

## The University of Birmingham and Kazakhstan

The University extends a warm welcome to students from Kazakhstan. We welcome a number of sponsored students to Birmingham each year and have a Memorandum of Understanding with Kazakh British Technical University in the Engineering and Physical Sciences, and Economics, subject areas. The University also has a profile in [Russian \(http://www.hotcourses.ru/study/uk/school-college-university/university-of-birmingham/5666/international.html\)](http://www.hotcourses.ru/study/uk/school-college-university/university-of-birmingham/5666/international.html).

Listen to our Kazakh students talk about their experience at the University of Birmingham.

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### Entry requirements

The following information is for guidance only and should be used together with the University's general entrance requirements and any specific degree programme requirements.

Please note: If you have taken exams which are from another country's national education system (eg the Abitur from Germany or SAT and AP exams from the USA) you should consult the country specific section for that country for qualification equivalence information. If you are unsure about the acceptability of your qualifications for entry to Birmingham please contact us for further details.

### Foundation

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We will consider students who have obtained grades of 4/5 and above in the Certificate of (Completed) Secondary Education (Аттестат о среднем (полном) общем образовании/Орта білім туралы аттестат) for entry to Birmingham Foundation Academy (to include 4/5 in Maths for our Engineering and Physical Sciences pathway).

Please visit the Birmingham Foundation Academy more information.

### Undergraduate

The University will consider students who have taken GCE A Level examinations, the International Baccalaureate (IB), or a suitable foundation programme, such as the Birmingham Foundation Academy, for entrance to undergraduate programmes.

### Postgraduate

Students who have completed their Specialist Diploma (Диплом специалиста/Мамаң дипломы) or "Magistr" (Диплом магистра/Магистр дипломы) degree (completed after 1991) from a recognised higher education institution, with a minimum GPA of 4/5, will be considered for entry to postgraduate Masters degrees and, occasionally, directly for PhD degrees.

Holders of a Bachelor "Bakalavr" degree (Диплом Бакалавра) from a recognised Russian higher education institution, with a minimum GPA of 4/5, may also be considered for entry to taught postgraduate programmes.

### English Language

You may be required to provide evidence of your English ability. See the [entry requirements \(/students/requirements/index.aspx\)](#) for specific programme requirements.

## Scholarships

The University of Birmingham offers a range of part-fee scholarships for international students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. For full information and to apply, please see the [Scholarships section \(http://www.international.bham.ac.uk/prospective/scholarships/\)](http://www.international.bham.ac.uk/prospective/scholarships/).

We welcome applications from sponsored students. For further information on the Bolashak scheme see their [website \(http://www.edu-cip.kz/\)](http://www.edu-cip.kz/).

The British Council also offers details on [relevant scholarships \(http://www.britishcouncil.org/kazakhstan-education-funding.htm\)](http://www.britishcouncil.org/kazakhstan-education-funding.htm).

## Visits to Kazakhstan

Staff from the University of Birmingham visit different countries throughout the year to meet with students, schools and universities. For full details of visits, please see the [Meet us in your country \(/International/meet/index.aspx\)](#) section.

## Student life at Birmingham

There is a thriving student community at Birmingham and we very much look forward to you being part of it. To hear what [student life \(/International/students/studentlife.aspx\)](#) is like for our students, have a look at what our students say. Also, if you are unable to travel to campus yourself, visit our [YouTube Channel \(http://www.youtube.com/user/unibirmingham\)](http://www.youtube.com/user/unibirmingham) to watch films of our beautiful campus.

## Student societies

Many nationality groups form student societies during their time at the University of Birmingham. This is an excellent way to keep in contact with home and also provides an opportunity to highlight your culture and customs in the UK.

Student societies are also a useful point of contact for prospective students to Birmingham who may want to contact current students for information.



There is a Kazakh Student society at the University of Birmingham Guild of Students, and for a full list of student societies please visit the [Birmingham Guild of Students website \(http://www.guildofstudents.com\)](http://www.guildofstudents.com).

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## UoB Kazak students Facebook and Vkontakte web sites

Kazakh students at the University of Birmingham have set up [Facebook \(http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111666145526303\)](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111666145526303) and [Vkontakte \(http://vkontakte.ru/club16800329\)](http://vkontakte.ru/club16800329) pages for students at the University of Birmingham. These websites have been created by current students at the university to enable Kazak students to communicate with one another. It's a great way to keep in touch with fellow and prospective students.

## Birmingham alumni activities in Kazakhstan

The University of Birmingham has many strong alumni groups all over the world. Alumni groups are an excellent way of keeping in contact with the University and with other graduates from Birmingham who live in your country. Some alumni groups meet on a regular basis for social and professional events.

If you would like to meet up with University staff when they are in your country or you would be willing to help promote the university at education exhibitions, we would also like to hear from you.

You can find out if there is an alumni group in your country or join our alumni mailing list on the [Alumni website \(http://www.alumni.bham.ac.uk\)](http://www.alumni.bham.ac.uk).

## Contact us

The University of Birmingham contact for Kazakhstan is Alexa Haslam. To contact Alexa with your questions, please email [international@bham.ac.uk \(mailto:international@bham.ac.uk\)](mailto:international@bham.ac.uk).

## Representatives in Kazakhstan

### British Council offices in Kazakhstan

The British Council has offices in many countries throughout the world which are able to provide you with advice about studying in the UK. Most offices also have an education library and Internet facilities where you can consult university material. The British Council can also provide advice about funding opportunities.

For more information visit the [British Council's website \(http://www.britishcouncil.org/kazakhstan.htm\)](http://www.britishcouncil.org/kazakhstan.htm).

