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**HEALTH  
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CARE.**

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*Highest possible rating in the first ever  
Teaching Excellence Framework*

# 98% GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY

*Over 98% of our students are in work or further study within 6 months of graduating.  
Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey, 2015/16*

# HAPPY STUDENTS

*We have consistently high satisfaction levels  
in the National Student Survey*

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# WELCOME TO BGU.



As Head of the School of Social Sciences, I'd like to thank you for expressing an interest in studying Health & Social Care at Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU).

Health & Social Care is an amazing discipline to study at university. Health and Social Care is all about compassion, support and understanding both individual needs and broader socio-cultural context. Here at BGU we practice what we teach. Our course has been developed in consultation with Health and Social Care services across Lincolnshire, thus ensuring relevance to provision within the community and meeting employers' expectations.

The School of Social Sciences at BGU is lively and diverse. It incorporates a broad range of other subjects besides Health & Social Care, including Counselling, Early Childhood Studies, Education Studies, Mathematics, Professional Studies, Psychology, Special Educational Needs & Inclusion, and Sport. Our staff are appointed to teach across a growing range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including such Masters disciplines as Health & Social Care.

The core mission of the School of Social Sciences is to help build and shape professionals who will make a significant difference to people's lives, health and wellbeing, as well as to our communities and society as a whole. The school will achieve this by developing an inspiring and supportive

learning and research environment for students and staff, along with developing partnerships with key stakeholders, the local community and accrediting professional bodies. The school aims to be the best School of Social Sciences at a small and specialist university in the country.

I hope that you find this guide useful, and that you will consider joining us soon. I look forward to welcoming you to BGU.

Warmest Regards,

**Dr Graham Basten,**  
Head of School of Social Sciences



# WHY BGU?



Here at BGU we've been educating students in the historic heart of the City of Lincoln for over 150 years. We're located on a beautifully green and pleasant campus just a few minutes' walk from Lincoln Cathedral, Castle and the old Roman city. We're set on a single-site campus, so just about everything you need is close by, whether it be your tutors, your friends, your lectures or the places in which you like to relax.

We're exceptionally proud of the fact that, over the past 150 years, our commitment to first-class education has remained consistent. Our students are some of the happiest in the UK, which is incredibly important to us. We really care about our students and aim to support them

all of the way through their studies, from application to graduation. Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods of support for your future career along the way. This, alongside our talented graduates, is one of the reasons that we consistently achieve such impressive employability figures – currently over 98% of our students are in work or further study within 6 months of graduating. This is great news for our students who can study at BGU knowing that their education is in safe hands!

We are rated Gold in the first ever Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) assessment, one of only a handful of universities from across the UK given the top award. The judging panel, made up of independent experts


from across the country, stated that we deliver consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for our students.

There's no better way to really get a feel for what BGU has to offer than by coming to visit us. We have a whole host of open days and other events running throughout the year. To book your place now visit

**[www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays)**



# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE.

 Our Health & Social Care degree at BGU assists with meeting the needs of Lincolnshire's Care community. The Health & Social Care Act (2012) saw the introduction of major changes and aims to integrate Health & Social Care services into a more service user-centred and holistic model. Lincolnshire health and social care providers work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for service users, families, and communities. For the first time, many services, including hospitals, doctors, nurses, housing, aged care and social care workers, are in meaningful conversation about how to best assist those most in need.

Our class sizes are generally small, which means you'll have a more personalised learning experience. You won't be lost in the crowd, and you will have access to lecturers and tutors who support your learning needs. This is great for you as our teaching staff include experienced health care, social work and social care professionals, with many years' combined experience in both practice and in higher education. They are committed to sharing relevant experiences within practice for you, and drawing upon real-life issues and dilemmas resolved by using creative problem-solving skills and techniques. Our academic staff are not only teachers, but also active researchers in their fields of expertise, with a current collection of international articles,

book chapters and conference presentations.

As well as theories and research, here at BGU we like to keep it real. The course has been developed in consultation with a variety of Lincolnshire Health & Social Care services, to ensure relevance to the community and to meet employers expectations. Guest speakers, including practitioners and service-users, who will share their experiences with you. You will undertake several work-experience placements. Which give you a real hands on experience of working within Lincolnshire's Health and Social care services.

## KEY FACTS

<b>Award:</b>	BA (Hons) Single Honours
<b>Duration:</b>	3 years
<b>Start date:</b>	September
<b>Typical offer:</b>	96 – 112 UCAS tariff points
<b>Institution code:</b>	B38
<b>Academic School:</b>	School of Social Sciences

For full details of all of our courses, including combinations, modules, entry requirements and much more, visit [www.bishopg.ac.uk](http://www.bishopg.ac.uk)



# WHAT WE OFFER.



## OUR TEACHING METHODS

There is no one-size-fits-all method of teaching at BGU - we shape our methods to suit each subject and each group, combining the best aspects of traditional university teaching with innovative techniques to promote student participation and interactivity.

You will be taught in a variety of ways, from lectures, tutorials and seminars, to practical workshops, coursework and work-based placements. Small group seminars and workshops will provide you with an opportunity to review issues raised in lectures, and you will be expected to carry out independent study supported by our Digital Learning environment.

Placements are a key part of degree study at BGU. They provide an enriching learning experience for you to apply the skills and knowledge you will gain from your course and, in doing so, give valuable real-world experience to boost your career.

## ASSESSMENT

We recognise that individuals come from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, so we use a variety of assessment strategies on our courses. Assessments in Health & Social Care will be varied, depending on the subject matter and the intended learning outcomes. You will write essays, develop presentations and class papers, lead discussions, engage with multi-media and ICT projects, complete reflective diaries, devise case studies and role plays, and participate in simulations and enquiry-based learning.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

Studying at BGU is a student-centred experience. Staff and students work together in a friendly and supportive atmosphere as part of an intimate campus community. You will know every member of staff personally and feel confident approaching them for help and advice, and staff members will recognise you, not just by sight, but as an individual with unique talents and interests. We will be there to support you, personally and academically, from induction to graduation, and beyond.

# WHAT YOU WILL STUDY.



At BGU, you can study Health & Social Care as a single honours degree, giving you an in-depth knowledge of the subject. Depending on your year of entry, options and any potential course combinations, you may study some or all of the following modules in Health & Social Care.

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# OUR MODULES.

## FIRST YEAR

### **Introduction to Working in Health and Social Care**

This module serves as an induction to learning and personal development in higher education, set within the context of health and social care. It introduces the subject, along with examining the diversity of settings and roles in health and social care and public health, looking at inequalities in health and social care, and providing a background and historical context to health and social care in the UK.

### **Theoretical Perspectives**

In this module, you will be introduced to theories and concepts across the disciplines of sociology, psychology, philosophy and social policy. You will explore the theoretical concepts that inform a variety of complex group and individual human behaviours and consider theoretical perspectives related to group and individual human behaviour.

### **Professional Practice Skills**

Develop your understanding of the values and principles and ethics that underpin the practice of all those who work in health and social care, using examples from experience e.g. in different care roles, in different settings. The module will consider the rights of children and young people and vulnerable people to communicate their ideas and make their own choices, whilst keeping them safe from harm.

### **Working in Partnership**

This module will provide you with the opportunity of exploring three levels of partnership: firstly, at service user level between users and professionals; secondly, at an inter-professional level between practitioners; thirdly, at organisational and policy level.



# OUR MODULES. (CONT)

## SECOND YEAR

### **Law, Human Rights and Ethics**

During this module, you will take a problem based approach to the tensions between the law and social care values and ethics that can lead to dilemmas and challenges for practitioners. The module will consider the tensions and conflicts which are apparent when working within a legal framework and the application of the law which underpins practice.

### **Social Policy**

You will examine how social problems become conceived as such by the media, government and civil society and analyse the impact of particular social problems on society. You will deal with the mainstream perspectives and concepts which underpin the shaping of modern social policy, as well as examining critical and radical perspectives.

### **Designing Interventions**

This module aims to explore and examine the foundations of health and social care practice and its role within society. It will support you to explore the following questions: 1) What is health and social care? 2) What is the role of health and social care within society? 3) What is effective direct intervention in health and social care?

### **Introduction to Social Research Methods**

You will explore the importance of research in health and social care work to introduce you to basic research knowledge and skills and enhance your ability to apply these to research in your work. You will be acquainted with primary methods (observation, interview, questionnaire, experiment) and secondary sources: journals, textbooks, public media, internet.



I think the best thing about BGU is the support; we've got CELT (Centre for Enhancement in Learning and Teaching) for academic questions, Student advice for more emotional, personal issues and the Chaplaincy. That's really important especially to certain people, it's even more important to others and I don't think that all unis have the same resources on offer. I know exactly where to go for what I need."

Hannah



# OUR MODULES. (CONT)

## FINAL YEAR

### **Social Context of Wellbeing, Health and Illness**

This module intends to provide you with the evidence, concepts and theories required to develop a critical understanding of the ideologically contested nature of health and illness and the wide range of social factors that influence individual and population health. You will investigate the causes and extent of inequalities in health status within and between different social groups, the impact of globalisation and will consider the issues of socio-economic and environmental determinants of health.

### **Using Research in Practice**

You will be introduced to the practical application of research methods looking at different theoretical perspectives and considering the analysis of information. The module will emphasise the importance of undertaking research and evaluation and that the utilisation of research findings in practice should be an integral part of any health and social worker's activities regardless of their field of practice.

### **Multidisciplinary Practice**

This module aims to enable you to develop an awareness of professional and contextual issues relevant to the practice of health and social care in workplace environments. Typical topics covered may include legal, social and political context for multi-agency working, and the professional and practical barriers to partnership working.

### **Dissertation**

You will be guided in the following topics; writing a literature review, project management; sources of evidence; presenting data and information; risk management; ethics and good practice principles. The module content enables you to undertake individually directed study with the view to assimilate theory with practice and to critically appraise sources of evidence relating to a chosen topic area of social work practice.



# CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY.



Over 98% of our students are in work or further study within 6 months of graduating. This is great news for you as it means that you can study for a degree knowing that your future is in safe hands. Our employability rates are consistently high and are very important to us here at BGU, which is why we offer placement opportunities as an integral part of our courses.

On completing a Health & Social Care degree at BGU, you will have developed a broad range of skills and attributes which will make you ideally suited for a wide range of employment opportunities or for further study.

Possible future career directions could include work as a Family Support Worker, work within drug and alcohol-related support services, support work in relation to homelessness or family violence, or employment in the fields of community, public or mental health as well as more traditional health care services.

Information taken from Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey, 2015/16.



**“ I feel that BGU will help me greatly in my future career due to the great course I am on, the support offered in finding employment and the distinguished reputation the university has.”**

**Connor**



# WHAT OUR STUDENTS THINK.

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I have a real passion for the care and welfare of people, and the provision of care has become incredibly important to me. I am approaching the completion of the Health and Social care degree and I feel it has introduced an academic take on the industry to me. I have a deeper knowledge on theory, reflective practice, law and rights, historic social issues, social justice and the opportunity to experience different service providers through placement.

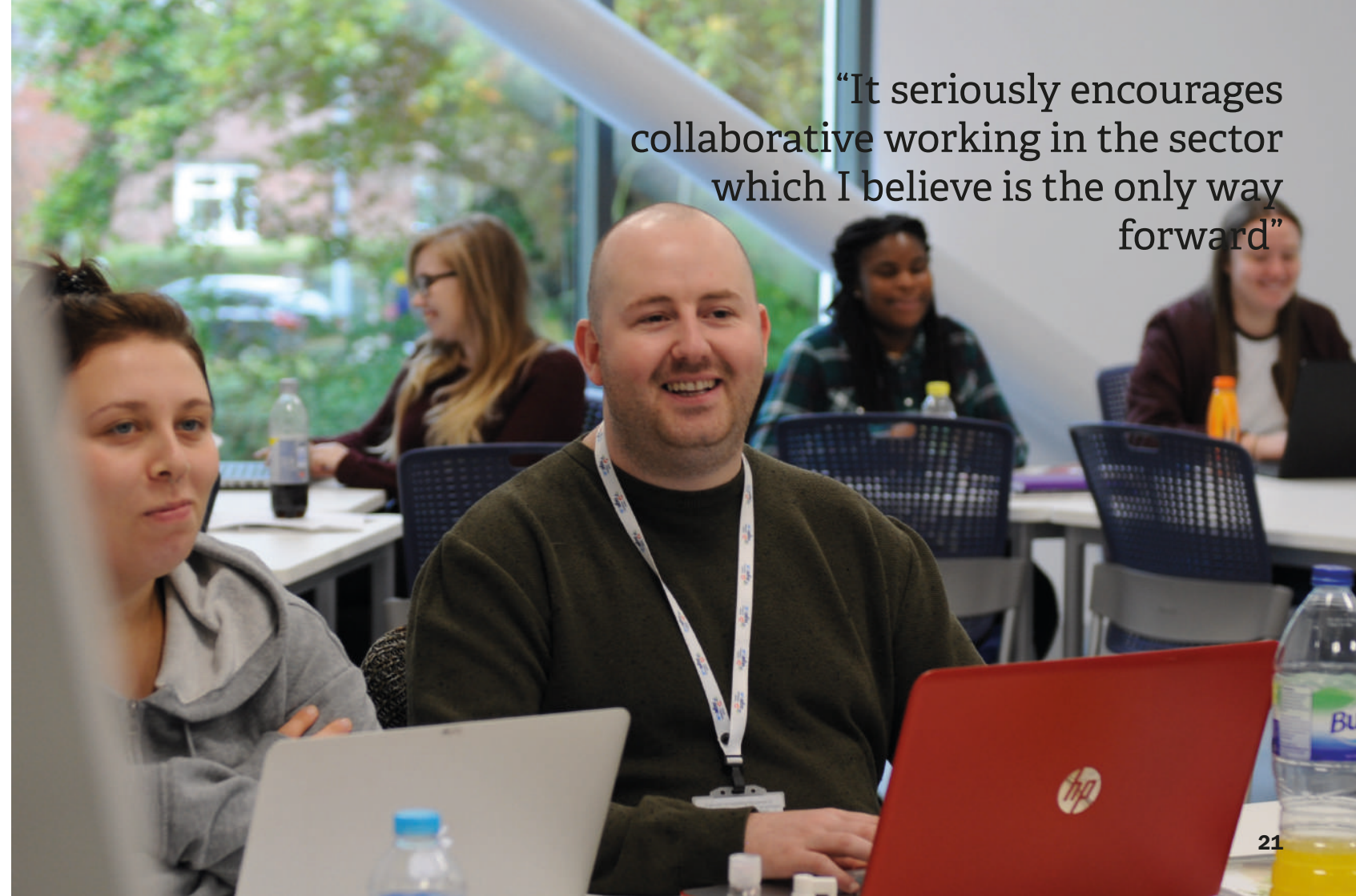
The degree is at a higher level than I have trained at before and has challenged me to not only rely on my experience for effective decision making but to also use more of a methodical and accurate approach and incorporate different theories (that have been tried and tested) into decision making and overall approach.

The course has consisted of a variety of things from guest speakers, group work, practical challenge based activities, presentations, placements and student exchange trips. It has focused on ensuring that Health and Social Care no longer continue to be separate entities and it seriously encourages collaborative working in the sector which I believe is the only way forward to achieve a brighter and person-centred future in the industry.

I am now furthering my education by staying on and doing the newly introduced Masters in Health and Social Care Leadership which really does sound fantastic! Furthermore, I am due to start a new job soon where I will become a CQC Registered Manager for a specialist Dementia Home.

The degree has significantly improved not only my knowledge and approach but also my employment and financial prospects.”

**Damian**



“It seriously encourages collaborative working in the sector which I believe is the only way forward”



# WHAT MAKES A BGU STUDENT STAND OUT.



## TEACHING EXCELLENCE.

Our teaching has been awarded the highest possible rating in the first ever Government-led Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) assessment, a rating which was awarded to just the top 26% of universities in the UK. This shows that you will receive the same high standard of education at BGU as you would at other leading universities such as Cambridge and Oxford.

We've always strived to provide outstanding teaching and learning here at BGU and now we have the award to prove it. This means you can rest assured that coming to study at BGU will provide you with education of the highest quality possible.

The judging panel recognised and highlighted BGU's strengths in all three elements of the TEF – namely teaching quality, the learning environment and student outcomes. Their written statement praised BGU's “personalised approach with high quality support” and commented on the outstanding support that is available at BGU which ensures “that students from all backgrounds achieve excellent outcomes”.

We're incredibly proud of this recognition of our teaching excellence, and will continue to provide a first-class education to all of our students.

**TEF** Gold





# WHAT MAKES A BGU STUDENT STAND OUT.



## EMPLOYABILITY.

BGU has consistently high employability rates. Currently over 98% of our students are in work or further study within 6 months of graduating. Of course, we think our students are fantastic from the minute they arrive on campus, but we aim to offer as much support as we can throughout their time here in order to help make them as employable as possible.

Our courses are tailored to help prepare you for life after graduation. This could be through placements in settings relevant to your field, or through one-to-one support time offered within the university. We also try to keep our class sizes smaller, to allow you a more personalised learning experienced.

We offer students the chance to participate in our Employability Award, which is designed to help you become fully prepared for the working environment by the time you graduate, gaining valuable experience along the way. You earn points by participating in additional work experience, volunteering, part-time and vacation work, attending relevant employability award workshops and lectures, and taking part in on-campus activities.



**“ During my time at BGU, I have vastly developed and improved the way I study and the skills I have, both through my degree course and also my involvement with the Students’ Union. The availability of employability and study skills sessions, along with the incredible support I received from members of academic and support staff at BGU was unbelievable. Looking back on my time at BGU, the help I received while I was there was a major part in me being able to go on to have a successful career.”**

**Rob**



# WHAT MAKES A BGU STUDENT STAND OUT.



## HAPPINESS.

Here at BGU our students are amongst the happiest in the UK, and they love studying here – proven by the fact that we have consistently high ratings for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey. We think there are a number of reasons as to why our students are so happy. It could be down to the excellent facilities they have right here on campus, the support they receive from before they've even started studying here, or the fact that they continue to receive that support up until graduation and beyond!

Right here on campus we have a wide range of facilities, ranging from our very own cinema, cafes and a gym through to subject-specific state-of-the-art facilities, such as the brand new Archaeology lab and the Business hub (not to mention

our theatre, Human Performance Laboratory and much more besides). Our students enjoy full use of these facilities throughout their studies here with us and we are always looking to improve our campus and what we have to offer.

We really care about our students, so we aim to support them all the way through their studies, from application to graduation. Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods of support for your future career along the way.



**I've been here two and a half years and it's gone by so fast. I've enjoyed it so much! I wish that I could just rewind it or press pause!"**

**Ricky**



# WHAT MAKES A BGU STUDENT STAND OUT.



## LINCOLN.

We know Lincoln very well – we have been here in the historic heart of the city for over 150 years after all! From its charming cobbled streets uphill to its modern waterfront downhill, Lincoln has so much to offer students. The history enthusiast can immerse themselves in the city's rich heritage, the bargain hunter can trawl the independent shops and boutiques, the food-fanatic can dine at the many restaurants and bistros – there really is something for everyone!

Lincoln is a unique city – the Romans thought so when they set up camp here over 2,000 years ago and we tend to agree with them (although we're probably a little biased!). In recent years, the city has matured into a thriving cultural hotspot – a heady mixture of old and new, historic and contemporary,

traditional and cutting edge. And most importantly, it's also extremely student-friendly. With students making up a significant proportion of the population of the city you can be sure that when you arrive here you'll be in good company. Lincoln is in the heart of England in the East Midlands, ideally placed to give you easy access to the rest of the country.

The city is really easy to navigate around on foot and is essentially split into two halves. The uphill historic area boasts beautiful cobbled streets, the majestic Cathedral, hilltop Castle and BGU.

Downhill is the more modern city centre, focused around the busy High Street and Brayford waterfront. With a variety of live entertainment venues, cultural attractions and nightlife hotspots across the city, you'll be sure to find plenty to keep you entertained.



**I think Lincoln is really diverse - you have the great contrast between historic and modern. It's nice because the historic part is really interesting but you've also got the modern parts which are great for shopping and relaxing. There's lots of student things going on because there are so many students here, because of the two universities. It makes it a nice atmosphere. It's not a huge and daunting city - it's quaint."**

**Emma**



# OUR CAMPUS.



We're very proud of our campus. We've been here for a very long time, developing and growing with the city around us. We continually look to make improvements to ensure BGS is an excellent place in which to study, live, work and relax. In recent years, we've built upon and reimagined many elements of our campus to ensure that your time with us will be as stimulating, interesting, relaxing and rewarding as possible.

Some of our buildings date from the 1840s and are still in use today. We complement these fine Victorian buildings with brand new teaching and learning spaces, providing an enticing mix of the old and the new, the intimate and the expansive. Our modern library and brand new state-

of-the-art teaching rooms will ensure that you have the best facilities possible for your studies here.

But, of course, the academic side of things is only one part of studying for a degree. You also need to make sure that your university can satisfy your hunger, thirst and entertainment needs - fortunately, we've got that covered! With places on campus to eat, drink, relax, meet friends, socialise, watch the latest films and exercise, we certainly manage to pack a lot into our campus to keep you busy!



**The campus is really nice. It's quite small, but you've got a cinema, you've got restaurants, you've got everything you need. Last year I never left! I can go weeks without leaving campus!"**

**Shannah**



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



## OPEN DAYS.

So you've found a course you're interested in - what next? We feel very strongly that coming along to visit us on an Open Day is the very best way to find out everything about BGU.

A BGU Open Day is designed with you in mind, to give you a taste of what it's like to live, study and work here. We try to make everything as easy as possible for you, so you can relax and enjoy the day. You'll have the chance to explore the campus and surrounding area, speak to members of academic staff about the courses you're interested in, look around our accommodation, and get any questions you may have answered.


Book your place on our next Open Day now - visit [www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays)

If you think you'd like to apply, need more information or just want to speak to somebody about your options, contact our Enquiries team by calling **01522 583658** or emailing [enquiries@bishopg.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bishopg.ac.uk)



**Ready to apply?** Brilliant. We can't wait to receive your application! For the majority of our courses you will apply through UCAS – visit [www.bishopg.ac.uk](http://www.bishopg.ac.uk) for all the information you will need. And don't worry – if you need help with anything, from UCAS scores to personal statements, we're here to help. Our dedicated team are ready to answer your queries and questions.



A close-up photograph of a young woman with long brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a black graduation cap and a blue graduation gown with a gold and blue stole. The background is blurred, showing other graduates in similar attire.

“Lincoln is a nice place for students for two reasons – the environment and the local people. Even though Lincoln is small, it offers everything I need – I like that everything is in walking distance. In addition, the people here are friendly and helpful and they are always willing to talk to me or help me. As an international student here, I have never felt isolated or bored in Lincoln. I would definitely say that the staff make BGU different. Honestly, all the staff at BGU are amazing! They are not only professional but also very helpful and kind. The staff here are willing to do their best to help me. I remember once a teacher asked me the difference between BGU and the other university I went to in the past – I said ‘BGU is like a loving family’. As an international student, I could not ask for a better studying experience abroad. I am grateful studying at BGU, and the great memories that I have here will last for a lifetime.”

**Xian**

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