#### Bournemouth University

## Making the application...

Please note: The detail, dates and fees stated around the UCAS applications process are correct as at Summer 2022 and may be subject to change.

## **UCAS Applications**

for undergraduate students joining us in 2022 or 2023

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# Connecting people to higher education

At the heart of

- All applications for Undergraduate courses in the UK go through UCAS
- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

#### www.ucas.com

- **Information &** support
- **Course Search**
- Apply
- Track



## Key features of the scheme

#### Maximum of 5 choices

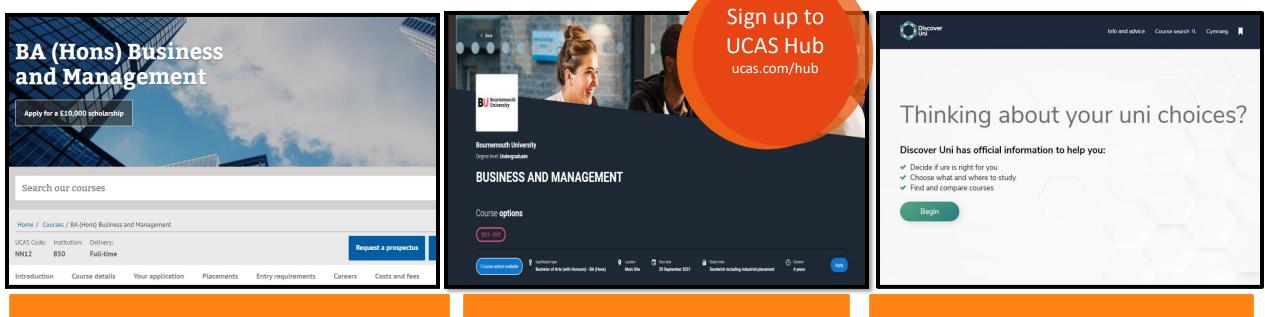
- Choice restrictions in specific subject areas
  - Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry-max 4
  - Oxford <u>or</u> Cambridge
- Simultaneous consideration, but with 'invisibility' from your other choices
- Codes (Institution, Course, Campus) get them right
  - Bournemouth University B50
  - Business and Management NN12
- Campus code not required for BU



2023 entry £27 Multiple courses £22.50 Single application



### Where to search for information



#### **BU** website

For detailed course information, accreditations, placement and employability detail, fees and essential information. UCAS

Full course listings in a consistent format to review and compare courses and providers, and to eventually apply. **Discover Uni** Key metrics around satisfaction, employment and average costs to compare courses and providers.



## **UCAS Hub**

Your personalised hub for organising everything – including your application in one place

- Save your progress and carry on whenever you want
- Handy tools to help you make choices and discover courses
  - The explore tool where you can search subjects and discover courses
  - The notepad so you can keep all your thoughts about your next step in one place
  - Apprenticeship finder for the latest vacancies, locally and nationally
  - The personal statement builder to help you structure your writing and introduce yourself to universities
  - The Tariff calculator for tallying up your UCAS points to see if you meet entry requirements.







#### **Entry Requirements**

Our offer will be based on our **tariff points range**, meaning **flexibility** about your grades.

You will need to have a minimum of **two** A-levels or equivalent. We will also consider additional study, such as the Extended Project Qualification. General Studies is usually excluded from our offer.

| Extended<br>Certificate | Foundation/<br>Subsidiary<br>Diploma |      | Extended<br>Diploma | T-levels          | Tariff points |   | A-level | International<br>Baccalaureate<br>Higher Level<br>Certificate | Extended Project<br>Qualification |
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|                         |                                      |      | D*D*D*              | Distinction*      | 168           |   |         | ĺ   |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      | D*D*D               |                   | 160           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      | D*DD                |                   | 152           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      | DDD                 | Distinction       | 144           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      | DDM                 |                   | 128           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      |                     | Merit             | 120           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      | D*D* | DMM                 |                   | 112           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      | D*D  |                     |                   | 104           |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      | DD   | MMM                 | Pass (C or above) | 96            |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         | D*D*                                 |      |                     |                   | 84            |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      | DM   | MMP                 |                   | 80            |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         | D*D                                  |      |                     |                   | 78            |   |         | _   |                                   |
|                         | DD                                   |      |                     | Pass (D or E)     | 72            |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         |                                      | MM   | MPP                 |                   | 64            |   |         |   |                                   |
|                         | DM                                   |      |                     |                   | 60            |   |         |   |                                   |
| D*                      |                                      |      |                     |                   | 56            | _ | A*      | H7  |                                   |
| D                       | MM                                   | MP   | PPP                 |                   | 48            | ] | А       | H6  |                                   |
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|                         | MP                                   |      |                     |                   | 36            |   |         |   |                                   |
| м                       |                                      | PP   |                     |                   | 32            |   | C       | H5  |                                   |
|                         |                                      |      |                     |                   | 28            |   |         |   | A*                                |
|                         | PP                                   |      |                     |                   | 24            |   | D       | H4  | A                                 |
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#### Things to consider

#### Is it the right course for you?

- What is the balance of coursework/exams?
- How much assessment by group work?
- Opportunities for workplace or applied studies?
- Fieldwork and practical learning?

#### Will you meet the entry requirements?

- Required subjects?
- Required minimum grades?
- Maths & English GCSE?



Required subject: Part of the <u>entry</u> <u>requirement</u> – you must be studying one of these



#### **Foundation Years**

- Initial year of study prior to progressing onto the first year of one of our eligible degrees
- Four areas:
  - Business & Management
  - Creative Industries (in development)
  - Media & Communication
  - Science
- Right for you if:
  - You don't have the right qualifications for a full degree
  - You have the qualifications but not ready for degree-level study yet
  - You are returning to study after a gap

## Entry requirements:

48-72 UCAS tariff points



## We're open for Clearing

## Places still available for September 2022 entry

Make us your uni

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/clearing



#### **The Application Process – 2023 entry**

| <ul> <li>Register on UCAS Hub</li> <li>Research your options</li> <li>Make your application</li> <li>Personal details</li> <li>Qualifications (achieved and predicted)</li> <li>Personal statement</li> <li>Teacher or Individual reference</li> </ul> |                                      |             | nstitutions and<br>consider the app<br>They will make a<br><b>Offer</b><br>(Conditional/<br><b>Interview</b> (oth<br>measures)<br><b>Reject</b> | olication<br>a decision to<br>Unconditional)  | ou will make<br>our final<br>ecisions<br><b>Firm</b><br>Insurance<br>Decline<br>remaining<br>choices | Your results<br>are<br>considered<br>• Confirm<br>• Reject |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| Submit<br>application from<br>6 Sept   | plication from Cambridge 15 Oct appl |             | UCAS Extra<br>opens<br>23 Feb<br>You can still<br>apply late up   | Receive<br>university<br>decisions by<br><b>18 May</b><br>if you a pplied by 25 January | Make your firm &<br>insurance<br>choice by<br><b>BJUDE</b><br>if you applied by 25 January           | Confirmation &<br>Clearing<br>(from early July)<br>Mid-Aug |
| www.ucas.co  | om/key-dat                           | : <u>es</u> | until<br>30 Jun   |   | Application<br>cycle formally<br>closes<br>30 Jun  | All remaining<br>applications<br>through<br>Clearing       |



#### Making the application

**UCAS** At the heart of connecting people to higher education

- Registration
- Personal details
- Additional needs/info
- Choices
- Education
- Employment
- Personal statement
- Reference
- Declaration





#### **Personal Statement**

- Good vocabulary and structure
- ✓ Course and beyond
- ✓ Career
- ✓ Roles & responsibilities
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Year out

...all of that in **4,000 characters (including spaces)** or **47 lines.** 





## **Vocabulary and Structure**

- Positive language sell yourself!
- Preparation bullet points then rough draft
- Simple rule Whenever you say you have a skill or quality - demonstrate how, where, when you acquired it
  - for example, team work





#### Course

- State the reasons for your choice of course
- Enjoy the subject? state why
- Enjoy particular aspects? which aspects?
- Talk about the subjects you are currently studying, and try to describe links between them
- Tell us how you are developing the skills the course requires

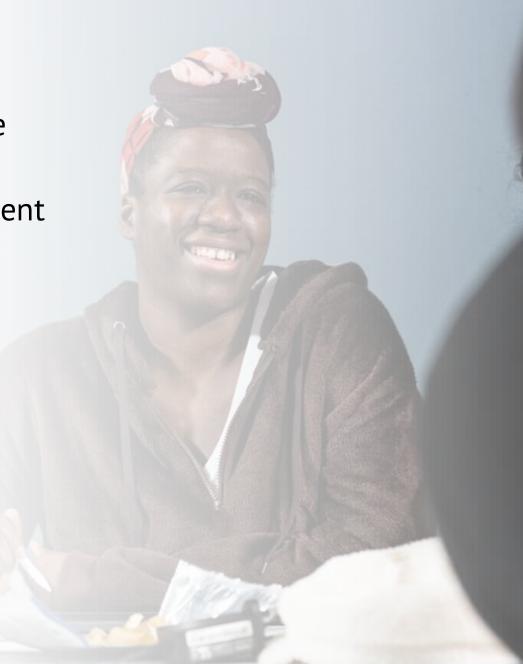
"Studying English Language has confirmed my interest in, and love of, writing. The fluency and accuracy of my writing has developed through producing essays and reports...My Sociology A-level has strengthened my research, analysis and critical skills, which I know are vital in creating a story or an article."

BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism applicant



#### **Course and beyond**

- Outline the experiences you have had that have confirmed your interest
- Demonstrate that you have focus and commitment
- Helps if you know what you want to study
  - if not think what the 'common ground' is
- Post degree
  - How do you think you would benefit from your choice of course?
  - Highlight any links with a possible career





## **Roles and responsibilities**

- Drama productions, voluntary work, prefect, team captain, fundraising, event organiser, school rep.
- Top tip don't take up too much of the form telling us about these unless relevant!

"Working at a local care home for the elderly provided me with the opportunity to care for others in a responsible and attentive manner. I had to extend my communication skills by listening and speaking to residents and other team members"

Health & Social Sciences applicant



#### Work experience

- Think about what you have done outside of school/college that shows your commitment
- Any relevant work experience? Excellent particularly if relevant and organised on your own initiative
- Attended any workshops/short courses?





#### Gap year?

Ideally show that you will be spending your time out constructively:

Working is constructive – earning money to support yourself through HE, gaining important experience and employability skills.

"During my year out, I will be broadening my experience and knowledge of conservation and environmental issues by working with conservation groups both here in Britain and abroad. I am applying to work at Trees For Life in Scotland for two months working to regenerate the indigenous trees into the highlands and restore the native Caledonian Forest."

Science & Technology applicant



## Important skills and qualities

Approachable **Computer Literacy** Confidence Communication Efficiency Empathy Helpful Independence Listening Managing others Organisation

Problem solving Proactive Presenting Responsibility Self-expression Self-motivation Teamwork Using initiative Working independently





#### **Action words**

Accomplish Achieve Active Acquire Advise Analyse Apply Appraise Appropriate Arrange Assist Attain Coach Collaborate Collate Complete Compose

Consult Coordinate Create Deliver Demonstrate Develop Devise Direct Diversify Engage Establish Evaluate Examine Guide Identify Implement Improve

Improvise Increase Indicate Inspire Instigate Instruct Introduce Investigate Involve Led Manage Negotiate Obtain Organise Originate **Oversaw** Perform

Persuade Pioneer Plan Prepare Present Produce Promote Propose Provide Research Review Revise Strengthen Succeed Supervise Support



## **Final thoughts**

- Structure your points
  - A activity, ability or achievement
  - B benefit what have you learnt
  - C how is this relevant to the course
- Check spelling and grammar
- Make the space count prioritise
- Be explicit about your skills and qualities
- Seek others' opinions and advice
- Be truthful!
- Don't include details specific to one of your five choices
- It's your UCAS form!





## How we'll assess your application

We will make you an offer that's tailored to you and your application and will look at more than just your academic performance when making you an offer and deciding whether to accept you on the course.

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

If you don't have traditional qualifications, or are unable to meet the entry requirements, we may be able to make you an offer through AccessBU if you meet certain criteria e.g. you have been in care or live in an area where fewer people typically progress to Higher Education. Your offer could be 16 points below the published tariff.

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