

## The University of Birmingham and Finland

The University of Birmingham welcomes applications from students from Finland. We currently have 21 Finnish 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 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.

Level	Entry requirements
Undergraduate	<p>The University will consider students who have taken GCE A Level examinations and the International Baccalaureate (IB) for entrance to undergraduate programmes.</p> <p>Holders of a good 'Ylioppilastutkinto/studentexamen' (Matriculation Examination) will be considered for entry to the first year of most of our undergraduate degree programmes.</p>
Postgraduate	<p>Holders of the following degrees from a recognised Finnish higher education institution (with a minimum GPA of 2/3 or 4/5) will be considered for entry to taught postgraduate programmes/MPhil/PhD degrees:</p> <p>Kandidaatti/Kandidat (old system, 160-180 credits) with professional titles 'Ekonomi, Diplomi-insinööri, Arkkitehti, Licensiaatti (in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine), Proviisori'</p> <p>Maisteri/Magister (higher academic degree as of 1996, min. 160 credits/5 years)</p> <p>Licensiaatti/Licenciat (higher academic degree in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine, min. 200-240 credits)</p> <p>Licensiaatti/Licenciat (pre-doctoral scientific postgraduate degree)</p> <p>Oikeustieteen Kandidaatti/Juris Kandidat (new system after 1994 – 160 credit law degree)</p> <p>Proviisori/Provisor (higher academic degree in Pharmacy, min. 200 credits)</p> <p>Holders of the following degrees from a recognised Finnish higher education institution (with a minimum GPA of 2/3 or 4/5) may be considered for entry to taught postgraduate programmes:</p> <p>Ammattikorkeakoulututkinto, AMK/yrkeshögskoleexamen, YHS (polytechnic degree, min. 120 credits – new system since 1996)</p> <p>Kandidaatti/Kandidat (lower academic degree, min. 120 credits – new system)</p> <p>Oikeustieteen Notaari/Rättsnotarie (lower academic law degree)</p>
English Language	<p>You may be required to provide evidence of your English ability. The most commonly accepted qualifications are the IELTS exam (minimum scores from 6.0-7.0) and TOEFL (minimum from 550-600 paper based, 213-250 computer based or 80-100 Internet based). Minimum requirements vary according to the chosen programme. See the <a href="#">English language</a> page for specific programme requirements.</p>

### 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](#).

### Exchange links

We have Erasmus exchange links with University of Helsinki, Pirkanmaa Polytechnic and Turku Polytechnic in Finland.

For more information please see the [Study Abroad and Exchanges](#) section.

### Visits to Finland

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](#) 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](#) 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 [You Tube](#) 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 Finland**

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 Finland is Emma Heathcote. To contact Emma with your questions, please email [international@bham.ac.uk](mailto:international@bham.ac.uk).

### **University of Birmingham Representatives in Finland**

#### **British Council offices in Finland**

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/fi](http://www.britishcouncil.org/fi).