

Transcript - Civil Engineering Undergraduate Video

Student 1: Initially when I started it was slightly daunting, the fact that I've come to such a prestigious university. As the years progress it obviously becomes so much more easier due to the fact that you get so much interaction with your tutors, and there's such a good learning experience down here.

Student 2: Obviously Birmingham's a good uni and you put that on your CV and it helps. It's got good atmosphere around the campus – there's always something going on that you can get involved in.

Student 3: I found I really really enjoyed working here because of the mix of everything we've done, but I think also it's the relationships you build up with people. It's everything that goes along with that, living with people and knowing them and working with them so closely – that's the thing that's really good about it.

Student 1: I mean, generally, being at university there is so much opportunity, I mean you've got opportunities with loads of different types of societies and within engineering you've got CivSoc and other aspects of engineering that you can take part in.

Student 2: There's a lot of extra-curricular fun that can be had – it's a lively uni. Maybe some universities are quite quiet and there's not much of a night life, but at Birmingham there's a lot of fun to be had.

Student 4: The lecturers have been very helpful. Not just the lecturers but the support staff, the technicians, the admin staff - it was one of the best experiences of my life. I'm looking forward to coming back here, probably doing a PHD or MSC here.

Student 1: I found there was a lot of interaction with the tutors, and they provided you with a direction rather than an answer, which led you to developing yourself and working hard towards a goal.

Student 3: Some of the modules we do, in particular the project we do in the third year with the chemical engineers, it's such a big project and such a challenge that I think everyone learnt a huge amount through it. I don't think they do it at every uni and it's something that's really really good experience and you can talk about it any interview you go to - they're always very impressed by it!

Student 4: What attracts me here is the whole thing is on campus. A one campus university and everything is around you; the library, the learning centre, the different facilities ...amazing facilities, the 24 hour design centre. That has attracted me, and I feel very privileged to be honest as most students don't have the opportunity of learning which I have here.

Student 1: I'd say if you're going to come to Birmingham definitely have the right attitude and there's plenty of opportunities. In my first year I won a respect scholarship which has actually landed me a job in this tough time. In the recession a lot of the guys I know in other degrees can't get jobs. Because of Birmingham University and getting a scholarship in my first year, it has provided me with a job and plenty of work experience.

Student 3: Well I'm starting work for a civil engineering consultancy in October, so I'm going to start that and see what happens really.

Student 4: University life is one of the best experiences, and the main thing is you're here to study, and you carry an ambition for yourself and for your family and for the future. I think studying in Birmingham will fulfill everything you want.