

The University of Birmingham and South Africa

The University of Birmingham welcomes applications from students from South Africa. We currently have 5 South African students following a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

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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 Arbitur 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.

Level	Entry requirements
Undergraduate	The University will consider students who have taken A Level examinations and the International Baccalaureate (IB) for entrance to undergraduate programmes. Students who hold the Senior Certificate with Matriculation endorsement (higher grade) will be considered for entrance to undergraduate programmes.
Postgraduate	To be considered for admission to postgraduate programmes, we would require a bachelors degree or Baccalaureus Artium Honores and applicants should have achieved a class 2:1 (70%) or a Distinction (75%)
English Language	English language at grade C or above in the Senior Certificate Standard Grade, or successful completion of an undergraduate programme at a recognised South African university, is sufficient to meet the standard English language 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.

Visits to South Africa

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 \(www.youtube.com/user/unibirmingham\)](#) Channel 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.

For a full list of student societies please visit the Birmingham Guild of Students website at www.guildofstudents.com (<http://www.guildofstudents.com>).

Birmingham alumni activities in South Africa

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 at www.alumni.bham.ac.uk (<http://www.alumni.bham.ac.uk>).

Contact us

The University of Birmingham contact for South Africa is James Minhas. To contact James with your questions, please email international@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:international@bham.ac.uk>).

Representatives in South Africa

British Council offices in South Africa

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 www.britishcouncil.org/southafrica (<http://www.britishcouncil.org/brussels.htm>).

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