

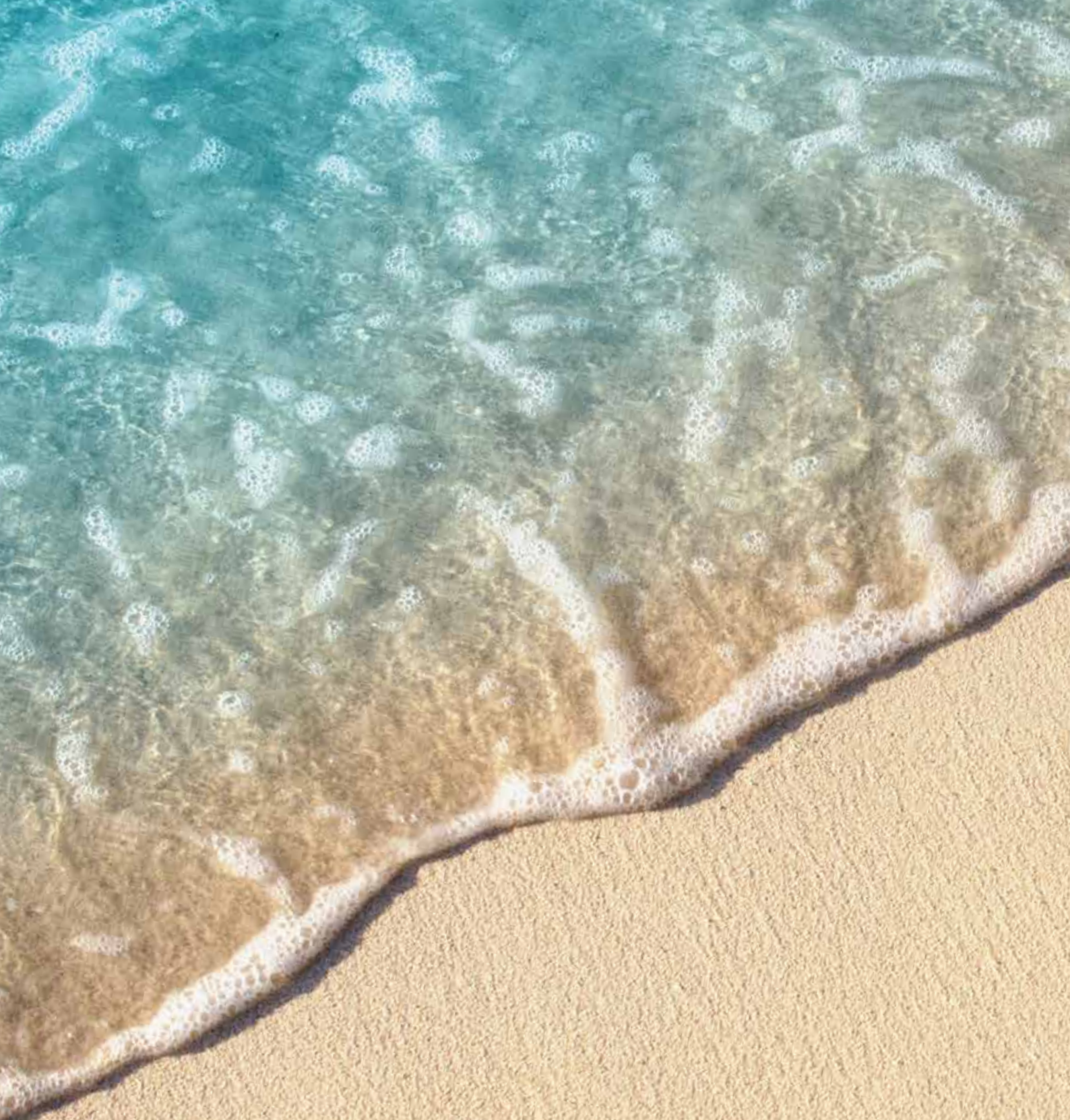


**Bournemouth
University**

**Postgraduate
Admissions Guide
USA**



**Degrees of
*difference***



Welcome

Bournemouth University (BU) is located in one of the most beautiful and historic areas of the United Kingdom. Situated on the south coast of England, and less than two hours from London by train, Bournemouth enjoys fantastic scenery and some of the country's mildest weather. Our student community consists of just above 18,000 students, out of which approximately 2,500 come from over 100 different countries.

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Together we offer more than 100 postgraduate courses across 13 different subject areas:

- Accounting, Finance & Economics
- Business, Management & Marketing
- Computer Animation & Visual Effects
- Computing & Information Technology
- Design & Engineering
- Games & Music Technology
- Health & Social Care
- History, Politics, Social Studies
- Law
- Media & Communication
- Sciences
- Sport
- Tourism, Hospitality & Events

Areas of *study*

Bournemouth University consists of four faculties: Faculty of Management, Faculty of Media & Communications, Faculty of Science and Technology and Faculty of Health & Social Sciences.



Find out more about our subject areas

**“BU was where
I needed to be”.**
(Alex Parker, Texas)

Admissions

What are the admissions requirements?

You need to have a US Bachelor's degree from a recognised University. The GPA required will vary between 2.5 - 3.5 out of 4.0. Depending on the course you are applying for, your Bachelor's degree will need to be in a relevant subject and you may need some relevant work experience. Portfolio and interviews will also be required in some courses.

What qualities should I have?

Academic qualifications are certainly an important part of your application to study at university, but this is not the only factor we take into account when assessing applications. We look at each application on an individual basis and offer places based on your potential to succeed on the course you're applying for. The other factors we consider when assessing applications are:

- Any work or other experience you have that is relevant to the course you're interested in
- Personal achievements
- The reference you provide with your application
- Your personal statement
- Your passion and enthusiasm for the subject you're applying to study
- In some cases, we will also invite you to attend an interview and/or selection test. How you perform may have an impact on your application.



**Find out more about
our entry requirements**

What are the most popular master's degrees for US students at BU?

The three most popular subject areas for US students are Computer Animation & Visual Effects, Media & Communication and Sciences. However, majors in Sports and Tourism and Hospitality & Events are increasing in popularity.



Find out more about our postgraduate subject areas

What are the application deadlines for admission?

There is no formal deadline to apply for taught postgraduate courses with us, but we recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible. Some of our degrees have a January intake as well as September, giving you more flexibility over when you study.



Find out more about how to apply

Are interviews and portfolio required?

Individual Skype interviews and / or portfolios will be required for some of our courses in animation, visual effects, film and others. Sometimes the academic assessing your application for any other course might ask for a Skype interview if they need to speak to you directly before making a decision.



How can I arrange a campus visit?

An Open Day is the best opportunity for you to get an idea of what it's like to study at Bournemouth University and what it's like to live in this beautiful seaside town.



Register for an Open Day

If you are unable to attend an Open Day, we offer on demand and personalised Campus Tours for international students. Campus tours focus on showing you around the university and, whenever possible, we will try to arrange a meeting with an academic from your course and an accommodation viewing.



Book a Campus Tour

“Using FAFSA to fund my studies at BU was much easier than I expected”.

(Charlotte Tuohy, Virginia)



How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I have submitted my application?

We will aim at making an initial decision within 20 working days. If your application is incomplete or if we need any further information from you, it will take longer to make a decision. It is important that you always check myHub, our applicant portal, and respond to any requests as soon as possible. Some courses will require an interview and / or portfolio submission, which will also affect the time it takes for a decision to be made.



What is myHub?

What documents should I submit with my application?

The more complete your application is, the faster a decision will be made. A complete application should contain the following documents uploaded to myHub at the moment of submission:

- Copy of your final or current Bachelor's degree transcript
- Copy of your Bachelor's degree Diploma should you have already completed it
- Academic and professional references
- One personal statement
- A copy of your passport
- If you have previously studied in the UK, please submit a copy of previous visas and CAS certificates.

How do I write a personal statement?

Writing a personal statement is one of the hardest parts of the application process because it requires you to really think creatively about how you present yourself to a host of people who have never met you before. You need to make it stand out in all the right ways and, of course, showcase your skills. On your personal statement, please include:

- Your reasons for applying to the course and how it will benefit you in the future
- Your reasons for applying to study at BU
- Emphasise where you have achieved an exemplary standard in your studies and how it relates to your course
- Your career aspirations upon completion of your course
- What motivates you and how it relates to the course you are applying for
- Relevant extracurricular activities (voluntary work, paid work, hobbies, interests, etc).

How do I write an academic reference?

Your reference letter should:

- Be written by a tutor who knows you well
- Demonstrate how you can cope with the academic demands of the course
- Include your grade predictions
- Explain any possible low performance during your studies
- Emphasize your strengths and how they relate to the course you are applying for
- Compare your performance to the overall performance of other students in your class / school.

“Once I received my unconditional offer, BU was there for me every step of the way!”

**(Jaime Gorman,
Colorado)**

Financial support

How much will it cost?

- The international tuition fee for all postgraduate courses at BU ranges from £14,000 to £15,000. This excludes any other expenses, such as housing, subsistence, transportation, etc



Find out more about tuition fees

- Student housing will cost anything between £130 and £200 per week, depending on the choice you make.



Find out more about living costs

- If you apply for a US Federal Loan, BU will send you a letter to send with your Tier 4 student visa application. You will not need to provide any other financial documents with your visa application. We have a webpage explaining the process of applying for your US Federal loan on the [BU website](#). If you are not applying for a US Federal loan, you will need to meet the [UKVI requirements for maintenance](#).



Find out more about visas

What financial aid options are offered?

There are a variety of financial aid options available, such as:

- US Federal Loans
- Veteran Affairs (VA) Educational Funding
- Sallie Mae Student Loans
- £3,500 BU Academic Excellence Scholarships
- 50% Executive Dean's Scholarships
- £500 - £5,000 BU Sports Scholarships
- £1,150 (major award) or £450 (minor award) BU Music Scholarships



Find out more about international scholarships



Find out more about financial support for US students

When is the scholarship application deadline?

There is no deadline for the BU Academic Excellence Scholarship. The deadline for the Executive Dean's Scholarships is on 31 May and for the BU Sports Scholarships and BU Music Scholarships is 31 August.



Accommodation



View our accommodation video



What type of accommodation is available?

There are six types of housing to choose from: BU halls of residence, Student Village, privately-provided halls of residence. It will help you understand the booking process if you [check our accommodation information web page](#).

Is student housing guaranteed for international students?

We guarantee accommodation for eligible postgraduate students who have completed their booking for accommodation by mid-August.

Would I have a roommate or live alone?

Students will have a private bedroom with en-suite and will share kitchen and living spaces with other students. There are between 4-6 bedrooms in each flat.

How are flatmates selected?

The accommodation booking process consists of 2 stages: In stage 1 students will register and create a profile, which will give a little bit of information about themselves. In stage 2, students will be able to pick flats and read the profile of other students who have chosen the same flat.



Find out more
about accommodation



“My top tips for booking accommodation are to book early and chose an option close to your main campus.”

**(Alex Parker,
Texas)**

Life as a *student*



What special interest groups, activities, fraternities/sororities are available?

Our Students' Union runs a massive range of clubs and societies – there are more than 100 at present, and if there's not one that takes your fancy, they'll help you set up your own.



Find out more about clubs and societies

What's it like on campus at the weekends?

The campuses are fairly quiet at weekends, as nearly all residences are off campus. The library is open every day and provides students with facilities so they can use computers and meet other students.

How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighbourhoods?

At BU we take your safety and personal security seriously and we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which you can live and study. It is important that you take simple steps to make sure you stay safe outside campus as well.



View some safety tips and advice

Are any programs offered to help students adjust to college life?

A week before classes start, you will be expected to attend the Orientation Week, where you will attend a wide variety of talks to help you familiarise yourself with university life as well as living in the UK.

Additional help is offered by support services to promote wellbeing for all our students. There is a range of services – from our Wellbeing Advisors to our on-campus Medical Centre. Our Residential Assistants live in each of our accommodation blocks to provide assistance to new students and organise events and socials – helping you get used to your new home away from home.



Find out more about health and wellbeing

Are club and varsity sports offered?

SportBU has fantastic facilities and offers a wide variety of physical activities and sports all year round to all students. There are currently 19 Performance Sports at BU, made up of over 40 teams. We also offer you the chance to take part in over 20 recreational sports offered in collaboration with sport activities in leagues, pay & play, clubs and social events.



Find out more about SportBU

What are the sports facilities like?

BU sports facilities include a fully equipped state of the art Fitness Training Zone with a 55-station gym, two large dance and activity studios, a four-court badminton hall, three fully equipped treatment rehab rooms, a High Performance Training Suite, two all-weather outdoor pitches, changing rooms, showers and individual lockers. In addition, the following onsite support services are also available: Strength & Conditioning, Lifestyle Workshops, Sports Massage, Physiotherapy, Chiropractor, Fitness Testing and High Spec fitness suite.

What types of meal plans are available?

There are no meal plans at BU. However, we have a variety of high-quality facilities spread throughout the campuses, so whether you are looking for good coffee at low prices, a freshly baked baguette or just a relaxing environment, we have it all.



Find out more about campus dining



Find out more about student life

“One of the best parts of studying in Bournemouth town is its vibrant centre, where community events and celebrations take place all over the year.”

(Danielle Cook, Wisconsin)

Your *learning*



What is the average class size?

This will vary according to the course. Lectures are larger groups of up to 100 students, and seminars are usually no bigger than 20-25 students. These numbers reduce significantly for courses where lab work is required.

How accessible are teachers outside of class?

Apart from face-to-face contact during classes and seminars, you can book one-to-one tutorials with teachers without difficulty. However, be aware that in the UK students are expected to do a significant amount of independent studies.



Find out more about learning at BU

What student services are offered (tutoring, career counselling, study workshops)?

BU provides a number of academic support services to help you throughout your degree. These include Peer-Assisted Learning (PAL), Additional Learning Support (ALS), comprehensive IT support, Study Skills, etc...



Find out more about academic support

What are the libraries and computer labs like?

There are two libraries on our campuses - The Sir Michael Cobham Library and Bournemouth House Library. We also offer a wide range of online resources that you can access off campus, including e-books and e-journals that you can download to your personal devices.



Find out more about our libraries

You can access PCs, techno-booths, computer labs and our free WiFi at all BU locations. We offer 24 hour, seven day a week computer access and IT support so that you can work on your assignments at a time that suits you.



Find out more about our facilities

What are recent graduates doing now?

BU graduates go on to work in a wide variety of jobs in the industry. 91% of Bournemouth University students are in work or further study six months after graduating from university (Postgraduate Level. Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) in the DLHE Survey 2017).

Some postgraduate courses offers students the opportunity to undertake a work placement as part of their course. This experience boosts your CV and increases your chances of employment after graduating.



Find out more about how we make you more employable

“The Global Talent Programme at BU has really inspired me to think in a global context”

(Mitchell Davis, Texas)

The facts

200

We are ranked in the top 200 young universities in the world, according to the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018



200

We are ranked in the top 200 universities in the world for Media & Communications in the QS World University Rankings



96%

96% of BU research rated as internationally recognised or higher, with 18% ranked as world-leading

5

Top 5 university in the UK for boosting graduate salaries (The Economist 2017)

5%

The Business School is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Only 5% of business schools around the world have achieved this.

63

Over 63 BU graduates worked on the films shortlisted in the Visual Effects category for the 2017 Oscars

Silver

Awarded a Teaching Excellence Framework Silver award by HEFCE for the quality of our teaching at undergraduate level



8th

We are 8th in the world for Hospitality and Leisure Management in the latest QS World University Rankings


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