



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM



# BIRMINGHAM FOUNDATION ACADEMY

**An International Foundation Programme**

YOUR PATHWAY TO AN INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED DEGREE  
AND A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING CAREER.

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/foundation-academy](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/foundation-academy)

## Why choose the Birmingham Foundation Academy (BFA)?

As a BFA student, you will benefit from a distinctive, high quality University of Birmingham experience:

- You will be taught entirely on the University's renowned Edgbaston campus
- You will have the choice of academic modules, taught by respected Birmingham academics
- You will be a fully integrated member of our student community, with access to all University facilities
- You will live in the newest residence on campus
- A Residence Life Co-ordinator will live on site and be your first point of contact for all your welfare concerns

### The BFA has five pathways

- Arts and Law Pathway
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Pathway
- Life and Environmental Sciences Pathway
- Medical Sciences Pathway
- Social Sciences Pathway

Learn more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/pathways/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/pathways/index.aspx)

### How to apply

You can apply directly to the BFA at: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/how-to-apply.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/how-to-apply.aspx) Offers are normally made within three working days of receiving your completed application (working days are normally Monday to Friday). The last date for application is 19 August 2013.

### English language entry requirements

One-year programmes	IELTS	TOEFL IBT	Pearson Test of English (Academic)
<b>BFA (one-year programme)</b> For all pathways and progression routes, except Law, English Literature or Pharmacy	5.5 overall with at least 5.0 in each band	68 overall with at least Listening – 15 Speaking – 19 Reading – 17 Writing – 17	A minimum of Listening – 45 Speaking – 45 Reading – 45 Writing – 45
<b>BFA (one-year programme)</b> For students intending to progress to degrees in Law or English Literature	6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each band	80 overall with at least Listening – 20 Speaking – 21 Reading – 19 Writing – 20	A minimum of Listening – 53 Speaking – 53 Reading – 53 Writing – 53
<b>BFA (one-year programme)</b> For students intending to progress to degrees in Pharmacy (four-year pathway not available for Pharmacy)	6.0 overall with at least 6.0 in each band	84 overall with at least Listening – 20 Speaking – 22 Reading – 21 Writing – 21	A minimum of Listening – 55 Speaking – 55 Reading – 55 Writing – 55
Four-year programmes			
<b>Bachelor's Degree with Integrated Foundation Year (four-year programme)</b> For all pathways and progression routes, except Law and English Literature	5.5 overall with at least 5.5 in each band	72 overall with at least Listening – 17 Speaking – 20 Reading – 18 Writing – 17	A minimum of Listening – 51 Speaking – 51 Reading – 51 Writing – 51
<b>Bachelor's Degree with Integrated Foundation Year (four-year programme)</b> For students intending to progress to degrees in Law or English Literature	6.0 overall with at least 5.5 in each band	80 overall with at least Listening – 20 Speaking – 21 Reading – 19 Writing – 20	A minimum of Listening – 53 Speaking – 53 Reading – 53 Writing – 53

### Entry requirements

The BFA is suitable for you if you have completed your high school education to a high standard and you would normally require a foundation year before being eligible for first year undergraduate entry to universities in the UK.

The BFA is not suitable for you if you would not normally require a foundation year but have not achieved the grades normally acceptable for direct entry to University of Birmingham undergraduate degree programmes.

Learn more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/entry-requirements.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/entry-requirements.aspx)

### Pre-sessional English language tuition

If you require additional English language tuition you will be able to apply for a BFA Pre-sessional English programme. Upon successful completion of the programme you can transfer to the BFA without needing to take another English language test.

Learn more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/pre-sessional/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/pre-sessional/index.aspx)

### Progression

You are guaranteed a place on one of the University's undergraduate programmes, providing you achieve satisfactory grades in the first year on the BFA. This is normally 60–65% overall. For a small number of programmes you will also need to pass an interview, workshop or audition stage.

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### Your accommodation

On campus accommodation is guaranteed. BFA students live in Mason, the University's newest residence, in en suite single study bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and optional catering package.

For all students who are under the age of 18 at the start of the course, accommodation in Mason is compulsory. If however, you wish to live with a local relative or designated guardian, this is possible by prior agreement. If you will be over the age of 18 at the start of the course, accommodation in Mason is highly recommended. It is also possible to live in another residence on campus or off site, by prior agreement.

### Accommodation fees

The indicative fee for accommodation in Mason (42 weeks) is £5,880 self-catering and £7,295 with a Meal Plan (2012–13 prices). The costs in other residences on campus vary.

Learn more:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/bfa-experience/accommodation.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/bfa-experience/accommodation.aspx) and [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/accommodation/halls/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/accommodation/halls/index.aspx)

### The Birmingham Foundation Academy Package

The cost of the BFA Package for 2013–2014 is £13,300. This includes tuition fees, books, classroom equipment and full access to all campus facilities for one year. You can pay in full at the start of the year or in instalments.

**Please note:** Pre-sessional English course fees and accommodation fees are not included in the BFA package.

### Contact us

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