



THE UNIVERSITY OF
BUCKINGHAM



UNDERGRADUATE MINI GUIDE

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We are proud to have been top, or near the top, of the National Student Survey (NSS) in Student Satisfaction since 2006. *The Complete University Guide* has ranked us number one in the country for four years running. Nothing is more important to us than happy students.



Venessa
International Studies student



Billy

Accounting and Finance student



We love our truly diverse student community, and encourage debates, talks and the sharing of ideas. More than half of the universities *Spiked* surveyed actively censor speech and ideas. We believe all universities should fiercely protect free speech. We even have a Free Speech Society that was set up by our students.



We keep class sizes small so you won't get lost in the crowd. You will be assigned a personal tutor to support you every step of the way, and our academic and student support teams will ensure you have the tools to succeed in your studies. We value the quality of your learning experience.



India
Accounting and Finance student



Henry
English Literature student



We were awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), achieving 'double positive' ratings in all six categories. *The Times Higher Education World University Rankings* then ranked UK universities in the TEF, placing us at the very top of the table. For an excellent learning experience, choose Buckingham.



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Fear of failing should
not hold you back from
pursuing your dreams.

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Dr Mahamudu Bawumia
Vice-President of Ghana (BSc Economics, 1987)



Welcome to BUCKINGHAM

The University of Buckingham is one of Britain's first independent universities: a home for original, aspiring students. We are proudly independent and committed to the pursuit of truth and freedom of speech.

Home of the two-year degree, we offer undergraduate courses in Medicine and Health, Psychology, Law, Business, Computing, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Based in Buckingham on a beautiful riverside campus, the University is within easy reach of London, less than an hour from Oxford, and close to the M1 and M40. Milton Keynes central station is just 20 minutes' drive away.

Established via a Royal Charter, our Oxbridge-style tutorials ensure that we keep class sizes small so every student can thrive here.

As a non-profit organisation, 100 per cent of University tuition fees are reinvested in creating a five-star educational experience.

Students are at the heart of our model at Buckingham. And our quality of teaching is what makes us distinct.

We look forward to welcoming you on to campus soon at a subject taster or open day. Book yourself in now at [buckingham.ac.uk/visitus](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/visitus)

In the meantime, you can order a copy of our full Prospectus (mailed to your door) at [buckingham.ac.uk/prospectus](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/prospectus)

See you soon!

[#uniofbuckingham](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk)



WHY YOU'LL
LOVE
BUCKINGHAM



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Enjoy our first-year accommodation guarantee and take your pick from a range of options to fit your style and budget, including ensuite rooms and quiet blocks.



LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our academics are pioneers in their fields – and with our array of visiting lecturers and international speakers, it's a rewarding learning experience at Buckingham.



BE PART OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Join a student body that comes from more than 100 countries, from as close as Europe to as far afield as New Zealand and Japan.



DON'T GET LOST IN THE CROWD

You can develop your ideas and passions in a truly supportive environment at Buckingham. Our academic open-door policy ensures you can access your lecturers at a time that works for you, and we keep class sizes small so you get the attention you need to succeed in your studies.



TWO-YEAR DEGREES

Complete your undergraduate honours degree in two years: saving you time and money. Or stay on and graduate with a master's in just three years (increasing your earning potential on average by £6,000¹ more per year).

¹ Graduate labour market statistics, 2018.



PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

We have created our courses with pathways in mind. From undergraduate to doctorate, you can specialise in your chosen area and develop your expertise.



WE TAKE WELLBEING SERIOUSLY

As the first Positive University in the UK, we value your wellbeing. We instill Positive Psychology in all aspects of life at the University: from mindful meditation classes to yoga by the river.



CITIES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Take a fast train to London from Milton Keynes station (only 20 minutes' drive away) or head to Oxford for a punt on the river (40 minutes by car).

**WE'RE IN
THE**

HEART

OF ENGLAND



Buckingham is surrounded by green spaces and our riverside campus based on the River Great Ouse is an ideal backdrop for your studies. Enjoy the relaxing study areas or chilled restaurant and bar on campus, or take a five-minute stroll into town: everything you need is within walking distance.

Head to buckingham.ac.uk/tour to explore our virtual open day and what's in and around Buckingham.

Best of both worlds

We are close to the Cotswolds and are spoilt with bike trail and day hike options, but rest assured you are never far away from a city. Milton Keynes (MK) is a 20-minute drive away and offers plenty of shops, cinemas, a theatre, indoor skiing, indoor skydiving, and more. Or jump on a fast train from MK to any city you like.

Getting to Buckingham

By train

Take a 30-minute fast train from London to Milton Keynes. From there, you can catch a bus from outside the station to Buckingham High Street: we are only a five-minute walk from here. Bus services depart every 30 minutes and operate every day.

By road

We are in the centre of Buckingham, and our three main sites are all within one mile of each other (at Hunter Street, Chandos Road and Verney Park). Buckingham is easily accessed via the UK motorway network.

Students can enjoy free on-site parking across the campus at any time.

buckingham.ac.uk/directions



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I transferred to Buckingham and I just love it here: because it's smaller, you get to know students from lots of different courses, and it feels more like a community.”

Georgina

Business Management student



BUCKINGHAM CAMPUS

Our Buckingham Campus runs across three sites: Hunter Street, Chandos Road and Verney Park.

Hunter Street is our main site and this is where you can find the Students' Union building, bar and restaurant, and other student facilities. We also have plenty of study spaces: from quiet areas in the Hunter Street Library to group working areas in the Vinson Building.

Chandos Road, which houses our Medical School, is adjacent to the main campus and contains teaching, studying and academic spaces for our medics.

The University's Vinson Building (left) won the 'Outstanding Design' category in the AVDC Design Awards.

Our Verney Park site is just a 15-minute walk from Hunter Street. If you are based at Verney, all of your course materials will be located on-site at the Franciscan Library or can be found online.

CREWE CAMPUS

Crewe, close to both Liverpool and Manchester, is home to a range of allied health courses, including medicine (also taught in Buckingham), podiatry, biomedical science and postgraduate medicine.

Our new Health Sciences Campus is well connected to the nearby town of Crewe, with a bus service running regularly to the centre and train station. The student accommodation is just a five-minute walk from your lecture theatres.



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TWO-YEAR DEGREE

As the home of the two-year degree, Buckingham offers the widest range of courses in the two-year format. We also offer two intakes a year: in January and September.

We first introduced two-year degrees in the UK in the 1970s and have been perfecting them ever since. Our two-year degree is a condensed version of the traditional three-year degree, meaning you will gain a full honours degree (like your friends at other universities), but graduate a whole year earlier.

Even better: you can save money as well as time. Although our annual fee is higher than that of other universities, you will save a whole year's tuition fees and living costs.

HOW DOES A TWO-YEAR DEGREE WORK?

We created our two-year degrees by adding an extra term in each summer. This means you can fit in the same number of teaching weeks as a traditional three-year degree without your workload getting any bigger. You could even choose to continue onto a master's programme, finishing both an undergraduate and a master's degree in only three years.

WILL IT SAVE ME MONEY?

Buckingham's fast-tracked schedule means you'll finish your degree sooner and be out in the workforce up to a year earlier than if you went to another university. When living costs are included, our students pay about 20 per cent less than they would on a three-year course at a university charging £9,250pa for tuition. And don't forget: you could enjoy a full year of extra earnings while your friends are still studying!

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My courage was given to me by my parents, my school and the University of Buckingham.

Justin Albert
Executive Director, International
National Trust Organisation (LLB, 1989)

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EXPERIENCES

buckingham.ac.uk/tour



STUDENTS' UNION

There are plenty of chances to socialise with events and activities happening every week: like karaoke evenings, chilled out BBQs, themed parties, and cultural days, all organised by our Students' Union. They also run activities further afield, organising clubbing nights to Milton Keynes, shopping trips to Bicester Village, and more.



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

We have a wide range of clubs and societies that you can join when you start at Buckingham. There are groups focussed on different interests (like the Drama or Debating Clubs or the Music Society); academic areas (like Medicine, Business or Psychology); cultural, national and religious groups (like the Nigerian, Chinese or Islamic Societies); and Sports groups, like the Cheerleading Society. If you don't find something you like, we can support you in establishing your own club.



SPORTS' UNION

Buckingham may be small, but the University has a growing range of sports teams you can join: including rugby, netball, hockey, football, badminton and basketball. Our Sports' Union also connects with professional sports teams to broaden the range of sporting opportunities available to students, including university and college sports teams and competitions. We also have a gym on campus that's open till midnight seven days a week.



TOWN LIFE

Located beside a thriving market town, Buckingham offers more than 15 places to grab a drink; a range of shops and independent cafes; and loads of restaurants to choose from, including Turkish, Thai, Italian, Indian, pub grub, and even a smokehouse.

Market days are every Tuesday and Saturday, which take over Market Hill and the High Street, and the town is only a five-minute walk from campus.



OUT AND ABOUT

Venture further afield to Milton Keynes (20 minutes' away) for a dose of high street shopping, indoor skiing, go-karting, indoor skydiving or the cinema. From MK, you can hop on a fast train to London (30 minutes' away), Birmingham, Edinburgh, and beyond.

WELLBEING & SUPPORT

As Europe's first Positive University, we see individuals, not numbers. We equip you with the skills and knowledge to navigate through life, building resilience so you can thrive.

buckingham.ac.uk/support

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We can help you develop the skills you need to support your academic performance, including research and writing skills. Our Academic Skills team are available in Buckingham and Crewe, and they work closely with the University departments, personal tutors and the various schools of study.

CAREER AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES

During your time at Buckingham the Careers and Employability Hub is here to help you plan and prepare for your future career. With their strong links to industry and graduate recruiters, you will be able to develop the professional skills and experience to make you stand out from the crowd. Our advisors can help you with interview practice, CV writing, and planning your next career steps.





PERSONAL TUTOR

Every student at Buckingham is assigned a personal tutor: these are members of our academic staff who are here to support you from the day you start to the day you complete your course. They are there to offer guidance and advice to ensure your studies are a success.



PERSONAL SUPPORT

Our student welfare team, Students First, offer personalised support to any student who may be having problems with university life or their mental or physical health. We have various clinics and initiatives designed to promote health and wellbeing and we have a university doctor who holds an on-campus surgery during the week.



MEET

Millie & Darcie

We also have two therapy dogs, Millie and Darcie, who are around if you fancy a walk or a cuddle to bust your stress and keep you feeling your best.

BUCKINGHAM
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN A
PIONEER

Susanne Klatten
Deputy Chairman of Atlanta and BMW heir
(BSc Business, 1986)

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With a wide variety of rooms available on our beautiful campuses, you can relax whilst remaining close to all of the action – and, best of all, accommodation is guaranteed to first-year students*.

Accommodation

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The University owns all of its accommodation, and you will either be based on campus (where many of our rooms are located) or nearby. All of the accommodation is within a 15-20 walk from the town centre.

Choose from ensuite or shared bathrooms, mixed and single-gender options, riverside locations and designated quiet blocks. Rooms are fully furnished and centrally heated, with Wi-Fi and access to cooking facilities. Most have a small refrigerator as well. Disabled rooms and facilities are available.

* Application deadlines apply

Take a tour of our accommodation options online by visiting our virtual open day: buckingham.ac.uk/tour

For detailed pricing information and room specifics, visit buckingham.ac.uk/accommodation

CREWE

Located five minutes away from campus, our Crewe accommodation offers 790 rooms in the newly built Booth Hall. Offering comfortable, self-catering accommodation, with vibrant communal spaces and modern facilities (including high-speed Wi-Fi), you are sure to find a relaxing home at this residence.



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SPORTS AND GYM

The University's Sport and Fitness programmes offer students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities at both a recreational and competitive level. Our Fitness Centre on Hunter Street is open from 6am to midnight, seven days a week, and is well equipped with weights, resistance and cardiovascular equipment.

buckingham.ac.uk/sports

LIBRARY

Enjoy the quiet study spaces, breakout rooms and lounges at the two libraries on our Buckingham Campus. There's space to study, read, use University PCs, browse the shelves or carry out research.

We host a wide range of leading academic databases to provide you with the articles, data, cases and information you need to complete your assessments.

buckingham.ac.uk/library



Explore what Buckingham town has to offer with the 'Our Location' videos: buckingham.ac.uk/tour

BOOKSHOP

The Vinson Building on Hunter Street is home to the University Bookshop, selling everything from course books and stationery to University merchandise and local Buckingham products.

buckingham.ac.uk/bookshop

EATERIES

As well as being a short walk from Buckingham town (with its many pubs, restaurants and tea houses), we have an on-site cafe in the Vinson Building and a restaurant in the Old Tanlaw Mill (OTM). On warm days, our outdoor seating area alongside the river is a popular spot to lunch and study.





GLOBAL GLOBAL CAMPUS, OUTLOOK

We have one of the most diverse student communities in the UK. At Buckingham, you will be studying alongside students from as far afield as Canada, New Zealand, Nigeria and Russia – or as close to home as Bicester, London or Bedford. Our global alumni include QCs in the Caribbean, entrepreneurs in Europe, and practising doctors across the UK.

We launched the world's first Centre for United Nations Studies and enjoy partnerships and collaborations with universities around the world.

These include:

- Condé Nast College of Fashion & Design
- Helsinki Design School
- International Business School, Budapest
- Sarajevo School of Science and Technology

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COLLEGE of
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Design
School



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BUSINESS

Come and join a business school that cares. Ranked in the top 20 in the UK¹, our courses will help you build the interpersonal, business and management skills you need to thrive in your career. Our range of two-year degrees encourage students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and a 'real world' perspective through case-based, practical learning.

We strive to create future business leaders who care not only about financial performance but also about people and sustainability. Learn how different elements of businesses fit together and how you can best utilise resources to succeed in any organisation. Our degrees are recognised by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and professional bodies, including CIMA and ACCA.

We make it our business to help you become employable. Unlike most universities, we keep class sizes small and our academics have an open-door policy, so you can seek help and advice whenever you need it. Throughout your studies you will be supported by personal tutors and subject tutors who will help you prepare for your future. This is one of the reasons why we have come top in England for Student Satisfaction four years in a row (*The Complete University Guide, 2017-2020*).

We also offer a wide range of postgraduate Business degrees: you could graduate with a master's in just three years (boosting your earning potential on average by £6,000² more per year).

We offer January and September intakes for most of our courses. All Business courses are taught on the Buckingham Campus.

¹ *The Guardian University Guide, 2020, 'Business, Management and Marketing'*

² *Graduate labour market statistics, 2018*



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The location of Buckingham is ideal – it's close to both Birmingham and London. The practical components of my course have been great.”

Callum

Business student

Business undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BSc Accounting and Finance (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	NN43	BBC-BCC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Business Enterprise (BBE) (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	N190	BBB	32 (or equivalent), or evidence of entrepreneurship	DDM
BSc Business Management (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	NN12	BBC-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Business Management (including work placement year)	BSc (Hons)	N1N2	BBC-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Business Management with Applied Computing (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	N1G5	BBC-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Marketing with Media Communications (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	N5P3	BBC-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM



Integrated Foundation options are available for all of our undergraduate programmes.

For the most up-to-date course information, see [buckingham.ac.uk/courses](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/courses)



COMPUTING

Are you interested in how artificial intelligence, data science, the Internet of Things, mixed reality and robotics are changing our world? The world, now more than ever, needs curious minds to create tech-based solutions to complex real-world problems faced by businesses, the community and global industries.

Through innovative programmes that blend theory with practice, we ensure you are knowledgeable, entrepreneurial, and digitally skilled to meet the requirements of industries of the future.

We offer a range of two-year degrees with specialisations in artificial intelligence, cyber security and software development that suit students from different backgrounds with wide-ranging career aspirations.

Our degrees are accredited by BCS (The Chartered Institute for IT) and throughout your studies you will be supported by careers staff who will help you plan and prepare for your future employment. With our strong links to industry and graduate recruiters, you will be able to develop the professional skills and experience during your studies to make you stand out from the crowd.

Unlike most universities, we keep class sizes small and our academics have an open-door policy, so you can seek help and advice when you need it. This is one of the reasons why we have come top in England for Student Satisfaction four years in a row (*The Complete University Guide, 2017-2020*).

We offer a wide range of postgraduate Computing degrees. If you choose a two-year undergraduate degree, you could graduate with a master's in just three years (boosting your earning potential on average by £6,000¹ more per year).

We offer January and September intakes for most of our courses. All Computing courses are taught on the Buckingham Campus.

¹ *Graduate labour market statistics, 2018.*



“

Buckingham helped me to achieve my education goals through support, encouragement and inspiration.”

Samantha
Computing student

Computing undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BSc Computing (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	G400	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Computing (3-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	G402	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Computing with Accounting and Finance (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	G4N4	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Computing with Business Management (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	G4N1	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM



Integrated Foundation options are available for all of our undergraduate programmes.

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HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences offers two-year degrees as well as some three-year options, spanning digital news and media, economics, English literature, history and history of art, international studies, international relations, politics, economics, philosophy (PPE) and modern languages. Our courses ensure that you build the knowledge you need to take the first step in a career you're passionate about.

An international flavour runs throughout the Humanities offerings and is enhanced by specialised research and teaching centres, including the Buckingham Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies; our Centre for United Nations and Diplomacy; and the Institute for Monetary Research.

A new set of Flexible Honours programmes were launched in 2020, allowing you to tailor your degree, and these complement the wide selection of single and combined honours courses available.

You will learn through Buckingham's small tutorial groups, which are in addition to lectures and seminars. These sessions ensure that you are not just a face in the crowd: your tutors will get to know who you are and encourage you to engage in debates and discussions.

Unlike most universities, we keep class sizes small and our academics have an open-door policy, so you can seek help and advice when you need it. This is one of the reasons why we have come top in England for Student Satisfaction four years in a row (*The Complete University Guide, 2017-2020*).

We offer a wide range of postgraduate degrees. If you choose a two-year undergraduate degree, you could graduate with a master's in just three years (boosting your earning potential on average by £6,000¹ more per year).

We offer January and September intakes and all Humanities courses are taught on the Buckingham Campus.

¹ *Graduate labour market statistics, 2018.*



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The two-year degree gives you an edge against the competition, as the extra year saved allows you to build up work experience.”

Eliot
Economics student

FLEXIBLE HONOURS IN HUMANITIES

NEW! Make your degree as unique as you.

We know students want more flexibility to shape their course as they progress in their studies, so we came up with the idea of Flexible Honours. We have launched eight Flexible Honours programmes, which will be available from September 2020. These span Digital News and Media, Economics, English Literature, History, History of Art, International Relations, and Modern Languages.

For example, if you choose BA International Relations (Flexible Honours), you'll have the freedom to tailor your degree to reflect your interests by combining it with a wide range of other subjects taught at the University. This means that when you graduate you will have a highly personalised degree that will suit you and your aspirations perfectly.

With Flexible Honours you have the freedom to select up to a third of your modules from the whole range of subjects taught at the University. You can mix and match lots of different subjects with your Major or focus solely on it. At every stage, your Personal Tutor will be on hand to advise and guide your choices.

Find out more: buckingham.ac.uk/flexiblehonours



Humanities undergraduate Flexible Honours courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BA Digital News and Media (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	P5Y0	BBC-CCC	31-29 (or equivalent)	MMM
BSc Economics (Flexible Honours)	BSc (Hons)	LIY0	BBB-BBC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA English Literature (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	Q3Y0	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA History (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	VIY0	BBB-BBC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA History of Art (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	VDY0	BBC-CCC	31-29 (or equivalent)	MMM
BA History of Art and Heritage Management (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	V3Y0	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA International Relations (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	L2Y0	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Modern Languages (Flexible Honours)	BA (Hons)	R900	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM



Integrated Foundation options are available.

Humanities undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BA Digital News and Media (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	QP35	BBC-CCC	31-29 (or equivalent)	MMM
BA Digital News and Media (3-year degree)	BA (Hons)	QP35	BBC-CCC	31-29 (or equivalent)	MMM
BA English Literature (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	Q300	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA English Literature (3-year degree)	BA (Hons)	Q321	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA History of Art and Heritage Management (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	VD34	BBC-CCC	32-31 (or equivalent)	MMM
BA International Studies (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	L900	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA International Studies (3-year degree)	BA (Hons)	L901	BBB-BCC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	V500	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (3-year degree)	BA (Hons)	VV50	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Politics, Economics and Law (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	L000	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Security, Intelligence and Cyber (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	L129	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BA Sociology with Criminology* (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	New! See buckingham.ac.uk/courses			
BA Sociology* (2-year degree)	BA (Hons)	New! See buckingham.ac.uk/courses			
BSc Business Economics (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	L112	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Economics (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	L100	BBB-BBC	32-30 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Economics (3-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	L10A	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Economics, Business and Law (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	LM11	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM

* Subject to approval. Check the website for the most up-to-date information.



Integrated Foundation options are available for the BA Digital News and Media, BA International Studies, and BSc Economics.

For the most up-to-date course information, see buckingham.ac.uk/courses

LAW

Ranked in the top 20 in the UK¹, the Law School prides itself on two key features: strong student satisfaction and employability outcomes. Through small-group tutorial teaching, our experienced academic staff will ensure that you build the knowledge you need to take the first step in your legal career.

Our Law School provides evidence- and research-based learning to equip you to address the critical legal issues of today and tomorrow. An LLB will enable you to take the next steps towards practice qualifications in a number of common law jurisdictions, including the UK, Nigeria, Canada, Bermuda, Ghana, Kenya, Bahamas, Pakistan and India. You can also combine your Law degree with Business Management or Criminology to broaden your career options.

Our LLB courses are all qualifying law degrees (QLD), which is currently recognised as fulfilling the academic stage of training for entry into both branches of the legal profession by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board. From September 2021 a new route to qualifying as a solicitor is planned, called the Solicitors' Qualifying Examination (SQE). Our LLB will keep up to date with this change.

Our LLB is also available through part-time study, which involves attending a seminar one evening a week: you can earn a law degree alongside other commitments, graduating in just four years.

We also offer postgraduate Law (LLM) degrees, so you can graduate with a master's in just three years (boosting your earning potential on average by £6,000² more per year).

We offer January and September intakes for most of our courses. All Law courses are taught on the Buckingham Campus.

¹ *The Guardian University Guide, 2019*

² *Graduate labour market statistics, 2018*



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Studying LLB Law at the University of Buckingham opened diverse doors of opportunities to flourish not only as a student but also as an individual.”

Liesel

Law student

Law undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
LLB Law (2-year degree)	LLB (Hons)	M100	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DMM
LLB Law (part-time)	LLB (Hons)	M100	CCC*	See the website	
LLB Law and Criminology (2-year degree)	LLB (Hons)	MM19	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DMM
LLB Law with Business Management (2-year degree)	LLB (Hons)	M1N2	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DMM

* There are no formal entry requirements for mature students. Please see the website for more information.



Integrated Foundation is available for the LLB Law.

For the most up-to-date course information, see [buckingham.ac.uk/courses](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/courses)



MEDICINE & HEALTH

Our Schools of Medicine and Allied Health provide professional healthcare training based at both the Buckingham and Crewe Campuses. The University's aim is to put the student first. We do this by being small enough for our students to be an individual in a supportive community, and large enough to provide all the experience you need to progress your medical career.

Our integrated 4.5 year MB ChB programme is GMC-accredited and designed to ensure you develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become a professional and ethical doctor.

Direct entry to the 4.5 year MB ChB programme is possible at school-leaver and graduate level. However, we also offer a range of pathways to Medicine.

The Medical Foundation, one-year Pre-Med and two-year BSc Biomedical Science courses are available as potential pathways to Medicine (see the table on p68). We are also launching the BSc Podiatric Medicine on the Crewe Campus from 2020. As a podiatrist, you can work as an independent clinician who identifies and analyses complex health problems linked to the foot and lower limbs. The course offers wide ranging career opportunities in the NHS or as a future business owner in private practice.

We offer January and September intakes for most of our courses, however, the MB ChB is only available for a January start. We accept applications throughout the year.

Medicine is taught on both the Buckingham and Crewe Campuses, whilst Allied Health courses (including pathways to Medicine) are taught only on the Crewe Campus. MB ChB applicants have a choice of which Campus they prefer* (see buckingham.ac.uk/medicine).

** If one campus' MB ChB intake fills, places will only be offered on the alternate campus.*



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The Medical School has been very supportive of my progression both in my academic and personal life.”

Tushar
Medical student

Medicine & Health undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BSc Biomedical Sciences (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	B901	BBC inc. Biology & Chemistry	32 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Podiatric Medicine (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	B170	BBB	34 (or equivalent)	DDM
CertHE Medical Sciences (Pre-Med, 1 year)	CertHE	B902	BBC inc. Biology & Chemistry (or equivalent)	32 (or equivalent)	DDM
Certificate Medical Foundation Studies (1 year)	CMFS		See buckingham.ac.uk/courses		
MB ChB Medicine	MB ChB	71A8	ABB inc. Biology or Chemistry	34 points inc. Higher Level 6 in Chemistry & Biology	

Note: other conditions may apply, including English language proficiency, occupational health assessments and DBS checks.



Integrated Foundation is available for the BSc Biomedical Sciences.

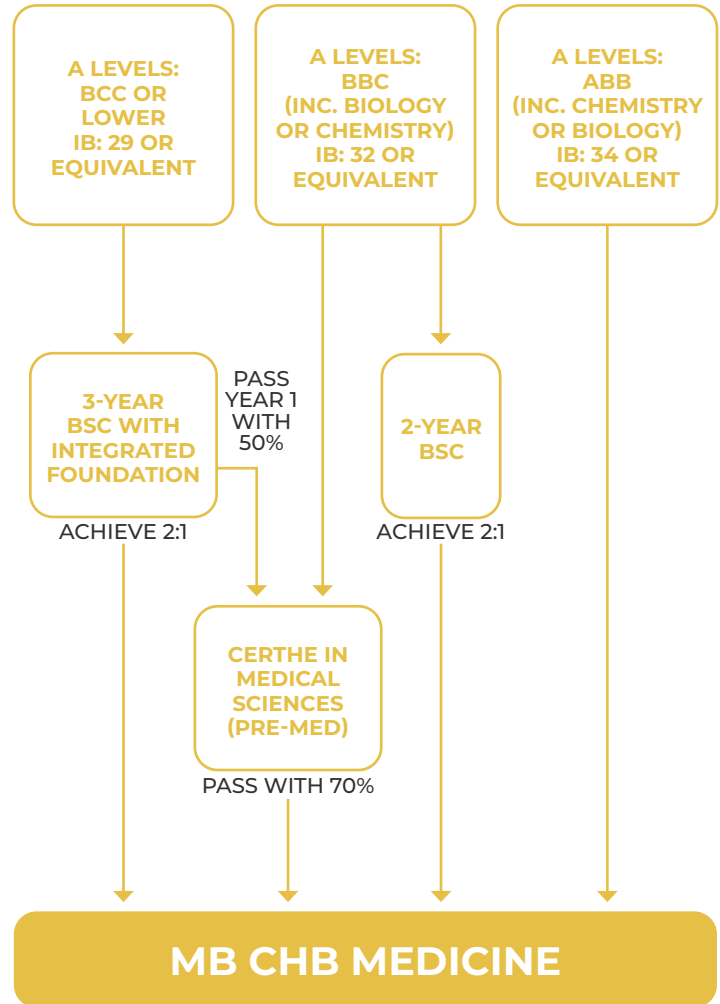
For the most up-to-date course information, see buckingham.ac.uk/courses





PATHWAYS TO

MEDICINE



PSYCHOLOGY

Understanding people will be central to the future world of employment; their thoughts, behaviour and motivations. The Psychology degree at Buckingham is designed to help you develop the knowledge and skills for a career focused on people.

The award-winning Buckingham teaching model focuses upon weekly meetings with tutors on every module which means you have quality contact time with the staff. You can ask questions, check that you are on track with assignments, and interact with the staff who are teaching you. This is one of the reasons why we have come top in England for Student Satisfaction four years in a row (*The Complete University Guide, 2017-2020*).

The Psychology degree at Buckingham is designed so that you can try out the seven areas of practitioner psychology as standalone optional modules or mix these with other options on our programme. You will have a choice with your final year project to either carry out a research project within one of our research hubs or to choose a subject of your own.

As one of the only two-year BPS-accredited Psychology degrees in the UK, you'll be able to fast track your career within this popular field. You can also combine your degree with a variety of subjects, including a new Criminology minor from 2020.

We offer a range of postgraduate Psychology degrees: you can graduate with a master's in just three years (boosting your earning potential on average by £6,000¹ more per year).

We offer January and September intakes for most of our courses. All Psychology courses are taught on the Buckingham Campus.

¹ Graduate labour market statistics, 2018.



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I could not have wished for a richer student experience. Alongside my studies, I'm a Student Happiness Champion, so I work to support and encourage other students.”

Daria
Psychology student

Psychology undergraduate courses	Qualification	UCAS code	Typical offers		
			A-level	IB	BTEC
BSc Psychology (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C800	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Psychology with Applied Computing (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C8G5	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Psychology with Business Management (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C8N1	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Psychology with Criminology* (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	New! See buckingham.ac.uk/courses			
BSc Psychology with English Literature (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C8Q2	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Psychology with French (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C8R1	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM
BSc Psychology with Spanish (2-year degree)	BSc (Hons)	C8R4	BBB-BBC	32-31 (or equivalent)	DDM

*Subject to approval. Check the website for the most up-to-date information.



Integrated Foundation is available for the BSc Psychology.

For the most up-to-date course information, see
buckingham.ac.uk/courses





HOW TO

APPLY

[buckingham.ac.uk/apply](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/apply)

1

Find your course

Head to our website and explore all of the courses available to decide what you would like to study.

2

Check the entry requirements

Once you've chosen your course, check the entry requirements to ensure you're eligible. You can find the individual entry requirements on the course pages.

3

Visit us

Talk to current students through our website or, even better, visit us! We offer a range of subject tasters and open days throughout the year. Come and experience what your degree will be like, talk to students and staff, and explore our campus and accommodation.

[buckingham.ac.uk/visitus](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/visitus)

If you need help with your application, email us at admissions@buckingham.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1280 820227. We're always happy to help.

4

Draft your personal statement

If you apply direct to Buckingham you can tailor your personal statement just for us. See page 77 for some handy tips.

5

Fire away!

Now you've found your dream course it's time to apply. With Buckingham, you have the option of applying direct to us via our website at any time (just head to your preferred course page and hit 'Apply' – it's that easy). You might even get a university offer ahead of your friends! Alternatively, you can apply for any of our courses via UCAS (code B90).

6

Chat with an Admissions Tutor

You may be invited to talk to an Admissions Tutor so we can learn more about you and answer any questions you might have.

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Receive an offer

If you apply direct, you will receive an email notification from us. If you apply through UCAS, they will send you a notification via an email alert once an offer has been made.

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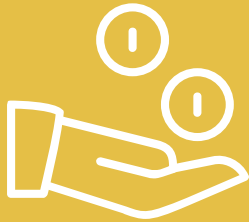
Accept your offer and get ready to start life at #uniofbuckingham

If you apply direct, you will need to return your completed Acceptance Statement by the deadline stated on your offer letter. To accept your offer via UCAS, you need to go to Track to make your replies. Deadlines will be visible in Track.

Personal statement tips

Writing your personal statement can be daunting, so here are some handy tips to help get you started.

- 1** If you apply direct to Buckingham, you can **tailor your personal statement** just for us. If you apply through UCAS, your personal statement needs to be relevant for all of your UCAS choices, so don't be too specific and avoid using university names.
- 2** Make sure you **give yourself plenty of time** to write your personal statement. It takes longer than you think.
- 3** Start mapping out the structure of your statement to **make sure you cover everything**. A good start can be:
 - Part 1: Why do you want to study this course?** Show evidence of motivation and commitment; leadership, teamwork and communication; and any evidence of research into the subject.
 - Part 2: What skills/experience do you have** that will make you suitable?
 - Part 3: Why will you be a good student?**
- 4** **Avoid embellishing or plagiarising** – it's very easy to get caught!
- 5** Once you've drafted your personal statement, have a family member or friend read it. This is great for proofreading but also to make sure that you are coming across well in your writing.



FEES & FINANCE

Managing your own budget can be a tricky prospect, especially if you're leaving home for the first time. We're here to support you on your journey and provide any information or advice you may need.



SAVE WITH A TWO-YEAR DEGREE

Two-year degrees at Buckingham not only mean you can graduate a whole year earlier, but they are cost effective too. You can save at least £10,000 by studying with us. When living costs are included, our students pay around 20 per cent less than they would on a three-year course at a university charging the standard £9,250pa for tuition. And the best part is: you can graduate with less student debt!

Cost comparison – UK or EU student studying a Business Management degree (2020):

	University of Buckingham 2 YEARS	Traditional university 3 YEARS	University of Buckingham 2 YEARS	Traditional university 3 YEARS
	Living on campus		Living at home	
Tuition	£25,200 (£12,600 x 2 years)	£27,750 (£9,250 x 3 years)	£25,200 (£12,600 x 2 years)	£27,750 (£9,250 x 3 years)
Living expenses¹	£22,000 (£11,000 x 2 years)	£33,000 (£11,000 x 3 years)	N/A	N/A
Total	£47,200	£60,750	£25,200	£27,750
Typical salary earned by graduating 12 months earlier	-£29,550 ²	-£0	-£29,550 ²	-£0
Net Investment	£17,650	£60,750 + £4,350 (credit)		£27,750

¹ Living cost estimate from Moneysavingexpert.com

² Based on the average salary earned after completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Buckingham (2018).

TUITION FEES

Your tuition fees cover the cost of studying with us at the University of Buckingham. Fees may vary by course and whether you are a UK or international student. You can find the individual course fees on our website: just look up the course you wish to study. [buckingham.ac.uk/courses](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/courses)

GOVERNMENT LOANS

Most UK and EU undergraduates will be eligible to receive a tuition fee loan from the government. Income-tested maintenance loans are also available to help with expenses like accommodation, food and bills. Finance for international students is more complicated as loans are available only to students who have lived in the UK for at least three years prior to starting their course. See www.gov.uk/student-finance

FEE GAP

While you will save money with a two-year degree, there can be a fee gap at Buckingham between our tuition fees and the funds you can access through government loans (ie, the tuition fee loan and the maintenance loan). This will depend on the course you choose and the level of maintenance loan you are eligible for. In most cases there will be a fee gap which you will be required to pay to the University on a termly basis (in four instalments each year). This means you will need an additional source of funding. For more information, visit: [buckingham.ac.uk/fees](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/fees)

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

There are a broad range of part-time job opportunities for students both on the University campus and in the wider Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire areas (from cafés, restaurants, retail stores and National Trust properties, to the luxury shopping outlet Bicester Village). Our careers staff can help you find and apply for jobs. Undergraduate-level international students on a Tier 4 visa are currently permitted by law to work a maximum of 20 hours each week during term time, with no limit during vacations.

SAVE ON ESSENTIALS

All students can apply for a National Union of Students (NUS) card, which provides proof of student status and offers discounts of up to 50 per cent on technology, food shopping, eating out, going out, media subscriptions, clothes, travel and university supplies. There are separate cards and programmes that offer a wide range of student discounts, such as UNiDAYS and Student Beans.

If you need help, our Student Fees Office are happy to assist. Email studentfees@buckingham.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1280 820250.

Scholarships & bursaries

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The University of Buckingham saw me deserving of a chance to heal myself and strengthen the world just by awarding me a scholarship.”

Malebogo

Psychology graduate

As a socially responsible university, we're fully committed to attracting and supporting the very best students. A wide range of scholarships, in addition to the University of Buckingham Bursary, are available for students to apply for. These can be awarded based on location, merit or financial need. Examples include:

THE HIGH ACHIEVER SCHOLARSHIP

£2,000 awarded in your first year of study if you achieve AAB or equivalent A-level results.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM BURSARY

£2,000 per year, available to UK and EU students (linked to household income).

There are also a range of subject-specific scholarships on offer.

Bursaries and scholarships are awards from the University of Buckingham that you do not need to repay. Many scholarships have firm application deadlines.

Substantial postgraduate discounts are also available to students wanting to further their studies. These include a 33 per cent discount if you have a first-class honours degree recognised to UK standard; and a 25 per cent discount for Buckingham graduates with a 2:1 undergraduate degree progressing on to a postgraduate course.

See our full range of scholarships at
buckingham.ac.uk/scholarships



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VISIT US



SUBJECT TASTERS

Do you want to get a flavour for your preferred subject area? Tasters run year-round and are a great way for you to better understand a particular course area, experience our top-quality teaching and find out how our small-group tutorials work.

Book now:
[buckingham.ac.uk/tasters](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/tasters)



OPEN DAYS

We run open days throughout the year and they're a great opportunity to explore our riverside campus and meet students and staff, giving you a detailed insight into life at Buckingham.

[buckingham.ac.uk/opendays](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/opendays)



TAKE A TOUR

We run campus tours every week, and can even tailor them according to what subject you're interested in and what accommodation you want to view. Book your place now.

[buckingham.ac.uk/campus-tours](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/campus-tours)



TALK TO A STUDENT ANYTIME

Whenever you log onto our website, current students are available to answer your questions and tell you more about life at Buckingham. You will see them pop up as you roam around the site: be sure to say hi!



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

If you can't make it to Buckingham soon, you can kick back and watch our range of Virtual Open Day videos on everything from Buckingham town to accommodation, clubs and societies, facilities, and more.

[buckingham.ac.uk/tour](https://www.buckingham.ac.uk/tour)

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