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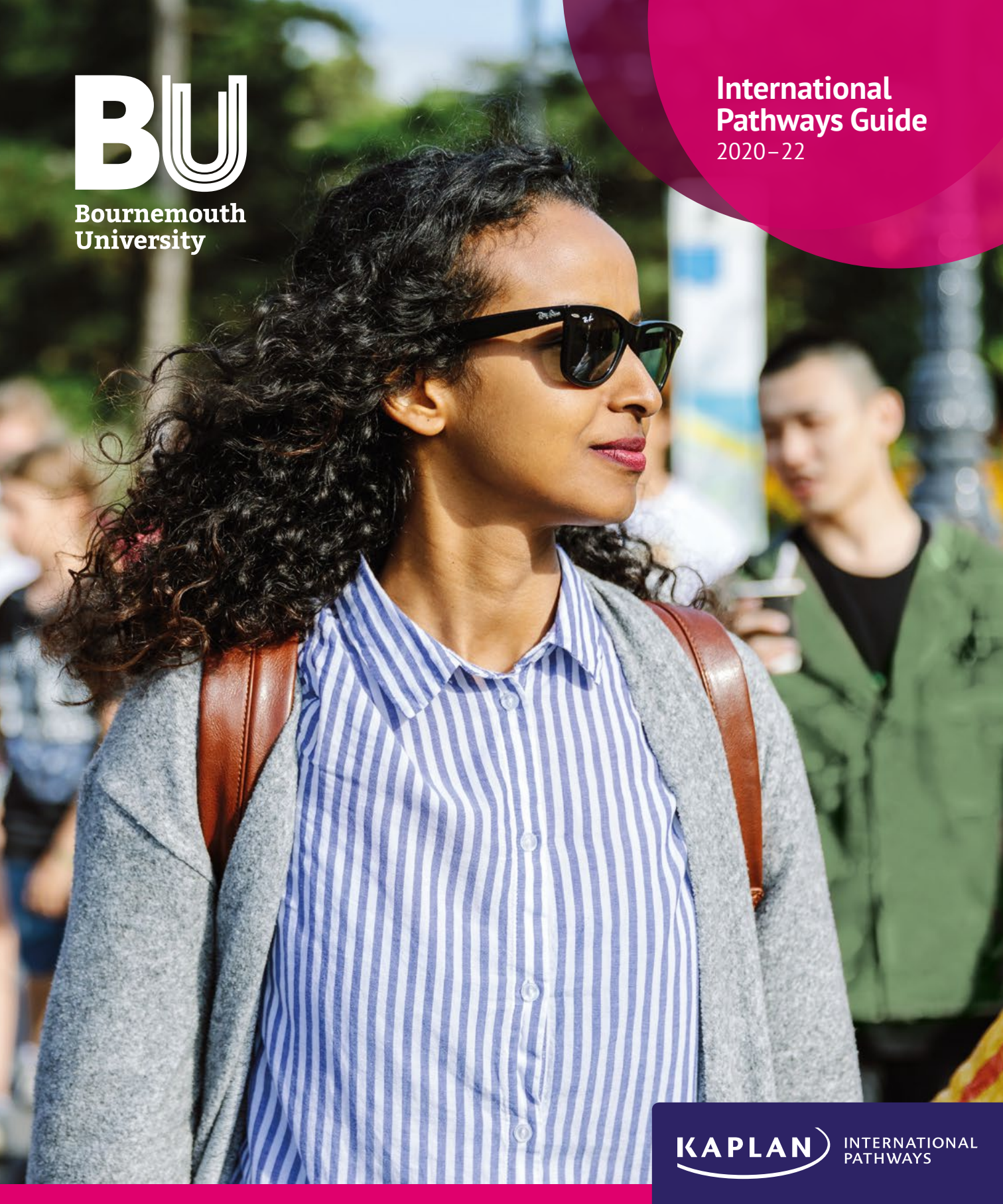




Bournemouth  
University

# International Pathways Guide

2020–22





# Welcome

Follow your path to Bournemouth University (BU), 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 at Bournemouth University International College.

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## *The university*

Read about Bournemouth University, its excellent rankings, and the facilities and resources available on campus.

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## *The destination*

Discover the town of Bournemouth, explore what there is to see and do in the local area, and where you will live during your pathway course.

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## *The international college*

Find out about the courses available at the international college, and see where you can go online for the most up-to-date information.

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## *Next steps*

Learn about the easy application process, and use the digital course [information booklet](#) to find your perfect study option.

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# A place to *belong*

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 can benefit from the university's innovative, forward-thinking environment. Its industry-relevant degrees, work placements and support services are designed to give students skills that help make them globally 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 thousands of other young people who are hungry to learn, and who are eager to make a difference. Just like you.

Last but not least, students at BU will fall in love with its beautiful location on England's sunny south coast. It's an area with lots to see and do, and makes for a fun, active and inexpensive student lifestyle.

With all this and so much more, you'll belong at BU.



*Whoever you are, and wherever you're from, you'll feel right at home at BU.*





# Why study at BU?

Ranked in the  
*top 500*  
universities  
in the world

Times Higher Education World  
University Rankings 2020

Students from  
*140*  
*countries:*  
a university with  
global appeal

Source: Bournemouth University

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

*2nd in  
the UK*

for teaching  
effectiveness

Guardian University  
Guide 2020

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



# Your life on *campus*

Bournemouth University 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.

## *Lansdowne Campus*

Situated close to Bournemouth town centre, Lansdowne Campus is where most of BU's accommodation is based, alongside faculty buildings, the askBU Enquiry drop-in service and the Students' Union advice centre. It's just a short walk from the beach, and there are many shops, restaurants and bars in the surrounding area, making student life convenient and enjoyable.



The international college on the Lansdowne campus

## *Talbot Campus*

The university's largest campus, Talbot, is just a little way outside the town centre, and is home to most of BU's fantastic facilities. It's here you can find The Sir Michael Cobham Library, the Student Centre, and numerous lecture theatres, seminar rooms and study spaces. SportBU, a fully equipped gym and sports centre, is also here, as well as a mix of cafés and restaurants.

## *Over 130 clubs and societies*

Examples of societies you can join include:

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

## *Real experience*

Bournemouth University really emphasises the importance of preparing for your career. As well as offering a work placement on all undergraduate and most postgraduate degrees, BU enables you to use all kinds of amazing specialist facilities. These include an industry-standard recording studio, video game development labs, food management studios 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 Organisation.



# Down by the *seaside*

Sun, sand, sea... Bournemouth is a fun and relaxing place to be a student. The town is friendly and welcoming, so you'll feel at home from the moment you arrive.

Bournemouth has a long history as a popular, sunny seaside destination. It's in an attractive part of the country, surrounded on all sides by national parks and official Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including the peaceful nearby New Forest.

The town itself also contains beautiful parks, helping to make Bournemouth a great place to relax, study and feel at ease. This inspiring setting has attracted many creatives as well as tourists, and in particular writers – JRR Tolkien, Mary Shelley and Robert Louis Stevenson are all associated with the town.

Unsurprisingly, watersports are a popular choice in this part of the country, with rowing, sailing, surfing and swimming all a big part of local life. If you'd rather stay out of the water, you have plenty of charming beaches and coves to explore. It's a great place for sports too, with the town's football club, AFC Bournemouth, playing in the Premier League since 2015.

Although the sandy beaches, pleasure pier and natural beauty of Bournemouth are all big attractions, there is so much more to the town. It's thriving as a hub for digital and tech businesses, aided by its quick and easy access to London and continental Europe. The town has a flourishing arts scene too, with the spectacular Arts by the Sea Festival attracting locals and visitors alike.

This artistic side is reflected in the local economy as well, with plenty of interesting boutiques and independent stores to discover. This all adds up to an exciting, lively seaside culture, in a safe, friendly and serene location. Bournemouth truly stands out as a lovely destination for students; you'll soon feel like it's your second home.







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# Enjoy Bournemouth

Bournemouth is a popular destination for tourists, and with good reason! There's so much to see and do in this seaside location; here are just a few examples.

## Top 10 things to do in Bournemouth

1. Take an exhilarating zipline ride over the sea
2. Experience the largest free air festival in Europe
3. Try out surfing and paddleboarding on the sea
4. Go camping in the beautiful nearby New Forest
5. Watch AFC Bournemouth play Premier League football
6. See live music at the O2 Academy Bournemouth
7. Tour the Jurassic Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
8. Shop until you drop at Castlepoint Shopping Park
9. Discover the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum
10. Take a day trip to London, just 2 hours away by train



# Living in Bournemouth

We offer superb student accommodation for while you're studying your pathway course at Bournemouth University International College. This 'home away from home' has everything you'll need to enjoy British life.

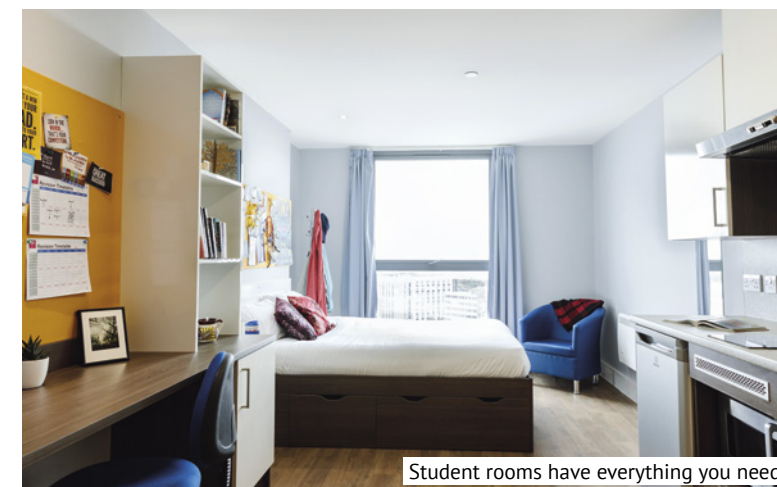
Rachaya  
from Thailand

## Accommodation during your degree

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



Kitchen spaces are modern and vibrant



Student rooms have everything you need

## Kaplan Living Bournemouth

Right in the heart of the town, you'll find Kaplan Living Bournemouth, a purpose-built accommodation facility for students of the international college. Shops, bars and restaurants are all nearby, and the college itself is conveniently housed within the same building.

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

- bespoke contract lengths, tailored to your course
- dedicated booking and post-arrival support
- private bedroom and bathroom
- all bills, maintenance and WiFi included
- shared or private kitchen facilities
- varied room preferences, including under-18 and single-gender flats
- access to common rooms or lounges with entertainment facilities
- access to in-house laundry room (usage charges apply)
- a free starter pack, including bedding and cooking equipment



# International *college*

If you want to study a degree at Bournemouth University, you can gain entry by taking a pathway course at Bournemouth University International College. Based in the heart of the town, the international college will help you prepare and qualify for entry to your 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 or 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 campus, and you'll have access to all 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!







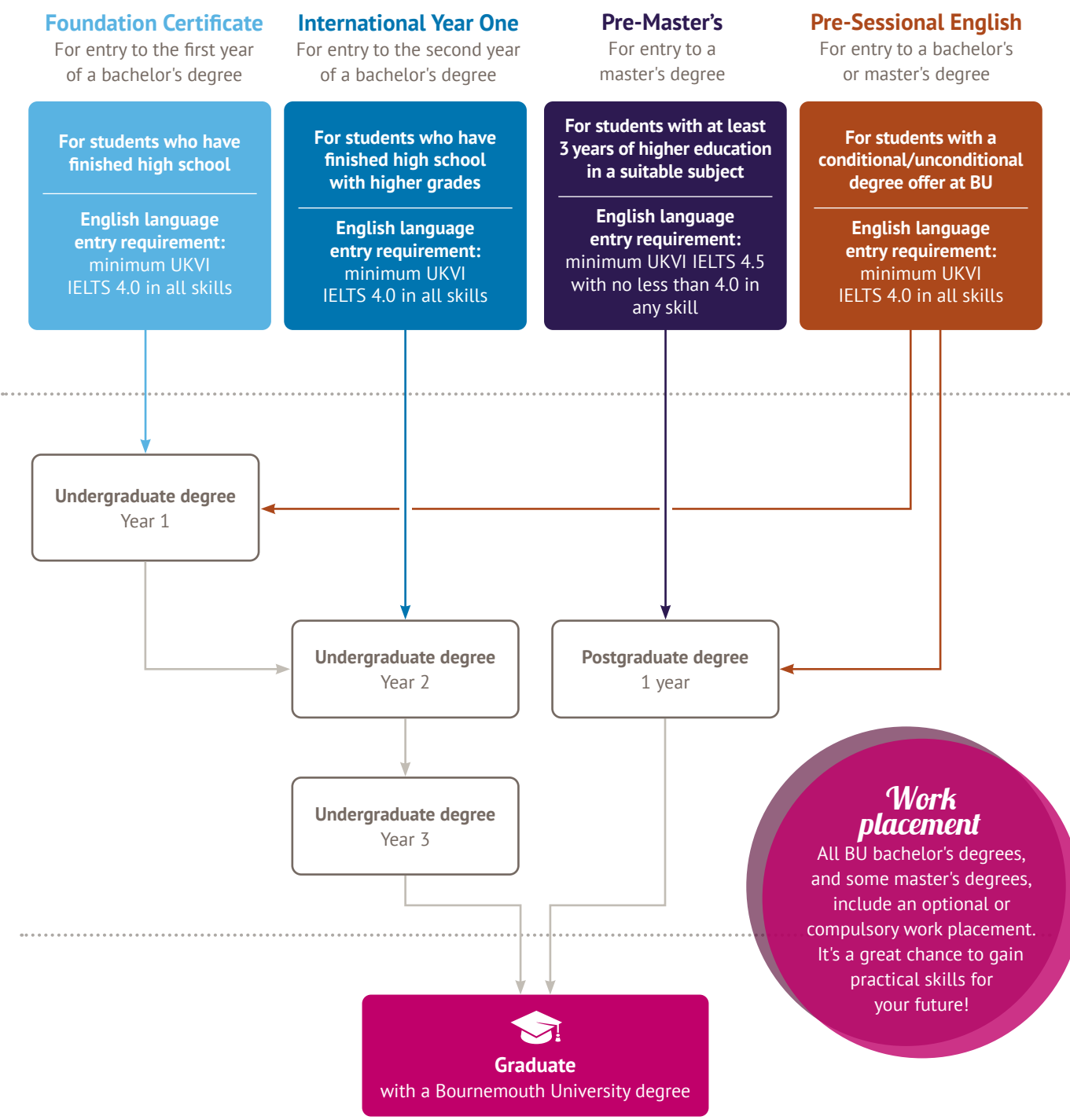
*Khaled*  
from Kuwait

# What can I study?

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.

## Course details

Use the course [information booklet](#) online to explore the full range of available pathway courses and degrees.





# Learn your way

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.

## *A course for you*

Pathway courses at the international college are carefully designed with you in mind; they are perfect for helping international students prepare for university-level study in the UK. Your course will enable you to improve your subject knowledge and academic skills, as well as your English language level.

Your course will also usually allow you to customise what you study by selecting modules or choosing project topics that match your interests. Receiving learning materials before your classes will help you prepare for lessons, and engage fully in discussions and debates.



## *Be inspired*

Teachers at the international college know exactly how to work with international students, and they will guide you throughout your pathway course. You'll benefit from frequent one-to-one meetings with your tutor, and your classes will encourage collaborative and interactive learning.

Teachers design their classes to be engaging and thought-provoking, helping you to learn and fully understand a given topic. You'll have the chance to debate issues with your classmates, helping you develop a better understanding of a given topic, and to hear different points of view.



# Student support

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*

Even before you leave home we'll provide you with expert support, including a pre-arrival pack with lots of useful information, plus advice on the visa process. If you're under 18 years old, we can arrange the legal guardian you'll need during your studies for your well-being.

When you do arrive, we can meet you at the airport and take you straight to your new home in beautiful Bournemouth! Before your classes start, you'll usually have Welcome Week, when you can get involved in fun activities. It's the perfect chance for you to meet students and staff, and receive help with practical matters such as 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 events and activities, such as game nights and dance classes, and even visit other cities.

The college's fantastic support staff will also be there for you, for anything you need. If you have any problems, or need somebody to speak to, there will always be somebody for you to go to. When the time comes to progress to your degree, we'll advise you on how to obtain a new visa and make the transition to university study.





# Hear from our student *Ambassadors*

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



"I gained the valuable experience of putting myself out there, creating useful content. I increased my confidence by writing blogs and making videos, and stepping out of my comfort zone!"

**Mirsa from Panama**  
Student Ambassador

**To hear more from our Student Ambassadors, just visit:**  
[kpln.org/ambassador](https://kpln.org/ambassador)

## *Life as a student*

Kaplan students who have joined the Student Ambassador programme have produced vlogs, articles and other types of content documenting their experience as a student abroad. Hearing what our Ambassadors have to say is the perfect way to get an insight into what to expect yourself, and to see what it's like to be a part of the Student Ambassador programme.

## *Become a Student Ambassador*

When you study at the college, you'll also have the chance to be a Student Ambassador. You'll develop skills and experience that will be important to employers, so you can add your involvement with the programme to your CV. You can also receive exclusive rewards such as a free railcard, and short stays at our various residences around the UK. There is even a bonus gift for high achievers!

# Go *online*

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

## Information about BU

### About the university:

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

### Degree options at BU:

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

### Bournemouth University's website:

[bournemouth.ac.uk](https://bournemouth.ac.uk)

## Information about the college

### About the international college:

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

### Student accommodation:

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

### Student services at the college:

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

### Costs of studying abroad:

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

## Important information for studying abroad

### Student visa:

[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-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:

[kaplanpathways.com/parents](https://kaplanpathways.com/parents)

## Further questions?

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

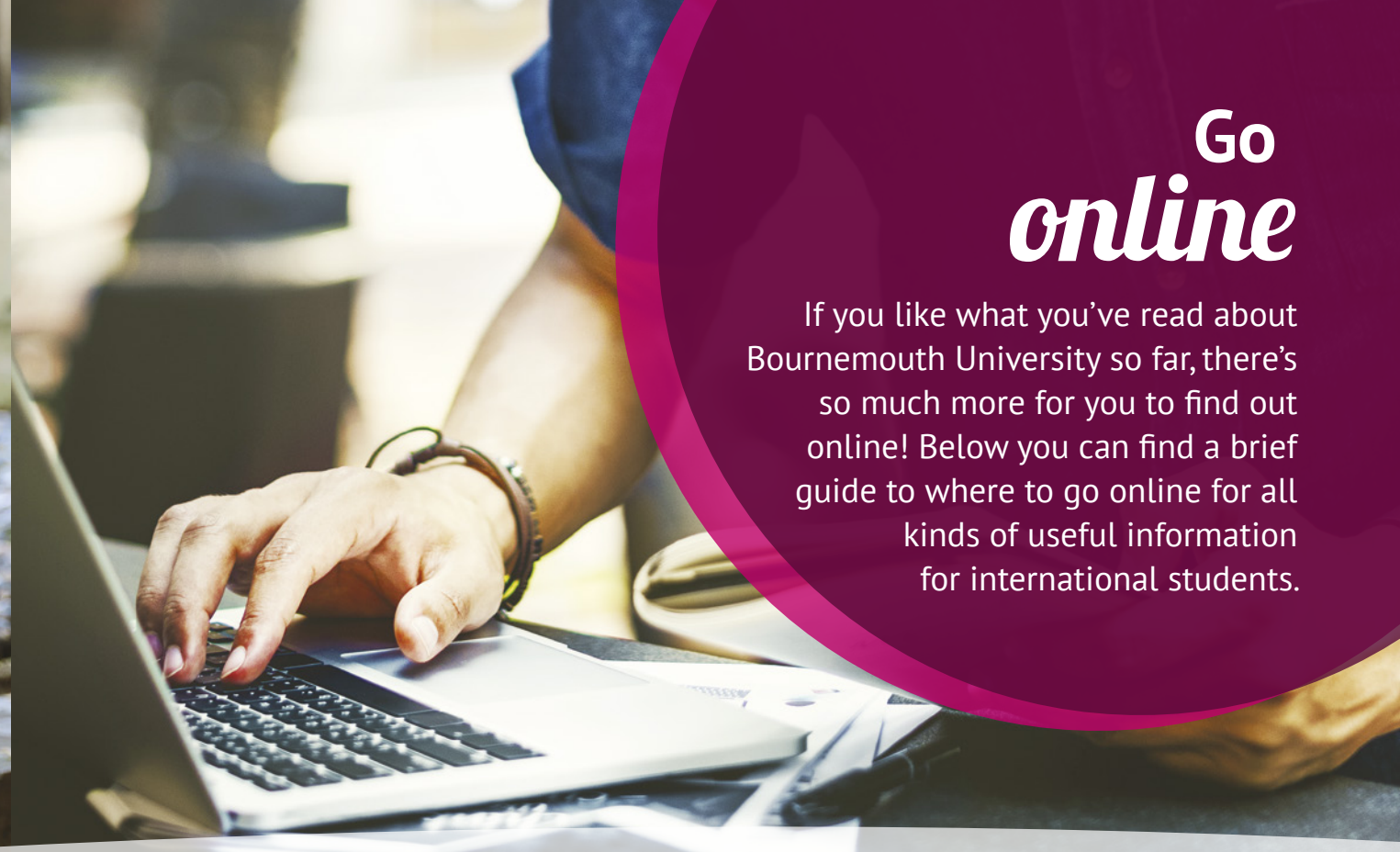
[kpln.org/student-faq](https://kpln.org/student-faq)

### 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 *Edna* from Angola

"I studied a Foundation Certificate at the international college, and now I'm taking a Media and Communications degree at Bournemouth University.

Studying at the college was really amazing. It was so helpful. On my degree, I'm studying a lot of similar topics to those I covered on my pathway course. I'm thinking 'I know about this, I studied it at the college!' At the college they really prepared us very well, so I haven't had any issues while studying at the university.

Most of my friends from my pathway course still live at the college accommodation, so I see them and talk to them all the time. It feels like being part of a family. The staff at the college helped too, they really know how to interact with international students and understand what it's like for us.

In my home country I lived in a capital city, so I was looking for something different, somewhere a bit more quiet. Bournemouth is the perfect place for students. When I want to study, I can go to the beach or the parks... it's a really nice environment. I love the beach here! You can also go there just to relax and read or listen to some music.

Studying abroad is an adventure. People shouldn't be afraid to be in a change of place. Coming here will help me find a better job, and I can now communicate with so many different people. I've seen so many different cultures and people here, it's really helped to open my mind. I used to know about other cultures mostly from what I saw on TV, but here it's totally different. I can actually see them, and people can show me and tell me about their culture themselves!

This is my path so far."

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change of place."*







Abdulqadar  
from Qatar

# Application process

Applying with Kaplan is simple. Choose a course that's right for you, and then simply 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 an offer letter

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.

## 3. Accept your offer

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study, or sending your financial guarantee. We can also confirm the accommodation option that you applied for, so you'll have a safe place to live during your studies.

## 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 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!



# 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](#) online 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 information, giving you all the information you need to plan your studies.

*Chekuvube*  
from Nigeria



## Where is Bournemouth?



**Who's on the cover?** Houda from Djibouti is on her path to Bournemouth University.

### Find out more:

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

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