

Bournemouth University Jargon Buster

As a student at Bournemouth University, you will hear a lot of names, abbreviations and acronyms being used verbally and in writing in the first few weeks of starting. This can feel like another language to learn in a short space of time. The Jargon Buster Guide provides you with a list of definitions for abbreviations, acronyms and nicknames that should help you settle in.

Academic Advisor

All undergraduate students are allocated an academic advisor (a member of academic staff in their faculty) to whom students can go for advice. You will meet him or her as part of your Faculty induction programme and at several points in the first year. They will help you review your academic requirements and can refer you on for non-academic support requirements.

Alumni

A person who has attended or has graduated from a particular University or college.

ALS

The Additional Learning Support Team (ALS) is based on the ground floor of the Library. They provide support for students with short and long term disabilities and specific learning differences.

Associate Dean for the Student Experience

Every faculty has an Associate Dean for the Student Experience. Their responsibility is to ensure all our students have the best possible experience while studying at BU.

Atrium and Gallery

This is an exhibition space for student work and external artists. It also acts as a social space.

BU

This is the acronym for the University.

Brightspace

This is the name for the new virtual learning environment (VLE) at BU. It is being rolled out in 2017/18 amongst JEC across all levels and NCCA at Level 4. The remaining departments will move across in 2018/19. It replaces MyBU. You can access course and faculty specific information here.

Bus Hub

This is where you can catch the dedicated University bus service known as UniBus. You can also catch public bus routes here.

Campus

The buildings and grounds at which a university or college is based. Sometimes universities have a number of different campuses. The word campus is only used to refer to buildings grouped together in one area.

Centre for Excellence in Learning

The Centre for Excellence (CEL) in learning supports academic development and is based on the ground floor of Poole House.

Chesil House

This accommodation is home to undergraduate and postgraduate students. It is above the Co-Op supermarket on the Lansdowne site.

Cranbourne House

This residential building houses undergraduate accommodation and is based at the Lansdowne site.

Create

This is a 75 seat lecture theatre on the ground floor of the Fusion building.

Christchurch House

This building is home to the Faculty of Management and Faculty of Science and Technology. It contains seminar rooms.

CMC

This is the acronym for the Corporate and Marketing Communications which is one of five departments in the Faculty of Media and Communication. Staff in this department are based on the fourth floor of Weymouth House.

Compass Restaurant

This is run by BU International College where BU students and staff can enjoy a discount on food.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development is an activity you will be encouraged to undertake as part of your studies. It will enhance your learning and future employability.

Corfe House

This is the Poole based halls of residence for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Costa

These coffee shops can be found on the ground floor of Weymouth House and on the ground floor of the Fusion Building.

Credit

Every unit you study will have a specified amount of credit attached to it. This credit will also be at a specified level.

Credit Level

Credit is also described by 'level'. This represents the difficulty of your course, so that normally, you will find your first year courses are rated as Level 4, your second year courses as Level 5 and your final year courses as Level 6. Postgraduate courses are rated as Level M or 7. Occasionally, you may take courses where the level does not equate with your year of study. For example, in some degrees, you may take some Level 5 work in your first year that is Level 4.

Dean

The Dean is responsible for the overall management of the faculty and the welfare of its staff and students.

Dorchester House

This is BU's largest halls of residence. It is opposite the train station on the Lansdowne site. It is home to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Dylans

This is the Student's Union bar and restaurant base in Poole House. Access is via the ground floor. It offers food, coffee, alcoholic drinks and social space

Dissertation

A detailed and heavily researched piece of writing, usually between 6 to 10 thousand words and is usually a main assessment exercise submitted at the end of the final year of a degree.

Dorset House

This is the home of the Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Emergency

Dial 222 from any internal phone to get security.

Enrolment

An activity a student must undertake in order to obtain their ID card and therefore use University facilities.

EU Student

Students whose normal home is outside the UK but within one of the other 28 member countries of the European Union, and who are registered on a full-time degree programme of more than one year.

Faculty

Every full-time undergraduate student at BU belongs to one of five Faculties which are made up of departments and schools (subject areas).

Faculty of Management

The home for this faculty is split over two buildings. They are Dorset House and Christchurch House.

Faculty of Media and Communication

This faculty also known as FMC is based in Weymouth House and Tolpuddle Annex 1. In the Faculty there are 5 departments. The Programme Support Office is the administrative centre for the Departments. The Office is on the third floor of the Weymouth House Building in room 304.

Faculty of Science and Technology

The Faculty of Science and Technology also known as SciTec is split over two buildings. They are Dorset House and Christchurch House.

Faculty Staff

This usually means the academic staff of the Faculty/School. Teaching Faculty (Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, Associate Professors and Professors) divide their time between teaching, research and administration. There are also Research Faculty who work with the various research groups, often on a fixed-term contract. It is polite to refer to someone by their title. Professors are usually addressed by their title, but everyone else is either a Dr (has a doctorate) or a Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms.

First degree

This is normally a bachelor's degree, e.g. BA, BSc, BEng, LLB (see Honours degree).

Foundation Certificate

This is the course you have just completed.

Fresher

A term used to describe a new undergraduate student.

Freshers' Week

This is the term commonly given across a number of universities for the first week at University. In the Faculty of Media and Communication, we call it welcome and orientation week.

Fusion

Fusion is Bournemouth University's threefold strategy. It comprises providing an outstanding education, undertaking world-leading research and actively engaging with the world of professional practice to drive businesses, organisations and entire industries forward.

Fusion Café

This can be found on the third floor of the Fusion Building. It sells Fairtrade coffee, cakes and smoothies.

Fusion pods

These are spaces that can be booked via the student portal for meetings and lunch. They are based on the ground floor of the Fusion building.

Graduate

A person who has completed and passed his or her degree and has it officially conferred by a Graduation Ceremony. Between passing your exams and the graduation ceremony, you are officially termed a Graduand.

Halls of Residence

University owned accommodation in which students often live while studying.

Higher Degree

This is a postgraduate degree such as Master's degree or Doctorate. Masters' (MA / MSc) degrees are awarded to graduates who have undertaken a further course of study after an honours first degree. Masters degrees may be taken following a period of work experience, and some courses take the form of company training programmes. MPhil degrees are a Master's degree which a student is awarded after a period of research or a taught course.

Home Park

This is a new hall of residence that is coming online in 2017.

Honours Degree

A first course of higher education study undertaken at university, normally lasting three or four years.

Inspire

This is a 100 seat lecture theatre on the first floor of the Fusion Building.

IT

IT is an acronym and stands for Information Technology. This is BU's University wide computing service.

International Student

A term used to describe students whose permanent home is usually outside the UK and European Union. This term is sometimes used to include those from the European Union.

International Commencement Ceremony (ICC)

The International Commencement Ceremony is held at Bournemouth International Centre. This year it will be held on Thursday 21 September. The Vice-Chancellor and a host of local dignitaries, special guests and members of staff welcome our international students to the UK, Dorset and to BU.

JEC

This is the acronym for the School of Journalism, English and Communication which is one of five departments in the Faculty of Media and Communication. Staff in this department are mainly based on the third floor of Weymouth House.

KG01

This is the abbreviation for the large lecture theatre based in Kimmeridge House.

KG02

This is the abbreviation for the Marconi lecture theatre based in Kimmeridge House.

KG03

This is the abbreviation for the small lecture theatre based in Kimmeridge House.

Kimmeridge House

This building contains lecture and seminar rooms. It houses the Marconi lecture theatre (KG02), the large lecture theatre (KG01) and the small lecture theatre (KG03).

Laboratory Class

A workshop held in a laboratory which tends to be practical based.

Lansdowne Point

This is home to BU International College, a 300 bed residence and the Compass Restaurant.

Law

This is one of five departments in the Faculty of Media and Communication. Staff in this department are mainly based on the third floor of Weymouth House.

LEA

Local Education Authority, to which UK undergraduates apply for assessment (in full or part) of their contribution towards tuition fees, which are then processed via the Student Loan Company (SLC). Your application to your LEA should be made prior to arrival, although in some cases the outcome may not be known until after term commences.

Level 4

This is the term used to describe a student in their first full-time year of undergraduate study. In other universities, it is sometimes referred to as Year 1.

Level 5

This is the term used to describe a student in their second full-time year of undergraduate study. In other universities, it is sometimes referred to as Year 2.

Level 6

This is the term used to describe a student in their final full-time year of undergraduate study. A student whose has taken a year out to undertake a placement will return to Level 6. In other universities, it is sometimes referred to as Year 3.

Library

The Library on the Talbot Campus is housed in the Sir Michael Cobham Building. The Bournemouth House Library serves the Lansdowne site.

Lecture

A formal instructive talk given by a subject specialist to a group of students. Students listen and make notes although some involve interaction between the lecturer and students.

Lyme Regis House

This accommodation is above the Tesco's supermarket on the Lansdowne site. It is next to BU's Executive Business Centre building.

Mature Student

An undergraduate student aged over 21 on entry.

Medical Centre

You can find this service in the Talbot building next to the back entrance of the Fusion Building.

M level

This is another term used to describe a student studying at Master' level. This could apply to an undergraduate student who is undertaking an integrated degree (3/4 year Bachelor's degree plus 1 year masters) or a Postgraduate Master's student.

MP

This is the acronym for Media Production which is one of five departments in the Faculty of Media and Communication. Staff in this department are mainly based on the second floor of Weymouth House.

MyBU

This is the name for the old BU virtual learning environment (VLE). It is being replaced by Brightspace in 2017 in JEC and NCCA at Level 4. All other departments in FMC will continue using MyBU until 2018/19. It is the University website providing guidance for new students coming to university.

Names of BU buildings

Many of the building on the Talbot campus are named after local towns such as Tolpuddle Annex, Weymouth House and Christchurch House.

National Union of Students (NUS)

The Union of Bournemouth's Students' is a member of the NUS and as a member of the BUSU, you will receive benefits from their membership.

NCCA

This is the acronym for the National Centre for Computer Animation which is one of five departments in the Faculty of Media and Communication. Staff in this department are mainly based on the second floor of Weymouth House.

Nerve Magazine

This is SUBU's monthly magazine which contains articles, features and discounts.

Nerve Radio

This is SUBU's radio station that is managed and staffed by student's. It is based on the fourth floor of the Student Centre.

Open Access Centre

This 24 hour access computer lab is based in Poole House in PG22

PG Media Production

This unit is part of the Faculty of Media and Communication and is based in Tolpuddle Annex 1.

Placement

A placement is part of a university course where the student gains experience in the workplace. A placement can be between a few weeks and a year. Ordinarily, it happens in the year before the final year of a course.

Plagiarism

This term is used to describe using or copying another person's work without acknowledgement. Plagiarising at BU is subject to disciplinary procedures.

Poole House

This is where the senior management of the University are based. It also contains the Base (Ask BU face to face hub), lecture theatres, seminar rooms, the Open Access Centre and the IT Help Desk.

Poole House lecture theatres

Poole House contains the Lees, Lawrence, Stevenson, Cobham and Barnes lecture theatres.

Poole Gateway

This is a new building that is due to be completed in 2019/20 for the Faculties of Media and Communication and Science and Technology.

Programme (also known as a course)

An undergraduate full-time degree is a three or four year degree made up of units. An undergraduate part-time degree or postgraduate degree can vary in duration. At BU, they are called programmes but they are also known at other universities as courses.

Programme Leader (PL)

This is an academic who leads a programme.

Programme Support Office

The Programme Support Office for students in the Faculty of Media and Communication is on the third floor of Weymouth House in room W304. It is also known as the Support Centre. This is where students submit their assignments and collect marked work. It is home to the Programme Support Administrator.

Purbeck

This is an accommodation residence for undergraduate students based on the Lansdowne site.

Red Seating Booth

This seating can be found on the ground floor of the Fusion building. They are equipped with USB points and charging sockets. They are often used for casual group work.

ResLife

This is a programme in the halls of residence that is designed to provide social activity for all students in university accommodation. It includes welfare support.

Santander

This is the only bank on the Talbot campus. You can withdraw money from the cash points as long as you have a debit or credit card from any bank or building society.

Sandwich

A programme of study which includes a year of practical work undertaken in an organisation outside the university, but which has relevance to the student's programme of study. The sandwich year is usually the penultimate year of a degree programme. (Also see placement).

Secure cycle compound

There are two secure cycle compounds where students can safely store their bikes after travelling to campus. These are behind Dorset House and Christchurch House.

Semesters

Welcome and Orientation week for new students
Monday 18 September to Friday 22 September 2017

Semester 1
Monday 25 September – Friday 26 January 2018

Semester 2
Monday 29 January – 22 June 2018

Winter Break:
Monday 18 December 2017 – Friday 5 January 2018

Spring Break:
Monday 26 March – Friday 13 April 2018

Summer Break:
Monday 25 June – Friday 14 September 2018

Share

This is a 200 seat lecture theatre in the Fusion building. There are entrances on the first and second floors.

SLC

Student Loan Company, which deals with the payment of tuition fees to the University on behalf of eligible UK / EU students and the provision of student loans to UK students. This does not apply to international students.

Sport BU

The sports centre is attached to the Student Centre and Poole House. It is home to the gym, social sport and Varsity.

Starbucks

These coffee shops can be found on the ground floor of Poole House, on the ground floor of the Library and on two levels in the Fusion Building.

Student Hall

The Student Hall is in Talbot House. It is a large multi-use space that students can book. It is ideal for club and social meetings.

Student Representative

A student who is the spokesperson for the programme he or she is on. They attend a range of faculty meetings to discuss issues affecting students.

Student Representative Coordinator (SRC)

This is a Faculty of Media and Communication member of staff responsible for looking after the student representative scheme and supporting the Associate Dean, Student Experience.

SUBU

This is the acronym for the University of Bournemouth's Students' Union. It is located in the Student Centre.

Talbot Campus

This is the University's main campus.

Talbot House

This building contains the Student Hall, Medical Centre/Doctor's Surgery, Nursery, Wellbeing Service, the BU Safer Neighbourhood Team, the multi faith Chaplaincy and the Music Service.

Techno Booth

This is a dedicated study pod that can be book through the Library. The pods are located on the first and second floors of the Library and on the second and third floors of the Student Centre. The pods are designed for group work.

The Base

This is the home of ASK BU's face to face services offering information, advice and guidance on everything from accommodation to finance to immigration and wellbeing.

The Edge

The Edge is home to the BU Careers and Employability services. It is next to the Library.

The Fusion Building

This building contains three floors of teaching space and social seating. There are three lecture theatres and 27 seminar rooms in the building. The lecture theatres are Create, Share and Inspire. It also is home to two roof top terraces.

The Muggar

This is the nickname given to the artificial sports courts next to Talbot house.

The Old Fire Station

The Old Fire Station also known as Fire Station and TOFS is BU Students Union nightclub that is owned and run by them.

The Sir Michael Cobham Library

This building contains the Library, Learning Centre and Study Support. There is social and study space on floors one and two and quiet space on floors three and four. The Media books are primarily on the fourth floor.

The Staff Centre

This is the refectory and dedicated space for staff in Poole House.

The Student Shop

The Student Shop is run by the BU Students Union. It is based on the ground floor in Poole House and is staffed by students. The shop sells a range of products including BU clothing, stationary, food and drink.

The Student Centre

A range of services are based in the Student Centre. They include services run by the BU Students' Union. The centre only contains only social space. The first floor houses SUBU's staff offices. The second floor contains volunteering, SUBU advice and activities. The third floor is social space and has a link to the library. The fourth floor is home to Nerve Radio which is SUBU's radio station. The fifth floor contains social space.

The Student Village

This is a dedicated housing estate next to the University that is home to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The Technical Support Desk

The Technical Support Desk is also known as the Kit Room and is based on the ground floor of Weymouth House. It house al the media equipment for the Faculty. Cameras and sound equipment can be hired by students here.

Tolpuddle Annex

This building contains teaching space, meeting rooms and seminar spaces.

UniBus

This is the University bus service which runs between the halls of residence. Just show your ID card. You can get information at the Bus Hub or by going to <http://www.thebusforbu.co.uk>

U1 bus route

This is the abbreviation for the bus route that goes from Talbot Campus to the Lansdowne site. It terminates at Dorchester House. The U1 bus leaves approximately every 10 minutes from the Bus Hub at Talbot Campus.

U2 bus route

This is the abbreviation for the bus route that goes from Talbot Campus to Poole.

U3 bus route

This is the abbreviation for the bus route that goes from Talbot Campus to Southbourne.

U4 bus route

This is the abbreviation for the bus route that goes from Talbot Campus to Westbourne. It stops at Cranbourne House on the Lansdowne site and the town Centre.

U5 bus route

The U5 is a new bus route that will run every 30 minutes from Home Park on Christchurch Road to Talbot Campus via Cranborne House during term time. The service will complement the existing U1 which runs between Dorchester House and Talbot Campus via Cranborne House.

UK Student

Students whose permanent home is the UK (also called 'home' students).

Undergraduate

A person who is studying for a first degree.

Unit (also known as a module)

A unit of study that explores a specific area within subject. A number of units make up a programme which then leads to a degree. Programmes all have code and a title. Each unit has a set number of credits which will vary from course to course.

Unit leader

An academic who organises a unit. This is your first point of contact if you are having difficulties or there is a problem with the running of a unit.

Unit Team

The module team is made up technical, support and academic staff who help run a module.

Varsity

Varsity is the term used to describe a sporting match between two University rivals.

Visiting & Exchange (V&E)

Abbreviation used to describe international students (both postgraduate and undergraduate) on a 'visiting' or an 'exchange' scheme.