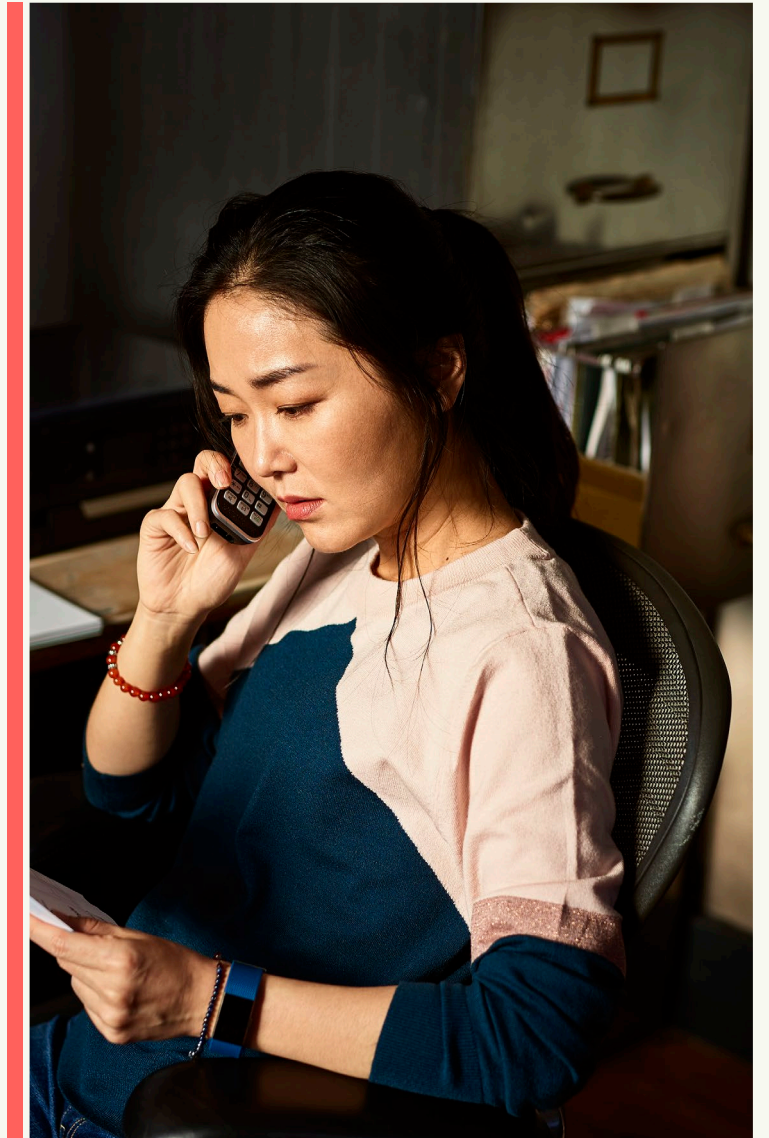
Clearing is coming

Sign up for Clearing updates

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- **Regular email updates:** Regular email updates: You'll receive updates with advice and guidance on how to prepare for results day
- **Results day SMS:** We'll send a text on A-level results day morning with a list of BU courses available in Clearing.

Register for Clearing updates:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/clearing



02: Fees & Funding



The cost of study (UK students)

- **Tuition Fee Loan** to cover full fee
- Students do not start repayment until income is over £25,000 a year
- Alternatively, you can pay the university directly in a single lump sum or two instalments

Please note

- The figures shown are for 2026 entry and provided as a guide.
- 2027 entry fees will be confirmed closer to enrolment on the BU website and at www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Tuition fees will increase each year, in line with government rules and RPI-X (a measure of inflation).
- This increase still needs government approval. We'll update fees once confirmed.
- Terms & conditions apply to BU scholarships, bursaries and discounts – see www.bournemouth.ac.uk/funding for details.

£5,760 - £9,790

Per year, Foundation Year studies

£9,790

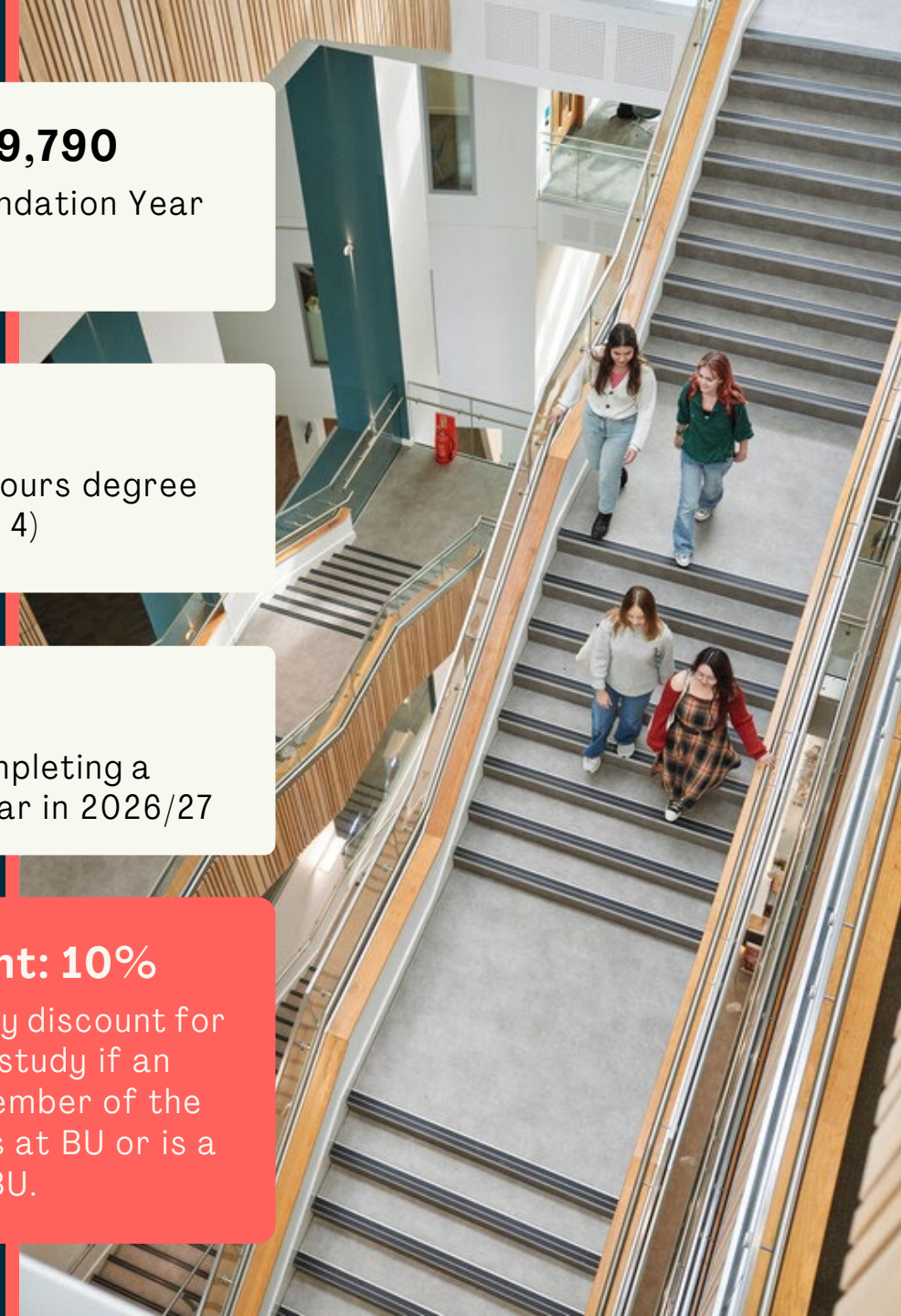
Per year, Honours degree courses (level 4)

£1,900

For those completing a placement year in 2026/27

BU discount: 10%

Student family discount for each year of study if an immediate member of the family studies at BU or is a graduate of BU.



Maintenance Loan (2026 entry)

Maintenance Loans are for day-to-day costs - typically accommodation, travel, domestic bills etc. They are paid in three instalments (one each term)



Up to £10,830

living away from home (not in London)



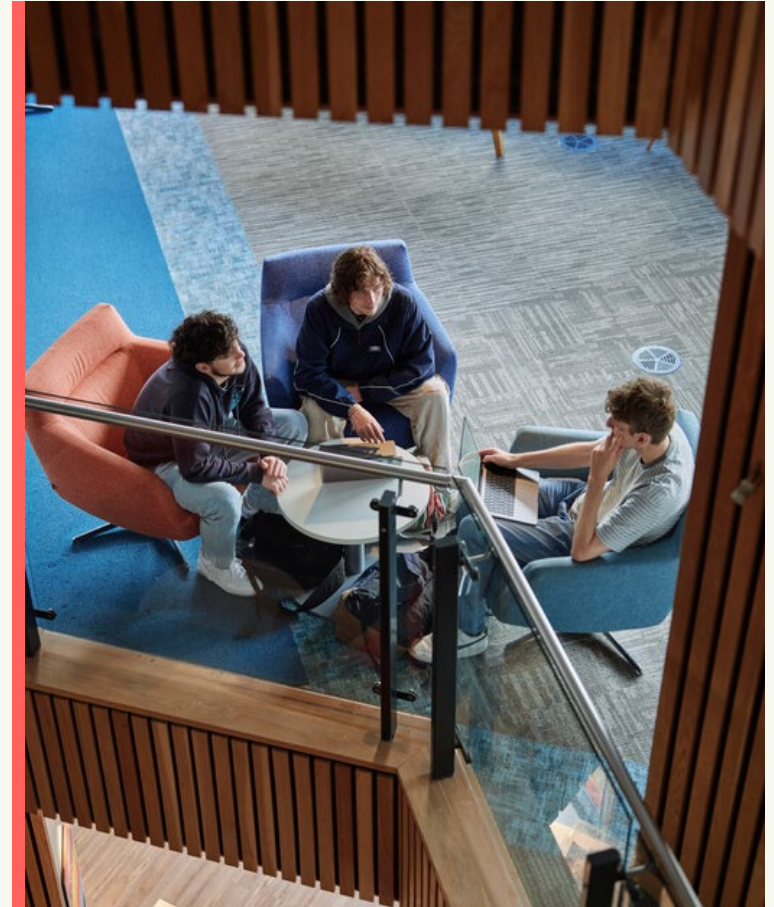
Up to £9,118

living at home

45% is non-income assessed

55% is based on household income

- **Maintenance Loans are available** whilst you are on a paid or unpaid placement.
- They are not means-tested and depend **where you are living** during your placement.



Paying back your loan

- Repayments begin the **April after you graduate**, and only if your income is above the threshold.
- Interest accrues on the loan **from the moment you take it out** and until it is repaid.
- Repay 9% of your income above £25,000 (before tax) for **40 years max**, after which any remainder is written off.

Yearly income before tax	Income from which 9% will be deducted	Approximate monthly repayment
£25,000	£0	£0
£28,000	£3,000	£22
£29,500	£4,500	£33
£31,000	£6,000	£45
£33,000	£8,000	£60



£12k

Graduate Labour Market statistics suggest Graduate incomes exceed those of non-graduates.

Additional government support

**Non-repayable
additional support**

**Apply as part of
your student
finance application**

- **Childcare grant**
- **Adult Dependents' Grant**
- **Parents' Learning Allowance:**
 - To support learning costs (doesn't affect benefits or universal credit)
- **Disabled Students' Allowances:**
 - Help with day-to-day costs of studying that are related to your disability, specialist equipment, a non-medical helper allowance.
- **Universal Credit:**
 - In some circumstances - see details online
 - Apply for this separately, at www.gov.uk

Visit www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help for more information.

Where to start



Student finance calculator



Information & guidance



Student finance application

www.gov.uk/student-finance

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website page for the student finance calculator. The page title is "Check how much student finance you could get". It includes a breadcrumb trail: "Part of Get undergraduate student finance: step by step". The main heading is "Check how much student finance you could get". Below the heading, there is a sub-heading "Part of Get undergraduate student finance: step by step" and a "Show all steps" link. The page content includes a paragraph explaining the calculator's purpose for students in England starting a new undergraduate course in 2025 or 2026. It also mentions that student finance is changing for courses starting on or after 1 January 2027, with a link to "find out what you could get". There is a section for students from Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, with a link to "find out how much you can get". The page also includes a section for "Use this calculator to estimate the amount you could get in:" with a link to "Tuition Fee Loans to help pay your course tuition fees". On the right side, there is a table of contents with two steps: "1 Check if you're eligible for student finance" and "2 Find out how much loan you could get".

Bursaries and Scholarships from BU

- ✓ **Support directly from BU** – it's additional to your student loan
- ✓ **BU should be your firm choice** to be considered for any of this funding
- ✓ **They're all non-repayable!**



Additional funding for BU students

Bursaries

Maintenance Bursary **Up to £2,400**

- £800 each year over 3 years of study
- For 'Home' fee status applicants:
 - living in England
 - household income up to £25,000

Care Leavers Bursary **Up to £9,000**

- £3,000 each year over 3 years of study
- For 'Home' fee status applicants:
 - living in England
 - have been in the care of the Local Authority for a period of 3 months or more
 - household income up to £25,000

Estrangement Bursary **Up to £9,000**

- £3,000 each year over 3 years of study
- For 'Home' fee status applicants:
 - living in England
 - have been estranged from their parents for 12 months or more
 - household income up to £25,000

Learn more

Terms, conditions & exclusions apply. Foundation Year students are also eligible for the same annual amounts but you must be paying the higher tuition fee of £9,790.

See www.bournemouth.ac.uk/bursaries

Additional funding for BU students

Scholarships

BU Music Scholarship

Approximately £600 per year

supporting outstanding musicians and singers who raise the profile of BU's performance-based output.



BU Sport Scholarship

Up to £5,000

supporting elite athletes representing their sport at national or junior level.



Learn more

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/scholarships

03: Accommodation



ResLifeBU

ResLifeBU is a programme to welcome, support and develop you through your first year living with us, whilst managing the health, safety and wellbeing of everybody living in the accommodation.

- Exclusive for those living in the BU accommodation portfolio
- Works around three core principles:
 - Social
 - Wellbeing
 - Skills





Bouremouth lifestyle



Virtual
Experience



Water sports



BH2 complex, Town Centre



Beach – all year round



Halls social spaces



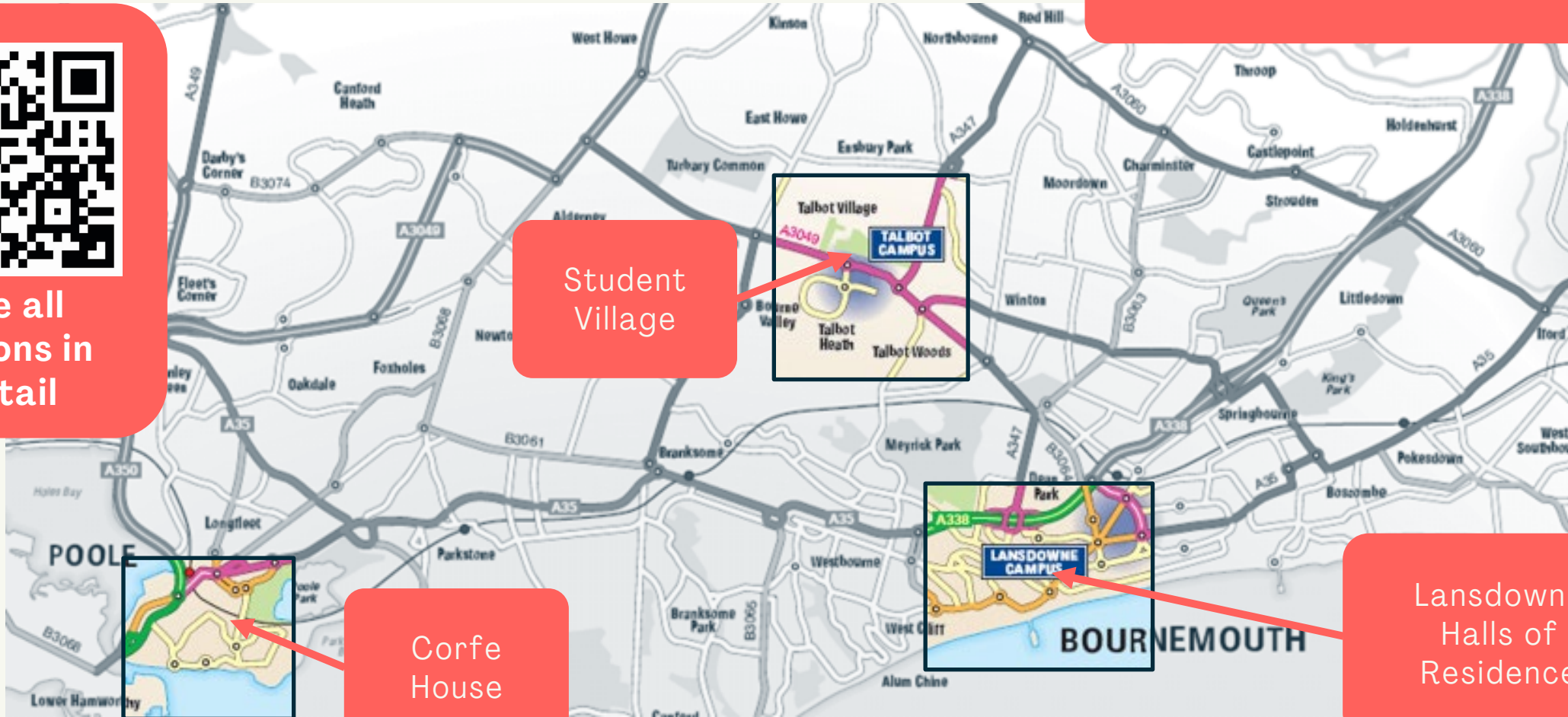
The Old Fire Station

Bournemouth and Poole

Student residential areas,
typically in second year



See all
options in
detail



Student
Village

Corfe
House

Lansdowne
Halls of
Residence

Halls of Residence

- **40–42-week** tenancies as standard
- **Cluster flat set-up** – 3-8 bedrooms per flat with shared facilities. **Studio options available too**
- Various room and bed sizes and additional options too
- Options to stay in Halls for years 2 & 3
- **LettingsBU** for private rentals.
- **NHS rooms** – have 50-week tenancy to match course requirements

Typical rental costs

£6,168 - £9,011

per year (42 weeks)

£162 - £214

per week (42 weeks)



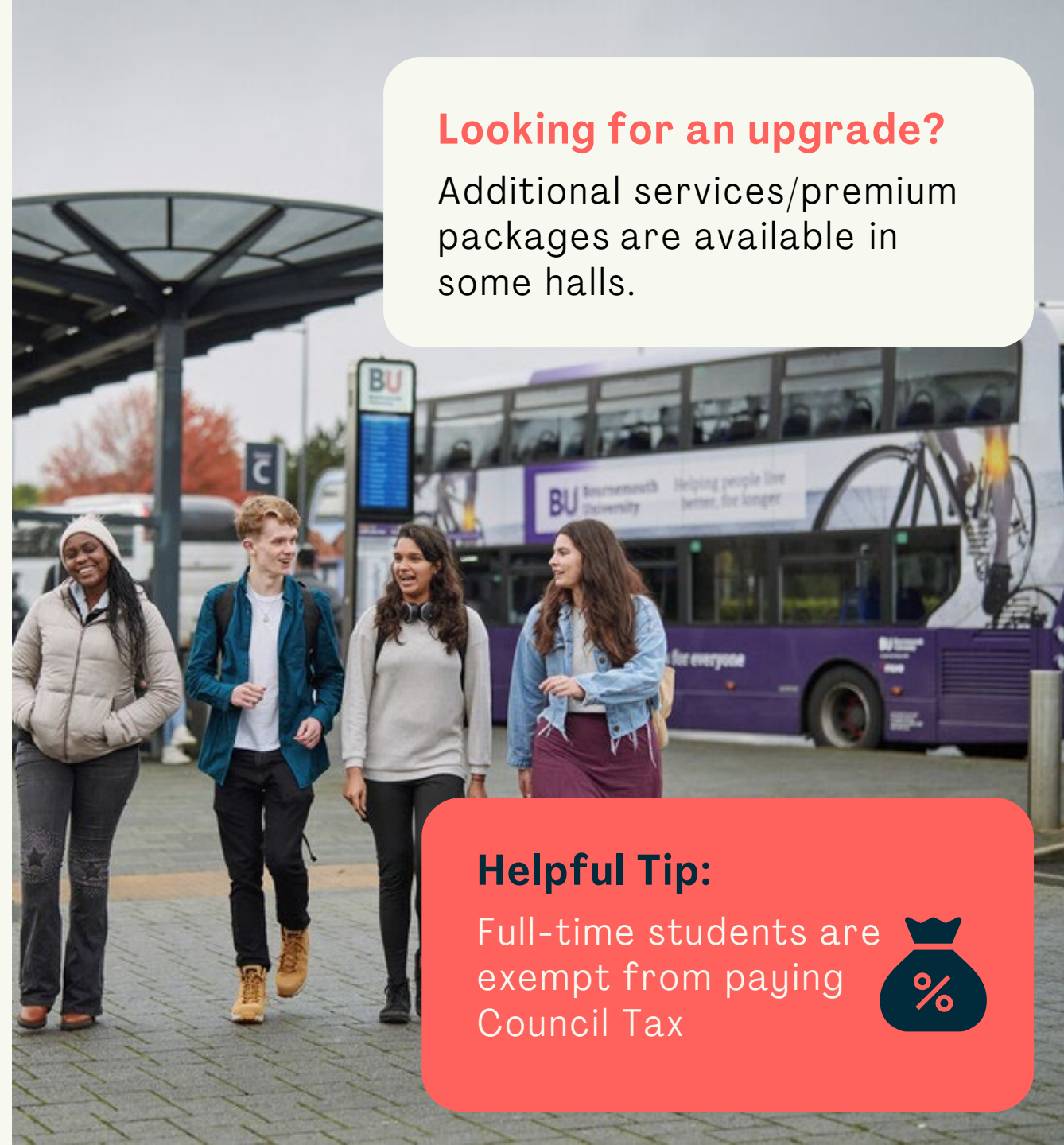
*Varies by Halls option

Your rent includes

- 12-month UNIBUS pass providing unlimited travel for
 - ✓ university travel
 - ✓ some local bus services too
- Internet usage
- Bills (electric, water, sewerage)

Not taking the bus?

If you prefer, you can opt out of the bus pass, reducing your rental payment (see price guide).



Looking for an upgrade?

Additional services/premium packages are available in some halls.

Helpful Tip:

Full-time students are exempt from paying Council Tax



Lansdowne Campus

15 mins

- Talbot Campus by bus or bike

10 mins

- Town centre
- The beach
- Bournemouth Gardens

5 mins

- Bournemouth Rail/Bus station
- Supermarkets and grocers
- Between all halls blocks
- The Old Fire Station



BU Halls of Residence

- Bailey Point
- Chesil House
- Cranborne House
- Dorchester House
- Lyme Regis
- Purbeck House

Lansdowne Halls of Residence



Bailey Point



NHS rooms

Cranborne House

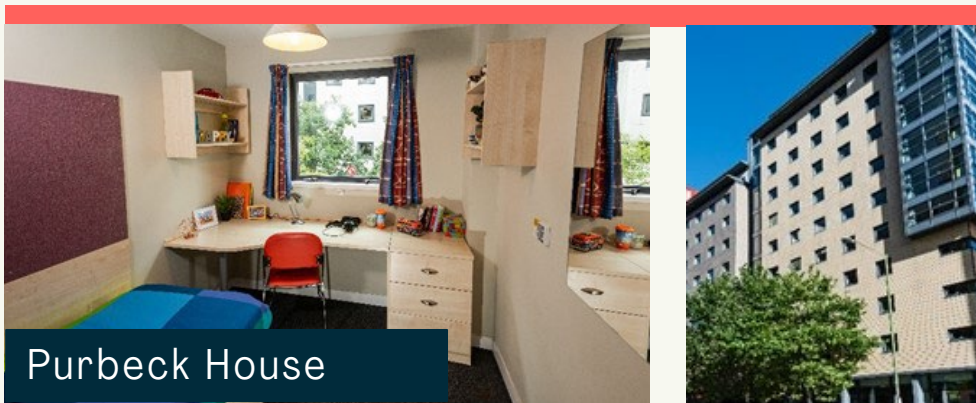
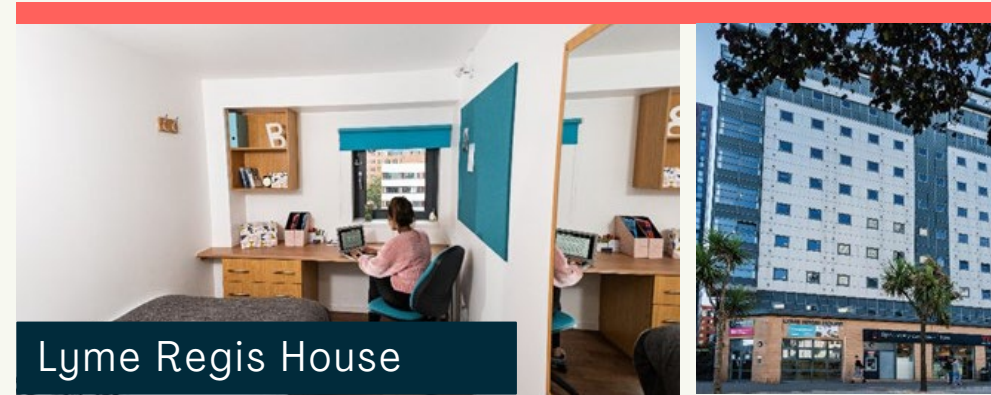


Chesil House



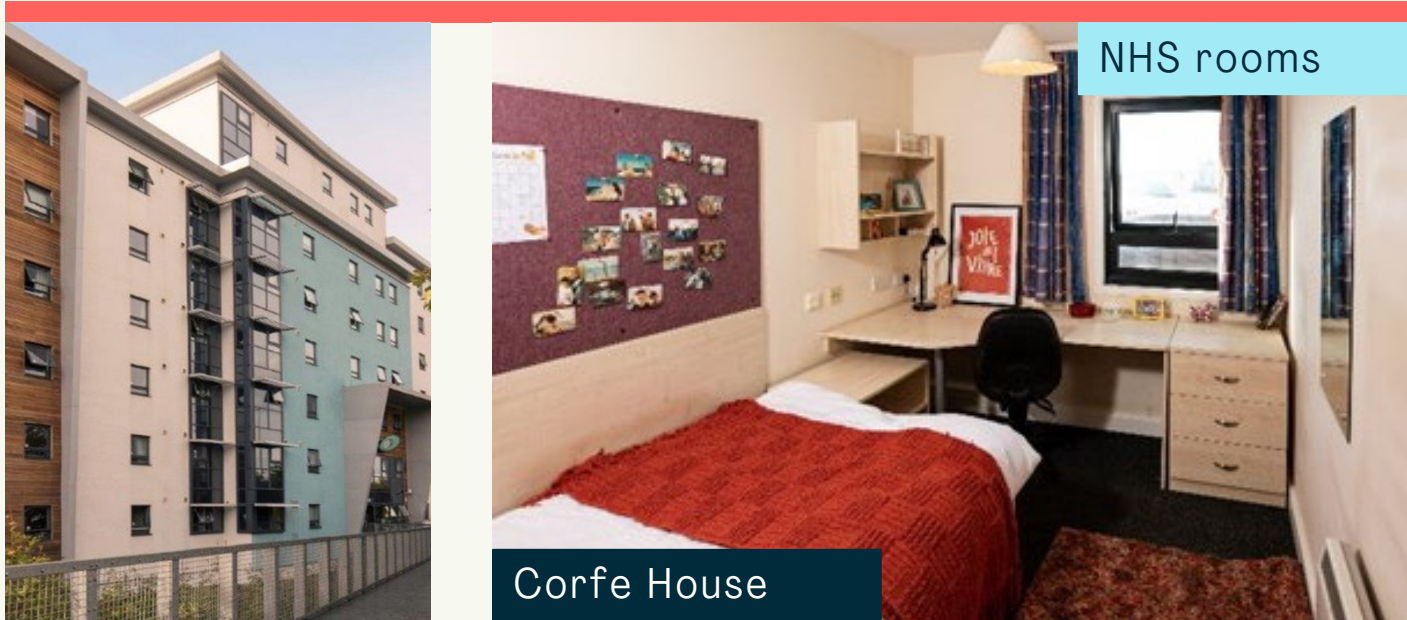
- ✓ Short walk to Lansdowne campus
- ✓ Transport links to Talbot
- ✓ Central location

Lansdowne Halls of Residence



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Poole Halls of Residence



Option of 50-week tenancies

- ✓ Poole town centre location:
 - Train station
 - Poole Hospital
 - Dolphin Shopping Centre
 - Poole Quay
- ✓ 30 mins to Talbot campus by bus
- ✓ Quieter lifestyle than Lansdowne location

Talbot Campus – Student Village



Short walk to all the amenities of Talbot campus:

- ✓ Lectures/seminars
- ✓ SportBU facilities
- ✓ 24/7 library
- ✓ Dylan's Kitchen & Bar

and more!



- 278 students
- 3 - 7 bed houses
- Shared facilities
- Live on campus

Booking accommodation

- Book accommodation through the BU Accommodation Portal
 - Look out for login details from BU
 - Choose and book room of your choice
- Go to the BU website for more details:
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation
- Deposit amounts & criteria (including Guarantor requirements) in the price guide.



Download the
Latest price
guide

How to book your accommodation

Step 1 – Make BU your firm choice.

Step 2 – Register for the accommodation portal via the invitation link you will receive.

Step 3 – Complete your profile

Step 4 – depending on your offer type:

Unconditional – pay and sign to secure your room.

Conditional – reserve room and wait for results before securing your room.

2026 entry - Registration and bookings are open now for firm offer holders.

2027 entry Registration opens in November. You can book as soon as BU is your firm choice

Guaranteed accommodation

2026 entry

Main cycle applicants will be guaranteed a room in BU accommodation if you've chosen BU as your first choice uni by **17:00** on **Saturday 4 July 2026**.

Clearing

Clearing applicants will be guaranteed a room in BU accommodation if you hold an Unconditional offer and choose BU as your first choice **by 09:00** on **Friday 28 August 2026** and have chosen your room by **16:00** on **Monday 31 August 2026**.



Accommodation timeline

2026 entry

1

November

- **The Accommodation Portal opens** to register your interest in BU accommodation.

3

March

- **Choose and book your room** if your place is Unconditional Firm.

5

May

- **Student funding application deadline**
- Explore options for scholarships & bursaries.

7

September

- Get ready to start uni!

2

January

- **Apply on UCAS by 14 January 2026** or sooner if you can.
- Look out for **Student Finance** applications opening.

4

April

- Conditional Firm applicants choose and **reserve your room**.

6

August

- **Results day!**
- Time to pay and sign to secure your room.

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Get in touch



01202 961916 (BU)



www.bournemouth.ac.uk/contact

Full details, including accommodation booking and residential terms & conditions can be found at: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation. If you are joining us from Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, please see the relevant funding bodies for details of Maintenance support. The latest finance information can be found at: www.gov.uk/studentfinance - www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ug-funding - www.ucas.com



04: Clearing

Still time to apply in main cycle

- **Late application** – you can still apply through UCAS until 30 June
 - If you didn't use all five choices, you can log back in to UCAS and add another choice (as long as you've not accepted or declined any offers)
- **UCAS Extra** - you can add a further choice if you:
 - Weren't accepted by any of your five choices
 - Declined the offers you received
- Last date to add a UCAS Extra choice is 1 July
- Late and Extra applications will be considered on a **first-come, first-served basis**
- Applications received after **30 June** are entered into Clearing.



What is Clearing and who is it for?

Clearing is a chance to look at remaining spaces available on a variety of courses starting this September.

If you've already made an application:

- If you don't meet requirements of your firm and insurance offers, you will automatically be entered into Clearing by UCAS.
- If your results exceed those required for your firm choice offer, there's still time to find a place (subject to availability) through Clearing.
- If you've changed your mind about your choices and want to 'shop around' there are usually lots of places available through Clearing.

**BU opens for Clearing on
Monday 29 June**

**Apply online from 29 June
Phone lines open on 1st July**



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If you haven't already applied...

You can still apply. Start a UCAS application at ucas.com, or contact universities when Clearing opens to see if you can make a direct application.

You will be able to apply direct to BU using our online application form.

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What is the Clearing application process?



Register with UCAS – ucas.com



Visit UCAS and university websites to view Clearing vacancies



Make a shortlist of a few universities and courses



Contact those universities – either for more information or to apply directly



What comes next?

Once you receive an offer, if you want to accept it, you do this via UCAS hub.

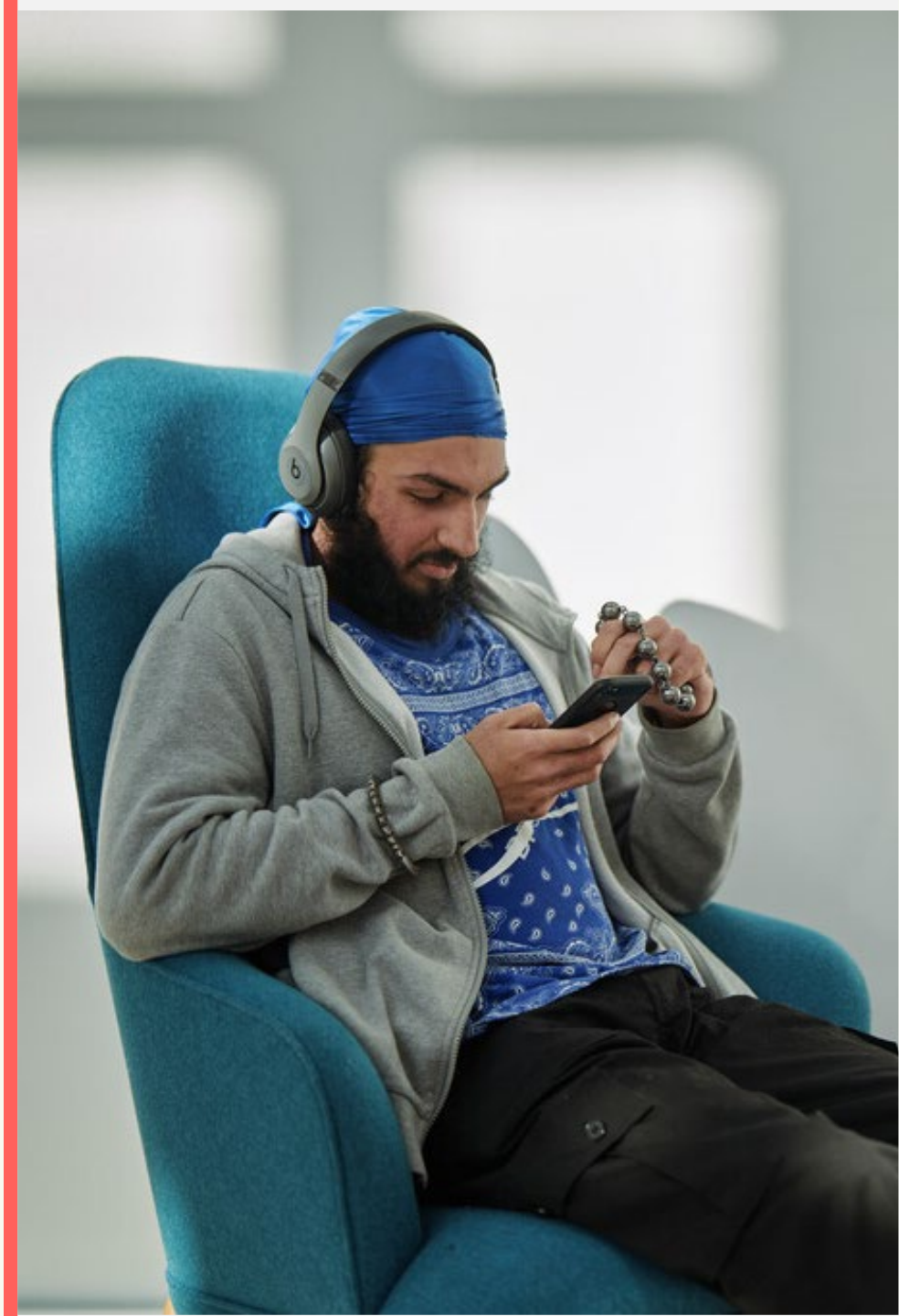
You'll need two codes to accept your place – the institution code and course code. These will be provided to you by the university when you apply.

Once you have accepted your offer via UCAS, you've done everything you need to. The university will then get back in touch to confirm your place.



Entry requirements in Clearing

- For courses that still have spaces, we're typically more relaxed with what we can accept
- Minimum requirements still apply:
 - **Foundation Year:** 1 full A-level*
 - **Year 1 entry:** 2 full A-levels*
 - Most courses also require **GCSE English & Maths (C/4 or above)**
- Some courses may still require a **personal statement, portfolio or interview** – be prepared
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