

Essential information for Incoming Exchange Students 2025-26

This document provides supplementary information specifically for incoming exchange and study abroad students to give you information that will help you through the application and admission process.

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Section 1: Practical Information

About BU

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Application and Practical information for incoming exchange students	Contact the Global Engagement Team directly via: incomingexchange@bournemouth.ac.uk or visit our webpages: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/exchanges

Nominations and Application Deadlines

Deadlines for Autumn exchange	Nominations: 30 April	Applications: 31 May
Deadlines for Spring exchange	Nominations: 30 September	Applications: 31 October

General Academic Information

Transcripts	Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students can access PROVISIONAL grades online 5 weeks after the exam period and will receive this information via Brightspace, our virtual learning platform. Our office will email students' provisional grades to exchange partners' international offices in mid to late March. Official transcripts will be issued later in the year.Following the BU Assessment Boards in July/August, all students will be emailed their official grades, this email is called 'Results Summary'. A copy of the Results Summary will be sent to your international office from incomingexchange@bournemouth.ac.uk. This will be the official confirmation of BU awarded grades and credits (academic transcript of records).
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Language of instruction is English.
Credit Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The <u>E</u>uropean <u>C</u>redit <u>T</u>ransfer <u>S</u>ystem allocates 60 ECTS for a year of full-time study at undergraduate level. This is 120 Bournemouth University (BU) credits/CATS. 1 ECTS = 2 BU Credits.Students will study 30 ECTS (60 BU CATS) at the appropriate academic level during one semester at BU: this is the normal credit weight of a semester of full-time study. Students study 3 units worth 10 ECTS (20 BU CATS) each. Prior study in the relevant academic discipline is usually required.You can find BU's Generic Assessment Criteria here: 6f-generic-assessment-criteria-procedure.pdf
Overseas Exam Team at BU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students can find out about the process to take exams overseas here

Important Dates

	Autumn (Semester 1)	Spring (Semester 2)
Accommodation Move-in	20 September 2025	25 January 2026
Welcome & Registration/Enrolment	22 September 2025	26 January 2026
Induction/Orientation	22 - 26 September 2025	26 - 30 January 2026
Semester Dates	29 September 2025 - 01 February 2026	02 February - 07 June 2026
Exam Period	19 - 25 (TBC) January 2026	26 -31 May (TBC) 2026

English Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you will have to provide evidence in your application that you have been assessed in all four components of English (reading, writing, speaking and listening) to the required standard for the BU course.

Grades required

Although minimum English Language requirements can differ depending on the individual course, as a general rule, to be accepted onto any Bachelor's or Master's programme, you will need to have achieved a minimum of IELTS (Academic) 6.0 overall, with no less than 5.5 in each component.

For certain courses, you may need to have a higher grade overall or in certain components. You can find out the level of English required for each BU course in Section 2 of this document.

Qualifications

We accept a range of recognised English language qualifications for entry, which are among the language tests published and regularly updated by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) for Student Entry Clearance purposes. You will require Student Entry Clearance (Student Visa) if you're coming to study at BU for more than 6 months. Entering the UK with Student Entry Clearance requires you to give evidence that you have passed a Secure English Language Test (SELT) and include your test certificate with your BU Exchange Application.

Our [English Language Comparison Scores](#) page provides comparison tables, you can also find more information on our [English Language Requirements](#) webpage.

If you are coming to the UK for less than 6 months, then you can enter the UK with a Visitor Visa (Entry Clearance) or a Student Visitor Visa (Entry Clearance). In this case UK Visas and Immigration language requirements are not as strict, but we still need to be sure that you have the right level of English to be successful in your studies at BU.

In this case a letter, from an academic member of staff who teaches you in English which verifies your English capabilities, may be acceptable and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

As a minimum the letter should include the following:

- be on your home institution's letter headed paper.
- written and signed by an academic member of staff who teaches you in English.
- outline that you meet the minimum IELTS level required for the course you're applying to.
- list your ability (IELTS, CEFR level or equivalent) in each of the following 4 components:
 1. writing
 2. speaking
 3. listening
 4. reading

Personal Statements

As part of your BU exchange application, you're required to write a personal statement about why you are applying for your chosen course, what you hope to achieve and steps you've taken so far. We review this section when considering your written English Language ability so be sure to complete this section thoughtfully and thoroughly as it provides additional supporting evidence of your communication skills.

Additional competencies

Some courses involve particular communication skills and assessments e.g., individual or group oral presentations, knowledge of industry-related English, interviewing or research skills. Your Programme Leader might want to discuss this with you after reviewing your application. If so, you might be asked to have an online appointment, provide a sample of your past academic written work or your portfolio.

UK Border Entry Information

Information provided here is correct to the best of our knowledge on the day of publication (08/05/2025), and we accept no responsibility for its accuracy afterwards. UK Immigration Rules change frequently and for the most up-to-date information and guidance on visas and immigration you should always [visit the UK government website](https://www.gov.uk).

Coming to the UK to study less than 6 months.

If you are coming on a study exchange in the UK for 6 months or less you can enter the UK under the Visitor Entry regulations and you should ensure that you have **private medical insurance** for the duration of your stay.

The type of entry clearance you will need to enter the UK and study with us will depend on the nationality shown in your passport. For students coming to study for under 6 months this will be either:

1. Standard Visitor Visa (visa nationals)
2. Visitor Entry Clearance (non-visa nationals)

Check the type of entry clearance that you need here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

Important: You are not allowed to work in the UK with either of these types of UK entry permission.

Student Visa

In some special circumstances we may support an application for a **Student Route Visa** which may allow some work in the UK. Please let us know if you need to be considered for this visa instead, along with your reasons why. You can find out the differences between a Student Visa and entering as a Standard Visitor Visa on the Basic Visa Comparison Table below.

BU Acceptance Letter

Once you have been accepted to BU we will send/email you a letter confirming your acceptance as an exchange student; you will need this letter to enter the UK.

You must either submit this document with the rest of your supporting documents to apply for a Visitor Visa or have this document to hand at a UK Port of Entry if you enter on Visitor Entry Clearance. You will require other evidence depending on the type of clearance you need to enter the UK.

The information below is set out to guide you on the correct type of permission to enter that you will need dependent on your nationality.

1. Standard Visitor Visa

Most nationals, so called *visa nationals* (please see full list at [this link](#)), must get UK entry clearance **before** travelling to the UK. The UK Visas and Immigration department's (UKVI) advice is that you should wait for the Standard Visitor Visa to be granted even before booking your travel.

When a Standard Visitor Visa application is successful, a vignette (sticker) will be put in your passport. You should not travel to the UK any earlier than the '*valid from*' date on this vignette. Please note that you can only hold one type of permission to enter or stay in the UK at any one time. As part of enrolment at BU you will be required to upload a copy of your Standard Visitor Visa in your passport, without this you will not be able to complete enrolment.

A Standard Visitor Visa vignette will be given for the full 6 months and there will be no Biometric Resident Permit Card to collect in the UK.

How do I apply for a Standard Visitor Visa before I travel to the UK?

Complete the online visa application form on the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-visa-national-list). You should only need basic information from your personal and supporting documents i.e. passport, BU acceptance letter etc.

Follow the online instructions and pay the application fees and enrol your biometric details, which is a mandatory part of this application. As this part is outsourced to different commercial partner companies of the UKVI, you will need to follow the instructions that is relevant for the country you are making the application. You can read more information about this on [this GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-visa-national-list) and as you are making your application, these will be shown/mailed to you by either the UKVI or their commercial partner.

Please note that the date of your application is set by the date you paid the visa application fee and it is not the date when you have your biometric appointment. Your supporting documents must already be prepared and finalised before you pay for your application, you cannot use new documents that are dated after the date of application but dated before your biometric appointment.

Supporting Documents

Check the supporting documents that you need when applying for a Standard Visitor Visa here: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/apply-standard-visitor-visa>

Your supporting documents will need to be electronically uploaded during the application but please note that you should have the originals in your possession and also take them with you when you have your appointment. This is unless a supporting document only exists in electronic format in which case please make sure you can have a copy of it on you when you go for your appointment. This is to make sure that you can still provide them during your appointment, in case there has been an IT issue with your previously uploaded documents.

It usually takes about 15 working days (counting from the date of your biometric appointment) to receive a decision on a standard application but it can take longer than this so you must leave plenty of time for your visa application. If you need to travel to the UK earlier you could consider paying an additional fee for a priority or super priority service. You can choose these and more added value services during your application, availability depends on the visa processing partner.

2. Visitor Entry Clearance

Non Visa Nationals (e.g. nationals who are not on the visa nationals list at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-visa-national-list>) coming to study for **less than 6 months**, will get permission to enter as a visitor when you come through a port to the UK e.g. London Heathrow Airport, London St Pancras International train station etc.

You will not need to apply beforehand for a visitor visa, you will however have to apply for Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA). To see if you need to apply for this and for information on applying please visit this webpage: [Apply for an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-visa-national-list) This is only possible if you hold a valid passport with a biometric sign on it and meet some other very basic requirements.

How can I get a Visitor Entry Clearance on Arrival at a UK Port of Entry?

If you are a national of an EU country, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland or the USA can use the eGates to get Visitor Entry Clearance at the time you arrive in the UK. You will need to provide evidence of when you entered the UK by either showing the stamp in your passport that you get from a border agent or your flight ticket/boarding pass if you use an E-Gate.

Even if you have a biometric passport and so can use the eGates, you could be randomly selected by a Border Force Officer (BFO) and required to prove that you meet the requirements for Visitor Entry Clearance. Therefore, you must carry supporting documents (see list below) in your hand luggage when you travel.

Other non-visa nationals, or those without a biometric passport, or those (including the ones who do have a biometric passport but who are coming through a port without eGates) must either apply for a

prior Standard Visitor Visa or go see a UK Border Force Officer (BFO) at the port of entry and ask the BFO for permission to enter as a Visitor.

Getting permission to enter as a visitor on entry will mean that you could spend longer going through the border, please be aware of this when booking onward travel to Bournemouth.

You need to clearly state to the BFO that you are “seeking permission to enter as a **visitor** for no more than 6 months for a study exchange programme” and present your supporting documents. If the Officer is satisfied that you are genuinely coming to the UK for study exchange at BU, they will then stamp your passport accordingly.

If you are getting your *Visitor* permission to enter from a BFO at a UK port of entry, they will stamp your passport with an ink stamp and you will need to show us this at enrolment. If you use the eGates, there will be no stamp at all, and in that case, you must show us proof of your entry date when you come to BU e.g. your boarding card, train or ferry ticket.

What documents do I need at the UK Border?

Check what documents you need to evidence at the UK Border here: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y/usa/study/six_months_or_less

The below list is based on the same rules and specific to your study exchange at BU but your personal circumstances may require you to submit more evidence.

1. your passport/travel document and this should be valid for the full duration of your stay in the UK and must have at least one full blank page
2. the acceptance letter from BU saying that you have been accepted for the exchange programme
3. financial documents covering a 6 month period showing that you have funds available to you to meet the cost of return travel and maintain and accommodate yourself for the full duration of your study exchange (please note that you can use a combination of the below, not just one):
 - a) there is no set amount you must evidence but we recommend following the Student route finance requirements, which says you should have £1136 for every month you are studying. As a minimum however, you should have enough as per the [Living costs and budgeting | Bournemouth University](#) on our website. If you have paid for return flights, accommodation or course fees (if any), showing evidence of these would reduce the amount you need to prove that you have available.
 - b) if the funds are not in your name, you need to have proof of the relationship to the person who is funding you e.g. birth certificate for parents' and a letter of consent from them stating that you have access to their funds to cover your expenses while studying in the UK. Providing proof of the source of the funds is also highly recommended e.g. payslips etc. Please note that the Home Office will take into account all outgoings as well e.g. mortgage payments so available funds to you should be in excess of these.
 - c) if you receive financial support (e.g. from your academic department), the evidence should detail what the financial support includes e.g. course fees, return flight etc.
 - d) if you are receiving a student loan and will continue to receive it while you are studying at BU, confirmation from the loan provider could also be used.
4. some evidence to support your intention to leave the UK and return to your country of residence e.g. a student status letter from your home institution confirming your studies there and that you will need to return to complete those studies.

Your supporting documents can be originals (recommended) or good quality, legible copies, but must have been issued by the relevant authorities, organisations or persons.

All supporting documents should be in English or Welsh. However, if not then you must also have a translation, which must be dated and include confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document, the full name and signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company and the translator or translation company's contact details.

For more student friendly, concise information and guidance regarding not just immigration but all aspects e.g. healthcare and employment of studying in the UK as an international student, we highly recommend you [visit the UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\) website](#).

Basic Visa Comparison Table

This basic comparison table below is not intended to give complete immigration advice. The information provided below is specific to studying at BU and is based on UK Immigration rules and published guidance as well as BU's own policies and procedures. All information is correct at the time of publication.

	Student Entry Clearance	Standard Visitor Visa (Entry Clearance vignette already in passport before arrival)	Standard Visitor Visa (Entry Clearance on arrival in UK, Non Visa nationals only)
How long will you be studying at BU?	2 semesters	1 semester	1 semester
Can I apply online	Yes	Yes	Yes
How much does an Entry Clearance application outside the UK cost?	£524	£127	ETA : £16 applied for online before you travel. This is only available to nationals from countries listed as "non-visa-nationals" by the UKVI
Do I have to pay the healthcare surcharge (IHS) as part of the Entry Clearance application?	Yes, you will need to pay £338 for each 6 months period of visa granted.	No, but you will then need to pay, if you need to see a doctor; or you should buy private medical insurance before you come to the UK to be covered for your stay.	No, but you will then need to pay, if you need to see a doctor; or you should buy private medical insurance before you come to the UK to be covered for your stay.
Do I have to save money in advance and show it for the Entry Clearance application?	Yes, for each month of your course you need to have saved £1136 for 28 days. If you have course fees to pay to BU, those will need to be saved in addition to the monthly living expenses or paid to BU before you apply for the visa.	Yes, but no specific amount is set by the rules. You need to show you have 'enough to pay your fees and support yourself during your studies'. Advice on how much it costs to live in Bournemouth can be found on our website .	Yes, but no specific amount is set by the rules. You need to show you have 'enough to pay your fees and support yourself during your studies'. Advice on how much it costs to live in Bournemouth can be found on our website .
How long is my Entry Clearance going to be valid for?	Until the end of your course as it is confirmed in your CAS plus some additional time depending on the length of your course.	6 months	6 months
Can I use the eGates at the airport?	Yes, if you are from an eligible country Guide to faster travel through the UK border - GOV.UK , but if you do, bring evidence of your flight e.g. your boarding card to enrolment as well.	Only if you are from an eligible country Guide to faster travel through the UK border - GOV.UK	Yes You will need to bring evidence of when you entered the UK with you to enrol.
Can I travel to the UK via the Republic of Ireland or Channel Islands with these Entry Clearances?	Yes, but only from the 'valid from' date of the Student visa	Yes, but only if you received your Visitor Entry Clearance sticker in your passport before departing for the UK	Yes You will need to bring evidence of when you entered the UK with you to enrol.
Can I leave and re-enter the UK with the same Entry Clearance within its validity?	Yes, unless the Student visa sponsorship has been withdrawn in the meantime	Yes, as long as your BU studies have not been completed or interrupted and your Entry Clearance sticker says ' MULT ' at 'Number of entries'.	Yes
Can I change my course once I have my Entry Clearance and I am enrolled?	If you change your course, we will be required to report this to the Home Office.	Yes	Yes
Can the Entry Clearance be extended in the UK?	The option is there but all the requirements have to be met.	No	No
Can I switch this Visa for a work visa in the UK?	The option is there but all the requirements have to be met.	No	No
Can I work in the UK?	Yes, but with restrictions and only if you are on a full-time course.	No, not even work placement or volunteering.	No, not even work placement or volunteering.
Can I study a part-time course?	Only at postgraduate level but you cannot work or extend your visa.	Yes	Yes

Registration and Enrolment - Step by Step Guide

Step 1 - Register for your course

An invitation to register for your course online will be sent to you about 4 weeks before your induction start date. This includes instructions on how to register via myHub before you arrive and the information you will need to complete this. It only takes 20-30 minutes to register, this must be completed by the start of your induction.

Step 2 - Log in to Brightspace

Once you've completed your online registration, you will be able to access Brightspace, BU's virtual learning environment (VLE). This will be essential to you throughout your time at BU, so please make sure to log in and explore at brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk. On Brightspace you can find useful information to help you prepare for the start of term, complete pre-arrival activities, view course details and browse student support services on ME@BU. You'll also be able to access your BU email account. Brightspace can be accessed via its mobile application called Pulse which will help you keep track of announcements, deadlines and grades when on the move. You can download the app for free on both iOS and Android app stores www.bournemouth.ac.uk/pulse

Step 3 - Complete your online enrolment

After completing your online registration, you will receive an email invitation to enrol onto your course. This is when you officially become a BU student, you'll be told when you need to complete this by, but it's normally by the end of your 1st week. More information about completing registration and enrolment is available at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/arrivals/register

Step 4 - Log in to Brightspace to check detailed course information

Approximately one week before your teaching begins your unit information will become available on Brightspace. This is how you'll find out about any lectures taking place during your induction week as well as lots of other detailed information about your course. brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk

Your Accommodation

You will receive information and instructions for booking accommodation only after your application has been formally accepted. We recommend that you do not pay accommodation deposits until after your place at BU has been formally accepted, i.e., you have received your BU Acceptance Letter

There is always a high demand for student housing in Bournemouth and, where possible, we try to accommodate all exchange and study abroad students in BU specific housing.

Here are some other student housing options in Bournemouth:

- The [BU short-term accommodation web page](#) offers some useful information.
- Details of Host Families are available from the BU Accommodation Team on request.
- [Student.com](#). This provider is in partnership with Universities UK International and has some accommodation offerings in Bournemouth. Their website recommends using their "live chat" to ask about short term accommodation options.

Students can contact the BU Accommodation Office for further advice at

accommodation@bournemouth.ac.uk. Please use “Incoming Exchange Student” in the subject field of the email.

Make us your home

Your new home from home – a place to relax. It’s also going to be the backdrop to some amazing memories with new friends and experiences, so let’s help you get off to a good start!

Check-in is a busy time, so once you have chosen your arrival date and time, please stick to it to help manage the flow of arriving students safely. If you are not living in BU accommodation you should check the start date of your contract and contact your accommodation provider for further details.

ResLifeBU

For students living in BU accommodation, our ResLifeBU programme is all about creating a friendly and supportive community so you can meet new people and make the most of your time here. As soon as you have confirmed your room with us, we will be in touch to help you get connected with your flat-mates and tell you more about what we have in store for you.

Upon arrival our ResLifeBU Team will be there to welcome you and has already organised lots of great activities, so you can get to know people. At any time, you can also contact our dedicated team of Welfare Co-ordinators if you’re feeling homesick, anxious or unsettled. You can find their contact information on the wellbeing poster on the noticeboard in your BU accommodation.

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ResLifeBU

Not in BU accommodation? That’s okay! There will be lots of opportunities for you to interact with people on your course and other students. Read the ‘Getting around’ and ‘What’s on’ sections in this guide and look out for event information online and in our emails to you. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/arrivals-events

What to bring

Rooms in halls and UniLet houses are equipped with furniture, a bed (with mattress), storage, a desk and a chair, while the communal areas have the main appliances you’ll need. Check what’s provided if you’re renting privately, but really all you should need to bring are the essentials: clothes, bedding, toiletries and towels. Many students find it easier to go shopping with their new housemates to get cooking utensils, toasters, crockery and cutlery. It’s a good idea to pack a few mementos from home too – putting some photos on your pin board and making your bed as soon as you arrive will help make your room feel more homely on your first night, and cooking one of your favourite recipes will give you a taste of home during your first few weeks. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/what-to-bring

Pre-order a bedding pack

Ordering a bedding pack to be delivered to your new room is a great option as you don’t need to travel with these items, or shop for them after a long journey when you will be tired. You can order a bedding pack (and more) at: www.unikitout.com. If you live in BU accommodation, we will be in touch with you a few weeks before your start date, so you can book the date and time you’d like to move in.

You will also be asked to complete your online accommodation induction to make sure you have all the information you need to plan your arrival. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/arrivals

Have a look at our website for more information: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/preparing-to-move-here

Estimated Monthly Living Expenses

Get off to a good start and organise your finances early

Then you can concentrate on what’s important – getting on with your studies or research, meeting people and enjoying life at BU. It isn’t as scary as it sounds, and we have plenty of resources to help you. Joining university is likely to mean a change in your financial circumstances. Our online budgeting information will give you an idea of living costs to help manage your money whilst at university. [Living](#)

[costs and budgeting | Bournemouth University](#) Also UKCISA gives helpful information about costs to study in the UK on the [UKCISA.org website here](#).

Studying and your Timetable

Your academic timetable includes details of lectures, seminars, lab work or workshops and will be available online after you have arrived and at the start of your course. Once you have accessed your academic timetable, you will be able to synchronise it with personal calendars you may use on your own devices. Look out for Calendar Centre when you access your virtual learning environment, Brightspace.

Brightspace

Brightspace can be accessed at any time and from anywhere, after you've registered online for your course. When you first login you'll find information about your course and activities to complete before you arrive. Once you've started your course, you'll find lecture notes, reading lists, and helpful learning resources such as online journals and past exam papers.

This is also where you'll submit assignments and receive regular updates from your tutors. To further support your study, Brightspace also provides access to a range of useful resource areas such as Study Skills, the IT Learning Centre, and Languages@BU, all available from the homepage under Library & Study Support. Once you have access it is worth taking some time to explore the platform before you arrive.

2025/2026 Academic Weeks Calendar

BU Week No	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Info	Semesters	Terms
1	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul	04-Jul	05-Jul	06-Jul		Semester 3	
2	07-Jul	08-Jul	09-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul	13-Jul			
3	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul	20-Jul			
4	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul			
5	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	01-Aug	02-Aug	03-Aug			
6	04-Aug	05-Aug	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug	Resits*		
7	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug	Resits* & Clearing		
8	18-Aug	19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug			
9	Bank Holiday	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug			
10	01-Sep	02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep	06-Sep	07-Sep			
11	08-Sep	09-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep			
12	15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep			
13	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	Welcome week		
14	29-Sep	30-Sep	01-Oct	02-Oct	03-Oct	04-Oct	05-Oct		Semester 1	Term 1
15	06-Oct	07-Oct	08-Oct	09-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct			
16	13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct			
17	20-Oct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct			
18	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	01-Nov	02-Nov			
19	03-Nov	04-Nov	05-Nov	06-Nov	07-Nov	08-Nov	09-Nov	Awards		
20	10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov			
21	17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov			
22	24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov			
23	01-Dec	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec	05-Dec	06-Dec	07-Dec			
24	08-Dec	09-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec			
25	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec			
26	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	27-Dec	28-Dec			
27	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	Bank Holiday	02-Jan	03-Jan	04-Jan			
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29	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan			
30	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	Exams		
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45	Bank Holiday	05-May	06-May	07-May	08-May	09-May	10-May			
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47	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May			
48	Bank Holiday	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May	Exams		
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* For resit dates see: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/learning/exams/timetable.

PLEASE NOTE EXAM WEEKS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OWING TO ACADEMIC CALENDAR REVIEW PROJECT

Health and Wellbeing at BU

"The most important things that I have used to cope with anxiety and stress are knowing that I can talk to people and making sure to take time to look after myself."
Imogen Byers, BA (Hons) Communication & Media

You're not just coming to Bournemouth to study. You're also coming here to live and join the BU community. Your health and wellbeing is always our top priority and we are working to make sure your arrival is as happy and healthy as possible, so nothing can hold you back!

Our **AskBU** team is here to help with the practical side of student life, covering financial support, academic processes, immigration, accessing BU systems and much more. They can help identify the best support service for your personal health and wellbeing needs too. The team is located on both campuses, but you can call or email them if you have any questions - you can even do this before you arrive www.bournemouth.ac.uk/student/askbu-contact-us

Our **student wellbeing team** works in partnership with our local National Health Service (NHS) Trust. They offer free support including drop-in sessions, individual guidance and counselling. The team is based in Talbot House, Talbot Campus, but their services can be accessed virtually www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/health-wellbeing Find out how to contact them www.bournemouth.ac.uk/contact-our-health-wellbeing-services.

Medical Support

If you're coming to BU on a Student visa, you will have paid the Immigration Health Surcharge as part of your visa application – this entitles you to free treatment on the National Health Service (NHS). This is the NHS website www.nhs.uk

Register with a doctor

There's a medical centre on Talbot Campus you can register with online before you arrive or you can look for a General Practitioner (GP), another name for a doctor, close to where you'll be living. You can do this via the NHS website (on the NHS link above)

Bring any medicines you need for your first month, so you have time to register with a doctor and get your prescriptions in place. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/health-wellbeing/medical-centre

Register with a dentist

You don't want to have to go home if you need the dentist so register with one here too. You'll have to pay for dental treatment, even under the NHS, but you may be entitled to assistance as a student. Check the NHS website (above) for details of local dentists.

Immunisations

It's important to remember to eat healthily and to protect yourself from more serious illnesses by visiting your doctor before you arrive to be vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and meningitis A, C, Y and W. If you haven't been vaccinated before arrival, make an appointment with the campus surgery or the surgery you are registered with, to book a time for this to be done. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/health-wellbeing

Tuberculosis (TB)

If you are from a high-risk country where TB is very common, you are required by the Home Office to provide a certificate proving that you do not have infectious TB before you can apply for a Student visa. They may also ask you to attend a TB screening appointment in the UK. Find out more at www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa

Questions about Covid-19?

Take a look at our FAQs. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/health-wellbeing/feeling-unwell

Mental health support

If you ever find yourself needing mental health advice you can contact our Student Wellbeing team and speak to one of our Mental Health Advisers. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/mental-health-support
Or, Connection is a 24/7 phone helpline for people of all ages in Dorset who are experiencing mental health issues and need support. Call 111 and select 'mental health' or dial 0800 652 0190 to access support as part of the Dorset Crisis Response Service.

Mindful drinking

We want you to have an amazing time and immerse yourselves in the excitement of the start of term. As part of this we encourage the concept of mindful drinking – being aware of others around you who do not drink alcohol, considering what you're drinking, how much and why (if you are!) as well as taking the space to pause, reflect and take control of your actions.

Health and fitness

Being active isn't just about competing in sport. It's about keeping fit in body and mind, staying healthy and giving you another way to meet people. Going for a walk, practising mindfulness, planning a balanced diet and establishing a good sleep routine will help you stay calm and in control.

Some practical advice - SUBU Advice

Your Students' Union offers free and confidential advice on academic issues, finances, housing, personal issues and employment. This service is independent from the university and there to support you. The team is based on the 2nd floor of the Student Centre, Talbot Campus and 4th floor of the Bournemouth Gateway Building, Lansdowne Campus. You can find out about their drop-in service or book an appointment online: www.subu.org.uk/advice

Preparing for Your Studies

Once you have accessed Brightspace, you'll find a range of essential activities to complete before you get here. These activities will vary - some will relate to your course while others, such as those included in the ME@BU section, will give you the chance to reflect on your skills and offer advice on how to develop them once you're here. There are also other things you can do to prepare. For example, you could read industry journals, or keep up to date with news and trends in your subject area or chosen profession on social media. Take a look at these websites to help you get ready to study in the UK: www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk and www.futurelearn.com/courses/prepare-to-study-uk

Managing your time

Finding a good balance between your studies, work and social time will really help you succeed. You should expect to spend time preparing for classes, researching assignments or discussing your ideas and doing group work. We're here to help you learn. Whether you're continuing education without a gap, or returning to education from the world of work, we'll support your transition to BU.

The Student Agreement

This student agreement includes important information about your time at BU – for example, what happens if we have to change something about your course, you're not able to submit an assignment and more. When you accept an offer from BU, you're agreeing to our student agreement. When you register for your course online, you'll be asked to review the current version and confirm that you agree to it and the rules, policies and procedures it refers to. We may have updated our student agreement since you first saw it, so make sure you check it when prompted. Download a copy and find out more: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchange

Learning Support

We want you to develop into self-motivated, independent, lifelong learners. To help you achieve this we offer a range of support services.

IT Services

We provide free WiFi on campus and on our UNIBUS service so you can stay connected wherever you are. You'll also be able to download and use Microsoft Office 365 for free on up to five personal devices while you're a student here and any specialist software you need for your course will be available on PCs in dedicated areas and via remote access. You can find out more about our IT services on our website. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/learning/your-it-hub

Academic Skills Hub

To help you enhance the skills you'll need throughout your time at BU, we've created an Academic Skills Hub on our virtual learning platform, Brightspace, that's packed with online resources and opportunities for face-to-face or virtual support. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/library/academic-skills-hub

You'll find more information under the Library and Study Skills tab in Brightspace and can follow BU IT Learning on Twitter for general advice and guidance at @BUILearning Study support

To help reach your full potential we provide online study skills support, interactive materials, workshops and individual sessions are available to help you improve skills like notetaking, academic writing, revision/exam techniques and referencing.

English language support

We offer extensive free English language support for students for whom English is not your first language. Workshops on various aspects of English grammar, punctuation and pronunciation and one-to-one sessions are available. These workshops are bookable throughout the year, either face-to-face or virtually. You can also study online using resources in our English language support guide. Find out more when you get here.

Additional Learning Support

If you have a learning difference, a medical or mental health condition, or a sensory or physical impairment, adjustments can be made to your learning and assessment. Contact our Additional Learning Support (ALS) team so they can advise on the most appropriate support for you. They can help you apply for additional funding if you are eligible, access useful resources and learn strategies that will empower you to develop your skills and achieve your goals. The sooner you contact them the sooner they can help. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/learning/disability-additional-learning-support-als

Library and Learning support

We provide a comprehensive library and learning support service to all of our students. As well as our two libraries – The Sir Michael Cobham Library, Talbot Campus and Weston Library, Lansdowne Campus, which are open seven days a week – we 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. www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/library?utm_source=shortcuts-cw&utm_medium=shortcuts-cw&utm_campaign=library

Employability and Careers Support

Everything we do is about giving you an advantage when it comes to progressing your career. This work starts from the day you enroll. Be prepared and don't leave it until just before you graduate. Take advantage of the careers and skills support available throughout your time at BU to support your career aspirations later.

MyCareerHub

This is our online careers information resource which includes a job search site for part-time, vacation, placement and graduate employment opportunities. You can also use it to find details of events and activities from individuals and companies that can help boost your employability.

Careers events: We host large recruitment fairs each year where local, national and international employers promote graduate roles, placements, part-time work, and volunteering opportunities. This is a great way to make contacts within specific industries and gain valuable help and advice.

CV and careers appointments: We offer one-to-one appointments with our professionally qualified careers advisers to discuss your CV and career plans – face to face, by phone, video or at our Careers Centre. The team is there to help you formulate job-hunting strategies, practice mock interviews and assessments, improve your CV, and advise you about working abroad.

Skills workshops: From the start of the year, we run careers workshops that focus on helping you develop the skills employers are looking for, as well as more practical things like interview technique. You'll find out more once you arrive.

BU Graduate Skills Programme

Developed with employers to showcase achievements you gain alongside your studies, the BU Graduate Skills Programme will help you discover and demonstrate your 'soft' transferable skills by taking part in workshops and activities in a way that will really add value to your time at BU and your career prospects.

Find out more about careers advice, workshops and resources.

<https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/careersbu>

SportBU

SportBU has something for everyone - they meet the needs of the wide range of people who use their services and facilities." Dominic Burt, BSc (Hons) Marketing

Get Active

Whether you're a top athlete, just want to keep fit and active or meet new people, SportBU can help. With campus leagues, clubs and courses, a fully equipped gym, group fitness classes, great membership rates and a dedicated performance sports programme for our athletes, we're confident you'll find at least one activity to get involved with.

Facilities

Our sporting facilities include a fitness suite, four-court sports hall, two all-weather floodlit 3G artificial pitches and two natural-turf football pitches. You'll also find a spin studio, two dance studios, a high-performance training suite and treatment rooms for massage and physiotherapy, as well as showers, changing rooms and lockers.

Along with our Talbot Campus facility we also have Chapel Gate, a 65-acre multi-sport site with a large variety of natural and artificial turf pitches. Chapel Gate is the primary home for the BU sports teams as well as our participation programme.

Campus Sport

Sport is a great way to unwind and meet people. Whether playing a sport you already love or trying something new, Campus Sport offers you the chance to take part in social sessions like badminton, basketball or netball with like-minded people. Join one of our Campus Clubs, where you will be supported by a qualified coach (and potentially progress to our performance sports team) or enter one of our Campus Leagues – the perfect challenge for the more competitive types! We also run Campus Courses in martial arts and dance styles, which run for six or nine weeks throughout the year.

Membership

SportBU offers classes and campus sport activities on a pay-as-you-go basis, or you can sign up to a variety of membership types to get unlimited access to our gym, classes and much more. Check out our website for more details <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/why-bu/sportbu>

Performance Sport

Scholar athletes excel and grow through our comprehensive sports programme, competing as part of TeamBU against other universities around the UK in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions throughout the year. In 2022, BU was ranked 30th position in the BUCS league and we're represented in national and regional competitions by a wide variety of athletes and teams.

Our performance sports programme is supported by partnerships with local professional and semi-professional clubs, including AFC Bournemouth and the West Hants Tennis Club. Teams are led by experienced and qualified coaches and train at least once a week. Athletes also have access to fitness and physical development training. Check below for trial information.

Want to represent Team BU? Find out how and when at: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/performance-sport

Check out the 'What's on' pages to see what SportBU has organised for the start of term or visit: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/sportbu

Music and Art

University Music

University Music welcomes all singers and instrumentalists. Whether you are an experienced musician or a complete beginner, we have some exciting opportunities for you. It's also a great way to make new friends and have fun.

Our campuses are full of musical opportunities, with bands, orchestras and choirs rehearsing and performing. You can also arrange tuition and book rehearsal rooms. University Music is open to all students from Bournemouth University and Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) and membership of our ensembles is free.

The Music Department is situated on the first floor of Talbot House, where we have a suite of practice rooms all equipped with pianos. If you enjoy listening to music, then we offer a fantastic programme of performances both on campus and in the local area.

Music lessons

Music lessons are available on campus from our team of highly-qualified, friendly tutors who welcome experienced musicians and beginners alike. Lessons are available to book for one hour or 30 minutes and can be taken weekly or on a less regular basis.

Singing

Singing is at the heart of the department, and we run three choirs which rehearse each week. University Choir is a large choral society which performs major works with an orchestra, whilst our Chamber choir caters for those who enjoy singing in a smaller ensemble. Both groups regularly perform in major venues such as Winchester and Salisbury cathedrals and Christchurch Priory. If you prefer more contemporary repertoire then our Musical Theatre choir may suit you. You can of course join any, or all, of our groups.

Instrumental ensembles

These are formed at the beginning of each academic year according to the interests of our students. We usually run weekly string, wind and brass groups which come together to form larger ensembles for various projects and concerts. Practice rooms for individual use are available for all BU and AUB

students. Priority will be given to those taking lessons with one of our tutors. For more information, please email visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/things-do/university-music

Art at BU

Students, staff and the local community can all enjoy the art collections displayed on our campuses. We encourage you to get involved too by showing your own work in our exhibition space. The Atrium Gallery is located in the heart of Talbot Campus and we are always looking for new, exciting and thought provoking exhibitions for this space. For more information visit:

www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/things-do/art-bumouth University

Performing Arts

If you long to tread the boards, then SUBU's Performing Arts Society is worth investigating, with musicals and plays staged for the enjoyment of staff, students and local residents. For more information visit: www.subu.org.uk

Societies, Volunteering and More

SUBU is dedicated to providing you with a wide range of brilliant opportunities to join clubs and societies and pursue your interests with likeminded people.

You can volunteer with a charity or community group and dedicate your time to a good cause. You can even take part online through virtual volunteering or get involved with our sustainability work to ensure you leave a positive mark on the world.

Great Events & Nightlife

SUBU is lucky enough to have something truly unique to any Students' Union – its own entertainment venue, housed in a converted Victorian fire station. The Old Fire Station hosts many events favoured by students including huge club nights, unforgettable live music gigs, and stand-up comedy, there really is something for everyone.

Dylan's Kitchen and the Student Centre also host events throughout the year, as well as being great places to chill out between lectures and enjoy some great food and drink. You'll feel part of the BU community in no time, making friends and forming lifelong memories.

For the official list of events visit: www.oldfirestation.co.uk or www.subu.org.uk

What's on

There will be plenty of events and activities to help you meet new people, explore and start feeling at home.

Course induction

Organised by your faculty and course teams, your course induction is an essential introduction to your studies at BU. Your course induction will take place in your first week at BU and includes activities, workshops and informal opportunities to get to know others on your course. Your induction timetable will usually be explained to you at your first session, so it's important you attend – details will be included in your registration email.

What's on guide

Make sure you check our website for a comprehensive list of activities and events taking place throughout the year. So whatever you're ready for, whether you're a local, or this is your first time in Bournemouth and you've travelled from elsewhere in the UK or further afield, take a little time to join in, have some fun and meet other BU students: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/arrivals-events

On arrival our friendly ResLifeBU team, AskBU staff and Students' Union can help you find your way around or something to do if you're feeling a bit nervous – just ask. They can also point you in the direction of where to collect your keys, your room, the local supermarket and whatever else you may need.

Getting Here and Getting Around

Here is some handy information about arriving at BU www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/information-new-students/getting-here/travelling-air

Helpful BU maps and directions to our campuses <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/contact-us/directions-maps>

Information about bike facilities and discounted bus tickets

<https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/sustainability/travel-transport>

Bournemouth and the Surrounding Area

Bournemouth is situated in a beautiful part of the world and there's so much to do, so go out and explore when you get the opportunity.

For more information on all the ways you can travel to and from campus as well as getting around Bournemouth, please visit our Travel & Transport pages.

<https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/sustainability/travel-transport>. You can also find out more about our town along with what to do and visitor information <https://www.bournemouth.co.uk/>

Your university experience starts with activities and events to give you an introduction to university life. In the few weeks before your start date we'll share more information about the events happening at the start of term.