

## UNIVERSITY RULES RELATING TO LIBRARY USE

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## LIBRARY RULES

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These rules form part of the [University Rules](#) and the [BU Student Agreement](#), which incorporate associated rules relating to the use of Information Technology and the use of the Library. In addition to BU **Students**, these Rules also apply to **BU staff** and to **external members and visitors to the Library**.
- 1.2 It is a condition of enrolment that a student agrees to abide by these Rules, and all associated regulations, policies and procedures in force at the time of their enrolment/re-enrolment.
- 1.3 All regulations and policies referred to within these Rules are available in the [BU Student Agreement](#), available via the Student webpages or on request from AskBU. See: <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information>
- 1.4 All students are required to sign, upon enrolment, their acceptance of the BU Student Agreement and all associated University rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- 1.5 Without prejudice to Section 18 of the [BU Student Agreement](#), these Rules and all associated regulations, policies and procedures shall be binding on and observed by all students whilst on or travelling to or from University premises, whilst using property or facilities belonging to or provided by the University, the Students' Union or any of our Partners whilst participating in any activities or placements organised by the University or whilst in accommodation arranged through or on behalf of the University.
- 1.6 These Rules do not relate to, or regulate, matters concerning the academic progress of students. Such regulations are set out in [Bournemouth University's Academic Policies Regulations & Procedures](#) or in the definitive programme specification documentation or prescribed by external bodies.
- 1.7 A student using the services or facilities provided by the University, Students' Union or one of the University's Partners must observe the Rules and all associated regulations, policies and procedures relating to such services including any made from time to time under powers delegated by the University Board. A copy of such rules is available via the Student webpages, <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> or on request from AskBU.
- 1.8 These Rules, and all regulations, policies and procedures referred to in this document are neither exclusive nor exhaustive.
- 1.9 The headings given in these Rules are for ease of reference only and shall not affect interpretation.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Admission to the Library is dependent on the observance of its Rules.
- 2.2 All Bournemouth University staff and enrolled students are entitled to be members of the Library.
- 2.3 Other persons, upon application, may be granted permission to use the Library and to consult Library materials for reference purposes. A fee may be charged to borrow books. (*See Library Rule 9 below - Rules for External Membership.*)

#### ***Responsibilities of Membership***

- 2.4 Persons using the Library must:

- a) avoid all noise and disturbance in quiet areas and comply with notices and instructions given by University staff to this effect
  - b) not write in, or otherwise deface or damage, material belonging to the Library
  - c) not bring in animals, with the exception of Registered Assistance Dogs
  - d) produce their BU ID Card, Library Membership Card and further photographic ID if asked to do so by a member of Library staff or any authorised representative of the University
  - e) allow any materials in their possession when leaving the Library to be inspected upon request by a member of the Library staff or any authorised representative of the University
  - f) comply with the conditions in respect of copyright detailed in Section 11.1 of the [BU Student Agreement](#)
  - g) in accordance with Section 11.2 of the [BU Student Agreement](#), abide by all rules associated with the use of Information, Communications and Technology including any licence restrictions imposed on the use of electronic information.
  - h) only use materials acquired under educational licence, whatever their format, for the non-commercial educational purposes of the University and use must also be in accordance with any additional licence restrictions articulated on the materials. See Section 11.2 of the [BU Student Agreement](#) at
  - i) also in accordance with Section 11.2 of the [BU Student Agreement](#) relating to use of personal login data, keep all passwords issued for accessing resources strictly for their own personal use.
- 2.5 In accordance with Section 30 (Liability) of the [BU Student Agreement](#), users are responsible for their own property whilst using the Library.

### **3. BORROWING**

- 3.1 When wishing to borrow Library materials, BU students and staff should produce their University Identity Card. External members of the Library should produce their BU Library Membership Card.
- 3.2 No material may be removed from the Library unless it has been borrowed by and issued to the card of the person removing it.
- 3.3 All material is lent at the discretion of the University Librarian and must be returned to the Library on request, whether overdue or not.
- 3.4 The conditions of loan for each category of user are as specified on the Borrowing section of the [Library webpages](#).
- 3.5 Material may not be transferred from one user to another without being returned to the Library for re-issue.
- 3.6 Each person will be held responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any material borrowed by them from the Library. A sum to cover the full cost of replacement or repair may be payable.
- 3.7 When returning loans to the Library, the user must discharge each item at a self-service unit before placing it on the book returns trolley. If an item cannot be discharged at the self-service machines, it should be placed in the secure returns box in the self-service area or handed to staff at the Library Help Zone. Outside opening hours, items may be placed in the secure returns box outside in the Library courtyard at Talbot Campus.

- 3.8 Material obtained from other libraries for use by a library member will be subject to the conditions imposed by the lending library, for example the British Library.

#### 4. RESERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

- 4.1 Once a hold has been placed on an item no renewals will be allowed.
- 4.2 If a recall notice is sent, users are expected to return the item within the specified time.

#### 5. OVERDUE LOANS

- 5.1 When a hold is placed on an item by another borrower, it is no longer available for renewal.
- 5.2 Further borrowing rights will be suspended after any material becomes overdue.
- 5.3 Overdue reminders will be sent as follows:

Day 1	1st overdue notice
Day 7	2nd overdue notice
Day 14	3rd overdue notice
Day 21	Final overdue notice
Day 22	Invoice for replacement cost of the item

- 5.3 If overdue material is not returned within 6 weeks of the invoice, a further reminder is posted and also copied to the Dean of Faculty. The University may implement sanctions as outlined in Section 8.10 of the [Student Fees Policy](#)\*, which may result in the student not being permitted to re-enrol. \*See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - under 'Finance'.

#### 6. MUTILATION OR DEFACEMENT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

- 6.1 A sum to cover the full cost of replacement will be payable.
- 6.2 The offender and the relevant Dean of Faculty will be informed if further action is to be taken. Further action may include, as a minimum, the withdrawal of all borrowing rights for a defined period.
- 6.3 The Procedures of the University as set out in the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#) may be implemented in the event of damage to University property. See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - under 'Conduct and Welfare'.

#### 7. REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM THE LIBRARY

- 7.1 The name of any user found leaving the Library with unissued material will be noted. As a minimum, the user will receive a notification from the Head of Library Services and may be reported to the relevant Dean of Faculty. Borrowing rights might also be withdrawn for a defined period. The procedures of the University as set out in the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#) may be implemented, depending on the particular circumstances. See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - under 'Conduct and Welfare'.

- 7.2 On a subsequent offence borrowing rights will be withdrawn for a defined period and other action may be taken under the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#) depending on the particular circumstances. See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - under 'Conduct and Welfare'.

## **8. SANCTIONS**

- 8.1 Failure to abide by the University Rules Relating to Library Use may result in the implementation of sanctions as set out in the [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#). See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - under 'Conduct and Welfare'.
- 8.2 All members of Library staff and any authorised representatives of the University are empowered to enforce the University Rules Relating to Library Use.
- 8.3 Any notice sent by the Library by email to a University email address or by post to the last reported address of a user shall be deemed to have been duly sent. Attention is drawn to Section 32.1 of the [BU Student Agreement](#)

## **9. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP**

- 9.1 Prospective members must complete an application form at the Library Help Zone.
- 9.2 The Head of Library Services has authority to refuse membership to any applicant where such membership may not be in the best interests of the University.
- 9.3 A signed application form signifies agreement to abide by these University Rules Relating to Library Use and such other [University Rules](#) as are applicable.
- 9.4 Subscription membership normally requires payment of an annual fee, which may be changed from time to time. Detail of the categories of external membership and their entitlements can be found under [Guest and Visitor Information](#) on the Library webpages. See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/library/guest-visitor-information>
- 9.6 Access to electronic services may be restricted due to licence constraints. Attention is drawn to the University Rules Relating to Use of Information Technology, in particular but not limited to the clauses relating to acceptable use; not share login names and passwords which are designated for individual use; only use materials acquired under educational licence, whatever their format, for the non-commercial educational purposes of the University; and use must also be in accordance with any additional licence restrictions articulated on the materials.
- 9.7 An application for external membership of the Library by an external organisation must be signed by the Company Secretary or person of equivalent status. The signature will be made on behalf of the organisation, and that organisation rather than the named individual will be responsible for materials borrowed on the Library Membership Card.
- 9.8 External borrowers will be held responsible for any accounts in their name and for any replacement charges the Library may levy.