

# Arriving in the UK

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## This webinar will tell you about:

#### • Arriving in the UK

- Airport Transfers (Heathrow Airport)
- Meet & Greet Service (Gatwick Airport)
- Other travel options

#### • Induction and Orientation

- Week One
- International Students' Orientation Programme (ISOP)

#### Student Support

- askBU
- English language support
- Other BU support services
- Free time activities



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## **Arriving in Bournemouth**





## **Getting to Bournemouth**

- From Heathrow or Gatwick Airports (London):
  - Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September 2016
- FREE Airport transfer service from Heathrow Airport
  - Approx. 4 buses each day
  - Last bus at 15.00, so your flight should land before 13.30
  - Travel with other BU students and staff representative
  - Receive a Welcome Pack on the bus
  - Drop off at Halls of Residence on arrival in Bournemouth
- 'Meet & Greet' service at Gatwick Airport
  - National Express bus to Bournemouth
  - REGISTER ONLINE!
    - www.bournemouth.ac.uk/airporttransfers







- Other travel options from London
  - National Express buses <u>www.nationalexpress.co.uk</u> (approx £30)
  - Taxi <u>www.travellinkuk.net</u> (approx. £95 book in advance)





## When you land in the UK

#### • Carry these things in your hand luggage on the plane:

- Your UK address
- Your BU offer letter
- Your CAS statement
- A small amount of UK currency (£)
- Your 'I'm looking for BU' sign! (If using our Airport Meet & Greet services)
- Complete your landing card on the plane (if necessary)
- Go through Immigration Control
  - Choose the correct queue (EU/Non-EU)
  - This normally takes approximately 1 hour, but can take longer.
  - Any big problems, call askBU 01202 969696
- Collect your bags
- Go through Customs





- Think about the British weather! Bring some warm jumpers and a waterproof coat!
- Don't forget we have shops in the UK!
- Bring some things to remind you of home
- Check luggage allowance for your airline
- Check UK Government restrictions <u>read: bringing food into UK</u>
- Remember You will have to carry your suitcases!



## **Getting around in Bournemouth**

- Maps and detailed information about travelling to Bournemouth:
  - <u>www.bournemouth.ac.uk/gettinghere</u>
- Cycling
  - BU Bike User Group
- University buses
  - <u>www.thebusforbu.co.uk</u>
- Discounted travel for BU students
  - <u>Key cards</u> (included in rent for BU managed accommodation)
- All buses in Week One are free



## Week One – Induction and Orientation





## 'Week One' Starts on Monday 19 September

- Course enrolment
- Essential course-related lectures and induction activities
- International Students' Orientation Programme (ISOP)
- Social events
  - Daytime events, e.g. sports, SUBU Clubs and Societies, volunteering opportunities etc.
  - Evening events, e.g. film night, fish & chip quiz night, karaoke, party nights at SUBU's nightclub (The Old Firestation)...
  - Excursions, e.g. afternoon trip to Christchurch, full day excursions to the Jurassic Coast and London
- See the Events Guide for the full programme (including ISOP)
  - Available from mid-August online



### **Excursions**















## International Students' Orientation Programme (ISOP)

#### Introduction for international students (2 hours)

- Adjusting to life in the UK and British Culture
- Shopping and Budgeting
- Personal Safety and everyday British laws
- Frequently asked questions
- Introduction to the UK academic system (1 hour)
- International Information Fair
  - the University Medical Centre, banks, mobile phone companies...
  - many BU departments like Chaplaincy, Music, Sport etc.
- International Pre-enrolment Checks
  - We need to check your original qualifications (certificates) and visa
  - We will give you your Biometric Residence Permit
- International Commencement Ceremony
  - Friday 23 September (evening)



## Some events you can register for in advance!

#### • Bus trip to IKEA in Southampton

- Monday 19 September 15.30 20.30
- <u>Book online</u> (£3.50)

#### • Quiz night in Chaplaincy with Fish & Chips

- Thursday 22 September 19.00 21.00
- Book Online
- **SUBU Excursions** (London, Isle of Purbeck, Christchurch etc...)
  - Various dates & prices vary
  - Registration opening soon



## **Student Support**





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### askBU can help you with:

- Letters (including bank letters)
- Lost/replacement ID cards and Council Tax certificates
- Resetting computer passwords
- Immigration advice and extending your student visa
- Financial support
- General enquiries
- Referral to specialist support services





#### • Talbot Campus

"The Base", Ground floor, Poole House



#### • Lansdowne Campus

Library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Bournemouth House



Where you belong

Telephone: +44 (0)1202 969696

Email: <u>askBUstudents@bournemouth.ac.uk</u>



## **Student Support**

#### Student Wellbeing

- Emotional and Mental Health support on campus
- Referral to other specialist services, including Counselling

#### Chaplaincy

- Can help you contact local faith communities (Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist)
- Islamic Prayer Room
- Quiet room
- Global Café (every Weds 5.00pm)

#### • Student Advice Centre (Students' Union at BU (SUBU))

- Housing contracts
- Complaints
- Personal problems, relationship advice etc.



## **Student Support**

### Medical Centre

- Located in Talbot House (on Talbot Campus)
- Register when you arrive
  - At the International Information Fair on Friday 23 September
  - At the Medical Centre any time
- Tier 4 students pay the Immigration Health Surcharge as part of their visa application. This means that when you are in the UK, all health treatment is free.
- EU students should bring a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with them. Healthcare is then free.
- If you have an existing medical condition, bring enough medication for the first month.





## **English Language Support**

• English LAB online resources (myBU)

http://studentportal.bournemouth.ac.uk/things/language/

- Grammar
- Pronunciation
- Listening
- Vocabulary
- Sony SansSpace Language Centre for practising your listening and pronunciation skills

#### Language Adviser (Paul Barnes)

- Individual appointments
- Advice on language learning techniques

• 'Introduction to UK Academic Life' lecture (during Week One)





#### • Learn or practise a second language:

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Italian
- Arabic
- Mandarin Chinese
- Online resources for independent study
- Weekly conversation classes for all levels
- Beginner to Advanced
- See the <a href="mailto:Languages@BU webpage">Languages@BU webpage</a> for more information





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### **Global Buddies**

- Learn about other cultures and develop skills
- Meet British and other international friends Online registration opening soon Deadline for registrations is Wednesday 31 August.

### Find a part-time job

Student Ambassadors SUBU opportunities 'Find a part-time job' workshop Part-time Christmas jobs fair (in October) If there isn't already a society for you, you can set up your own! Recently our Indian students came together to create the Bournemouth Bharatiya Club (BBC)

All BU Students are automatically a part of the Students Union.

SUBU can help students develop new skills, enhance your employability and most importantly have fun!



## Things to do in your free time

#### Join a club or society

www.subu.org.uk/main-menu/clubs-socs

Volunteering

www.the-hub.org.uk

sportBU

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/sportBU

- Global Café
  - every Wednesday 5.00pm
- Explore the local area
  - The New Forest
  - The Purbecks and Jurassic Coast
  - 2 hours from London







### Check your emails regularly for:

Important information about enrolment and pre-enrolment checks

✓ A link to the online Welcome and Events Guide

Your invitation to the International Commencement Ceremony

✓ Details of how and when to register for Global BUddies



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## Any questions?