



STUDENT FUTURES MANIFESTO

Buckinghamshire New University (BNU) is committed to transforming lives through inspiring employment and profession-focused education and enabling students positively to impact society and their futures.

The Student Futures Manifesto is cocreated with students as a statement of BNU's commitment to enable our students to thrive and succeed.

'Informed before you join'

BNU is committed to supporting students ahead of their arrival through:

- Providing opportunities to meet and talk with tutors and current students through events such as Open Days and Applicant Visit days.
- Inviting offer holders to join the BNU Online community to meet with other prospective students, provide information and ask questions.
- Making online accommodation tours of halls of residence easily accessible.
- Providing a range of useful pre-entry advice and guidance about enrolment, finance, student support, student life and accommodation ahead of arrival.
- Offering face-to-face and online sessions to new students through the Students' Union.

'Celebrating your start'

BNU is committed to supporting students at every stage of their learning journey through:

- Offering clear and communicated programme of events at course, School and University level.
- On-course annual transition programmes embedding scaffolded learning, development and academic skills in all years of studies.
- The Student Hub as a central resource for queries and information related to all aspects of the student journey.
- Providing digital support including digital literacy training, guidance and technical assistance for students at every year of their studies to ensure students can navigate various BNU apps and platforms.
- Supporting Bucks Students' Union to offer a diverse range of activities that create opportunities for students to engage and connect with other BNU students.

'Being You at BNU'

BNU is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing during their studies through:

- Actively promoting all support services at the BNU through our Student Hub and in collaboration with the Students' Union.
- Making students aware of external support provisions available to them such as [Togetherall](#) and [Samaritans](#).



- A range of impartial support and guidance provided by the Students' Union and BNU including disability screening mental health and counselling support and signposting to appropriate help if required.

'Loving your learning'

BNU is committed to providing inclusive and accessible teaching supported by resources and co-created curriculum design through:

- Establishing a University-wide minimum standard for module materials on our Virtual Learning Environment.
- Enhancing flexibility in the curriculum in response to student choice, studies and assessment opportunities.
- Providing opportunities for students to share views to improve their course and the student experience through surveys, student representation in committees and focus groups.
- Proactively engage with students to promote library services and laptop loans.
- Providing students access to personal tutors to support and guide their academic development.

'Activity for everyone'

BNU is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all students through:

- Offering an inclusive variety of activities, events and programmes in collaboration with the University's communities and the Students' Union.
- Encouraging students to participate in extra-curricular activities to enhance social integration, networks and a sense of community.
- Continuing the Leadership Academy through the Students' Union supporting students with leadership and professional skills that are useful for employment.
- Encouraging students to engage in sustainability and social responsibility discussions and initiatives at BNU.

'Life after University'

BNU is committed to enhancing the employability and graduate outcomes of BNU students through:

- Embedding mentoring, placement and internship opportunities for students to develop a range of personal, professional and employability knowledge, skills and behaviours to enhance employability and graduate outcomes.
- Engaging with industry professionals to strengthen partnerships with businesses and social communities equipping student with skills, networks and resources for career success.
- Collaborating with the Students' Union to actively promote employability and careers support services at BNU.
- Providing access to the University's careers service three years after graduation.