

## Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law

This pathway encompasses those degrees subject areas within our [College of Arts and Law \(/university/colleges/artslaw/index.aspx\)](/university/colleges/artslaw/index.aspx) and the [College of Social Sciences \(/university/colleges/socsci/index.aspx\)](/university/colleges/socsci/index.aspx), which includes the highly ranked Birmingham Business School. Both colleges are at the forefront of research and innovation, generating new knowledge about society and transforming this in ways that improve wellbeing. Our programmes in the social sciences, arts and humanities explore every facet of human society and culture, from literary criticism to economics and religion to social policy

### Schools

[Birmingham Business School \(/schools/business/index.aspx\)](/schools/business/index.aspx) Is a dynamic and internationally focused school offering programmes across the full range of business school disciplines. The School's academic staff conducts world-class research, in addition to achieving excellence in teaching and enriching students' understanding. We pride ourselves on students graduating with a range of knowledge and skills that give them a competitive edge. It has developed and continues to maintain strong links with professional accountancy firms and organisations such as Deloitte and KPMG. It is accredited by EQUIS and many of the degree programmes have individual professional accreditation (for example AMBA, CIPD, ICSA and CIPS).

Using the latest geophysical imaging techniques, the staff within the department of History and Cultures have discovered evidence of two previously unknown pits positioned on celestial alignment at Stonehenge. The project highlights the advances in technology that our students have access to. [The Department of Modern Languages \(/schools/cahm/departments/languages/index.aspx\)](/schools/cahm/departments/languages/index.aspx) has a strong tradition of research and interdisciplinary study and offers a breadth of language tuition from French to Mandarin. You can pursue your studies across a range of cultural, literary, historical and socio-political perspectives.

Social science is the field of study concerned with the social world. As such, it brings together a diverse range of disciplines including economics, business management, government, politics, international relations, sociology, education, social work and social policy.

[The School of Government and Society \(/schools/government-society/index.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/index.aspx) is one of the leading UK and international centres for governance, politics, international development, sociology, public management, Russian and European studies.

In September 2012 the multi-million pound Bramall Music Hall opened its doors. The state-of-the-art music facility houses five electroacoustic studios, a large rehearsal room, the 450-seat Elgar Concert Hall, practice rooms and recording resources. So whether or not you study Music you will benefit from the opportunities offered by this facility.

### Progression

See the Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law Pathway [progression table 2015 \(/Documents/students/foundation-academy/assbl-progression-2015.pdf\)](/Documents/students/foundation-academy/assbl-progression-2015.pdf) for more information about the undergraduate degrees available for a Foundation Academy student choosing this pathway and the modules to undertake. Also see Course details 'Why study this Course' for a list of degrees you can study on this pathway.

[Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)

### Course fact file

**Duration:** 1 year / 4 years

**Start date:** September 2015

### Contact

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## Details

### Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law pathway modules

You will take **four or five** subject-specific modules from the list below plus one of the Academic English & Study Skills modules (or Advanced Academic Skills).

Some modules are compulsory for progression onto certain undergraduate degree programmes. When you receive and accept your offer, you will be advised about your module choices. The modules listed may be shared by the different pathways, so you will be studying alongside students from other disciplines.

Modules	Credits
Politics, Policy and Protest	20
Social Policy, Welfare and Society	20
Business and the Market	20
Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics	20
Learning to Read History	20

## Module descriptions

All of the Academic English and Study Skills modules available including the advanced options are detailed [here \(/International/foundation-academy/academic-english-and-skills/index.aspx\)](#).

### Politics, Policy and Protest

This module will introduce you to the main issues and debates in contemporary international and global affairs and the changing role and position of nation-states in an increasingly globalised world.

### Social Policy, Welfare and Society

This module explores the potential to create the societies in which we would want to live through the development and implementation of policies, which include health, social care, housing and criminal justice.

### Business and the Market

This module focuses on the relationship between markets and companies under different competitive conditions. How do markets work and differ, and why do these differences matter?

### Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics

While this module has a mathematical foundation, it is not simply about developing your mathematical skills. Rather, the purpose of the module is to show you how you can use these skills to improve your understanding of business problems and to help you make business decisions more effectively.

### Learning to Read History

You will explore two contrasting historical periods to develop your analytical skills. First, examine the social, economic and political issues which have shaped Modern Britain. Secondly, analyse the theme of empire, from Ancient Rome to the rise and decline of other empires, while reflecting upon the role of the USA in the modern world.

### Learning to Read Literature

How do we read literature critically and reflectively? How do we understand and interpret what we're reading? Understand different approaches to reading through a wide variety of early and contemporary literature, exploring a range of key ideas and concepts such as heroes and monsters, epics and romances, the Gothic, Feminism and Postmodernism.

### Religion in Global Society

Religion is a significant force in the world. It rebuilds and shapes cultures and nations, but can also be divisive and dangerous - and at the heart of many global conflicts of the last century. You will explore why religion has such influence by exploring the ideas, sacred texts and global practices of different religions, and the political, social and cultural power of these faiths.

## Why study this course

The Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law Pathway will lead you towards a programme in one of the following:

- Accounting and Finance
- African Studies
- American and Canadian Studies
- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- Business
- Classics
- Drama and Theatre Arts
- Economics
- Education
- English Language
- English Literature
- Geography
- History of Art
- History
- International Relations
- Law
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion
- Politics and Sociology
- Social Policy

## Fees and funding

## The Birmingham Foundation Academy Package

The cost of the Birmingham Foundation Academy Package for 2015–2016 is **£13,500** (International Fee) and **£9,000** (EU Fee)

This includes:

- One year's tuition fees
- Books and all classroom equipment

**Please note:** Accommodation will incur additional charges to the above fee.

## Entry requirements

Birmingham Foundation Academy entry requirements apply

### International students:

Depending on your chosen course of study, you may also be interested in the Birmingham Foundation Academy, a specially structured programme for international students whose qualifications are not accepted for direct entry to UK universities. Further details can be found on the [foundation academy web pages](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/Pathways/index.aspx>).

## How to apply

Apply through the [Birmingham Foundation Academy application process](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/how-to-apply/index.aspx) ([/International/foundation-academy/how-to-apply/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/how-to-apply/index.aspx))

## Related links

[ASSBL-progression-table-2015 \(PDF - 71KB\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/students/foundation-academy/assbl-progression-2015.pdf) ([/Documents/students/foundation-academy/assbl-progression-2015.pdf](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/students/foundation-academy/assbl-progression-2015.pdf))

## Learning and teaching



As a Birmingham student you are part of an academic elite and will learn from world-leading experts. From the outset you will be encouraged to become an independent and self-motivated learner, capable of formulating your own ideas and engaging critically with your subject. A key benefit of this approach is that you gain the skills that employers are looking for, such as initiative, teamworking, problem solving and time management.

To begin with you may find this way of working challenging, but rest assured that you will be guided and supported to make the transition to become an independent and self-motivated learner. You will have access to a comprehensive academic support system that will assist and encourage you, including a tutor in your college who will provide help and advice with any study-related issues, and will help you to monitor and reflect on your progress.

Your learning will take place in a range of settings, from scheduled teaching in seminars, lectures and small group tutorials, to peer group learning in which you may, for example, be asked to prepare and deliver a presentation with your classmates.

Please click on [Learning at Birmingham](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/learning.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/foundation-academy/learning.aspx>) for further information

## Employability

Arts graduates enter a wide range of careers including advertising, journalism and media, government, law, publishing and teaching at every level.

Social Science graduates have pursued a variety of careers including working for national or local governments, international and non-governmental organisations or the media.

Our Business School degrees have long been recognised by major employers across all sectors of the economy, with many of our graduates finding employment in financial services, accountancy and a range of management careers.

Law graduates have great career potential, both within and outside the legal profession. Many of our students go on to the Legal Practice Course or bar Professional Training Course to become solicitors or barristers, or pursue careers in public administration, industry and other professional areas.

Some of our graduates decide to pursue postgraduate study at Birmingham or other leading universities, to specialise in an academic area or train for careers such as law and teaching.

