Bournemouth University

Making the application...

Please note: The detail, dates and fees stated around the UCAS applications process are correct as at 20 September 2021 and may be subject to change.

UCAS Applications

for undergraduate students joining us in 2022

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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

£26.50

Multiple courses

£22

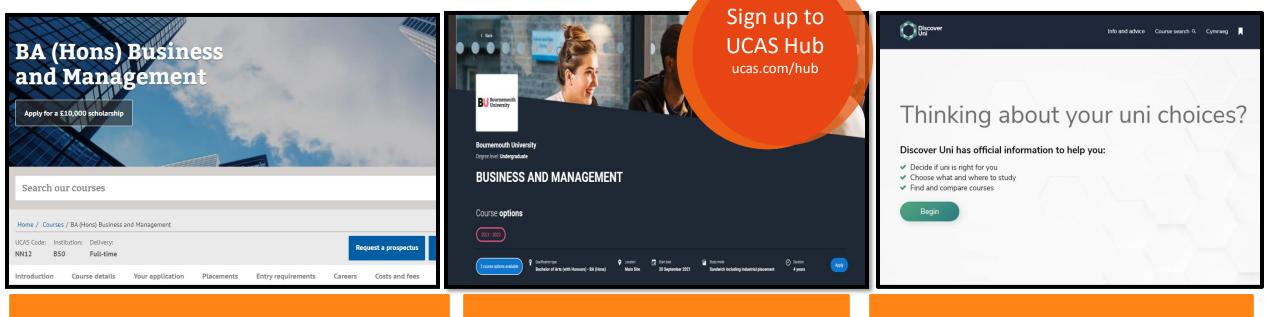
Single application

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



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 Certificate	Foundation/ Subsidiary Diploma		Extended Diploma	T-levels	Tariff points		A-level	International Baccalaureate Higher Level Certificate	Extended Project Qualification
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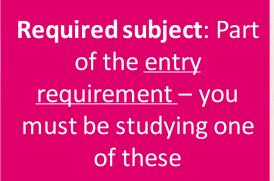
Things to consider

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?





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



The Application Process

Register on Apply Research your options Make your application • Personal details • Qualifications (achi • Personal statement • Teacher or Individua	eved and predicted)	Institutions and consider the app They will make a • Offer (Conditional/ • Interview (oth measures) • Reject	olication a decision to Unconditional)	ou will make our final lecisions Firm Insurance Decline remaining choices	Your results are considered • Confirm • Reject
Start applying to Ox	ications kford & bridge oct Get your application in 26 Jan	You can still	Receive university decisions by 19 May if you applied by 26 January	Make your firm & insurance choice by 9 June if you applied by 26 January	Confirmation, Clearing & Adjustment (from early July) Mid-Aug
www.ucas.com/k	<u>xey-dates</u>	apply late up until the end of the cycle 30 Jun		Application cycle formally closes 30 Jun	All remaining applications through Clearing



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





Extra, Clearing & Adjustment

- Extra
 - You have not received any offers or have been rejected from all your choices
 - Apply one-by-one to other choices until successful, or go into Clearing after 30 June

Clearing

- You have not met the requirements for your firm or insurance choice and been rejected, or have declined any offers you do have, or haven't applied and want to make a new application
- Clearing is the process whereby any remaining places are available for students to apply.
- Adjustment
 - Results exceed your firm choice offer
 - Opportunity to find a different place, potentially with higher entry requirements than your firm choice.

We may still offer you a place , even if you don't meet the criteria for your original offer.

When we receive your results we'll consider your application alongside any updated entry requirements for Clearing, as well as your potential to succeed on the course.



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

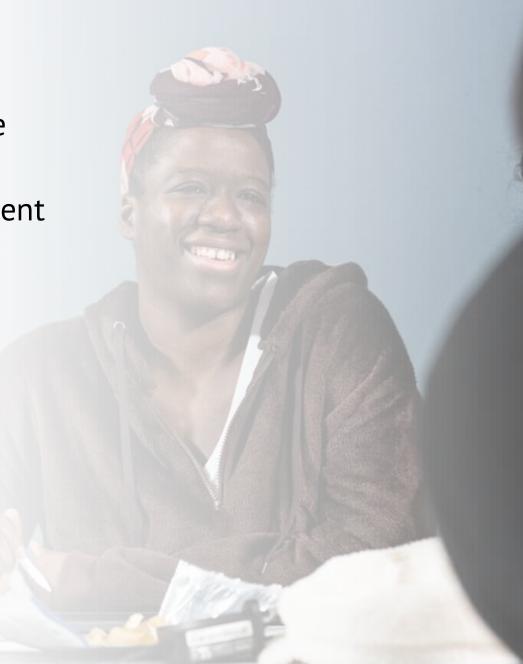
"Studying English Language has confirmed my interest in, and love of, writing. The fluency and accuracy of my writing has developed through producing essays and reports...My Sociology A-level has strengthened my research, analysis and critical skills, which I know are vital in creating a story or an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





Interviews

If you are applying for:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Operating Department Practice
- Paramedic Science
- Social Work

You will be required to attend a virtual interview.

What to expect and how to prepare for your interview:

- Course talks
- Online individual interview
- Live Q&A chat with students and staff
- Virtual tours

For more info and interview preparation tips visit: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/your-buinterview



Additional Information

Occupational Health Checks:

Questionnaire which needs to be completed fully and honestly. Confidential process and assessed individually.

• Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure:

Essential that you are open and honest about any previous convictions, even if they are 'spent'

• Second references:

Professional bodies require a second reference to demonstrate 'Good Character'



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.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accessbu

Bournemouth University UCAS Undergraduate Apply is now open for 2022 entry.

Contact us

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The latest information can be found at: <u>www.ucas.com</u>.