

Bournemouth University Your Study Destination

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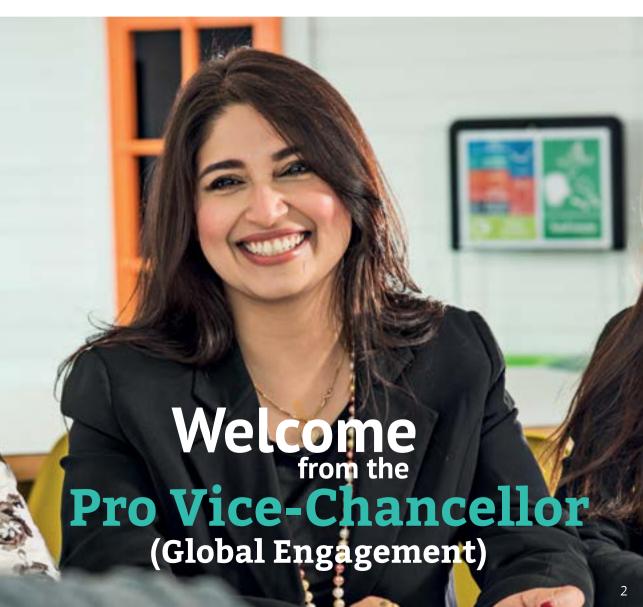
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# At BU, we have created an inclusive and welcoming community where excellence, achievement, authenticity, creativity and responsibility are highly valued

We want to ensure our students are able to enrich the world and succeed as future global talent in whatever career path they choose and we recognise that in today's increasingly competitive globally connected world, an excellent degree is no longer enough if you want to stand out from the crowd. Our care and commitment to developing and equipping you with the knowledge, skills and attributes to operate anywhere in the world goes beyond your time studying with us and that is why we support and encourage students to engage in a

range of international experiences during their time with us. I hope this guide gives you a good flavour of the broad range of opportunities available during your time at BU. More importantly, I hope that you will feel inspired to seize these opportunities to challenge and develop yourself as future global talent and start shaping your global future today.

Dr Sonal Minocha Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)



### Reputation

(Guardian University Guide 2016)

TOP

in Hospitality, **Event Management** and Tourism

We are ranked in the universities in the world **Communications** in the OS World University











(Research Excellence Framework 2014)

in the world

We are 16th in the world (and 2nd in the UK) for Hospitality and Leisure Management in the latest OS World University Rankings.











Centre, academic buildings, IT and facilities by 2018



We have one of the UK's largest collection of e-journals and e-books



with 250,000 e-books and 80.000 e-iournals for BU students to access easily online

# Work placements



All undergraduate courses professional placement

# graduates

worked on the films shortlisted in the Visual Effects category for the 2017 Oscars.



#### PAID INTERNSHIPS

# Why choose BU

# **Employability**

**92.3%** of our graduates are employed or in further study within six months of graduating

# One of the TOP 5



universities in the UK for boosting graduate salaries.



according to rankings published by *The Economist* in August 2017

### **BU** community





scholarships worth £5.3 million in 2017/18

# Partner to AFC Bournemouth

Three consecutive seasons in the Premier League



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The Students' Union has 100 clubs and societies ranging from academic, cultural, sports and special interest

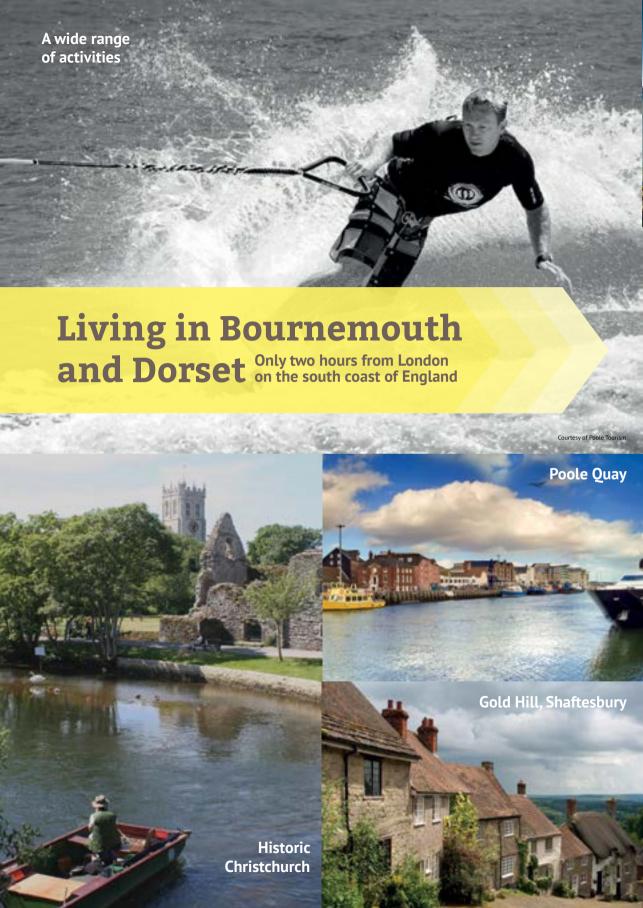
(see more at www.subu.org.uk)



Undergraduate tuition fees are fixed at year of entry









#### Social life

Food... Bournemouth offers diverse dining choices: British, Thai, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian – the list is endless.

**Socialising...** Bournemouth town is well known for having great places to socialise including pubs, restaurants, and music and dance venues.

Sports... At BU we offer sports and recreation facilities for everyone, whether you are a keen athlete or would like to start a sport for the first time

**Culture and arts...** There are many outlets for artists including theatres, museums, open air music stands, the annual air festival, and many more.

Places of worship... Bournemouth has a diverse range of places to worship. The multi-faith Chaplaincy at BU has an open door policy with a weekly Global Café for all international students to meet and relax with free tea, coffee and biscuits.

# **Community and support**

Students' Union...The Students' Union at Bournemouth University (SUBU) provides a voice for students and offers independent and impartial advice. SUBU also organises social activities and events – visit www.subu.org.uk

Libraries... The Sir Michael Cobham Library is based on our Talbot Campus with other libraries located at the Lansdowne Campus, all of which have computers with Wi-Fi coverage. We've also designed some really innovative learning spaces, for example the 'techno booths' with touch screens for group work.

**Health...** The Medical Centre on Talbot Campus offers confidential advice on all aspects of healthcare.

Free English language support... Extensive English language support for international students is offered by dedicated English language specialists. Group classes and one-to-one sessions are available for general English study or subject specific language. You can also choose to study online at your convenience using our interactive language learning facility to improve your English skills or learn a new language.

Airport transfer and International Students' Welcome Events... We provide a Meet and Greet service at London Heathrow Airport and Gatwick Airport (depending on demand).

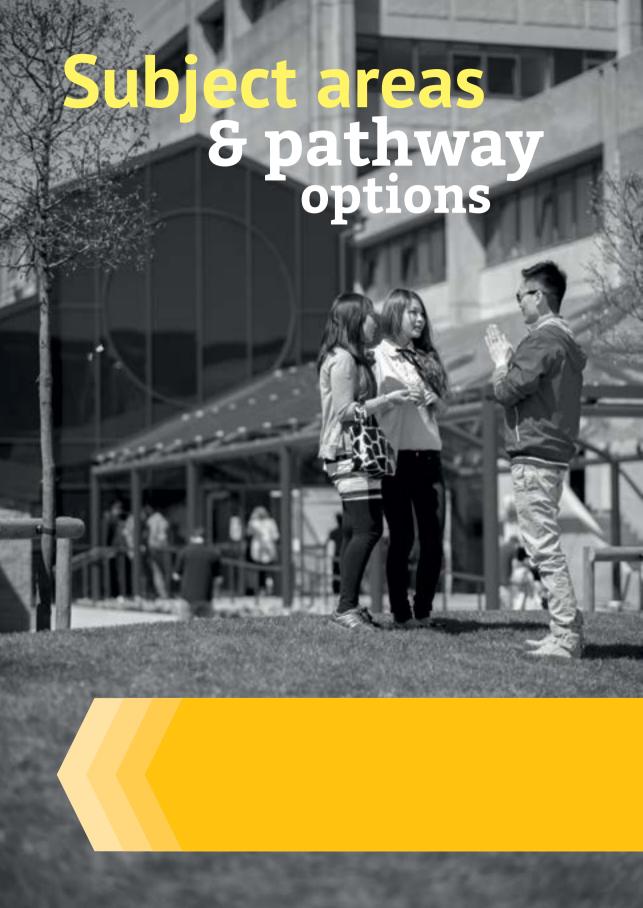
Our welcome and induction events have been designed to help you to discover everything you need to know about BU, make friends and explore the local area. We also offer a welcome reception to all international students during their first week of arrival. See more at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/newinternational



"My experience has surpassed my expectation. I was taught by very friendly, down-to-earth and highly knowledgeable lecturers who were always willing to assist. What particularly made the experience at Bournemouth richer is the dense international presence."

**David Adeloye (Nigeria)** MSc Tourism Management

# life at ting in the UK... International students, with the appropriate visa, may work a maximum of 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during vacations. Help and advice is available via the AskBU Student Services when you arrive. There is a range of part-time work available, both on campus and in Bournemouth, including: Students' Union shop Shop assistant BU Student Ambassador scheme Catering and hospitality positions Bar assistant For more information visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/discover 10



### Study areas

We offer undergraduate, postgraduate, top-up and research degrees in a range of academic areas. Visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses

- Accounting, Finance & Economics
- Advertising & Marketing
- Archaeology & Anthropology
- Business, Management & Retail
- Computer Animation & Digital Effects
- Computing & IT
- Design & Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Events Management
- Film & TV Production
- Forensic Science
- Games Technology
- Hospitality & Tourism

International Management

We offer a range of exchange programmes to allow students from our partner institutions to study at BU and become part of our international community. You can work alongside our world-leading academics, immerse yourself in BU life and share your knowledge and experiences with other students from all over the world.

The courses and subject areas you can study on exchange have been pre-arranged with your home university. You should contact your home university's international office in the first instance to discuss your study possibilities.

- Journalism & Public Relations
- Law & Taxation
- MBA
- Media & Communications
- Nursing, Midwifery & Health Sciences
- Nutrition
- Psychology & Sociology
- Social Work
- Sports Management & Sciences

We have years of experience in welcoming international students. Visit our country specific pages and view international student videos to give you an insight into BU.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/country

However our course catalogue for incoming exchange students can be found here:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/incoming-exchange-students

or

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/applying-exchange

Jessica Mocek (USA)

MSU International Hospitality Management & Nutrition student, Montclair State University Jessica had a truly international experience and created useful links with academics, UK businesses and with other international students:

"We came from Spain, Hong Kong, Malta and United States. Although from very different parts of the world, we all came together and created a true bond like no other. It has been a wonderful semester at Bournemouth. I couldn't be happier with my choice to study abroad. So many memories made that I will keep with myself throughout my entire life."

# **Apply to BU**

### Applying for an exchange at BU

BU is proud to be part of a global education community and we love to welcome students from other institutions and countries, allowing you to enjoy the experience of living and studying in the UK.

#### Different types of exchange

As well as being a member of the Erasmus+ programme we also have agreements with other universities all over the world. If you'd like to arrange an exchange with BU, check with the International Office at your home university about the course opportunities available.

Please be aware that exchanges are only available for specific courses which have been agreed between BU and your home university.

#### How and when to apply

Once you've confirmed that your university has an exchange agreement with BU, and if you meet the eligibility criteria, you can start the application process.

The first step is to ask your international exchange or Erasmus coordinator to nominate you by email to incomingexchange@bournemouth.ac.uk.

The deadline for nominations are 30 April for an autumn start and 30 September for a Spring start. Once we've approved your nomination, you can start completing your application pack, which you can download at **xxx web address neededxxx**. Once your application pack is complete, your home university coordinator must submit it to us on your behalf.

#### **Entry requirements**

There are some eligibility requirements for participating in an exchange:

- You need to have successfully completed your first year of study
- You must be studying a subject at your home university that is relevant to the units or degree that you'd like to study on exchange at BU.
- You can go on your exchange in your second or final year of study

- You must be nominated for the exchange by your university
- You must have achieved the appropriate level of English for the majority of undergraduate courses
- You must be able to prove that you have achieved the required level of English Language for your chosen course. Details of the levels required can be found in the BU Exchange Student Course Catalogue which can be downloaded here: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/applying-exchange Details of the certificates and other language evidence that we accept can be downloaded from here: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ language-requirements-exchange

# Please note that we do not accept applications direct from students

The deadlines for submission of completed applications are 31 May for an autumn start and 31 October for a spring start.

A complete application pack MUST include the following documents:

- BU Exchange Application Form
- Erasmus Learning Agreement (for Erasmus exchanges) or International Learning Agreement (for non Erasmus exchanges)
- Evidence of English proficiency, if applicable.
   Check the English Language requirements
- A copy of your transcript this needs to be the latest available copy of your records to date, including a grading scale relevant to your country, in English
- Photocopy of your passport

### **Deadlines**

#### For autumn exchange

Your university must nominate you to us by: **30 April** 

Your application pack must be submitted to us by:

31 May

#### For spring exchange

Your university must nominate you to us by: **30 September** 

Your application pack must be submitted to us by:

31 October

# How many credits can I achieve?

Under the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), you can achieve 60 credits for a year of full-time study at undergraduate level. At BU, this equates to 120 BU credits. This means one semester of study is the equivalent of 30 ECTS or 60 BU credits.

You'll be expected to take a full workload of 30 ECTS for each semester that you're at BU. The units that you study at Bournemouth University will need to be agreed by your home institution.



### **Enquire**

- Speak to your university International Office to find out if they have an exchange agreement with BU.
- Ask your home university which courses you can study on exchange at BU.
- Your home university will need to nominate you to us before the nomination deadline here. Please note we do not accept nominations directly from students.



# **Apply**

- Next you'll need to complete your application pack. Your International Office will need to send the completed pack to us before the deadline.
- Your completed application pack should include:
- A fully completed application form including your personal statement.
- Academic Transcripts
- A completed Learning
   Agreement signed by you and your home university.
- If English is not your native language you'll also have to supply an English language qualification (e.g. IELTS)
- Copy of your passport



# **Accept**

We aim to accept you onto the course within 1 month of applying. However we may need to ask you further questions before we can do so. Please keep an eye on your email so that you can respond to any queries promptly.



### **Prepare**

- Non-EU students will need to apply for either a Student Short Term Study Visa (up to 6 months) or a Tier 4 Visa (over 6 months).
- Once your application has been accepted our accommodation office will be able to advise on BU and private accommodation in the area.



#### **Arrive**

- Book your flights and pack your suitcases
- Arrange onward transport to BU. We provide an airport transfer service which you can book at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ airporttransfers
- If you don't have your student ID number yet don't worry! Use the word 'Exchange' in place of this when booking.

Our academic staff are involved in cutting edge research and enterprise that make a genuine contribution to society both nationally and internationally – whether we are understanding the physics of knee joints, developing processes to make the animation of movie characters more realistic, pioneering innovative cross-subject approaches to solving medical problems, or trying to understand drivers for climate change.

Although, like many universities, we are organised into different academic faculties, we make sure our work (particularly our research) does not stay isolated within those structures. We have a different way of working to ensure a joined-up way of thinking prevails. We work without barriers, collaborating and sharing with each other to deliver world leading, lifechanging research that we are passionate about.

Our research is arranged into different themes that describe what the research is about, rather than the specific faculty is conducting it. Indeed, many of our research projects involve academics from different faculties working together, and we place a lot of emphasis on developing processes, structures and learning spaces that make it easier to work together.

#### **Research themes**

- Communities,Cultures & Conflicts
- Creative, Digital& Cognitive Science
- Biodiversity,Environmental Change& Green Economy
- Aging & Dementia Leisure, Recreation & Tourism
- Entrepreneurship& Economic Growth
- Technology & Design
- Health, Wellbeing& Society



## **Doctoral opportunities**

BU offers a range of Doctoral opportunities, supported by academic staff with high levels of expertise, gained through their research activity, connections with industry, professional experience and international collaborations. We are also committed to 100 fully-funded and part-funded PhDs over the next six years. To view Doctoral opportunities at BU, visit research.bournemouth.ac.uk/postgraduate-research



# Facilities & accommodation

There are many accommodation options around the Bournemouth area from BU Unilet properties to private rented accommodation and privately managed halls in Bournemouth Town Centre. After your application has been accepted you'll be able to contact our accommodation team to discuss your options.

#### What is a Unilet?

Unilet properties are multi-bedroom properties located in residential areas that are privately owned but managed by BU solely for students. Each property is within walking distance to Talbot Campus.

Further information about Unilets can be found here:

#### www.bournemouth.ac.uk/unilet

and you can see an example of a Unilet property here

#### www.bournemouth.ac.uk/virtualbu

The rent for a Unilet room varies but is generally around £15 per day (room prices differ due to factors such as property location and room size); the rent will need to be paid within two weeks of your moving in. If you are offered a room in a Unilet property, you will also need to pay a refundable deposit and a non-refundable booking fee to secure the room.

The Unilet rent includes all utilities such as electricity, gas and Wi-Fi broadband. The properties are all within walking distance to Talbot Campus and, so you can easily attend our Lansdowne Campus and explore the local area, your accommodation package is inclusive of a bus pass.

# Other accommodation options

The following options are a good place to start your accommodation search. We also have a Facebook group called 'BU Find a Housemate' to help you in your search in where you can advertise for housemates or look for a room.

- Most accommodation options can be found here https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/ discover/accommodation/alternativeaccommodation-options which includes the contact details of three privately-managed halls in the Bournemouth Town Centre.
- Easy Roommate uk.easyroommate.com
  - Flat and house shares
- Spare Room www.spareroom.co.uk
  - Flat and house shares
- Gumtree www.gumtree.com
  - Rental properties and flat shares
- Homestay www.homestay.com
- Room with a local/host family
- Right Move www.rightmove.co.uk/studentaccommodation.html - Rental properties
- Bournemouth Beaches www.bournemouthbeaches.net - Short-term lets
- Air BnB www.airbnb.co.uk
  - Room with a local/host family
- Bournecoast www.bournecoast.co.uk
- Short-term lets
- Facebook group 'BU Find a Housemate' Students advertising spare rooms
- Or if you are interested in staying with a local host family that are registered directly with BU please email us at accommodation@bournemouth.ac.uk

# **Budgeting**

You will need to budget your money to ensure you have enough to pay your rent, bills and food. Further information about expenses and budgeting can be found here:

www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/study/ undergraduate/fees-funding/living-expenses

### What will I need?

Most accommodation you find will not include bedding or kitchen items so you can purchase these once you get to Bournemouth or visit

#### www.unikitout.com

to get items delivered to your accommodation in time for your arrival.

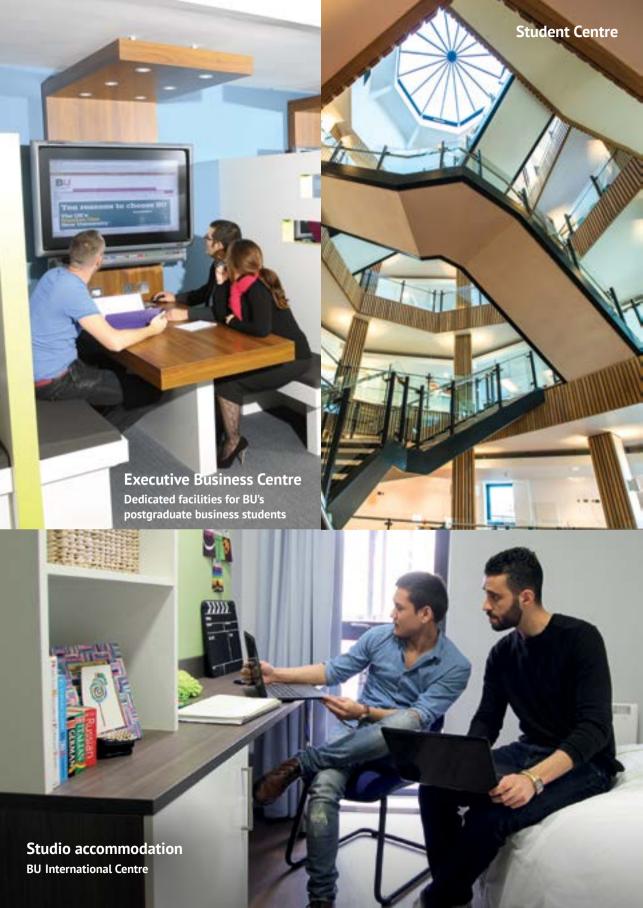
## Help when you need it

You are always welcome to contact us at

#### accommodation@bournemouth.ac.uk

if you need general housing advice (please send any emails to us entitled 'Exchange Accommodation'). If you should ever need legal advice, there are qualified housing advisors at the Student Union who are happy to help you at

subu@bournemouth.ac.uk



# Living expenses

The breakdown of living expenses on this page is intended as a guide, as your expenses will differ depending on your lifestyle and how you decide to spend your leisure time.

The estimated annual living expenses in Bournemouth are between £7,000 and £8,000.

Visit http://international.studentcalculator.org to work out how to manage your money and build a budget for living and studying in the UK.

Estimated living costs per week

Accommodation £112 - £130
Food £70
Travel £20
Entertainment £30
Other £30

# **Finance**







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