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How to apply

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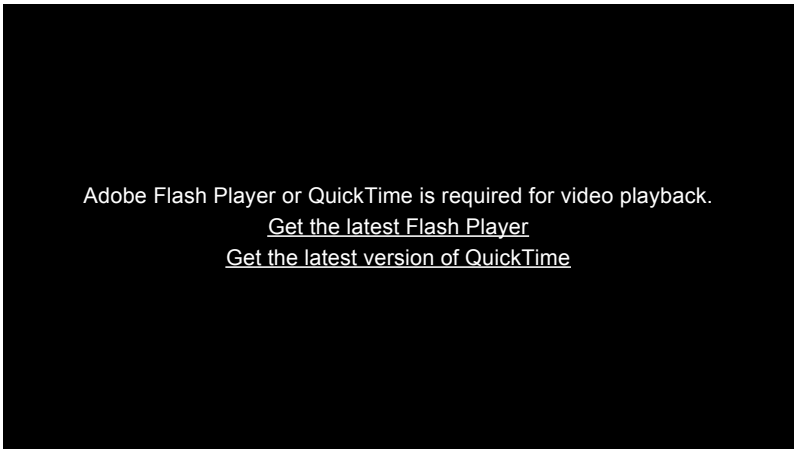

For students who need to improve their English language ability before commencing their studies, we offer Presessional English courses. For more information on our English and pre-sessional programmes, please visit our **English for International Students Unit website (/International/eisu/index.aspx)**

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Foundation programmes

The University of Birmingham offers a new foundation programme. the **Birmingham Foundation Academy (/International/foundation-academy/index.aspx)** , for international students who require a further year of study before beginning an undergraduate degree programme.

Undergraduate students

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Postgraduate students

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Study abroad and exchanges

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