

UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM



Life as an International Student at the University of Birmingham

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Why the UK?

- Long history and tradition of HE provision
- World class reputation for education
- English is the medium of instruction
- Multicultural study destination
- State-of-the-art laboratories
- Modern computer facilities
- Extensive research resources
- Length of study 3 year UG + 1 year PG
- Student discounts



University of Birmingham

- **Prestigious, Russell Group University**
- **67th in the World**
QS World University rankings 2011
- **13th in the UK**
The Sunday Times University Guide 2013



Rankings

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the University of Birmingham website. The page title is "League tables and international rankings". The URL in the address bar is www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/fact/leaguetables.aspx. The page features the University of Birmingham logo and a search bar. Below the logo, there is a navigation menu with items like "Our University", "Vice-Chancellor's welcome", "New University Chancellor", "About us", "Our governance", "Our colleges and schools", and "Professional Services". The main content area has a sub-header "League tables and international rankings" and a photograph of a person in a laboratory setting. The text on the page discusses the annual publication of league tables and international rankings, noting that they use different methodologies and that users should be aware of this. It also provides links to "Our rankings in UK league tables 2010-2011" and "International rankings". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the start button and various application icons.

Learn more:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/fact/leaguetables.aspx



Dedicated to Quality

12th in the UK for research excellence
(UK Research Assessment Exercise)

Learn more:

www.rae.ac.uk

Commended quality of teaching
(UK Quality Assurance Agency for
Higher Education)

Learn more:

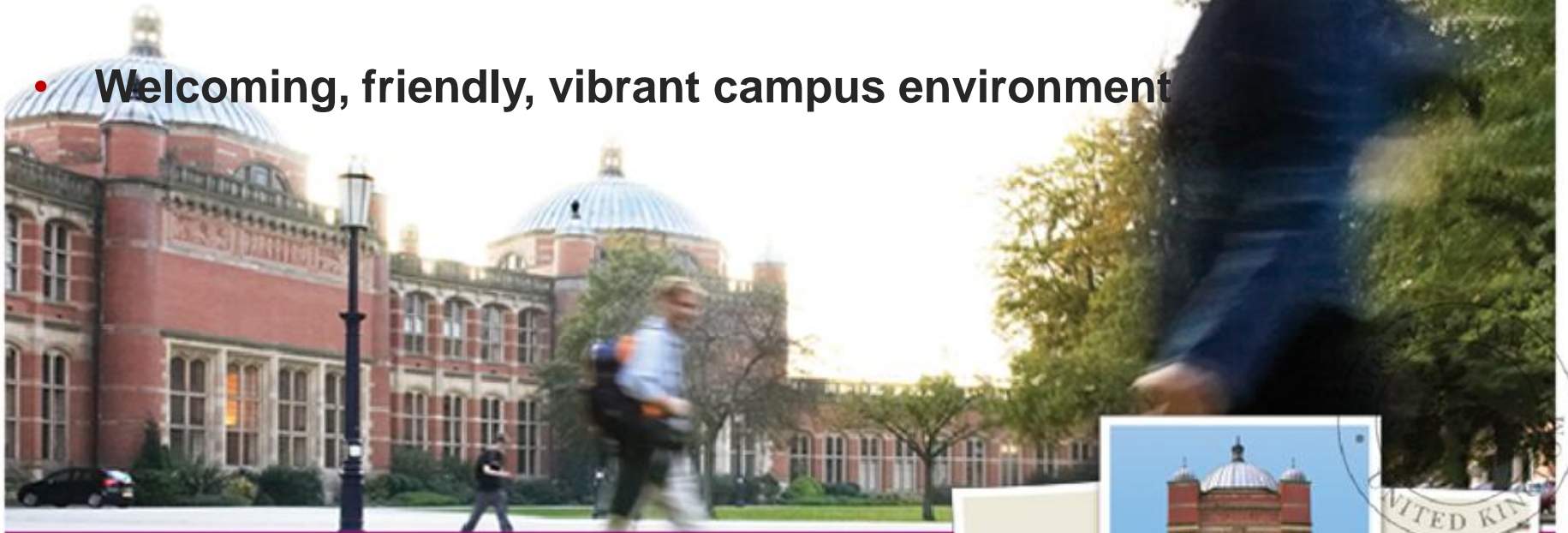
www.qaa.ac.uk

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Proud of our community

- 28,000 students – over 4000 international – 150 countries
- 27% of our teaching staff recruited from outside the UK
- Welcoming, friendly, vibrant campus environment



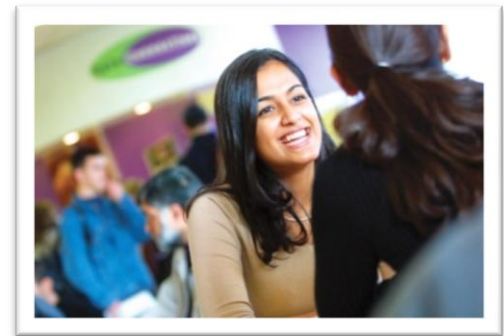
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Proud of our community

- **Sport at Birmingham**

Second in the UK universities sports league, sports clubs, Sports Centre with fitness suite, swimming pool, squash courts, sports hall, athletics track and football pitches



- **Guild of students**

Over 160 Student societies - International groups, Film, Debating, sports, chess, human rights. Over 100 volunteering opportunities.



Proud of our campus

- Learning resources
- Shopping
- Banking
- Healthcare
- University train station
- Open green spaces





Student support

- International welcome week
- International Students Advisory Service
- Free term-time English language sessions
- Mentor scheme



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Accommodation

- **Guaranteed university accommodation**
- **Choice: Halls of residence, Catered or self catered flats, Private and Family**
- **En suite or shared bathroom**
- **Telephone and internet connection**
- **Mentor scheme**
- **24hr security**



Learn more:

www.has.bham.ac.uk

Our Colleges

- **Social sciences**
- **Medical and Dental Sciences**
- **Life and Environmental Sciences**
- **Engineering and Physical Sciences**
- **Arts and Law**

Learn more:

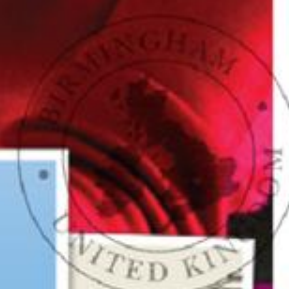
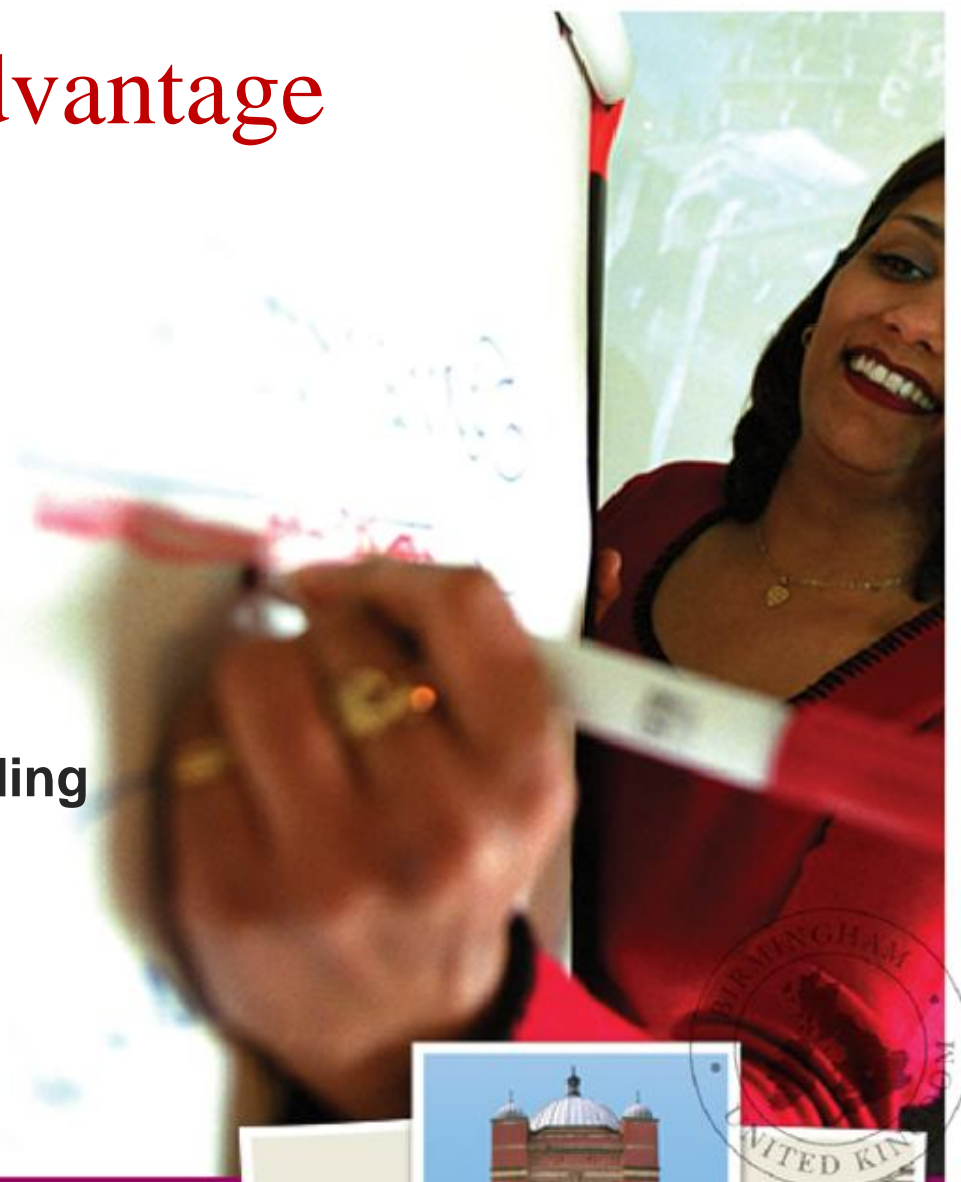
www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/index.aspx



The Birmingham advantage

A wealth of opportunities

- Be challenged
- Increase your knowledge
- Develop your independence
- Travel
- Increase cultural understanding
- Network
- Increase your employability
- Develop your skills for life



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The City of Birmingham

- Largest financial and creative district outside London
- First class arts venues
- Athletics, Cricket, Professional Football
- International Airport, national travel hub
- 90 minutes to London by train



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A great place to live!

- **Multicultural city**
- **Fun, vibrant and welcoming**
- **Great shopping**
- **Cafes & Restaurants**
- **Night life**
- **Parks**



Entry requirements

Postgraduate taught programme

- ❑ Good bachelors degree from a recognised higher education institution (equivalent to a 2.1 in the UK)

PhD programme

- ❑ Masters degree from a recognised higher education institution
- ❑ Research proposal
- ❑ Contact appropriate supervisor
- ❖ Guidance only



English Language Entry Requirements

Postgraduate taught and Postgraduate Research	IELTS	TOEFL IBT	Pearson Test of English (PTE)
Engineering and Science	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in any band	87 overall: with no less than 22 in Reading, 21 in Listening, 23 in Speaking, 21 in Writing	PTE Academic 51 in all four skills
Arts*, Business*, Education (Taught), Health Sciences, Public Policy, Social Sciences *individual courses may have higher requirements	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any band	93 overall: with no less than 22 in Reading, 21 in Listening, 23 in Speaking, 21 in Writing	PTE Academic 59 in all four skills
Medicine, Dentistry, Research Education	7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band	100 overall: with no less than 23 in any band	PTE Academic 67 in all four skills
Law (LLM)	7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band	100 overall: with no less than 22 in Reading, 21 in Listening, 23 in Speaking, 21 in Writing	PTE Academic 67 in all four skills



Tuition fees

Fee band	postgraduate research	Taught postgraduate
Band A (clinical)	£27,510	n/a
Band B (laboratory)	£15,150	£16,200
Band C	£12,930	£14,490
Band D	£11,730	£12,750

Please note that this is only a guide, and many departments will have programmes that have non-standard fees. Your tuition fee will be confirmed on your offer letter.

Learn more:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/finance/fees.aspx

Band A:

Clinical: Clinical Dentistry *, Clinical Medical Education *

Band B:

Laboratory: Anatomy, Computer Science, Dentistry *, Division of Environmental Health and Risk Management, Earth Sciences, Health Sciences (laboratory) *, Metallurgy and Materials, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Medical Education *, Physics and Astronomy, School of Biosciences

Band C:

Geography & Environmental Sciences (laboratory) *, Music, Psychology (classroom), Psychology (laboratory), Sport & Exercise Sciences

Band D:

Accounting and Finance, American & Canadian Studies, Centre for English Language Studies, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Drama and Theatre Arts, Economics, History of Art, Institute of Applied Social Studies, History, Theology & Religion, Philosophy, School of Government and Society, Archaeology, Law, Management, Marketing, School of Business, Mathematics, Institute of Archaeology and Antiquity, Language, Culture, Art History and Music, English, Geography & Environmental Sciences (classroom) *, Health Sciences (classroom) *, Health Services Management Centre, Institute of Local Government Studies, International Development, Political Science & International Studies, School of Education

* Schools may require two price points

Living costs and scholarships

Expected living costs

- Approximately £8,040 each year (\$12,747)

Scholarships and funding

- Partial fee-reduction scholarships for international students.

Learn more:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx



How to apply

English Language courses

www.eisu.bham.ac.uk

Postgraduate courses

www.postgraduate.bham.ac.uk



Useful Contacts

University of Birmingham

www.birmingham.ac.uk

Doctoral Researcher Enquiry Service

dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Housing Services

www.has.bham.ac.uk/studentaccom

International Students Advisory Service (ISAS)

www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international

