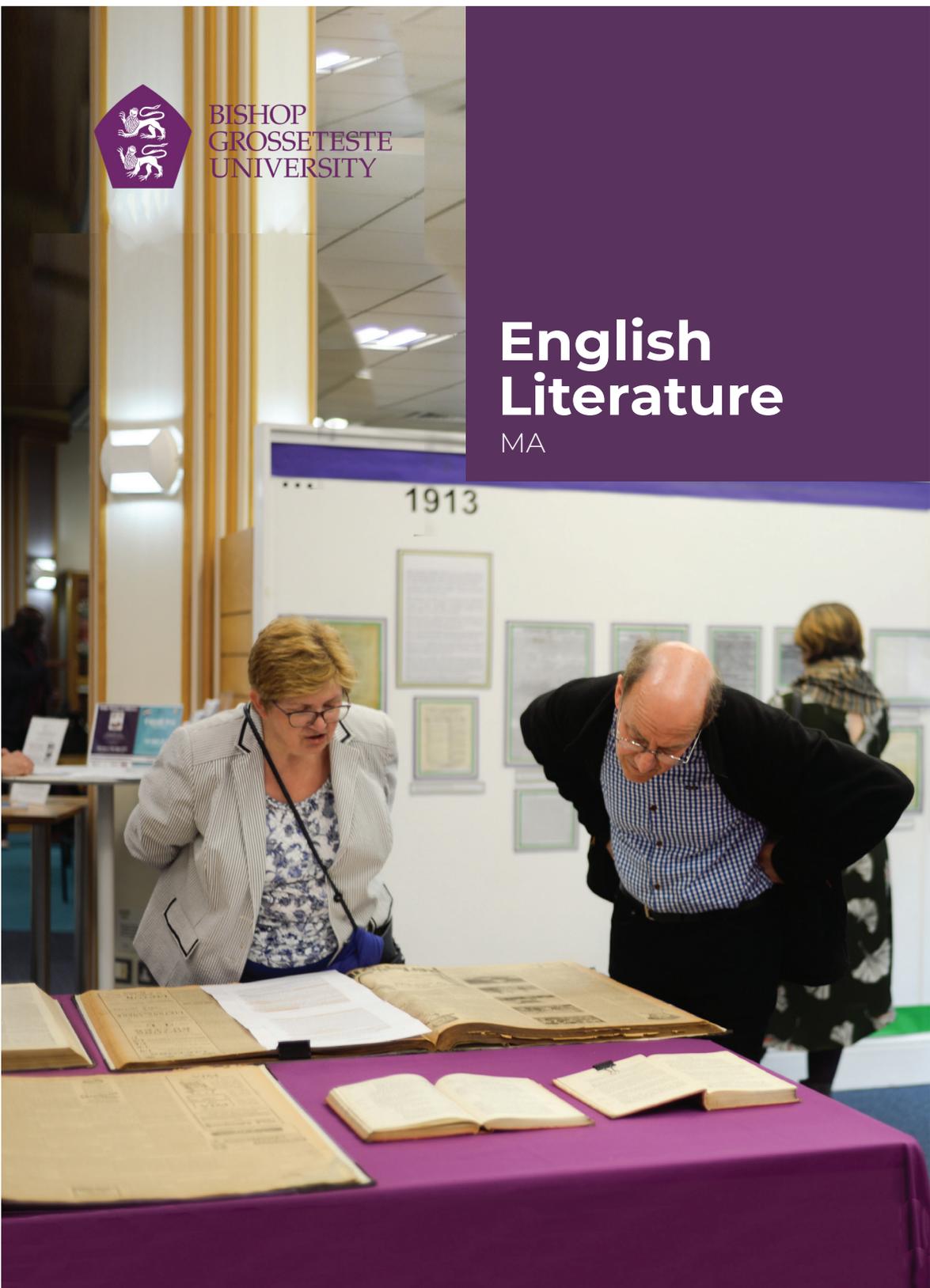




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# English Literature

MA



# Why study at BGU?

The MA in English Literature is dynamic,  
distinctive, and diverse

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It draws on the research strengths of a  
team committed to current, original,  
and archival scholarly research

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The MA in English Literature brings out the  
best in you through a student-centred strategy that  
enables you to follow your interests

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The MA in English Literature offers very  
innovative learning opportunities and  
distinctive forms of assessment

# Hello

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# MA English Literature at BGU

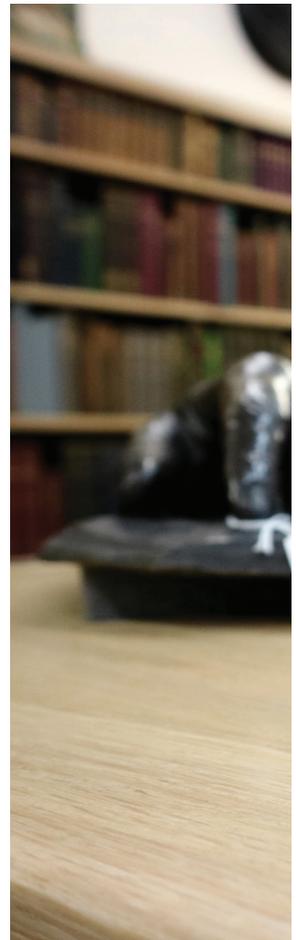
Our English Literature MA course offers an opportunity to deepen your passion for English literature and engage with the most up-to-date disciplinary debates. Based upon established models of scholarship, this programme moves between the study of single authors, literary genres, thematic threads and literary periods.

A Masters in English Literature at BGU is ideal if you wish to broaden and extend your engagement with English Literature. You will explore a range of literary genres, approaches, and themes within a post-Enlightenment context, from 1780 to the present day. You will gain advanced knowledge of English literature, powers of literary critical analysis, research, independent scholarship, and knowledge transfer through excellent communication skills. The

course will equip you with highly sought-after organisational, project-managing, delivery, liaison, problem-solving, and interaction skills.

You will examine a variety of theories, forms and frameworks which engage with the current debates that shape Literary Studies through research-led modules. Two team-taught modules uncover new and darker sides of literature, as well as innovative ways to interpret the past and the present through different perspectives. Framing Genre, Thematic Threads, The Author in Focus, and Literature in Time are modules studying selected authors, literary periods, genres and themes. You will have the opportunity to pursue your own interests in a variety of written and verbal assignments. The final dissertation gives you the space to push your literary passion further individually.

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





The whole MA English course has been fantastic but the stand out moment was having the opportunity to be one of the curators for an exhibition on Women's Suffrage. To be able to work on something that celebrates a cause so close to my heart was incredible and the experience I've gained through it has been invaluable. My ultimate aim is to do my PhD before starting a career as an exhibition curator and my course at BGU has allowed me to gain first-hand experience."

**Sian**  
MA English Literature

## KEY FACTS

**AWARD:** Masters (MA)

**DURATION:** 1 years full-time  
2 years part-time

**START DATE:** September

**TYPICAL OFFER:**

Obtained, or predicted to obtain, normally an undergraduate honours degree in an English related subject (or equivalent).

**INSTITUTION CODE:** B38



I think that, with all the skills this course has given, I could go into lots of different areas - it's not limiting at all. I have the freedom of choice which is quite nice."

**Emma**  
English Literature

## MA English Literature modules

At BGU you can study English Literature as a **Masters** 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 English Literature at BGU.

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# Modules

## Theorising Literature: Critical Frameworks

This module explores the critical frameworks at the core of literary studies by engaging with developing, recent critical frameworks, theories and forms that shape current and future trends in English Literature. It develops and consolidates your awareness of the models of literary critical approaches reinforced by a suite of four 15-credit modules on author, genre, theme, and period-based studies.

## Literature in Time

This module focuses on scholarly models based upon periodization, historical context and concepts of the literary 'moment'. It explores how texts and subjects are embedded in the historical 'moment', and investigates how period-based approaches reflect upon literature's relationship to the past. It has an oral form of assessment that is designed to develop confident presentation and enhanced communication skills.

## Framing Genre

You will focus on scholarly models based upon the concept of the literary genre. It explores how literary texts and subjects are understood through frameworks of shared literary forms and traditions. Through its compact form, the written assignment is designed to develop the effective and concise articulation of a logical and coherent argument.

## The Dark Side of Literature

This research-led module explores contemporary debates across a breadth of transgressive literary genres and subjects, potentially including the Gothic, criminality, monstrosity, dystopian and science fiction. Rather than focusing on a single period of literature, genre or subject, it engages with a range of challenging and controversial debates at the forefront of current scholarship.

## The Author in Focus

This module focuses upon scholarly models defined through authorship. It studies the oeuvre of a single author, reflecting upon the ideas and literary techniques that inform their work. Through a variety of approaches, it will widen and deepen your understanding of an author's career development and literary reputation.

## Thematic Threads

In this module you will focus on literary models based upon a thematic critical approach. It explores how disparate literary texts, authors, genres, and periods are connected through thematic threads. Through its compact form, the written assignment is designed to develop the effective and concise articulation of a logical and coherent argument.

## Dissertation

The dissertation represents the culmination of the MA degree programme. Developing from the scholarly frameworks established by prior modules, this module gives you the opportunity to undertake an extensive piece of independent research based upon a topic of your choosing. It builds on the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the programme and challenges you to demonstrate your capacity for sustained research, scholarly evaluation and critical positioning, and high level academic production.

# Case Study

BGU was always my first choice when considering universities, my mum had been an education student here so the campus was a really familiar place and just felt like home. Everything about it is beautiful from the leafy green trees to red brick buildings and everything on the inside is just as amazing.

Everyone at BGU – the academics, staff and students – are so helpful, you get to know everyone which creates a real community. The learning facilities are brilliant as well, especially the library and its archive which is packed full of incredible resources.

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a cause so close to my heart was incredible and the experience I've gained through it has been invaluable. My ultimate aim is to do my PhD before starting a career as an exhibition curator and my course at BGU has allowed me to gain first-hand experience.

This opportunity only came about because, unlike a lot of university academics, the lecturers at BGU get to know you personally and take a real interest in your progression and the things you enjoy. My lecturer knew how involved I was in suffragette history and when she was asked to be part of the project she made sure I could be too. I don't think you would find that level of support at any other university and it would be a dream to carry on to my PhD at BGU.

**Sian Hope-Johnson**  
MA in English



# What we offer

## Delivery

Throughout this course, you will be offered individual, independent modules delivered through a flexible timetable (which can also accommodate a part-time study route). It provides diversity in both content and structure, with longer modules offering breadth and scope, complemented by specialist modules providing depth and focus. You will be able to tailor the assessment according to your own interests and produce your individual dissertation.

## Assessment

Teaching will be based on independent research tasks feeding into regular small group seminar sessions. Through a combination of expert commentary and critical discussion, students will acquire the skills and frameworks required for

a range of oral, written and research-oriented assessments. These literary assessments will develop advanced communication and presentation skills for a multiplicity of professional future.

## 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.



## Research

This MA is research-inspired. It is designed to capture contemporary disciplinary debates with research-led modules informed by the staff's current interests, publications, and collaborative projects.

English literature has an established research culture and postgraduates will be invited to join our staff at regular literary events, workshops, and presentations. Students will be encouraged to participate in the Research Seminar Series and other literary

events, all of which will be scheduled to coincide with MA teaching days.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, 83% of the work submitted by English staff was judged to be of 'international' quality, including research that was deemed 'world leading' in its originality. The team publishes on Tennyson, Blake, Victorian and contemporary women writers, Romantic and Gothic literature, visual culture, travel and life writing, intergenerational intellectual legacy, British fiction of the 1980s and Thatcherism.



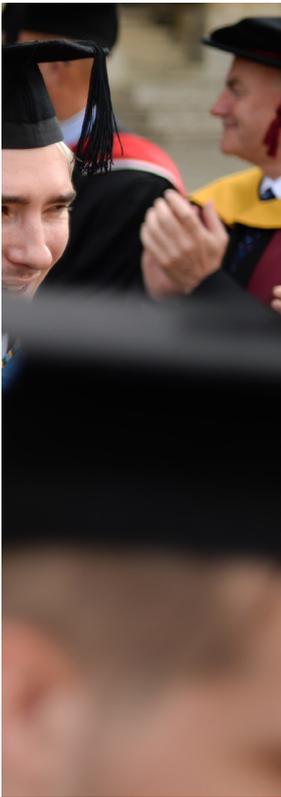


## Your future

Our students have excellent rates of employability when they graduate from BGU, which 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 extremely important to us here at BGU.

This Masters course will prepare you for a variety of professions that depend on advanced critical, literary and analytical skills, and also

depend on the sophisticated communication and research abilities you will gain. This may include careers such as publishing, librarianship, journalism, professional writing or within academia (through obtaining a PhD) and teaching. However, a Masters in English need not result in a career specifically tied to the subject. Our graduates will also be in a strong position to move into occupations relating to marketing, management or public relations.



Take a look at what qualities and skills you'll develop as a BGU student  
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# Why BGU?

Here at BGU we've been providing first-class education to students for over 150 years. We're based in the heart of historic Lincoln, a beautiful and extremely student-friendly city.

Navigating around Lincoln on foot is simple, from the cobbled streets uphill to the modern city centre and waterfront downhill.

We're located uphill on an attractive, leafy campus just a few minutes' walk from Lincoln's medieval Cathedral, Castle and Bailgate area.

With plenty of live entertainment, cultural attractions and nightlife hotspots, there's plenty to keep you entertained, uphill and downhill.

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As a single-site campus, 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.

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.

People often say that there's something special about BGU, that the people really care. There's a warm and friendly feel to life here, and we do everything possible to look after our students however we can.

Studying as part of a close-knit community, you'll get to know staff personally and feel confident in being able to approach them for help and

Explore what we have to offer on our campus at [bishopg.ac.uk/campus](https://bishopg.ac.uk/campus)

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I came here on an Open Day and really loved it. My first impression at the Open Day was that I really liked it because it was smaller – you go to some universities and they are really massive, scary big city campuses, but here I felt really comfortable.”

**Hayley**  
Education Studies



advice. Staff will recognise you - not just by sight but as an individual with unique talents, interests and needs. We'll be there to support you, academically and personally, from the day you start until long after you leave.

Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods

of support for your future career. This, alongside our talented graduates, is one of the reasons that we consistently achieve impressive employability figures.

This is great news for you as you'll be able to study at BGU knowing that your education is in safe hands!

There's no better way to really get a feel for what BGU has to offer than by coming to visit us. To book your place now visit [bishopp.ac.uk/opendays](https://www.bishoprossett.ac.uk/opendays)



The family feel is exactly why people should study at BGU. BGU becomes your home regardless of your age or background. In fact, I felt such a connection with the University on my first visit that I went to five Open Days before I started my BA. I wanted to be part of BGU straight away and I know it will stay with me forever.”

**Kate**

Drama in the Community  
& MA in Education

# 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,

and 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.

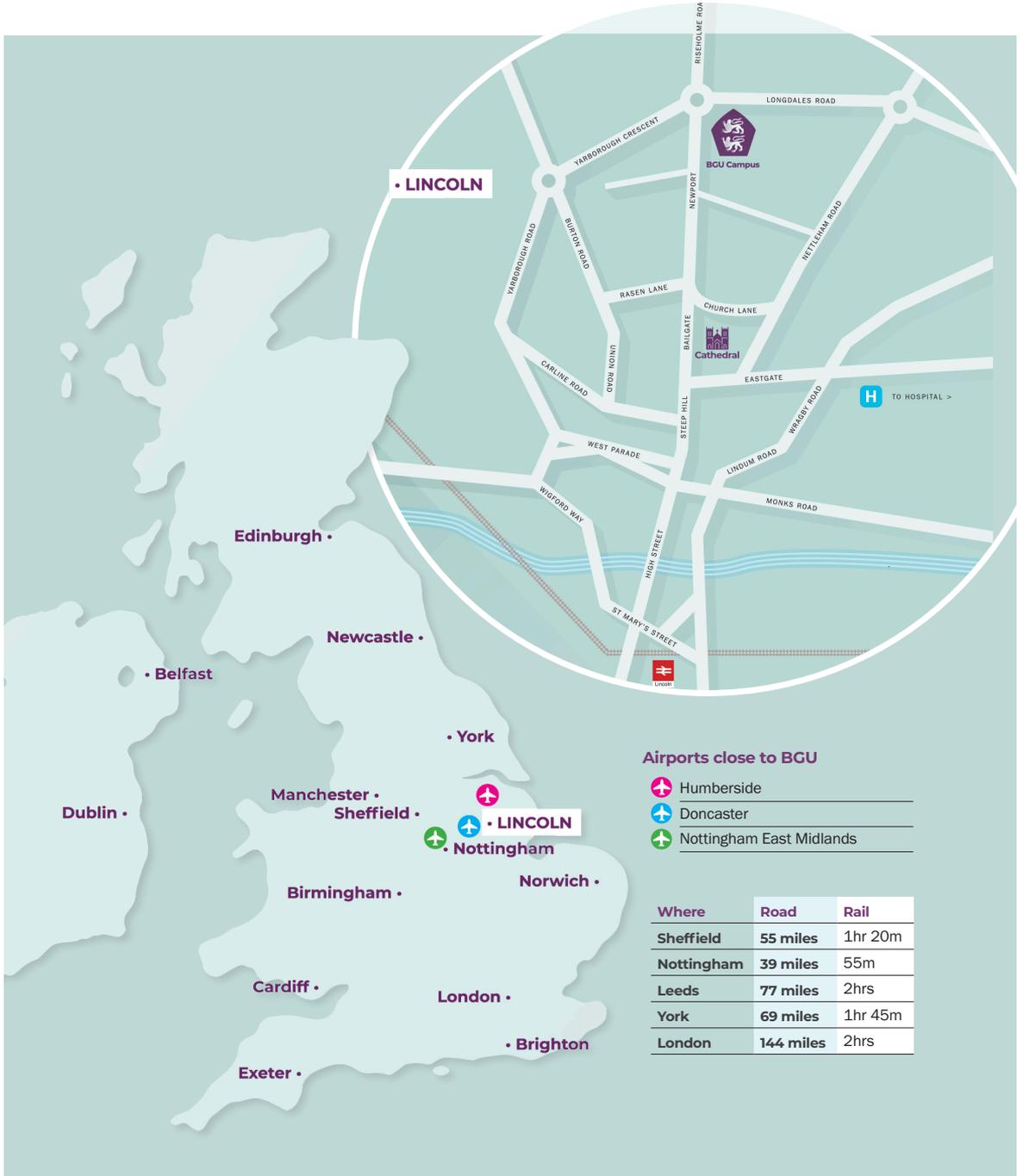
Book your place on our next Open Day now - visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays**

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**

**Ready to apply?** Brilliant. We can't wait to receive your application! For the majority of our MA courses you will apply through the relevant course page on our website. Simply click on the **'Apply Now'** button to download a form – visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk** for all the information you will need. And don't worry – if you need help with anything, we're here to assist. Our dedicated team are ready to answer your queries and questions.

The contents of this booklet are correct at the time of going to print (January 2020). For full and up-to-date information on all of our courses, visit **bishopg.ac.uk**

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## Airports close to BCU

-  Humberside
-  Doncaster
-  Nottingham East Midlands

Where	Road	Rail
Sheffield	55 miles	1hr 20m
Nottingham	39 miles	55m
Leeds	77 miles	2hrs
York	69 miles	1hr 45m
London	144 miles	2hrs

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everyone which creates  
a real community. The  
learning facilities are  
brilliant as well, especially  
the library and its archive  
which is packed full of  
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**Sian**

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