

# Contemporary German Studies MRes

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## Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Combined research and taught

**Study Options:** Full time, part time

**Duration:** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

**Start date:** September

## Contact

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## Details

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## Fees and funding

For the most up-to-date information on fees please contact the Department directly

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### Scholarships and studentships

The Institute expects to offers one full scholarship, to consist of tuition fees at home/EU level and a maintenance component in line with funding council rates. The scholarship is offered on a competitive basis; full details are available at **[www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs) (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/igs)**.

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

For further information contact the School directly or email **[sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk) (mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk)**

## Entry requirements

We welcome applications from candidates with a relevant Masters and/or good undergraduate degree. While knowledge of the German language is not a prerequisite for entry, some level of competence or the potential to gain an adequate level of competence is desirable.

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### International students

We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – learn more about **[international entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx\)](/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx)**

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**[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo61.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo61.htm)**

## Learning and teaching

### Facilities

Departments from across the School of Government and Society are all based within the recently refurbished Muirhead Tower. Following a £50million refurbishment, Muirhead Tower offers **state-of-the-art teaching and research study facilities** including free wifi throughout the building and dedicated study areas for postgraduate research students.

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Muirhead Tower comprises 12,000sq.m of floor space between two towers. The tower includes a number of sustainable features including solar shading (known in the trade as brise soleil) to control temperatures, as well as low energy fans; timed lighting to reduce energy waste; natural ventilation systems and a heat source taken from the University's combined heat and power generator.

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The space has been designed to create modern, **attractive spaces for teaching and research** accommodating 150 academic offices, 230 "hubs" for post graduate research students, teaching rooms for up to 100 people and a 200 seat lecture theatre.

## Employability

Graduates from the School have gone on to work in a range of careers, with recent graduates working with organisations such as the United Nations, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, local authorities in the UK and overseas and the Department for International Development.

The School takes employability very seriously and as well as linking students to the central careers services, also incorporates opportunities to enhance their employment prospects, including highlighting work experience opportunities, encouraging volunteering in extra-curricular projects (such as student seminars and events) and by inviting backgrounds for students to meet.

**[More information about careers and employability \(http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/students/careers/careers-and-employability.aspx\)](http://www.bhamtest1.bham.ac.uk/students/careers/careers-and-employability.aspx)**