

The logo for Bournemouth University, featuring the letters 'BU' in a stylized, white, outlined font on a dark orange background.

**Bournemouth
University**



BU UPDATE

Summer 2017

for teachers and advisers

BU retains place amongst elite new universities

A quick look back in time shows how far Bournemouth University has travelled to take our place in the Times Higher Education top 200 young universities in the world.

BU has been included in the THE Young University Rankings, an annual league table compiled by the *Times Higher Education (THE)* magazine that identifies the best new universities across the world. In 2017, we are ranked between 101-150 out of 200 universities in total.

This is the second accolade in a month for us, as BU rose 20 places in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017. In the same survey, we were also rated among the top 20 universities in the UK for our links with industry.

Also announced earlier this year, BU has risen 20 places in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017* and was shown to be fourth in the UK for the value it adds to its degrees according to the Guardian University league table.

Our origins can be traced to the early 20th century with the foundation of Bournemouth Municipal College, but our modern history began in the 1970s with the creation of the Bournemouth College of Technology.

In 1976, the Dorset Education Committee reviewed the way it provided further and higher education in Dorset, which resulted in the formation of the Dorset Institute of Higher Education. We finally became Bournemouth University in November 1990 and have continued to grow ever since.

Today, BU is home to more than 18,000 students and almost 2,000 staff, so as you can see, we've come a long way from our foundations. The university has not just been climbing the league tables in the UK, but has been making an impact internationally too.

“To retain our place in this league table is an excellent achievement. It underlines the journey we've been on as we continue to be seen as a quality university that is making an impact not just locally, but globally too.”



Professor John Vinney
Vice-Chancellor

Spotlight on events

The Design & Engineering Show 2017

Friday 23 - Monday 26 June



Formerly known as the Festival of Design & Technology, the exhibition returns this year with its focus firmly on design and engineering.

Students will be exhibiting their Bachelors' level projects and as usual, we will have an engaging programme of workshops, seminars and other activities in which your students can participate.

At the forefront of cutting-edge design and innovation, projects on show will include new ideas such as:

- Sport-specific prosthetic: a prosthetic foot which has been specifically designed to meet all the needs of a competitive para-badminton player
- A low cost and intuitive baby incubator for use in developing countries allowing for inclusive use without the need for specialist medical training.

To arrange your visit, please contact Naomi Capell, Outreach Officer (STEM):

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Find more information at:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/festival

Design & Engineering show 2017

Health & Social Care Taster Conference Saturday 15 July 2017



Do you have students applying for healthcare courses?

Our taster conference will provide an opportunity for students to:

- Find out more about the professions they are applying for
- Experience taster sessions on each course
- Meet current students to discover what it's like to study at BU
- Chat to alumni students and find out what careers they've gone on to do
- Discover what makes a good personal statement
- Learn about the work experience requirements for the course.

Find out more information at:
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/hsc-taster-conference

Big Dig Monday 12 June - Friday 7 July 2017 9am-5pm daily



Why not take part in the Durotriges Project, an archaeological investigation studying the transition from the late Iron Age to the early Roman period in southern England?

The fieldwork takes place within Dorset, a county of outstanding natural beauty and one of the best preserved archaeological landscapes in Britain. The project is run as a Bournemouth University summer field school by current students and experienced archaeologists.

Findings from The Big Dig in previous years have included unearthing skeletal remains and around 150 roundhouses - the largest discovery of an Iron Age town in the UK.

Find more information at:
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/big-dig

UCAS application **top tips**

It won't be long before your students are carefully crafting their personal statements, so we want to pass on our top tips for making applications stand out. Here are our top tips for applying for two of our subject areas.

Events Management

The field of events management is a varied and exciting one and our course will prepare students for a range of roles in the sector.

As well as working at events management agencies, venues and conference centres, students can also find work within a charity, corporation or sports organisation. Our alumni have held roles in high-profile organisations, including Sainsbury's, Renault, Warner Bros., Sky and ITV.

90% of our students are in work or further study, earning an average salary of £20,000 a year within six months of finishing their course.*

Students will develop skills in areas such as marketing, financial reporting, project planning,

event bidding and consumer behaviour. We accept students from varying subject backgrounds, but we do recommend that they:

- Have some events experience
- Mention any extra-curricular activities that they are involved in such as music, sport, drama and the arts
- Can demonstrate that they're interested in trying new things, have the ability to work well in groups and are prepared to commit to their studies
- Are passionate about events and appreciate their wide scope
- Can evidence their creative skills.



Design & Engineering



Setting our students up for professional success is fundamental to our Design & Engineering degree courses. The Institution of Engineering Designers (IED) has accredited relevant courses at BU for many years, and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) has now ratified their accreditation too. It's no surprise that engineering is the most common undergraduate degree among Fortune 500 CEOs (according to the IED); engineers tend to do better no matter which sector they choose and they also tend to make good managers.

If we invite your students to an interview, we won't just be looking at their portfolio, we'll be finding out what their aspirations and

ambitions are to make sure they are on the right path. To help their application stand out, your students should:

- Provide examples of achievements which highlight their technical aptitude, or teamwork, leadership or problem-solving skills
- Reflect on any activities that demonstrate good time management and organisation skills
- Demonstrate their creativity, curiosity and originality - if they're interested in how things work, sketching new ideas or taking things apart and repairing them, include examples
- Demonstrate their enthusiasm for the subject.

Contact us

We can support your staff and students through the application process by delivering personal statement workshops; on your campus or ours, this year or next. If you would like to book the team to deliver this session, then contact us:

Email: aspireBU@bournemouth.ac.uk | Tel: 01202 963999

Supporting your students through **CLEARING**



With exam season in full swing, some of your students might be asking about alternative options if they don't quite meet their university offers, or if they haven't yet applied for higher education. They might also be thinking of using Adjustment if they do better than expected.

Clearing might seem like a last minute rush on A-level results day - Thursday 17 August, but it doesn't need to be. By encouraging your students to get prepared in advance, they'll feel less overwhelmed on the day.

Our Head of Admissions, Jon Williams, says: "Clearing is no longer just a service for those who haven't achieved as well as they had hoped; it can be used by anyone who hasn't yet made up their mind about which university to go to.

"From 5 July 2017, students can call us if they have their results and we will be happy to consider their application if there are still vacancies remaining. It can be a competitive search for places, so it is important for students to act promptly once their results are known.

"As is the case every year, students should consider their options carefully before contacting universities and make full use of their school or college careers advisers."

Keep an eye on our website for more information about Clearing, and look out for our Clearing Toolkit.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/clearing

Here are our Clearing top tips

for your students:

- Consider alternative institutions and courses – make a shortlist before results day
- Ask questions! Find out about the course content, structure, placement opportunities, and anything else important
- On A-level results day, make phone calls as early as you can
- Talk through your options with teachers or family
- See if universities have Clearing Open Days
- Ask about scholarships and bursaries
- Remember – it's not just about them choosing you, it's about you choosing them!

UCAS Clearing & Adjustment opens from 5 July, so students with results already, and those students receiving them throughout July can start their search straight away.

Visit: www.ucas.com/clearing



AspireBU programme 2016/17

Don't forget that we run a programme of free activities for your students based on information, advice and guidance, higher education and subject-specific themes.

- Assorted Lego® robotics workshops – students test their engineering and design skills
- Healthcare workshop – explores the main fields, as well as occupational therapy and paramedic science
- Information, Advice & Guidance interviews – can deliver group or individual sessions
- Summer breaks – opportunity for students to experience university life
- Tutoring scheme – additional support in English, maths, science and other subjects
- Stepping up – focuses on research and independent learning skills
- Work experience scheme – a variety of one-week placements.

We can also provide speakers to cover a range of topics including talks aimed at parents and carers (Years 10-13), and staff.

Let us know about your higher education, careers and progression fairs, and we can support your needs by providing BU staff or Student Ambassadors along with a supply of useful literature.

Get in touch to find out more

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 www.bournemouth.ac.uk/teachers



FESTIVAL of LEARNING

8-12 July 2017

Bringing learning to life with over 140 free events for the whole family to take part in.

For more information and to register for updates, visit:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/fol



Dates for your diary

Undergraduate Open Days

Saturday 10 June 2017

Saturday 1 July 2017

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/open-days

Design & Engineering Show

Friday 23 - Monday 26 June 2017

See the next generation of products and technologies from our talented students.

This is a popular event, so make sure you book your tickets online.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/festival

Festival of Learning

Saturday 8 - Wednesday 12 July 2017

Students can take part in a range of hands-on taster sessions, interactive workshops and seminars.

Information coming soon at

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/fol

BFX Festival

Monday 2 - Sunday 8 October 2017

Bournemouth's visual effects, animation and games festival.

www.bfxfestival.com

Get in touch

If you'd like to know more about what we can offer your school, college or academy, or if you'd like to join our mailing list then we'd love to hear from you.

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Future Students Enquiry Team

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