



**Bournemouth  
University**



# **INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS GUIDE**

**Study abroad and shape your future with a UK degree**



# Welcome

**Follow your path to Bournemouth University (BU) in the UK: a superb, careers-focused institution with fantastic teaching.**

**With Kaplan Pathways, you can gain entry to a degree at BU by taking a pathway course on campus either online or at Bournemouth University International College.**

## **04-09 The university**

Read about Bournemouth University, its excellent rankings, and the facilities and resources available on campus.  
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Discover the fun-filled seaside town of Bournemouth, and explore what there is to see and do in and around the local area.  
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# Feel at home

**Bournemouth University (BU) is an innovative and inspiring place to study, and prides itself on preparing students for their future. Your educational experience at BU will be truly memorable.**

People come from all over the world to study at Bournemouth University. And although everyone will have a unique experience here, there are some things that everyone will find in common.

Every student who comes to BU will be part of a learning community that strives to make a positive impact on the world. Industry-relevant degrees and work placements are designed to give students skills that help make them employable. In fact, BU has a fantastic reputation for graduates going on to work in incredibly varied industries around the world.

In addition, by choosing BU, you'll enjoy an excellent standard of teaching, and you can be sure you'll be studying alongside young people who are hungry to learn and eager to make a difference. Just like you.

Finally, students at BU will fall in love with its beautiful location on England's south coast. With 11km of golden beaches, it's an area with lots to see and do, and makes for a brilliant social life and a fun, active and inexpensive student lifestyle.

With all this and so much more, there's something for everyone at BU.



**Deniz**  
from Turkey

**Guzelia**  
from Kyrgyzstan

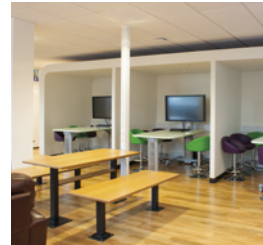
# Why choose Bournemouth University?



Ranked in the  
**top 5**  
young university  
in the UK

Times Higher Education (THE)  
Young University Rankings 2024

Home to an  
**AACSB-**  
**accredited**  
Business school



Opportunities for a  
**work**  
**placement**  
available on all  
undergraduate degrees  
and most  
postgraduate degrees

Ranked  
**top 60**  
in the world for sustainable  
development goals

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025



**Top 50**  
in the UK overall

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026

# Explore your campus



**Nessrine**  
from Algeria

**Mirsa**  
from Panama

**Bournemouth University (BU)** is spread across two campus sites in the town of Bournemouth and will be your home while you study. It's a great place to be a student, with a wide range of academic and social facilities to make use of.



The international college on the Lansdowne Campus

## Lansdowne Campus

Situated close to Bournemouth town centre, Lansdowne Campus is where most of BU's accommodation is based, alongside the Executive Business Centre and brand new Health Sciences building. It's a short walk from the beach and many shops, restaurants and bars.

## Talbot Campus

Talbot is the University's larger campus and is home to most of BU's excellent facilities. Here, you can find the Student Centre and SportBU, as well as the Faith and Reflection multi-faith chaplaincy centre, which hosts regular 'Global Café' social events for international students.

Take a look:

[kpln.org/TalbotCampus](http://kpln.org/TalbotCampus)

## 80 clubs and societies. Examples of societies you can join include:

- Animation Society
- BU Football Team
- Dance Society
- Film Society
- Chess Society
- Islamic Society
- Performing Arts Society
- Robotics Network
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- Hiking Club
- And many, many more!

## Real experience

Bournemouth University really emphasises the importance of preparing you for your career. BU enables you to use all kinds of amazing specialist facilities during your degree, including an industry-standard recording studio, video game development labs, and the well-known National Centre for Computer Animation. Its Department of Tourism and Hospitality is even recognised as a global leader by the UN World Tourism Organization.

A photograph of two young men, Abdulrahman and Yusuf, leaning on a metal railing overlooking the sea. Abdulrahman is on the left, wearing a black and white floral patterned shirt and blue jeans. Yusuf is on the right, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and a dark vest. They are both looking out towards the ocean. In the background, there is a building with a green roof and a pier extending into the water.

**Abdulrahman**  
from Saudi Arabia

**Yusuf**  
from Turkey

# Welcome to Bournemouth

Found on England's sunny south coast, Bournemouth boasts 11km of sandy beaches, along with a cosmopolitan atmosphere, vibrant nightlife and lots of culture.

## Culture and shopping

You can see artworks and artefacts at the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, browse independent shops and high street stores, or watch your favourite bands play at the Bournemouth International Centre. One thing's for sure – you won't be bored!

## Beautiful nature

Bournemouth has lovely parks, like the Alum Chine Tropical Gardens, and Hengistbury Head nature reserve. Alternatively, take a trip out of town to visit the famous Stonehenge or the historic city of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Down by the sea

Watersports like surfing, paddleboarding and swimming are all popular pastimes. If you'd rather stay out of the water, you can stroll along the promenade or enjoy some freshly caught seafood, like local Dorset oysters.

## International influence

You'll find plenty of international cuisines in Bournemouth, including Indian, Lebanese and Mexican dishes, as well as many more. There will also be fairs and festivals to enjoy throughout the year, like the Arts by the Sea Festival, which celebrates art and culture, and the annual Alpine Christmas Market.



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# See and do

There's so much to discover

The seaside location of Bournemouth has a lot to offer visitors! Here are the top 10 things to do:

- 1. Take an exhilarating zipline ride over the sea
- 2. Experience one of the largest free air shows in Europe
- 3. Try out paddleboarding, kayaking and other watersports
- 4. Go camping in the beautiful nearby New Forest
- 5. Watch AFC Bournemouth play football
- 6. See live music at the O2 Academy Bournemouth
- 7. Take a scenic stroll on the Jurassic Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 8. Discover the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum
- 9. Take a day trip to historic Stonehenge
- 10. Take a day trip to London, just 2 hours away by train

# Degree preparation

**If you want to study for a degree at Bournemouth University, you can gain entry by taking a pathway course either online or at Bournemouth University International College. Based in the heart of the town, the international college will help you prepare and qualify for entry to a degree.**

## **Take a pathway course**

As an international student, you might need or benefit from a pathway course before your university degree. A pathway course is often necessary because of differences between the education system in your home country and that of the UK. It can also help you improve your academic and language qualifications to the level needed to start your degree.

You'll take your pathway course at Bournemouth University International College. The college is based on the Lansdowne Campus, and you'll have access to many of the university's facilities while on your course. Expert teaching staff will focus on developing your English, academic skills and subject knowledge so that you can progress to university with confidence. When you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree!



**Mohammed**  
from Vanuatu

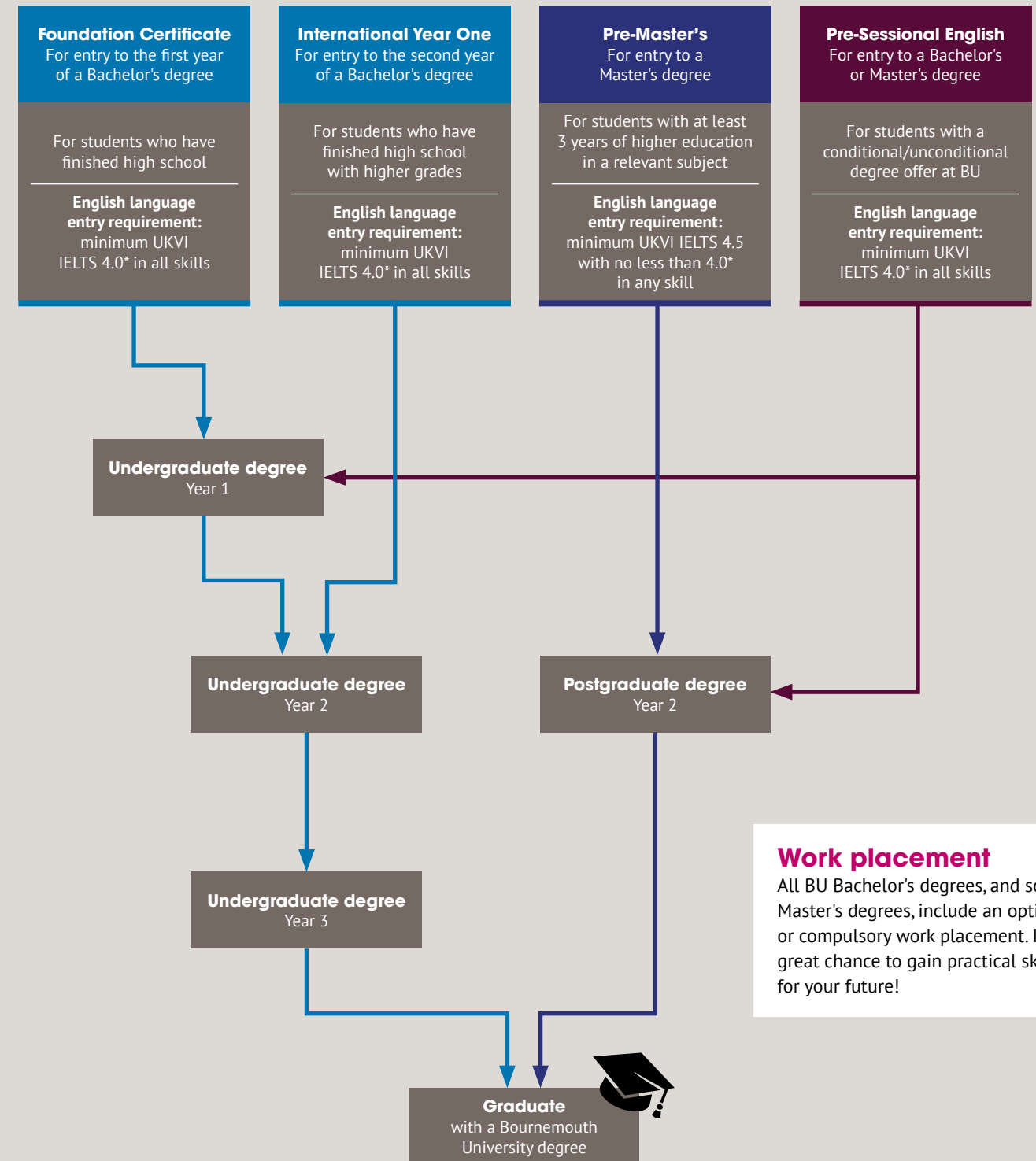
# Study options

You have different study options to choose from at the international college to help you follow your path to a Bachelor's or Master's degree.

**Sharon**  
from the UK

## Course details

Use the course **information booklet** to explore the full range of course and degree options.



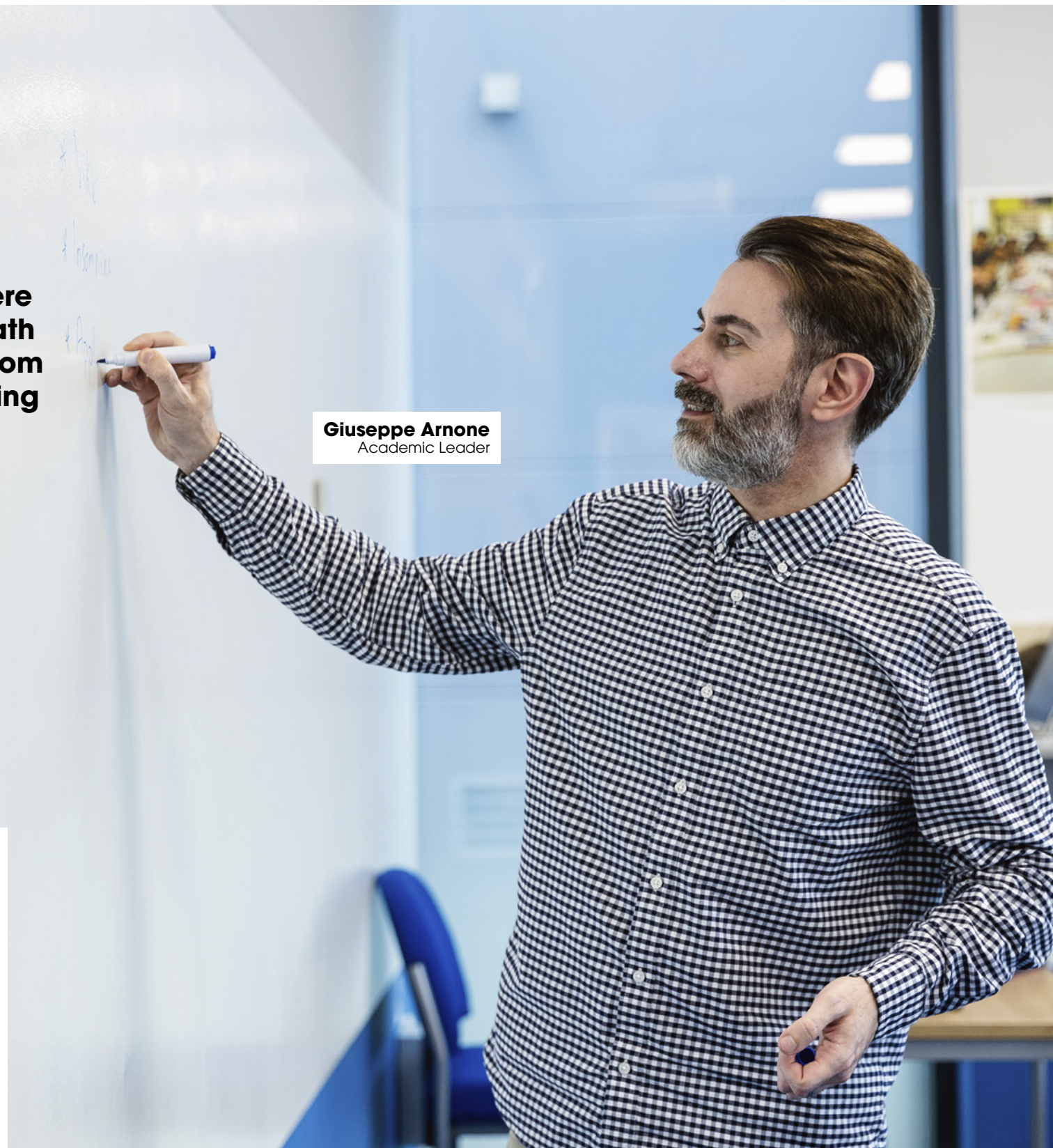
### Work placement

All BU Bachelor's degrees, and some Master's degrees, include an optional or compulsory work placement. It's a great chance to gain practical skills for your future!

\* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: [kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/](https://kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/)

# Expert teaching

The teaching staff at the international college are here to help keep you on your path to university. You'll benefit from their expertise and a teaching programme designed for international students.



**Giuseppe Arnone**  
Academic Leader

**99%**

of students who successfully passed their course received an unconditional offer from BU in 2024.

See the full progression rates:  
[kaplanpathways.com/  
bournemouth-progression](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-progression)

## A course for you

Pathway courses help international students prepare for university-level study in the UK by improving your subject knowledge, academic skills, and English language level. In some cases, you may be able to customise what you study by selecting modules or choosing project topics that match your interests.



## Be inspired

Teachers at the international college will guide you throughout your pathway course. You'll benefit from frequent one-to-one meetings with your tutor, and your classes will be thought-provoking and engaging, and encourage collaborative and interactive learning.

## Employability skills

On your pathway course you'll gain employability skills that will be useful in your future career, and you'll develop a portfolio that will help to showcase your achievements. You will also have access to live careers events and the opportunity to gain professional certifications that will look impressive on your CV.

## Virtual internships

Many pathway courses are also available with an optional integrated virtual internship. It's a fantastic opportunity to expand your professional network and gain work experience before starting your degree.

See more:

[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-employability](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-employability)

# Student support



**Guzelia**  
from Kyrgyzstan

**We'll support you at every stage of your educational journey. Studying abroad is a big step to take, and we want you to take it with confidence and enthusiasm.**

## **Your arrival in the UK**

Before you even leave home we'll provide you with expert support, including useful pre-arrival information, plus advice on the visa process. You can also take advantage of Pathways Preview, which gives you early access to educational resources. If you're under 18 years old, Kaplan can help organise a comprehensive guardianship service from a recognised and established guardianship company.

When you arrive, we can arrange for someone to meet you at the airport. Before classes start, you'll usually have Welcome Week, where you can get involved in fun activities and find out more about the modules you'll be studying. It's a great way to meet students and staff, and receive help with things like setting up a bank account and registering with a doctor.

## **Time well spent**

We'll make sure that you get the most out of your time at the international college, including seeing and experiencing British life and culture. You will be able to participate in fun social activities, such as movie nights, quizzes and lots of local trips, as well as visits further afield.

If you have any problems, or need somebody to speak to, the college's fantastic support staff will be there for you. When the time comes to progress to your degree, we'll advise you on how to obtain a new Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and make the transition to university study. After your pathway course ends, you will also gain access to Pathways Extra, an online resource that helps you develop your employability skills.

**89%**  
of students surveyed in 2023 agreed  
it was easy to ask for advice and  
support from college staff.

Hear what else our students have to say:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-satisfaction/](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-satisfaction/)

# Accommodation in Bournemouth

We can offer superb student accommodation throughout your pathway course at Bournemouth University International College. This 'home away from home' has everything you'll need to enjoy life in the UK.

## Kaplan Living Bournemouth

Kaplan Living Bournemouth is in the same building as the college – just take the lift down to your classes. The purpose-built accommodation sits in the heart of town, close to shops and restaurants.

## Kaplan Living Special Support

This additional support package adds an extra layer of care for your wellbeing. You'll get 24-hour access to Wellbeing Coordinators, who can help you settle in and answer any questions you or your parents have. This service is mandatory for students under 18, but other students can add it for extra peace of mind.

## When you book accommodation with Kaplan, you can expect:

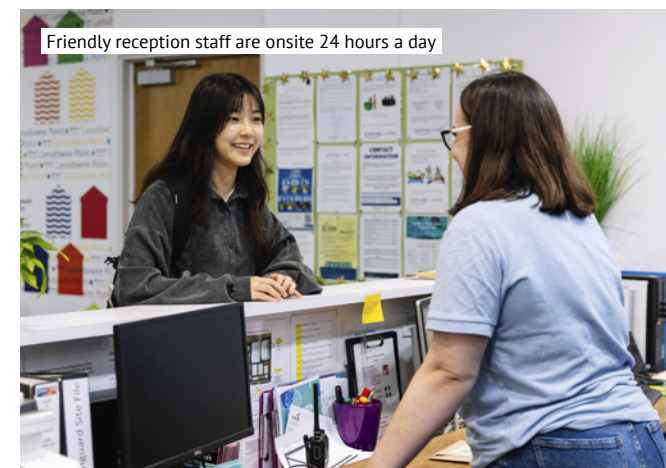
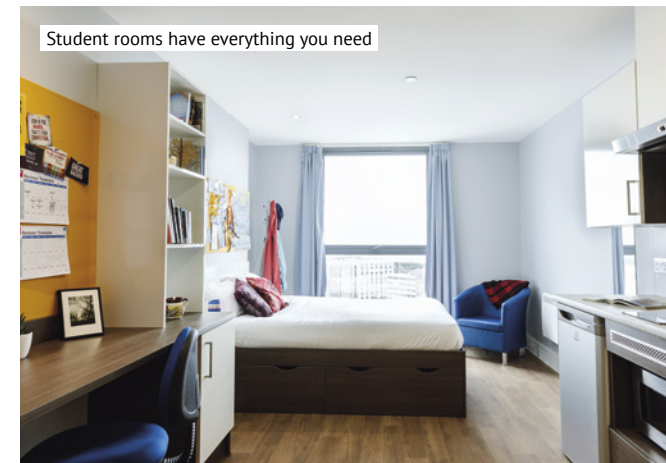
- Competitive weekly pricing and flexible contract lengths
- Ensuite and studio options with private bedroom and bathroom
- All bills, maintenance and WiFi included
- Shared or private kitchens
- Under-18 and single-gender flat options
- Option to rebook and stay for your full university course
- Dedicated pre-arrival and post-arrival support
- Common rooms, lounges and regular social events
- On-site laundry (usage charges apply)
- Additional products and services available
- Bedding pack with essentials

## Accommodation during your degree

When you progress to your degree, you have the option to stay in Kaplan Living Bournemouth or to move into a Bournemouth University residence.



Tianqi  
from China



# Hear from our students

To really find out what studying abroad is like, it's best to hear from people who have already done it. Our students have created loads of great blogs and videos to show you just what to expect.

## Life as a student

Our Student Content Creators are international students just like you. They're following their dreams by studying abroad, and they're here to show you exactly what it's like!

They post regular vlogs on all sorts of topics related to the student experience, such as what they get up to in a day and their favourite places to go in Bournemouth.

It's a great way to get inspired and see everything you could achieve when you study abroad! When you choose to study with us, you could even become a Student Content Creator yourself and help inspire other international students too.

To hear more from our Student Content Creators, just visit: [kpln.org/buic-content-creators](https://kpln.org/buic-content-creators)

**"Studying abroad has helped me so much — I've gained independence and elevated my confidence!"**

**Mirsa**  
from Panama  
Student Content Creator



## Find more online

If you like what you've read about Bournemouth University (BU) so far, there's so much more for you to find out online! Below you can find all kinds of useful information for international students.

### The university

About the university:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-university](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-university)

Degree options at BU:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-degrees](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-degrees)

Bournemouth University website:  
[bournemouth.ac.uk](https://bournemouth.ac.uk)

### The college

About the college:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth)

Student accommodation:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-accommodation](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-accommodation)

Career preparation:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-employability](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-employability)

Tuition fees and living costs:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-fees](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-fees)

### Important information

Student visa:  
[www.gov.uk/student-visa](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa)

Student insurance:  
[kaplanpathways.com/insurance](https://kaplanpathways.com/insurance)

College guardians for under-18s:  
[www.collegeguardians.co.uk](https://www.collegeguardians.co.uk)

Information for parents and guardians:  
[kaplanpathways.com/parents-and-guardians/](https://kaplanpathways.com/parents-and-guardians/)

### Further questions?

Bournemouth University videos:  
[kpln.org/bournemouthuniversityplaylist](https://kpln.org/bournemouthuniversityplaylist)

Get in touch:  
[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-contact](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-contact)

Meet us in your country or region:  
[kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country](https://kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country)

# Meet Meshack

Studying abroad comes with a mix of emotions, but as time goes on, you immerse yourself in your new environment.

Things that I have found helpful are building strong relationships with like-minded people. They can help you settle in, motivate you on your course and allow you to be part of a community.

Connecting with similar individuals has given me the space to share my thoughts and listen to opinions without prejudice or bias. It has encouraged me to continuously learn new things, make great memories and become a better person.

Having a growth mindset helps you make the most of studying abroad. Being ready to welcome and absorb new information enables you to flourish in life. Living in a foreign country has allowed me to broaden my horizons, appreciate different cultures and learn so much about life. It's an experience I would never take for granted!



**"As well as the fun activities taking place in Bournemouth, the education here is great for international students."**

**Meshack**  
from Kenya



# Application process

Applying with Kaplan is simple. Simply choose a course and degree, and then follow the steps below.

## 1. Submit your application form

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply online: [kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-apply](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-apply)

## 2. Receive offer and book accommodation

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send a decision within one working day. You can also now book your accommodation using the accommodation portal.

## 3. Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study and admin fee, or sending your financial guarantee.

## 4. Obtain your student visa

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and we'll provide the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

## 5. Book your flight and begin your studies

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!



**Yusuf**  
from Turkey

# Choose your path

The best way to start your exciting journey to Bournemouth University is to get in touch! You can use the contact information below to speak to one of our education experts, and we'll walk you through your study options.

## Contact us

[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-contact](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-contact)

## Course information

You can use the **course information booklet** to find out more about the pathway courses available at the international college, as well as the degrees you can progress to. You'll also find pathway course tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module details, giving you all the information you need to plan your studies.

Explore the booklet online

[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-course-info](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-course-info)

## Where is Bournemouth?



## Who's on the cover?

Kanako from Japan and Abdulrahman from Saudi Arabia on their path to a Bournemouth University degree.

## Find out more:

[kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-university](https://kaplanpathways.com/bournemouth-university)

## Explore more study options

Kaplan offers international students a wide range of education options in English-speaking countries.

Learn more: [kaplanpathways.com](https://kaplanpathways.com)

## Join in online

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## Office for Students (OfS):

Bournemouth University International College is registered with the Office for Students. This means our teaching and support has met the required standards. It also means that our students have the right to work part-time during their studies in the UK.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publishing, but some changes (for example to university rankings, accommodation and course options, course delivery, etc.) are likely to occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check the website or contact us for any updates before you apply. Once you have applied, any change which has an impact on the terms and conditions of your offer or a significant part of your programme will be communicated to you.

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