Undergraduate offer guide
2015 – 2016
YOUR OFFER, YOUR GUIDE

THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO HELP MAKE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF YOUR LIFE THAT LITTLE BIT EASIER. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING BIRMINGHAM, AND HOPE TO GIVE YOU A FLAVOUR OF LIFE AS A BIRMINGHAM STUDENT, ALONG WITH A GUIDE TO THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS.

1. Your offer letter and offer guide have been delivered. Take a moment to read the ‘Your offer explained’ section to make sure you are clear on the full details of your offer. Your offer explained: offer letter guidance notes, page 5

2. Follow our step by step application checklist as you complete key tasks before starting university in the coming months. From now until results day you can start shaping your student experience. Application Checklist, page 6

3. If you haven’t already visited the campus it is the best way to get a taste of the University. During your visit you will have the chance to ask questions of current students and staff and explore our facilities. Visiting the University, page 7

4. We provide you with all the opportunities you need to shape your University life, with a dynamic and supportive learning environment, as well as fantastic opportunities to take part in sport, culture and social activities. University life, page 8
Choosing the accommodation that is right for you is your next step in the decision making process. There are a range of choices to consider, from the location, to whether or not you want to opt for Meal Plan or self-catered. Remember: apply as soon as possible to increase your chances of getting your first choice! Where will you be LIVING? page 12

Our beautiful campus is encompassed in a vibrant and diverse city that boasts excellent entertainment and culture. The thriving centre offers a wealth of opportunities for young professionals to build a successful future. Be in Birmingham, page 10

From tuition fees to living costs our Finance and funding pages will explain what support is available, including loans and grants, as well as how loan repayments work. This information will make sure you understand how you can fund your own studies and what support is in place for you. Finance and funding, page 22

Whatever stage you are at in the decision making process join the conversation with #hellobrum and see what the University’s community is talking about! It’s a great way to find out more about Birmingham. Find us on Twitter @unibirmingham Facebook www.facebook.com/unibirmingham and Instagram UniBirmingham
CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING AN OFFER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM! I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU DECIDED TO APPLY AND WILL NOW BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING COMING HERE TO STUDY. THIS OFFER GUIDE PROVIDES YOU WITH EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR DECISION, ALONG WITH STEP BY STEP SUPPORT TO EXPLAIN WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO MAKE A LIFE-ENHANCING DECISION.

The University of Birmingham was founded more than 100 years ago. During that century it has continually inspired new discoveries, inventions and designs, across every academic area. We are proud to offer you, as a 21st-century student, the opportunity to partake in that long tradition of excellence. Whatever your chosen degree subject, I am confident that you will benefit both academically and personally from the experience of studying at Birmingham – in an environment both of teaching excellence and at the cutting edge of research.

If you join us, you will enter a community of more than 16,000 undergraduate students from all over the world, as well as from every corner of the UK. Your academic efforts with us will be rewarded with a well-respected degree. As well as your academic study, there is a huge amount of sport, culture, friendship and social activity to enjoy at Birmingham – which will all play an essential part in shaping your university experience. You will be on our lively, thriving 250-acre campus, with close proximity to the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Birmingham, the UK’s second largest city.

If you choose Birmingham you will be joining us at an exciting time. Following the success of being awarded University of the Year 2013–2014, we are continually striving to remain ranked as one of the top 15 universities in the UK. We are in the midst of one of the most exciting and transformational campus redevelopments, which is worth around £175 million. At the University of Birmingham we work together to reach our goals and the aspirations of our students, and I hope that you choose to join us.

Roderick Smith
Director of Admissions
Your offer explained: offer letter guidance notes

WHEN READING THIS PAGE, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR OFFER LETTER WHICH ADVISES YOU OF THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS.

Please note that all offer conditions must be fulfilled by 31 August 2015.

1. Changed course
Your offer is for a different course from that you originally applied. This might be simply because you used an incorrect course code on your form or because you have since asked us to make the change: in either case, you will know we are acting in accordance with your wishes. However, if neither of these cases apply to you, the change of course means that we are unable to make you an offer for your first choice here. We hope that you will still feel able to give this alternative offer your serious consideration.

2. Deferred entry
Your offer is for deferred entry. This means that you must still satisfy the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2015, but that, if you are successful in meeting those conditions, or if your offer is unconditional, a place will be reserved for you beginning in September 2016. Details of accommodation and how to apply for it are enclosed for information only at this stage. A further set will be sent to you during 2015–16, and registration papers will be sent before you are due to start. If you change your mind and wish to enter the University in September 2015, please write to us immediately.

3. Fees: international (overseas) students
From the information you gave us on your UCAS form, the University has classified you as an ‘overseas’ student for the purpose of paying fees. Fee levels are listed on page 22, while further information is detailed on the international students webpages.

4. Fees: United Kingdom (UK)/European Union (EU) students
From the information given on your UCAS form, the University has classified you as a ‘UK/EU’ student for the purpose of paying fees. Please refer to the funding section of our website www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/undergraduate which summarises our student fee and support arrangements. UK/EU tuition fees for undergraduate courses will be £9,000 for 2015–16 entry, except for L502 MA Social Work, which is not yet confirmed – check online course information for updates.

5. Accommodation
You will find accommodation information from page 12 onwards. The University operates a guarantee scheme, details of which can be found in this brochure or on the Accommodation Services website. The procedure for those deferring entrance is also explained here. Please apply online for accommodation. For further information on this procedure and other accommodation queries, please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

6. All new students – Welcome
Term begins on 28 September 2015, but it is preceded by the Welcome Week which is held from 21 September 2015. All new students are expected to attend this event and, if you accept our offer and are successful in gaining a place, you will be provided with more details when you are sent your registration information. This will be sent out once you have become placed with us (from July 2015 onwards).

Welcome includes specific additional activities for our international students and we hope that these will facilitate a smooth transition into life at the University of Birmingham and life in the UK in general.

7. Clearing and Adjustment applicants
If you have been accepted via Clearing or Adjustment, accommodation cannot normally be guaranteed. You are advised to apply online for accommodation as soon as possible. Any queries please contact living@contacts.bham.ac.uk
### Application checklist

**The following checklist will help you plan your next steps and complete some important tasks during the coming months.**

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<td>Attend Applicant Visit Days</td>
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<td>Receive your exam results (A level students), and confirm your place at Birmingham</td>
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Some students will also need to do the following, ideally as soon as possible:

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Applicant visit days
The best way to find out what the student experience is like at the University of Birmingham is to visit, explore, ask questions and meet current students and staff. It is an important part of your decision making process to attend one of these events, especially if you have not visited before. When you are here you will get a real feel for student life on our beautiful campus and its surroundings.

As an offer holder you will receive an invitation, from your academic department, to visit the University for an Applicant Visit Day with details of the programme for the day and the date/s when you can attend.

Please note: if you are applying for a subject that holds interview days, you will have already visited campus as part of the application process prior to receiving your offer.

More details about Applicant Visit Days including the services on offer and directions to campus can be found at www.birmingham.ac.uk/avd

Campus tours
If you are unable to attend your Applicant Visit Day we offer guided campus tours led by current students. These take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00am and 2.00pm throughout the year. Tours last approximately one hour and include all the main facilities on campus, including the Guild of Students, Munrow Sports Centre and Main Library. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Further details and the booking form can be found at www.birmingham.ac.uk/campustours

You can also explore the campus on our Virtual Tour www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/visit/virtual-tour.aspx

‘The best thing about Birmingham was the consistent charm and enthusiasm of every representative. Everyone appeared to genuinely love the University! This made me really want to go here!’

Katie Goodall, Visitor 2014
University life

AT BIRMINGHAM YOUR ACADEMIC STUDIES WILL BE CHALLENGING. YOU WILL BE STUDYING ALONGSIDE ACADEMICS WHO ARE GLOBAL EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS. WE’LL ENABLE YOU TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION TO AN EXCITING NEW WAY OF LEARNING.

A conversation, not a lecture
Learning at Birmingham is a partnership where you will be challenged to think for yourself. From lectures, seminars and academic tutorials to workshops, lab-based work, self study and peer-group learning, you will be encouraged to think, discuss and engage critically with the subject.

To support your transition to this new way of learning, personal tutors will provide help and advice with study-related issues and encourage you to monitor and reflect on your progress. International students can also contact the International Students Advisory Service (ISAS) to discuss any learning support needs.

Your learning environment
Our Main Library is one of the UK’s largest academic libraries, with access to over 2.7 million books and periodicals. The University is investing £60 million into a new Library which will embrace new and emerging technologies for an enhanced user experience. A further eight libraries and resource centres offer specialist materials for every subject studied at Birmingham.

Wherever you choose to study, you will be able to log on to the student portal. This is your personalised gateway to the digital campus, giving you access to email, news, online communities and the e-library, which alone provides access to over 16,000 periodicals and databases.

Your wellbeing
If there are times when you need a little help, you will find that we have a strong advice and support network in place to assist you. We offer psychological, emotional and practical support during your studies to all registered students at the University:

- The Guild of Students’ Advice and Representation Centre (ARC) is a professional student advice service helping you with common problems such as financial, academic, housing and immigration issues that you might face during your time at University.
- There are student mentors to provide support in University residences.
- Our Disability and Learning Support Services help you get the maximum benefit from University life if you have a disability, including long term health conditions, specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia and mental health difficulties.
- The University chaplaincy offers a place where students of all faiths can meet.
- Two day nurseries situated close to campus are available for students with young children, with opening times to fit around your academic life.

‘Life was made easier in the first weeks by the support that I got from Student Counselling. Without them I don’t think I would have been able to do my degree.’
Cath, Law Student

FACT
In 2013 80.8% of University of Birmingham graduates were in graduate level employment or further study within six months of graduation, a higher percentage than UCL, Oxford, Bristol and Nottingham.

Source: The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2014 (September 2013)
YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE GOES BEYOND YOUR ACADEMIC STUDIES. AT BIRMINGHAM YOU HAVE A RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP VALUABLE SKILLS THAT PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE BEYOND UNIVERSITY.

Create your own future
Preparation for your career should be one of the first things you think about as you start university. Our Careers Network offers a unique range of schemes and services that will help you identify and work towards your career goals from the day you arrive at Birmingham:

☐ A range of internships and funded work experience placements enhance professional and personal skills as well as practical experience
☐ The ‘Global Challenge’, a unique scheme gives ambitious students once-in-a-lifetime opportunities in top global companies
☐ A unique careers guidance service tailored to your academic subject area, offering a specialised team in each of the academic colleges who can give you expert advice on your chosen career
☐ Dedicated help in practice interviews, CV clinics and preparation support to ensure that you are able to confidently present yourself in an interview situation
☐ Links to employers via a range of networks to ensure that professional and skilled roles are available to our students and graduates
☐ The Personal Skills Award, helping you develop a range of skills that complement your academic studies in preparation for the graduate job market

Your university – get involved
Volunteering is fast becoming an essential element of the student experience, and at Birmingham there are over 200 opportunities for students to get involved.

Programmes such as Student Mentoring and PASS Leader provide the opportunity to work with local schools or first year students to help support learning and consolidate your own.

Our students are an integral part of the local community, and the Student Community Warden scheme promotes community relations in the areas surrounding the University to increase the sense of pride that residents feel for their neighbourhood.

Intervol (International Volunteering) send around 100 students each year to projects across the globe including health projects, conservation work and other initiatives. From our campus to the other side of the world, we are proud of the impact that our students make.

‘Volunteering not only enabled me to improve the university experience of others, it enhanced my own university experience greatly! There’s far more to uni than a degree so get involved – you’ll be surprised at how much you can achieve!’

Connie Parkin, Business Management, Residents’ Association Committee Member

A global university, a wealth of international opportunities
Your education at Birmingham will prepare you for a career that has no geographical boundaries. With over 6,000 international students from more than 150 countries, we have one of the largest international communities in the UK. So whether you are a UK student or travelling to Birmingham from overseas, you will work alongside students who bring a different perspective to your studies, enabling you to see the world from a different viewpoint.

For those whose degree programme doesn’t include a period of time spent overseas, there are other international opportunities available.

They include University-funded work experience placements and annual summer schools (organised through Universitas 21) which attract the best students from across the world to engage in an exchange of culture, experiences and intellect.

‘You will always remember your year abroad. There is nothing more challenging and rewarding than working or studying in a different country.’

Beatrice, BA French and English Literature with Erasmus year at Université Paris Diderot, France
LIFE AT BIRMINGHAM OFFERS YOU THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS – A PEACEFUL, YET THRIVING CAMPUS COMMUNITY ON THE DOORSTEP OF ONE OF EUROPE’S MOST DYNAMIC AND EVOLVING CITIES.

Campus life
Studying in the shadow of striking architecture on a 250-acre green and leafy site, you’ll be inspired to get the most out of your time here. You’ll study in a safe, friendly environment with the amenities of a small town – with the added benefit of a full-time security team. You’ll find bars, banks, shops, a concert hall and an art gallery on campus.

Culture on your doorstep
There are few universities with such a wealth of culture on their campus. Ours is alive with fine art, renowned collections and performance. Culture at Birmingham is constantly evolving. The Bramall Music Building provides a 450-seat auditorium for music, opera, drama and prestigious lectures as well as state-of-the-art rehearsal rooms and recording facilities. Culture is here for every student to enjoy and experience whether your passion is music, art, antiquities or zoology, as well as opportunities to take part in theatre, music and dance. In addition, the BBC Drama Village on our Selly Oak campus demonstrates our unique alliance with the BBC.

Sport taking centre stage
We are one of the UK’s leading sporting universities regularly found among the top three universities in the BUCS sports league (British Universities and Colleges Sport). From elite performance to general fitness, at Birmingham sport is for all.

We have a global reputation for sport. In summer 2012 the Jamaican Track and Field team, including world-beating sprinter Usain Bolt, drew on our expertise when they established their pre-Olympic training camp on our campus.

Be in Birmingham
Vibrant and diverse, Birmingham is a European centre for retail, commerce and culture. Appropriately, its civic motto is ‘Forward’, and it is its driving ambition and attitude which makes Birmingham a great place to study, work and live. Birmingham has a history of welcoming people from all areas of the world. It is a truly multicultural city and this is reflected in its restaurants, shops and cultural offerings.

With a proud heritage and modern outlook, the city boasts excellent entertainment for all tastes with a range of leading theatres, museums and galleries, including our own Barber Institute of Fine Arts, and music venues from the O2 Academy to the NIA.

A thriving commercial centre, Birmingham has been transformed into a city for young professionals. It is more than somewhere to study; it’s somewhere to build a successful career and future.
TRANSFORMING OUR CAMPUS

HOW THE CAMPUS IS TRANSFORMING

THE UNIVERSITY IS IN THE MIDST OF ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND TRANSFORMATIONAL CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE FIRST PHASE OF BUILDING ON OUR HISTORIC EDBASTON CAMPUS WAS COMPLETED IN 1909. THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS WORTH AROUND £175 MILLION AND WILL CREATE OUTSTANDING NEW FACILITIES WHICH WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS.

CHAMBERLAIN HALLS OF RESIDENCE
AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE VALE VILLAGE

NEW ACADEMIC LIBRARY
WITH A DEDICATED RESEARCH AREA AND A GALLEY SPACE TO SHOWCASE OUR RESEARCH OUTPUTS

£55 MILLION SPORTS CENTRE
WITH BIRMINGHAM’S FIRST 50M SWIMMING POOL

STRIKING GREEN PARK
AT THE HEART OF THE CAMPUS

STUDENT SERVICES HUB
BRINGING TOGETHER SEVERAL STUDENT SERVICES IN THE HISTORIC ASTON WEBB BUILDING
Where will you be LIVING?

AT BIRMINGHAM WE OFFER A FANTASTIC RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION, ALL OF WHICH PROVIDES A SAFE, SECURE AND SOCIABLE START TO YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

Whether you prefer the picturesque location of the Vale Village with a view over the lake, or to be closer to the campus in the Selly Oak or Pritchatts Park Villages, there is something to suit your needs. Villages offer several different types of accommodation, ranging from en-suite study bedrooms to self-contained apartments, with the option of being self-catered or on our Meal Plan so that it fits into your lifestyle. All of our rooms have wireless internet access and IPTV. There is a team of staff on hand to help you 24 hours a day ensuring that you feel at home here.

Making the most of living with us

For most people, making new friends is a huge part of the experience of living in University accommodation. To make sure you get the best out of your time with us, we encourage you to take part in the life and activities of the accommodation. There are numerous activities to get involved with, from volunteering, participating in our ‘green’ initiatives, becoming an elected member of the Residents’ Association, becoming a Student Mentor or being part of our Welcome Team. There is something for everyone and the varying opportunities will enhance your experience, as well as providing you with a chance to meet new people. Other activities include events, trips, sports and the chance to be part of the social life of your accommodation, with the social centre in each village helping you to make the most of living in University accommodation and settle into student life.

LIVING

LIVING is our accommodation service, designed to help you with all your accommodation needs during your time at Birmingham. Our team are on hand to answer any queries you may have regarding accommodation. You can contact the team either via phone or email or you can pop into LIVING, which is located in University Centre on the Edgbaston campus.

LIVING is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am–5.00pm (from 10.00am Tuesdays)  
Tel: 0121 414 8000  
Email: living@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Freshers’ Guarantee Scheme

The University guarantees a room in University or nominated bedspace in third party private provider accommodation to first-year undergraduates provided you have:

☐ Applied to the University through UCAS (not Clearing)
☐ Have accepted our academic offer firmly
☐ Have submitted the accommodation application by 31 May 2015 (Home/EU students), or 31 July 2015 (international students)
☐ Confirmed by 1 September 2015 that you are coming to this university
☐ Come to Birmingham on your own (not with family or a partner)
☐ Applied for accommodation for a full academic year

Students holding Birmingham as their insurance offer should still apply and their application will be held until all guarantee students have been accommodated.

Deferred/gap year students

For prospective students who have deferred entry to University for a year, offers of accommodation are usually sent by the beginning of August. Please ensure that you have applied online by 31 May 2015, to be considered under the Freshers’ Guarantee Scheme.

If your application does not fall under the guarantee scheme you are still strongly encouraged to apply for accommodation. In practice, LIVING is usually able to offer accommodation to most applicants, and where this is not possible you will be advised of the other options available to you. If you are coming to Birmingham with a partner, we have a small number of double studio apartments which are ideal for a couple.

Our accommodation is offered on a 42-week or 50-week contract basis.

If you would like information about living in the private sector, LIVING will be more than happy to provide advice.

Keep in touch

Follow us on Twitter @livingatbham and Facebook www.facebook.com/birminghamaccommodation to ask questions, see deadline reminders and to help you find other students who you’ll be living with.

You can also view 360° tours of our accommodation at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation
Choosing your accommodation

IT IS IMPORTANT YOU SPEND TIME CHOOSING THE RIGHT ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AT BIRMINGHAM. OUR WIDE RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION TYPES ENSURE WE CAN PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ALL NEEDS AND BUDGETS.

Our accommodation types range from single study bedroom accommodation based in cluster flats sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities, en-suite accommodation, where each bedroom has its own bathroom but flats share kitchen facilities, and studios and apartments, where residents have exclusive use of a kitchen and bathroom.

**Single study bedroom, en-suite or studios and apartments**
- Single study bedroom
  - From £83 per week
- En-suite study bedroom
  - From £128 per week
- Studios and apartments
  - From £183 per week

**Meal Plan or self catered**

Once you have chosen your accommodation type, you should consider whether you would like self-catered accommodation or if you want to take a Meal Plan (see page 14 for more information) which is provided at the Vale Village. Self-catered accommodation is available across all villages.

Once you have decided which type of accommodation you would like, and whether you want Meal Plan or not, you then have a number of different options available to you, across our three villages. Each village is described over the next few pages, and there is a summary table at the end to help you with your choices.

‘I lived in Maple Bank in my first year – it was my first choice because of its location on the Vale. I loved the friendly atmosphere that came from living in a block with lots of other students.’

Lucy, Third Year International Relations

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**Apply online**

As soon as you have your offer of a place to study here you can apply for our accommodation. You can apply online at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/accommodation/apply.aspx
The Vale Village

THE VALE VILLAGE IS HOME TO OVER 3,000 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION TO SUIT ALL NEEDS AND BUDGETS.

The Vale Village is centred on the Hub, which is the home of the Meal Plan, offering a restaurant, café, bar and convenience store, as well as Hub Help, a reception service for the Vale offering assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The Vale Village, set in beautiful parkland, is just a short walk from the University campus. It is made up of seven individual residences, centred around the lake. The Vale is home to the Vale Festival, a student-run summer festival full of music, food, comedy and fun after the exams are over. It also hosts a huge fireworks display over the lake, each year in November.

The Hub has recently undergone a significant redevelopment to enhance both quality and variety of the food on offer and also providing some excellent new venues to socialise in.

### Meal Plan

The Meal Plan is the perfect way for you to look after yourself, eat well, meet friends and manage your money. Forming part of your accommodation package, the meal plan value is spread across the year giving you a regular amount each week during term-time to spend on food and drink in all the food venues across campus and in the Hub at the Vale. Plus the University will top up the credits on your meal plan, giving you a free lunch every week!

### Single study bedroom accommodation

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<td>Aitken is made up of 23 houses and flats housing 147 students. Each single study bedroom has a wash hand basin, with shared kitchen/dining rooms, and shared bathroom facilities.</td>
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<td>Maple Bank</td>
<td>Home to 435 students across 87 flats. Each flat has five study bedrooms, a shared kitchen/diner, and shared bathroom and toilet facilities.</td>
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<td>Tennis Courts</td>
<td>Located opposite the Vale Village, accommodating 694 students in single study bedroom accommodation. Flats range between four and six bedrooms, with shared kitchen and lounge, and shared bathroom facilities.</td>
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En-suite study bedroom accommodation

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Elgar Court
Houses 236 students across 40 flats. Each flat has five or six en-suite study bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and dining area.

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The Student Mentor Scheme provides advice and guidance to students living in University accommodation. Student Mentors will support you when you arrive and help you to settle into University life. They can help with a wide range of issues including shared living, your academic course, financial matters and your general wellbeing while living and studying at the University.

Tennis Courts
Tennis Courts en-suite accommodation houses 103 students in the newest developments on the Vale. Flats have between four and six en-suite bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and lounge.

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Pritchatts Park Village

PRITCHATTS PARK VILLAGE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTH WEST OF THE EDBASTON CAMPUS, AND ACCOMMODATES STUDENTS IN A VARIETY OF RESIDENCES WITH A POPULAR SOCIAL CENTRE AT ITS HEART.

The Pritchatts Park Village accommodates nearly 800 students across four self-catered residences and is only a ten-minute walk from campus. The Social Centre provides a great space for you to relax and get to know your fellow residents, offering a large lounge with a bar, large screen television, games facilities, vending area, quiet study zone, ATM as well as the main reception for the village. Pritchatts Park is conveniently located close to University railway station, and is close to the popular Harborne village, a lively area full of bars, cafes and restaurants.

‘Living in Pritchatts House for my first year was great. Having a large flat meant that I got to know people really quickly in Freshers’ Week, which really helped me settle in.’

Milly, Third year Music

Studios and apartments

Pritchatts Road houses
The Pritchatts Road houses consist of four converted properties offering 55 exclusive single and double studio apartments. These studios are very popular with postgraduates and mature undergraduates and are offered on a 50-week basis.

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Pritchatts House
This is centrally located near to the Social Centre and accommodates 163 students in single study bedrooms with hand wash basins. Each flat contains between 15 and 18 study bedrooms, a shared kitchen and dining area and shared bathroom. Communal areas are cleaned on a daily basis, Monday to Friday. There are also a number of duplex flats where the residents of two single bedrooms share shower and toilet facilities.

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Ashcroft
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Oakley Court
Oakley Court offers 21 flats built around a beautiful, landscaped courtyard. The flats range between five and 13 single study bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and diner and shared bathroom facilities, with communal areas cleaned on a twice-weekly basis. In addition, there are a number of duplex flats where the residents of two single bedrooms share shower and toilet facilities.

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Selly Oak Village

THE SELLY OAK VILLAGE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE EDBASTON CAMPUS, NEXT TO THE SELLY OAK HIGH STREET WITH ITS NUMEROUS STUDENT AMENITIES.

En-suite study bedroom accommodation

Jarratt Hall
Jarratt Hall is home to over 700 undergraduate and postgraduate students. It is the closest residence to the University; with the Edgbaston campus just a five-minute walk away. It is also situated in the heart of Selly Oak, which is home to much of the student population, offering plenty of choice for bars, cafes and eating out, as well as having supermarkets close by. Jarratt Hall has a small social room on site with TV/games equipment available.

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‘Jarratt Hall provides a strong sense of community, while located conveniently in the centre of Selly Oak – the closest hall to the University campus.’
Samuel, Jarratt Hall Residents’ Association President 2013–14

Third party accommodation

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FRESHERS’ GUARANTEE SCHEME, THE UNIVERSITY HAS ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTY PROVIDERS OF PURPOSE BUILT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION TO SUPPLEMENT UNIVERSITY STOCK.

Liberty Gardens
Liberty Gardens offers self-catered accommodation with shared bathroom facilities. It is close to the city centre and just five minutes from Five Ways train station, which is just one stop from University station. For further information please refer to www.libertyliving.co.uk

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Liberty Court
Self-catered, en-suite accommodation. Flats in Liberty Court have a particularly large lounge area and are situated around a large courtyard. For further information please refer to www.libertyliving.co.uk

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Victoria Hall
Self-catered, en-suite accommodation, located just five minutes from campus. For further information please refer to www.victoriahall.com

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These bed spaces form part of the Freshers’ Guarantee Scheme and you may be allocated one of these rooms in your first year. Each year between 500–1,000 students within the Guarantee Scheme are allocated to these sites. These providers work very closely with the University to ensure that the cost and range of facilities and support provided is similar to what you would receive if living in University accommodation. LIVING will manage your application and allocation but you will receive your offer of accommodation which will include a contract from the private provider. The accommodation has good commuter links with the campus and city. A shuttle bus service runs between campus and some of these sites.
Next Steps: applying for accommodation

YOU CAN APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION AS SOON AS YOU HAVE YOUR OFFER OF A PLACE TO STUDY HERE. YOU WILL NEED YOUR STUDENT ID AND AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO APPLY.

All accommodation is allocated on the basis of the date of application. Some accommodation is inevitably more popular than others, therefore first choice accommodation cannot always be guaranteed. You are therefore encouraged to apply for your accommodation as soon as possible as this will increase your chances of getting your first choice accommodation.

Accommodation offers are sent out by email once you have fulfilled the entry requirements for your place at Birmingham and you have accepted your place. You can expect to receive your offer in August, within 14 days of having confirmed your place. Students whose places at Birmingham are unconditional can expect to receive their offers in June or July.

When you apply you will be asked to select 4–6 accommodation preferences including whether you’d prefer a mixed or single sex flat, and en-suite or shared bathroom, and Meal Plan or self-catered. Whilst we allocate preferences wherever possible, we cannot always guarantee this as allocations are dependent on availability.

Clearing, insurance and late applicants should still apply as soon as possible for their accommodation, but your application may take longer to process once you have confirmed you are coming to Birmingham.

A £550 pre-payment will be required to secure your accommodation when you receive your offer. This is not a deposit; it will be deducted from the overall accommodation cost. You can then opt to pay for your accommodation in full, or in instalments. (This applies to University accommodation only. Third party private providers of accommodation deposit and payment information will follow with your offer, if appropriate).

For more information on fees please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/Living-with-us/pay-fees.aspx

Apply for accommodation as soon as you get your offer of a place to study at Birmingham (Usually from December onwards)

Guarantee Scheme Application deadlines
Home/EU students 31 May, International students 31 July

Offers of accommodation are made once you have fulfilled the conditions of entry and confirmed your place at University (usually in August)

Your accommodation is confirmed once you have paid your prepayment (usually August/September)
Further information

Student support
We welcome students with disabilities including Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia, mental health conditions and other health conditions. The University has some adapted flats suitable for students with disabilities and there are other adjustments that can be made. We positively encourage you to tell us if you have a disability in order to ensure the most appropriate accommodation is allocated for you. However, you will still need to apply by the deadline to ensure that your requirements are met. If you do not let us know your requirements when you apply, we may not be able to guarantee that we can accommodate your requests.

For further details visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation and www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/disability/index.shtml to register your particular needs.

Car parking
The University has a very limited number of parking spaces on its residential sites and therefore you are not encouraged to bring your own vehicle. You are not permitted to park vehicles at Jarratt Hall, except for blue badge holders by prior arrangement with reception for drivers who require access to a mobility parking space.

The Vale Village and Pritchatts Park Village have a limited number of mobility parking spaces which operates on the same basis as Jarratt Hall above.

In addition, the Vale Village and Pritchatts Park Village have a limited number of parking spaces for which permits are available from reception. There is a termly or annual charge for permits at the Vale. Please note this operates on a first-come, first-served basis due to the limited availability of parking spaces. Visitors parking permits are also available.

Universities UK Code of Practice
The Universities UK (UUK) Code of Practice sets out the principles for the provision and management of our student residences and is fully supported by the University of Birmingham. All University-owned student residences comply with the regulations set by the Code. The Code establishes a set of standards and undertakings about our management practices and the relationship between the University of Birmingham and customers throughout their stay with us. It covers, among other matters, health and safety, maintenance and repair, and relationships between managers and you, our student tenant.

For more information on the Code of Practice please see www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/accommodation/Codeofpractice.aspx
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*Accommodation fees are yet to be confirmed for this new residence however the prices detailed above are a guide.

**Parking is limited and there may be a separate charge. There is limited parking at The Vale. However parking spaces are for students with special circumstances. Please apply for a permit from The Vale Reception upon your arrival in September.

**The costs per week (rounded to the nearest whole £) should only be used as a guide as the accommodation fees are calculated on a daily rate charged in 2014–2015.

**50-week contracts are only available to UG students in Shackleton, Mason and Metchley Hall apartments.

DISCLAIMER:
Although this information was correct at the date it was published (August 2014), details and other conditions are subject to revision from time to time. Services may be added, changed or withdrawn, and we do try to amend this information as soon as changes occur. Please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation for up-to-date information.
Finance and funding

THERE ARE TWO MAIN COSTS IN GOING TO UNIVERSITY – TUITION FEES, AND LIVING COSTS. FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR THESE FOR MANY STUDENTS, IN THE FORM OF BOTH LOANS AND GRANTS.

UK/EU students
The Home tuition fee for all undergraduate courses beginning in 2015–16 will be £9,000 per year. However, you won’t have to pay this up front, as a tuition fee loan is available to all UK and EU students for any amount up to the full fee.

Loans are also available for UK students to help towards your living costs.

In addition, government maintenance grants are available on a sliding scale for students whose household income is up to £42,620, with those whose household income is below £25,000 being entitled to the full grant of £3,387. These grants are non-repayable.

On top of the government support available, the University of Birmingham offers a Chamberlain Award to UK students whose household income is below £36,000. Support ranges between £4,750 and £1,000. See www.birmingham.ac.uk/chamberlain for more information.

For full details of tuition fees, how to pay them, how loan repayments work, and eligibility criteria for financial support, UK students should refer to our undergraduate fees and funding page www.birmingham.ac.uk/ugfunding. Please note that the support available may vary depending on whether you live in England or the rest of the UK/EU. Remember that it is up to you to apply for the financial support you are entitled to from the government, including for your tuition fee loan. You can do this now (or before 31 May 2015) at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

If you choose to take out a tuition fee loan, the loan payments will go directly to the University. If you decide to pay all or some of your fees up front instead, then you can find out how to do this at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/payments

Extra support
The government has a range of funds available for those in particular circumstances who may need additional financial help. These include the Childcare Grant and Parents’ Learning Allowance for students with dependant children; the Disabled Students’ Allowance which provides eligible students with both general allowance and specific help for equipment and non-medical helpers; and the Access to Learning Fund for students facing exceptional financial hardship. Find out more at www.gov.uk

MA Social Work
If you have applied for MA Social Work (L502) then the fee quoted here does not apply to you. The fee for the MA Social Work (£4,795 in 2014) is not yet known as external funding levels and bursaries have not been set. Please check course information on our website for updates.

NHS-funded degree programmes
New students who are accepted onto approved healthcare profession courses (Nursing B700 and Physiotherapy B160) will have their £9,000 tuition fees paid in full by the NHS. This also applies to the fifth year of study for medical and dental students. Find out more at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

International (non-EU) students
For overseas students, tuition fees for the 2015–16 academic year are as follows:
Non-laboratory based programmes: £13,195 to £14,550
Laboratory-based programmes: £17,145
Clinical years: £31,000
www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/fees.aspx

The University has a fixed fees policy for international students. Fees will no longer be increased on a yearly basis in line with inflation. The fee paid for the first year of your programme will remain constant with no further increase for the normal duration of your programme, with the exception of the clinical courses.

You will need sufficient funds to enable you to pay your fees at the beginning of each year, and to cover your living costs. Medical and dental students should pay particular care to the increase in fees between their pre-clinical and clinical years. Instructions on how to pay your fees will be sent to you with your Registration pack from early August in your year of entry.

Accommodation costs
For information on accommodation costs, and how to apply and pay for your accommodation, go to www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation. Subject-based scholarships for UK students are available. For further information on the scholarships available, see the information on your chosen programme in the Course finder entry on our website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses

Music and sports scholarships
Music scholarships are offered each year to applicants for disciplines other than Music who are at Grade 8 standard. The scholarships provide up to £3,000 over three years in addition to access to the Department of Music’s specialist facilities.

University of Birmingham Sport offers scholarships each year to international-level performers from any academic department and of any nationality. Scholarship support consists of facility membership, strength and conditioning work, sport science and medicine services (including physiotherapy), lifestyle workshops and help with sports-specific expenditure.

For further information on sports and music scholarships, including how to apply, visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/funding/alternative.
International students
We are proud of attracting high calibre students from nearly 150 countries and we award a number of scholarships to our international students. These recognise and reward outstanding academic achievement. These scholarships are highly competitive and may not cover the full cost of tuition. For more details of the scholarships on offer, please visit school/department webpage.

Information on international loan programmes can be found at www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/finance/loans/index.aspx
The International Students Advisory Service (ISAS) delivers a free professional service to all new and existing international students. The ISAS provides a number of services which include support, welfare, and integration advice and guidance. In addition to this the ISAS is responsible for the provision of all immigration information. The ISAS carries out its immigration activities in accordance with the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) and our advisors can offer advice in the following general matters:

- Entry clearance visas: student visitor visa; Tier 4 (General) student visas and student dependant visas
- Applying for entry clearance as a general visitor for friends/relatives to visit you during your studies or attend graduation ceremonies
- Extension of Tier 4 (General) visas in the UK for visitors who want to continue their studies and for their dependents
- Switching your visa from your previous educational sponsor in the UK to the University of Birmingham sponsorship
- On the implication to your visa of taking a leave of absence, a break from your studies or changes to your study in the UK
- On changing your immigration status in the UK
- On working during your studies
- On visa routes for working after your studies have been completed.

The ISAS can support you if you have any problems with your visa applications including refusals or out of time applications.

In order to apply for your Tier 4 (General) entry clearance visa, you will need to prove that you have been accepted onto a full-time course. When you make your visa application you must include your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number on your visa application. The visa officer will use this number to check your CAS.

- Your CAS is valid for six months
- You can use your CAS no earlier than three months before the start of your course
- You must prove to the Entry Clearance Officer that you have enough money to pay your tuition fees and to support yourself, and any dependants, during your stay in the UK
- You will prove that you have enough money either by showing your bank statement or by showing that you are being officially sponsored by an Official Financial Sponsor
- If you are bringing dependants (family) with you, you must be able to demonstrate that you have sufficient money for living costs for your dependants

For further information, please refer to the visa information pages on the ISAS website: www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international/visa/applying.shtml

You can check requirements for entry with the British Council offices, British Embassy or British High Commission in your country or you can go to the UK Visa and Immigration website https://www.gov.uk/search?q=student+visas

**ISAS workshops**

The ISAS runs a series of visa workshops every Wednesday throughout the academic year. These workshops are tailored for our students and cover a range of topics including extending a Tier 4 visa, making an online application to the Home Office, and document checking.

**Right to study/Registration events**

When international students arrive at the University for the first time, the ISAS check their visas to ensure that they are correct. Copies of your passport biometric page and your visa are kept as part of the mandatory requirement under our Home Office Highly Trusted Sponsor licence. Students can expect their visas to be checked and the ISAS will provide assistance if there are any errors or corrections that need to be made. If you extend your visa in the UK, the ISAS will also check your new visa and keep a copy of your passport and new visa permissions.

Xiu Bin Lim (Malaysia), BA International Studies with Economics

‘The University has fantastic facilities. The learning resource centre is huge and is open for 24 hours a day. The English for International Students Unit is very supportive. There is a medical practice for students, which isn't too far from campus and International Relations provide good services regarding welfare and visa advice.’
Induction
Your induction is normally arranged by your College or School. However, the ISAS will provide information online to support international students throughout the year. Students will be able to access the information when they arrive and use it as a refresher or as required throughout the year. Visit the ISAS website for more details.

Welcome International and Registration
All new students are invited to attend the University’s International Welcome and Registration. Arrivals weekend is on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September 2015 when airport collections take place. Welcome week is from Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September 2015. Details will be sent later if you accept your offer. Welcome activities aim to help your transition into life in the UK and at the University. The University offers a free airport collection service and you can book onto this via the ISAS website. Attending Welcome International will mean you can take part in social events that will help you make new friends and you will be given help to complete important activities, such as opening a bank account and registering for your studies with the University, registering with a doctor and with the police where necessary.

Overseas representatives
The University has a network of overseas representatives who can provide further information on studying at Birmingham. Many offer a visa counselling service.

Contact details of representatives in your country can be found at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx

Learn more
British Council www.britishcouncil.org
UK visas https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration
International Students Advisory Service www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international
English language proficiency

FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF YOUR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH. THESE PAGES OUTLINE WHICH QUALIFICATIONS WE CAN ACCEPT.

This evidence is required to satisfy the University that prospective undergraduate students have the ability in English to successfully follow the courses to which they have applied. UK Visas and Immigration also require students to have a certain level of English, for them to be granted a visa to come to the UK to study.

For entry to undergraduate (Bachelor) degree programmes

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<th>Group A</th>
<th>IELTS</th>
<th>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</th>
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<td>PTE 51 in all four skills</td>
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<td>6.5 overall with no less than 6.0 in any band</td>
<td>PTE 59 in all four skills</td>
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<td>Group C</td>
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<td>PTE 67 in all four skills</td>
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<td>Group D</td>
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Group A
Bioaciences
Biomedical Materials Science
Chemistry
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science
Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering
Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Metallurgy and Materials
Physics and Astronomy
Urban and Regional Studies

Group B
Business, including Economics
Education
English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies
History and Cultures
Language, Cultures, Art History and Music
Medical Science BMedSc
Philosophy, Theology and Religion
Political Science and International Relations
Psychology
Social Policy
Sociology
Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences

Group C
Dental Hygiene and Therapy
Law
Nursing
Physiotherapy

Group D
Dentistry (BDS)
Medicine (MBChB)
Pharmacy
The following table lists qualifications that will also satisfy our English language requirement for our undergraduate degree programmes. Note that where this qualification was taken more than two years ago, we may ask you to take a further English language test.

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<th>Minimum University requirement</th>
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<td>GCSE English (or Edexcel IGCSE English)</td>
<td>Grade C or above</td>
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<td>GCE O level English</td>
<td>Grade C or above</td>
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<td>Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) IGCSE English (first language)</td>
<td>Grade C plus a minimum of C in all bands</td>
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<td>(or 2 in Speaking and Listening for syllabus 0500)</td>
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<td>Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) IGCSE English (second language)</td>
<td>Grade C plus a minimum of C in Reading, Writing and Speaking (or 2 in Speaking for syllabus 0510) and A in Listening</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate English, Standard or Higher level, first or second language</td>
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<td>HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) English</td>
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<td>India Standard XII (CBSE/CISCE/West Bengal)</td>
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<td>India Standard XII (other Indian state boards)</td>
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<td>Malaysian SPM 1119 (Cambridge O level)</td>
<td>Grade C or above</td>
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<td>ESOL Cambridge CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)</td>
<td>Grade C with a minimum of Borderline in all 4 skills</td>
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<td>ESOL Cambridge CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)</td>
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Please note that the grade required will depend on your programme of study. Always check your offer letter for full details of your conditions and see our website for more information: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-ug/international/index.aspx

**English language courses**

If you have an offer for an undergraduate course, but have not yet achieved a high enough score on a Secure English Language Test (SELT) to meet the entry requirements from your department (see table page 26), then instead of re-taking a SELT, you have the option of attending and satisfactorily completing one of the presessional courses run by the English for International Students Unit.

Please note, however, that you cannot attend a presessional course at the University of Birmingham unless you have already taken a SELT and obtained a score at least equivalent to the lowest point of the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages. This is to satisfy UK Visas and Immigration requirements.

If you choose to attend a presessional English course, you will not retake a SELT as part of the course, but you will have to achieve a minimum final mark for your assessed coursework in order to satisfy the English language requirements of your degree programme.

For information on our presessional courses and the English for International Students Unit (EISU), go to www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/presessional

The length of the presessional courses varies from 6–42 weeks. The course that is appropriate for you depends on your current level of English and the requirement stated in your offer letter. For more details and information please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/eisu/presessional/index.aspx
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

It is a condition of entry for the following programmes that you provide information for a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check:

- A100 MBChB Medicine (5-year programme)
- A101 MBChB Medicine (4-year programme)
- A200 BDS Dentistry
- B160 BSc Physiotherapy
- B230 MPharm Pharmacy
- B700 BNurs Nursing
- B750 BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy
- BJ95 BSc Biomedical Materials Science
- C6L4 BSc Sport, PE and Coaching Science
- L4L5 BA Social Policy: Crime, Policing and Community Justice
- L401 BA Social Policy: Health and Social Care
- L4K4 BA Social Policy: Housing and Communities
- L501 BA Social Work
- L502 MA Social Work
- LX33 BA Education
- XL33 BA Education and Sociology
- XV31 BA Education and History

The reason for the condition is that the above programmes include a placement(s) in an area where you may come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults. The University has a duty to protect vulnerable members of society with whom our students may come into contact during their studies.

Please note: applicants from countries other than the UK are expected to provide evidence of a satisfactory background police check carried out in their home country in addition to their DBS check.

At the University of Birmingham the process operates as follows:

1. Offer letter sent to you
2. You accept offer
3. After we receive your acceptance of offer, the University sends your DBS pack with form to complete
4. You return completed DBS form along with proof of identity and payment to the University
5. University checks and countersigns form and sends it with payment to DBS
6. Disclosure document sent by DBS to you. You send original disclosure, carried out by University of Birmingham, to Nahid Choudhry, Admissions

You will receive all the information you require from the University at the correct time and at this point you do not need to take any action until we send you the DBS pack. When you receive the pack, please complete and return the form to us as soon as possible, as this process can sometimes take a long time.

We have to ensure that the process is carried out correctly but we will do our best to carry it out as quickly and efficiently as possible and with the minimum of disruption to you.

In the event of a query, please contact admissions@bham.ac.uk or 0121 414 5488
Fitness to practise

Places on the following programmes are subject to the University’s fitness to practise regulations and you will be expected to sign a programme-specific code of conduct, similar to the one below, before the start of your programme. Certain programmes will include further details with your offer letter (with a link to the current code of conduct). For others you will be provided with the latest version of the code of conduct at the start of the academic year by your department. Should you have any specific queries about the code of conduct you will be required to sign, please contact your department.

- A100 MBChB Medicine (5 year programme)
- A101 MBChB Medicine (4 year programme)
- A200 BDS Dentistry
- B160 BSc Physiotherapy
- B700 BNurs Nursing
- L501 BA Social Work
- L502 MA Social Work

Generic Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

Please note that students, who are in the UK or wish to remain in the UK as a Student under Tier 4 of the Points Based System, will also be subject to University requirements regarding attendance under the Points Based System, above and beyond the professional requirements in this code.

1. Introduction

1.1. I understand that successful completion of the academic qualification I am seeking leads to admission to a professional body and that I am required, during my studies, to adhere to the requirements of that professional body and any related statutory body. I recognise that this Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise identifies the behaviour required of me, and that it is supplemented by the relevant professional body Code or guidance. I understand that breaches of this Code may lead to disciplinary action including my exclusion from the University or the inability of the University to provide me with a supportive professional reference. In the event of any breach of this Code, I understand that I may be treated differently to other students of the University of Birmingham who are not subject to this Code.

2. Personal behaviour

2.1. I will at all times behave in a manner appropriate to my position as a student of the University studying for a qualification, the successful completion of which leads to entry to a professional body and/or statutory registration.

2.2. I understand that behaviour including, for example, dishonesty, indecency, harassment, bullying, violence, and abuse of drugs or alcohol, will lead to disciplinary action under this Code and may result in the inability of the College to supply a positive character reference on completion of the qualification. It may also lead to my exclusion from the programme of study. I recognise that such disciplinary action will include consideration of any criminal convictions, including those for offences that are not connected with my studies and for offences committed prior to my registration as a student of the University. I understand that, where relevant, consideration will also be given to any disciplinary action by a current or previous employer.

2.3. I undertake to notify the appropriate person in the College should I be subject to a criminal conviction, caution and/or Community Resolution Order subsequent to my application to the University. I understand that a criminal conviction or caution may lead to my suspension from certain aspects of my study until the relevant provider’s duty of care can be assured. I understand that this may lead to the need for me to extend my studies where it has not been possible to arrange replacement activities. I understand that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1975) may not apply to the professional body to which I am seeking membership and that, should I be subject to a criminal conviction or caution, this may never be considered ‘spent’.

2.4. I consent to the College sharing with relevant partnership placements:

- 2.4.1: information contained in the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) disclosure made against me, when it is requested by the placement provider where it is intended that I undertake the placement, as a pre-condition of that placement,
- 2.4.2: information in connection with or arising from fitness to practise proceedings taken by the College against me.

3. Behaviour towards others

3.1. I will at all times treat my patients/clients/students/service users, colleagues, staff and other members of the University or partner institutions with due respect and conduct myself in a professional, honest, decent and courteous manner. During the course of my studies, I will use language appropriate to the situation and people involved.

3.2. I will acquire an understanding of working with diversity, including gender, race and culture, in order to work with my patients/clients/students/service users appropriately.

4. Appearance

4.1. I will follow the College guidelines on standard of dress and will ensure that I maintain a standard of appearance that will be perceived as professional by such persons as I may encounter in the pursuit of my studies.

5. Learning

5.1. The content of my programme of study is designed to meet the requirements of a professional and/or statutory body. I will pursue my studies with reasonable diligence (in accordance with University Regulation Section 5) ensuring that I avail myself of the educational opportunities made available and will seek to acquire the range of skills and knowledge identified in the relevant professional and/or statutory body guidance.

5.2. I understand that I must take responsibility for my own learning through attendance at lectures, tutorials, seminars and practicals/clinics and through being suitably prepared for them. I will notify the appropriate person or department, in accordance with University and/or College guidelines, if I am to be absent from any part of the course, due to sickness or other reasons, and I will make up the lost learning opportunity, making appropriate use of College support structures. I understand that if I persistently fail to follow my programme of study with reasonable diligence that I will be subject to disciplinary action under this Code.

5.3. I will not disrupt the delivery of teaching or the learning experience of fellow students, and will not jeopardise the health and safety of those involved, during attendance at lectures, tutorials, seminars and practicals/clinics.
5.4. I understand that if I behave dishonestly during the assessment process (including academic misconduct) I will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with University Regulation 8 – Student Conduct and may be excluded from my programme of study.

5.5. I understand that if I behave dishonestly in relation to my attendance or the attendance of others by falsifying signatures or other means I will be subject to disciplinary action under this Code.

6. Insight
6.1. I understand that I should recognise my own personal and professional abilities and limits, be self-aware and reflective. When appropriate I should seek support and follow advice and guidance.

6.2. I understand that I should demonstrate consistently appropriate standards of personal and professional conduct, act with honesty and integrity, and maintain acceptable standards of ethics and behaviour in keeping with my profession.

6.3. I understand that a lack of insight into health or professional concerns may bring my fitness to practise into question.

7. Barriers to learning or professional practice
7.1. I have read the School-specific appendix to this Code that outlines the conditions which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, and may include exclusion from my programme of study.

7.2. I have reported to the appropriate authority within the College any pre-existing or new condition arising which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, as soon as I become aware of it. In the event of any pre-existing or new condition arising I undertake to work with the College or support services provided.

7.3. I undertake to report to the appropriate authority within the College any pre-existing or new condition, which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, as soon as I become aware of it. In the event of any pre-existing or new condition arising I undertake to work with the College or support services provided.

7.4. I understand that failure to report any condition, which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, may lead to my exclusion or transfer from my programme of study.

8. Duty of care
8.1. I will at all times act in the best interests of my patients/clients/students/service users and conduct myself in a professional manner in all aspects related to patient/client/student/service user care.

8.2. I will undertake to familiarise myself with all College and partner institution guidelines, including health and safety guidelines, codes of conduct and, where relevant, employment contracts, in advance of and during patient/client/student/service user contact, and will apply these guidelines in all dealings with them. I understand that breaching these guidelines and codes of practice, will lead to disciplinary action under this Code, and may include exclusion from my programme of study.

8.3 I understand that dishonesty, involving the falsification of patient/client/student/service user records, may lead to exclusion from my programme of study.

8.4. I recognise that in the course of my studies I may be placed in a position of trust and that as such I am subject to the requirements of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2003. I understand that failure to comply with the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2003 will lead to disciplinary action under this Code and may result in my exclusion from the programme of study.

9. Duty to report
9.1. I undertake to report to the appropriate authority and to the College any action by others which may put patients/clients/students/service users at risk. I understand that failure to do so may lead to disciplinary action being taken against me.

10. Confidentiality
10.1 I understand that I may have access to confidential personal information and that I am required to comply with the Data Protection Act. I understand that I may not disclose this information to any third party, other than in accordance with the relevant professional code or in accordance with the law. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will lead to disciplinary action under this Code.

Agreement to abide by the Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

I understand that the contents of this document do not absolve me from complying with other University regulations currently in force. The requirements of the professional body or University Regulations may be revised from time to time and I will comply with any revision.

I (FULL NAME) have read, understood and agreed to abide by the above Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise. I permit my School or the University to make my personal data available, on a confidential basis, to members of a Fitness to Practise Committee convened to consider my fitness to practise.

I understand that if I am referred to a Fitness to Practise Committee, details may be disclosed to the professional/regulatory body of which I am a member.

I am currently a member of the following professional/regulatory body (tick box) and I am a member.

- British Psychological Society
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- College of Social Work
- General Dental Council
- General Medical Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Nursing & Midwifery Council
- Other (please state): (SIGNATURE)
# Student Details and Consent form

Disability and Learning Support Services and Mental Health Advisory Service

Please only complete this form if you have a disability, specific learning difficulty, autism spectrum disorder/Asperger’s, health condition or mental health condition. Please send us your form as soon as possible to ensure that we can put all necessary adjustments in place for the start of term. This is particularly important if you think you may have mobility or timetabling requirements.

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## Student personal details

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## Student course details

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## Disability Information

| Disability Disclosed (if applicable) |

| Reason for contacting us |

| Have you seen anyone at 3 Elms Road before? If so, who? |

Please complete this form and post it to: Student Support, 3 Elms Road, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT.
We require medical evidence to complete your registration with us, such as consultant’s report, GP letter or Educational Psychologist’s report. Please tick this if you have enclosed medical evidence with this form.

Student regular availability for appointment at 3 Elms Road

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Other (eg, evening availability)

Please select Consent to share or Refusal of consent to share outlined below.

Consent to share

I agree that information concerning my disability/individual support needs can be shared with staff within the University of Birmingham and external agencies on a 'need to know' basis.

I understand my information will be kept confidentially in paper and electronic records in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The University of Birmingham’s Data Protection Policy can be found at [www.legalservices.bham.ac.uk/dppolicy/](http://www.legalservices.bham.ac.uk/dppolicy/)

☐ By ticking this box I consent to information sharing.

Or

Refusal of consent to share

I understand that if I refuse consent, a record of my disability will be kept on record by Student Services but will not be shared with staff within the University of Birmingham or external agencies.

I accept this may mean it is not possible to fully meet my individual needs.

☐ By ticking this box I do not consent to information sharing.

Student’s signature ____________________________ Date ______/____/____

Forename ____________________________

Surname ____________________________

Student ID Number ________________

Email information lists subscription

By registering with Student Services I understand that I am subscribed to Student Services email mailing lists.

If I wish to be removed from these lists I can do so at any time. However if I do so, I understand that I will not be sent any information about my exam arrangements and job opportunities.

☐ I am ticking this box to remove myself from these mailing lists.

Your information will be kept confidentially in paper and electronic records in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The University of Birmingham’s Data Protection Policy can be found at [www.legalservices.bham.ac.uk/dppolicy/](http://www.legalservices.bham.ac.uk/dppolicy/)

Please contact DLSS on 0121 414 5130 or disability@bham.ac.uk if you have any queries.
Frequently asked questions

I have changed my mind about the course I want to study. Can I change to another course?
Please contact us to discuss this. It may be possible, but it will depend on whether places are still available, how competitive the new course is, and whether your subjects and grades are suitable. If the course you wish to study is in the same area or department as your original one, there is a good chance you will be able to change, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Why is my offer for a different course from the one I applied for?
This may be because you have asked us to make a change to the course you wish to study, or because you used an incorrect course code on your UCAS form. However, if this is not the case the change of course means we are unable to make you an offer for the course you initially chose, but would like to offer you an alternative programme. We hope that you feel able to give this alternative offer serious consideration.

What happens if I have applied for deferred entry?
If your offer is for deferred entry (ie, you are intending to take a gap year), you must still satisfy all the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2015. If you are successful in meeting those conditions, or if your offer is already unconditional, a place will then be reserved for you to start in September 2016. Details of accommodation and how to apply for it are enclosed at present only for information. A further set of information will be sent to you during 2015–16, and you should apply for your accommodation then. Registration information will also be sent to you in summer 2016.

I did not apply for deferred entry, but I would now like to take a gap year. What should I do?
This is usually fine but cannot be guaranteed especially for highly competitive programmes such as Medicine. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know, so that we can change your year of entry. You will still need to fulfil all the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2015.

I applied for deferred entry, but my gap year plans have fallen through and I would like to come this year instead. Is that possible?
It may be. Please contact us as soon as possible and we will try to help if we can. However, if all this year’s places for your chosen course have already been allocated, we may not be able to take you this year.

What happens if I defer for a year and the course content changes during that time?
Occasionally we have to vary the method of delivery of our programmes and in some cases the syllabus may be altered or updated. In extreme circumstances we may have to discontinue a programme. If there are any major changes to your programme we will write and tell you about this during your gap year. The modules listed in the prospectus are provided as an illustration only and may be subject to change.

I am not taking A levels. Will you get my results automatically?
We receive results for BTECs and for most International Baccalaureate students automatically from UCAS. However, we are not sent results for many other qualifications, including English language tests and any GCSEs you might have been asked to take. If you are taking one of these qualifications it is your responsibility to ensure that your results reach us. You should send them to the contact email address on your offer letter as soon as you receive them; and by 31 August 2015 at the very latest.

What happens if I miss out on my A level grades?
When the A level results come out in August, the University carefully considers all results against the offers made. If you miss your offer you may still be accepted, but this will depend on how many places are left on your course. This can vary from year to year, between different courses, and will also depend on how narrowly you have missed your offer. Sometimes we are able to offer an alternative programme of study if you narrowly miss the offer to your chosen course.

I am an international student. How do I apply for my visa?
We will issue you with a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Study) to enable you to obtain your visa. We can only do this once your place is unconditional (you have fulfilled all the conditions of your offer and been accepted) and it is no more than six months before your course is due to start. A CAS statement will be emailed to you once your place is unconditional, and you will then be able to make an appointment for your visa. For further information about the visa process, and the financial arrangements you need to have in place before applying for a visa, please see www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/visas

I want to apply for accommodation, and I am being told that I need my Student ID number. Where will I find it?
Your Student ID number is located at the top of the offer letter we have sent you. Remember that you will find lots of information about many aspects of life as a University of Birmingham student on our website! If you have specific queries about accommodation, or about fees and funding, or want to find out more about the student experience at Birmingham, please see www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation
www.birmingham.ac.uk/mealplan
www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees
www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/birmingham
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OUR LEAGUE TABLE TRAJECTORY HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE. WE HAVE MOVED UP THE RANKINGS IN EACH OF:
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THE GUARDIAN, QS WORLD RANKINGS,
AND THE TIMES AND THE SUNDAY TIMES’ LEAGUE TABLES

550 BIRMINGHAM STUDENTS
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THE UNIVERSITY HAS INVESTED £3.5 MILLION IN EMPLOYABILITY INITIATIVES, INCLUDING MENTORING AND NEW INTERNSHIPS
WE ARE UNDERGOING A NEW £175M ESTATES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP £55 MILLION STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS CENTRE, £60 MILLION NEW MAIN LIBRARY AND £12.5 MILLION ASTON WEBB STUDENT HUB.

IN THE 2014 NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY OUR EXISTING STUDENTS GAVE US AN ‘OVERALL SATISFACTION’ RATING OF 89%, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

OUR UNIVERSITY WAS RECENTLY LISTED IN THE TOP TEN MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUSES IN BRITAIN BY THE TELEGRAPH.

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