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2026 University Rankings
The Guardian 2026: Top art & design specialist outside London.
The Complete University Guide 2026: Top specialist university in the South West, and in the Top 5 in the region overall.
The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026: Second best art and design specialist university in the UK. Top specialist university in the region.

Established in 1880, Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) is a creative specialist arts institution offering courses in art, design media and performance on the south coast of England in Bournemouth, Dorset.

AUB's students and graduates are recognised and sought after by creative industries with a quarter of the Best New Creatives list 2024 comprised entirely of AUB students. The University is also at the forefront of creative research with more than 12% of AUB's research now being classed as 'world-leading' with a further 42% being classed 'internationally excellent', according to REF 2021.

Novuna, a leading financial services company, looked into nearly 10 million LinkedIn profiles of current UK entrepreneurs – alumni that held job titles such as 'Founder', 'CEO', or 'Managing Director'. This research concluded that, out of 121 universities in the country, 4.72% of the alumni graduated from AUB between 2003 and 2022. This places AUB 16th in the UK, as well as one of the top specialist arts universities outside of London, for entrepreneurship.

A recipient of two Queen's Awards for Enterprise for Costume and Film, the University is home to Bournemouth Film School, with award-winning alumni including Oscar and BAFTA award-winning director Simon Beaufoy, fashion stylist Twinks Burnett and Turner Prize-winning photographer Wolfgang Tillmans.

AUB's award-winning campus includes specialist state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, including a purpose-built Drawing Studio designed by alumnus Professor Sir Peter Cook RA, and cutting-edge technology lab Innovation Studio, which houses world-class design, fabrication, and 3D printing technologies.

2024/25 Awards
People & Planet's University League 2025 - 20th place / 1st
Compared to Universities with less that 5,000 students, AUB ranks highest in the UK.

Green Gown Awards UK & Ireland (TBC November 2024)

- Finalist – Sustainability Institution of the Year

- Finalist – 2030 Climate Action – Travel to AUB

Independent Advisor Solar Panels – UK's Greenest Universities
Silver – Commitment to renewable energy (awarded July 2024)

Inclusive Employers Standard (IES) – Silver award
(the highest-ranking university awarded in 2024)