

Foundation programme pathways

Birmingham Foundation Academy has three pathways for the Foundation programme. These are described below, so that you will be able to decide which pathway is best for you.

Pathways consist of 120 credits in 10- or 20-credit modules. Your pathway will consist of an 80-credit suite of subject-specific modules, taught in our colleges by Birmingham academics, together with 40 credits of Academic English and Study Skills, modules delivered by the University's English for International Students Unit. The modules may be shared by the different pathways, so you will be studying alongside students from other disciplines. This will give you the opportunity to share your ideas and increase your knowledge in different areas of study and form academic networks outside your main discipline.

Upon successful completion of the appropriate pathway, you will be guaranteed progression to an extensive range of our undergraduate degree programmes in Arts and Law, Engineering and Physical Sciences, Life and Environmental Sciences, Medical Sciences or Social Sciences. Academic and English language progression requirements apply for each programme. For a small number of programmes, you will need to pass an interview, workshop or audition stage, as part of the progression process. Please look at the individual pathway pages for more information on progression.

- [Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-arts-ss-business-and-law.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-arts-ss-business-and-law.aspx)
- [Engineering and Physical Sciences Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-engineering-and-physical-sciences-pathway.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-engineering-and-physical-sciences-pathway.aspx)
- [Medical, Life and Geo Sciences Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-medical-life-geosciences-pathway.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-medical-life-geosciences-pathway.aspx)

When you apply to the Birmingham Foundation Academy, you will be asked to choose the pathway you would like to enter and the undergraduate degree that you intend to progress to. When you receive and accept your offer to study on the programme, you will be advised about your module choices. The modules you will take depend upon your intended undergraduate degree and are subject to availability and timetabling.

You will not be tied to your choice of undergraduate degree; however, it is important that you make the right module choices. This is because some undergraduate programmes will have compulsory modules that you should take in your Foundation Academy programme and you will be required to achieve a specified grade in order to progress to that course.

See the progression tables below for more information about the undergraduate degrees available for a Foundation Academy student and the modules to undertake in each pathway:

- [Arts, Social Science, Business and Law Pathway progression table 2014 \(PDF - 74Kb\) \(/Documents/students/foundation-academy/ASSBL-Progression-table-2014.pdf\)](/Documents/students/foundation-academy/ASSBL-Progression-table-2014.pdf)
- [Engineering and Physical Sciences Pathway progression table 2014 \(PDF - 57Kb\) \(/Documents/students/foundation-academy/EPS-progression-table-2014.pdf\)](/Documents/students/foundation-academy/EPS-progression-table-2014.pdf)
- [Medical, Life and Geo Sciences Pathway progression table 2014 \(PDF - 58Kb\) \(/Documents/students/foundation-academy/MLGS-progression-table-2014.pdf\)](/Documents/students/foundation-academy/MLGS-progression-table-2014.pdf)

“Dr Steve Minchin (Academic Director, Birmingham Foundation Academy) "I look forward to welcoming you to the Birmingham Foundation Academy and supporting you during your time on the programme. I am sure you will have an intellectually stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding time at Birmingham.”



You can view our YouTube video on Birmingham Foundation Academy (BFA): Teaching and Learning Experience, by clicking [here \(/International/foundation-academy/learning.aspx\)](/International/foundation-academy/learning.aspx)