

What it means to be a student on a validated programme

As a student on a BU validated course, the partner college you are studying at will deliver your course, and BU as the awarding institution, is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the learning opportunities offered through your college are suitable and adequate to enable you to achieve the academic standards required for your course.

New students	
Accommodation	<p>You will need to arrange accommodation through your college who will be able to provide you with information on all the options open to you. LettingsBU advertise private student accommodation in the Bournemouth area.</p> <p>Your college will also provide you with a council tax exception form should you require one.</p>
Student enrolment status	As a student on a BU validated course you will be enrolled at your college. Staff at your college will use the college student records system to ensure that your details are kept up to date.
Induction	<p>Your college will make all the arrangements for your induction session. In addition to learning about your college campus and surroundings at your induction, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet your tutors and support staff • Meet your BU Link Tutor • Understand what your course will be like • Learn what is expected of you during your studies • Learn about BU's regulations, policies and procedures • Learn what the college is responsible for, and what BU is responsible for.
Financial support	
Fee payment - who you pay	As a validated student, you pay your fees directly to your partner college - you will need to contact them directly for further information.
Scholarships and bursaries - eligibility	Your college will be able to provide you with information on any scholarships and bursaries that you may be eligible for.
At the end of your studies	
Graduation	<p>When you have completed your course you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony. Some partner students attend the BU ceremony hosted by the link faculty, whilst others are invited to attend the college ceremony. You can find out more information about which you'll be invited to from your college HE Administrators.</p> <p>If you will be attending the BU ceremony you will receive information regarding this following your final assessments. More information is available on the graduation ceremonies pages.</p>
Diploma supplements and certificates	<p>The university will provide diploma supplements and certificates once your assessment record has been confirmed by the Assessment Board. When you have completed your course you will be sent a results letter which will confirm if you are eligible to attend a BU graduation ceremony. If so, this is where your diploma supplements and certificates will normally be issued.</p> <p>Where your partner college holds their own graduation ceremony, BU will send any diploma supplements and certificates to them.</p>
Alumni	When you have graduated you will receive an invitation to join the BU Alumni Association as an associate member.

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Learning resources	
Learning and teaching facilities	Your college is responsible for providing appropriate teaching rooms and equipment. If you have any concerns relating to these facilities please contact your programme team in the first instance.
BU Libraries	You can apply for external membership to allow you to access to the BU Libraries on both the Talbot and Lansdowne Campuses. Visit the Library and learning support pages for more information.
Additional Learning Support (ALS)	As a student on a validated course your college will make all the arrangements for additional learning support. Please contact your HE Administrator or Programme Leader for more details.
Guidance and advice	
AskBU	AskBU are the main enquiries team at BU and can help you with information, advice and guidance throughout your studies. They'll always be able to help you or refer you to an appropriate service. They are based at both Talbot and Lansdowne Campuses.
SUBU Advice	<p>As a student on a validated course, you're entitled to the free, independent and confidential advice and information provided to BU students by SUBU Advice. It's an impartial service with wide ranging knowledge and experience and extensive resources.</p> <p>With offices on both the Talbot and Lansdowne Campuses, SUBU Advice can assist with a wide range of matters including accommodation, finance (including benefits), personal and legal issues.</p>
SUBU student representation	<p>As a student on a validated course you can put yourself forward to become a SUBU student rep. This will allow you to represent your student group at programme team meetings and raise any concerns on their behalf.</p> <p>If you don't want to become a rep yourself you can feedback any concerns or issues to the SUBU rep on your course. More information on SUBU student reps is available at www.subu.org.uk.</p>
Health and wellbeing	
Faith and Reflection	<p>BU's Faith and Reflection team offers care and support to all staff and students regardless of your ethnic background or whether or not you have a faith. They are based at Talbot Campus where you can;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk in confidence about personal matters • Receive support and guidance • Contribute to discussions • Participate in lectures • Join a group for prayer, study or fellowship • Receive pastoral care • Take advantage of silence, space and reflection.
Wellbeing support	Arrangements for wellbeing support, including counselling services, will be provided by your college.
Medical	Your college is responsible for providing you information on access to appropriate medical services.
Resources	BU's resources pages provide information on common health and wellbeing issues, along with links to a wide variety of help, support and advice.

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Extra curricular activities	
Students' Union societies	As a student on a BU validated course you can apply for associate membership to the Student's Union at BU (SUBU). This includes joining clubs and societies. SUBU have over 100 clubs and societies covering a wide range of activities – so you're bound to find something that suits you.
SportBU	As a student on a validated course you have access to a range of daily classes, health and fitness programmes and coach education courses at BU student prices. At SportBU, we're proud of the fantastic facilities, activities and sports we can offer students, staff members and the community. Visit the SportBU pages to download the programme or to book a class or activity online.
Rules and regulations	
Support to Study	<p>BU is committed to the equality and inclusivity of all students and aims to facilitate and promote positive mental health and well-being through the recognition and understanding of all disabilities. However BU has duty of care to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all its students, staff and visitors via the Support to Study Policy. In exceptional cases, this may require BU to remove a student if they are deemed to be a risk either to themselves or other members of the BU community.</p> <p>BU encourages you to contact the appropriate service at the earliest opportunity to ensure you receive the support you need to realise your full potential and complete your studies. However, if your partner college has already has an appropriate BU-approved procedure in place, this may be used.</p> <p>At all times BU aims to support you and your decision making as to when to engage with your studies. Following any period of suspension from BU under this policy, it may be appropriate for you to return to resume your studies on receipt satisfactory medical evidence. This should be from a GP or relevant health professional who has enough knowledge of your circumstances to be able to make an informed decision. Read BU's Support to Study Policy (on the Important Information page under Conduct and Welfare).</p>
Fitness to Practise	<p>The Fitness to Practise Policy relates to any student's health, conduct and/or performance which may impact upon their fitness for professional practise. Allegations or evidence of failure by students to maintain standards appropriate to professional practise due to reasons of health, conduct or performance may fall into one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health or related issues impacting upon a students' ability to practise • Behaviour or practise which is dangerous or damaging to the welfare of others or creates unacceptable risk to others regardless of whether this is due to health, conduct or performance reasons • Serious misconduct or unethical behaviour • Persistent shortcomings in behaviour in relation to practise • Bringing the profession into disrepute <p>The Procedure takes into account the requirements of relevant professional codes of conduct set by the appropriate professional and regulatory bodies. Read BU's Fitness to Practise Policy (on the Important Information page under Conduct and Welfare). However, if your partner college has already has an appropriate BU-approved procedure in place, this may be used.</p>