

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON, GREATER MANCHESTER

International Student Support



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM



**International
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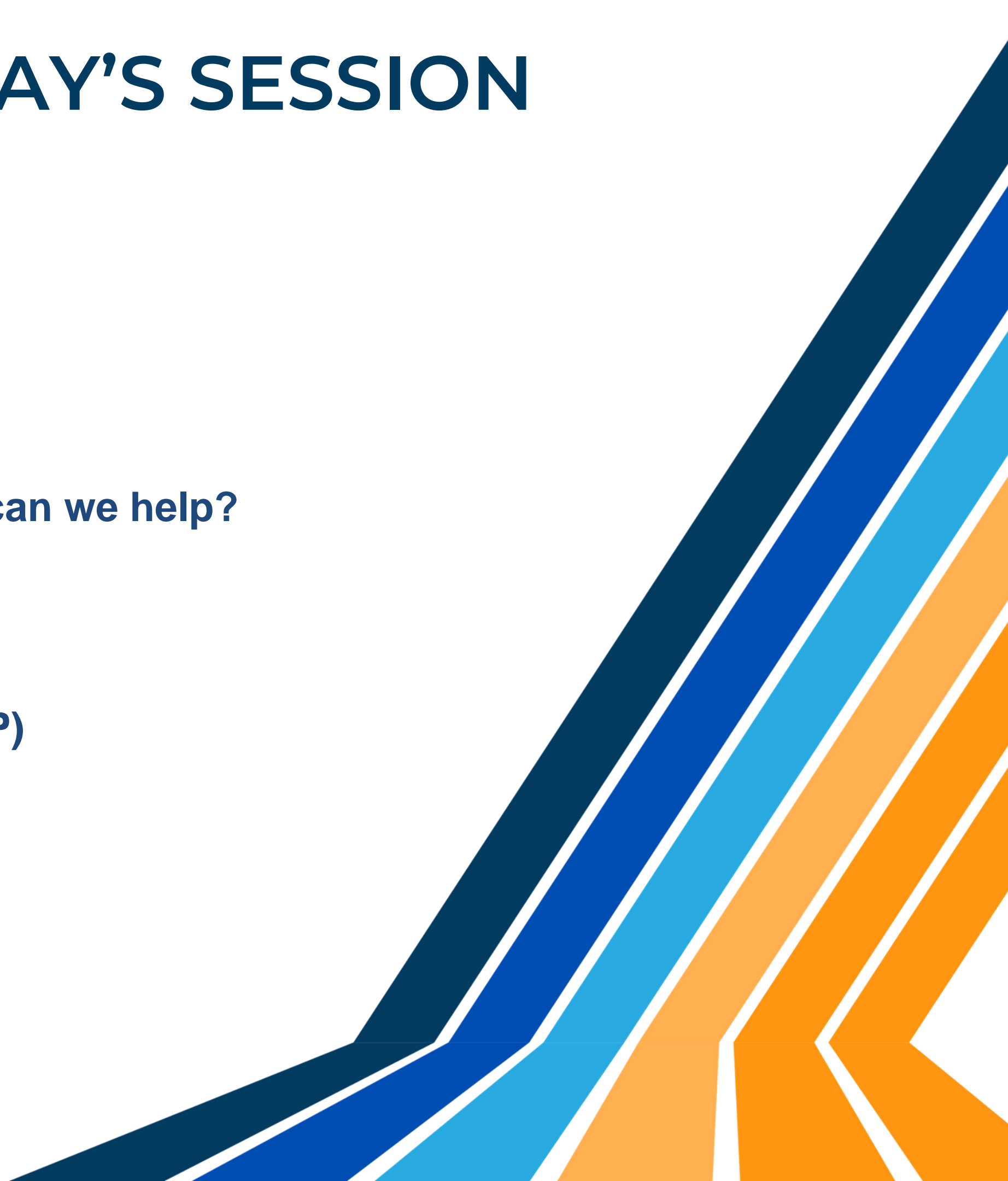
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**International Student
Support Co-ordinator
(Graduate Intern)**

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Welcome to our new
International Students

TOPICS COVERED IN TODAY'S SESSION

- **Welcome to the University of Bolton**
 - **Introduction from the UKVI Compliance Team**
 - **UKVI Legislation**
 - **Q & A**
 - **Introduction to Student Support Services – How can we help?**
 - **The Student Portal**
 - **Travelling During Term Time**
 - **Learning Excellence Achievement Pathway (LEAP)**
 - **Culture Shock**
 - **Additional Support Services**
 - **MyBolton App**
 - **Q & A**
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UKVI REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Work Regulations:

Term Time:

- Maximum of 20 hours/week (full-time degree students).
- Limited to roles that comply with visa conditions.

Holidays:

- Full-time work permitted during official university breaks.
- Cannot engage in professional sports or permanent positions.

Attendance and Engagement:

- Mandatory regular attendance for all scheduled classes, seminars, and assessments.
- Non-attendance may lead to visa curtailment.
- Universities are required to monitor and report non-compliance to UKVI.

Academic Progress:

- Students must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress throughout their studies.
- Engagement with all course requirements (e.g., submission of assignments, participation in exams).

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Proximity of Residence:

- Students must live within a reasonable commuting distance of the university. a maximum 90 minutes travel time and/or a 60-mile radius of the University campus
- Living too far away may be seen as non-compliance and reported to UKVI.

Address/Contact and Passport Information:

- Students must keep their home address and UK mobile contact details up to date with both the university and UKVI.
- Any change in address must be reported promptly.
- Students must let us know if they have a new passport

Health Insurance:

- Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) provides access to NHS services, but students must remain registered with a GP.

Visa Compliance and Reporting:

- Any breach of visa conditions, such as excessive work hours or failure to attend classes, may lead to visa revocation.
- Universities are legally obliged to report all non-compliance to UKVI.
- Students should let us know immediately if they have a change of immigration status

Debt

- Students must keep up with any tuition fee payment plans arranged with the university.
- Failure to pay tuition fees may result in the university withdrawing the student from the course,
- which can trigger the withdrawal of the CAS and notification to UKVI.
- Graduate visa cannot be obtained whilst in debt.

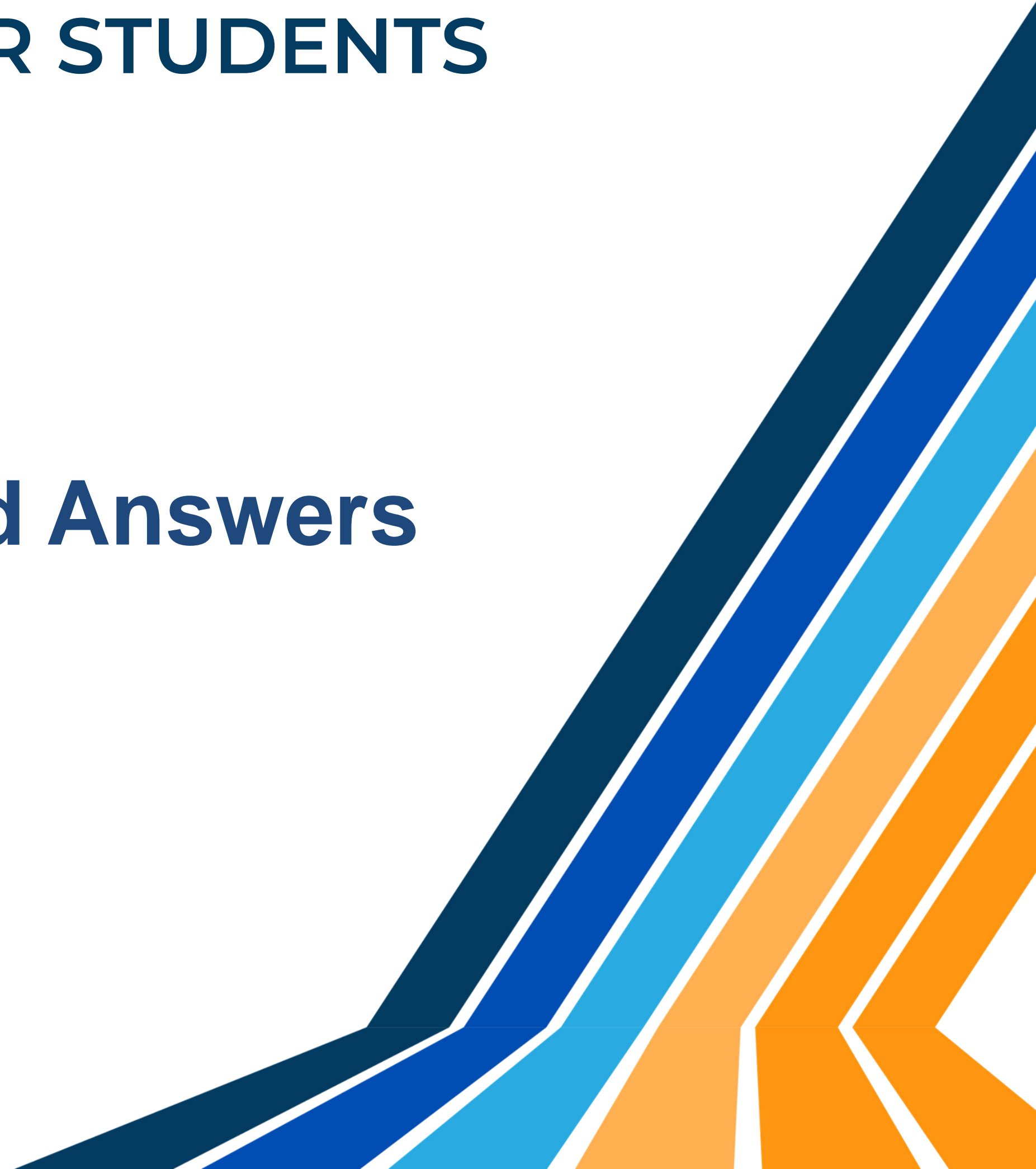
Any queries relating to Student Visas should be sent to UKVIcompliance@bolton.ac.uk

IMPORTANT: BRP cards expired at the end of December 2024.

Visit www.gov.uk/evisa now to create a UKVI account to access your eVisa.

UKVI REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

UKVI Questions and Answers



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR

Here to Help with:



Information, advice and guidance in relation to pastoral and academic support



Requests for letters including graduation, travel and family visits



Confirmation of enrolment for work purposes



Support with transition and integration



Support with complex cases



Pregnancy and maternity policy support



REQUEST TO TRAVEL DURING TERM-TIME



WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU DO NOT LEAVE THE UK DURING TERM-TIME IF YOU HOLD A STUDENT VISA

As a Student Visa Holder, you must remain in the UK and engage with your course of study during term time



You may only travel in term-time in exceptional circumstances.

Before travel, an authorised absence request form must be completed by your Personal Tutor and considered by the International Student Support Officer and the UKVI team.

Never book your tickets before your travel is authorised



If you are outside the UK for an extended period of time which will mean you missing teaching and/or assessment, this may have implications for your Student Visa



CULTURE SHOCK

'Culture shock' describes the impact of moving from a familiar culture to one which is unfamiliar. This can affect anyone and is quite normal. Your fellow international students will share the experience but so will many UK students who are away from home for the first time.

If you experience culture shock it does not mean you made a wrong choice in coming to Bolton. Our dedicated international student support team is here to help you in all aspects of support you may need.

The following are some of the elements that contribute to culture shock:

- Climate
- Food
- Language
- Social Rules
- Values

TOP TIPS!



Keeping in touch with home



Have familiar things around you
Find suppliers of food that you are familiar with



Exercise, join a club at the Sport and Wellness Centre or engage in their healthy activities offer



Make friends, connect with others, use the UMII App and also join a Students' Union Society



Speak with the Chaplain



Engage with the British Values e-learning tutorial on LEAP Online

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU



Peter Marsh Library
including Digital
Resources and Laptop
Loans



Careers and
Employment
Advice



Life Lounge and
Disability Team, Student
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Services



Sports and
Wellness Centre



Students' Union and
their associated
Student Societies



Multi-Faith
Chaplaincy Service



Student Life:
Events, Activities and
Student Voice



Student Services
including the Student
Advisors

LEARNING EXCELLENCE ACHIEVEMENT PATHWAY (LEAP)

LEAP Online (e-learning) and LEAP Live (webinars & workshops) are designed to support your academic progression and to enhance your personal development. To access LEAP (Google "Bolton Uni LEAP").

- Referencing
- Academic Writing
- Proofreading
- Essay Writing
- British Values
- My Student Visa
- Time Management
- Stress Management
- English Language Support



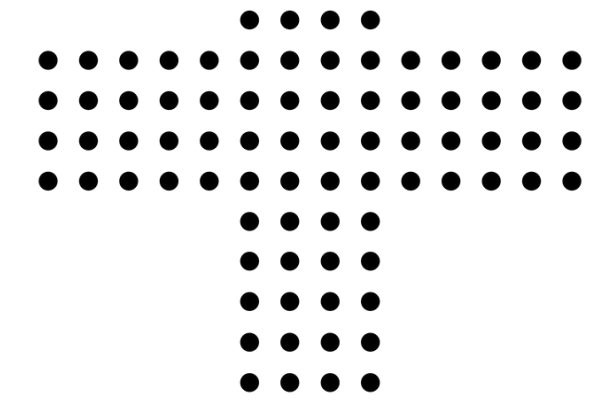
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STUDENT AREA ON THE WEBSITE

You have access to Moodle, Academic Calendars, Timetable, Student Portal and other important information in the Student Area (Google “Bolton Uni Student Area”).

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP
YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS UP TO DATE**



PLEASE LOG INTO YOUR STUDENT PORTAL TO:

Update your address, your phone number to a UK number and any other personal details.

Request letters, find your personal tutor, check your timetable.



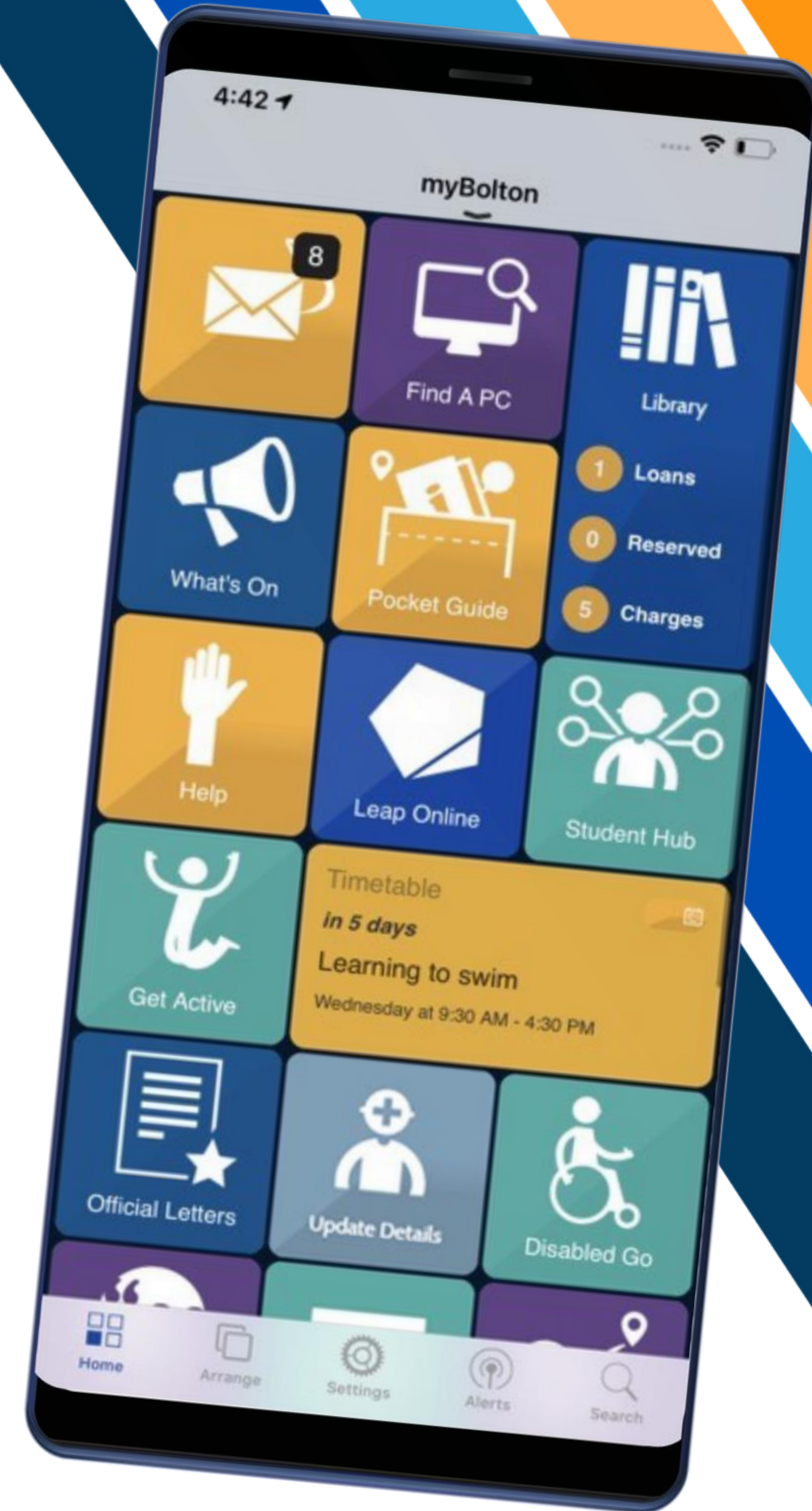
STUDENT SUPPORT

Further information on support services available is available from: <https://www.bolton.ac.uk/student-area>

Or via the **myBolton App** available on:



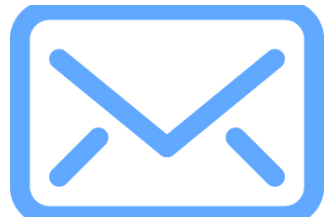
The myBolton app will keep you up-to-date with all of the developments on-campus and help you manage your day-to-day life on or off campus. You will be able to access your timetable, emails, moodle, library account, calendar, PC availability, advice and support, campus maps, student hub and much more.



THANK YOU, AND ENJOY YOUR TIME Greater Manchester's No.1 University for Student Satisfaction



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For further guidance, Please see the [International Pre-Arrival Guide](#)



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