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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 **students**, these Rules also apply to **staff, 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 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.
*See <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>
- 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. * See https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/ARPP_summary_of_changes_for_2020-21.pdf
- 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 to the University Librarian, may be granted permission to use the Library and to consult Library materials for reference purposes. A fee will be charged to borrow books. (See *Library Rule 10 below - Rules for External Membership*.)

Responsibilities of Membership

- 2.4 Persons using the Library must:

- a) avoid all noise and disturbance 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 or Library Membership Card 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](https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf) at <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>
 - g) in accordance with Section 11.2 of the [BU Student Agreement](https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf), abide by all rules associated with the use of Information, Communications and Technology including any licence restrictions imposed on the use of electronic information.
<https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>
 - 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](https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf) at <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>
 - i) also in accordance with Section 11.2 of the [BU Student Agreement](https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf) relating to use of personal login data, keep all passwords issued for accessing resources strictly for their own personal use. See <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>
- 2.5 In accordance with Section 30 (Liability) of the [BU Student Agreement](https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf), users are responsible for their own property whilst using the Library. See <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>

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 blue 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 blue 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 reservation 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 immediately.

5. OVERDUE LOANS

- 5.1 Further borrowing rights will be suspended after any material is more than 8 weeks overdue.
Overdue reminders will be despatched as follows:

a) One week overdue:	a notice requesting the return of overdue material will be sent to the email address issued by Bournemouth University. For users without a Bournemouth University email account, notices will be sent to the email address supplied to the Library, or, if none supplied, by post.
b) One week later:	a second notice by email [as in section a) above] requiring the immediate return of outstanding loans.
c) Four weeks later:	a third notice sent by post, stating that a replacement charge will be levied and fines will be due.

- 5.2 Two weeks later an invoice (Library Account) covering the replacement cost will be issued and posted.
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 2020-2021](https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information) which may result in the student not being permitted to re-enrol.
(<https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information>-Finance)
5.4 On the return of the overdue loan a fine will be payable (see *Rule 6 below, Fines*).

6. FINES

- 6.1 All Library users are required to pay fines on any item returned late, except in exceptional circumstances as outlined in Section 8.17 of the [Student Fees Policy 2020-2021](https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information) (See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - Finance)
6.2 The rate at which fines are charged is set by the University Librarian and may be changed from time to time. Unpaid fines may result in borrowing rights being suspended.
6.3 Details of current charges and limits are displayed and available at each Library and listed under the Borrowing/Fines section of the [Library webpages](#).

7. MUTILATION OR DEFAACEMENT OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

- 7.1 A sum to cover the full cost of replacement will be payable.
7.2 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.
7.3 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: [Student Disciplinary Procedure](#) and <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/important-information> - Conduct and Welfare)

8. REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM THE LIBRARY

- 8.1 The name of any user found leaving the Library with unissued material will be noted. As a minimum, the user will receive a letter from the University Librarian 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> - Conduct and Welfare)

- 8.2 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> - Conduct and Welfare)

9. SANCTIONS

- 9.1 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> - Conduct and Welfare)
- 9.2 All members of Library staff and any authorised representatives of the University are empowered to enforce the University Rules Relating to Library Use.
- 9.3 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](#) at <https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/policy/student-agreement-2020-21.pdf>

10. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP

- 10.1 Prospective members must make written application to the University Librarian.
- 10.2 The University Librarian has authority to refuse membership to any applicant where such membership may not be in the best interests of the University.
- 10.3 A signed application form signifies agreement to abide by the University Rules Relating to Library Use and such other University Rules as are applicable.
- 10.4 External 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>
- 10.5 There will be a charge for each use of the [Inter Library Loans Service](#). See <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/library/using-library/inter-library-loans>
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 External borrowers will be held responsible for any accounts in their name and also for any fines that the Library should levy.
- 10.9 Normally, a replacement fee will be payable for a lost Library Membership Card.

