

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Here are some things you may need to think about before leaving for the UK.



- Documents**
 Ensure your passport has not expired and allow plenty of time to arrange your Student Route Visa. You will be able to collect your BRP when you arrive in Bournemouth. Take photocopies of all your important documents in case you lose them at any point and keep them in a safe place. When you travel, keep your paperwork and contact details of AUB and your accommodation in luggage.
- Enrolment**
 Before you arrive you'll need to complete your online enrolment through MyApplication. You'll need a photo for your ID card, and photos or scans of your ID documents to upload.
- Money**
 Please be aware that many places in the UK, including AUB's campus no longer accept cash. Many supermarkets will still accept cash so you may wish to bring some with you to buy your essentials. It can take some time to open a bank account in the UK so it may be a good idea to open an online bank account before arriving. You can also use the UniFood Hub app on campus to purchase food and drink.
- Accommodation**
 If you plan to stay in AUB accommodation, make sure you apply and pay the booking fee by the appropriate date. If you are looking for private accommodation, we recommend you look ASAP even before you arrive. If you do it on arrival, organize somewhere to stay while you search.
- Insurance**
 Make arrangements to take out insurance for your personal belongings. This can be done on arrival, but you may want to take out travel insurance to cover you for your journey and the first few days in Bournemouth. Check whether you require health insurance to cover the cost of any medical treatment you might need during your stay in the UK.
- Clothing and packing**
 The weather in the UK is very variable and September to March can be particularly cold, so make sure you pack clothes that are suitable for all seasons, especially the winter. Keep your jacket in your hand luggage rather than your big suitcase, in case you need it as soon as you leave the plane. There are also restrictions on what you can bring into the UK, such as certain foods, plants, and large amounts of money – so familiarize yourself with the rules.
- Travelling to Bournemouth**
 There are many ways to get to Bournemouth from some of the major airports, including a private taxi which you can book online or the national express coach. Make sure you have your transport arranged beforehand.
- Start making friends**
 You do not need to be on AUB campus to start making friends, you can meet and stay in contact with your course mates and university colleagues through online groups, like Facebook and Messenger Groups.