Postgraduate taught entry requirements

To gain a place at the University you will need to meet our general entry requirements and the specific entry requirements of your chosen course. Your application will be reviewed by the Admissions Tutor for your course, who will decide whether your application should receive an offer for a place to study at the University.

Specific entrance requirements for individual courses can be found on individual course listings in our course finder. Entry to our postgraduate programmes usually require a good Honours degree, or equivalent if you were educated outside the UK.

Any academic and professional qualifications or industrial experience you may have are normally taken into account, and in some cases form an integral part of the entrance requirement.

Please be aware that entry on to many programmes is highly competitive; consequently we also consider the skills, attributes, motivation and potential for success of an individual when deciding whether to make an offer. After we have received your application you may, if you live in the UK, be invited for an interview or to visit us to discuss your application.

Non-standard qualifications

If your qualifications are non-standard or different from the entry requirements stated in this prospectus, please contact the relevant school or department to discuss whether your application would be considered.

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

This is a process by which the University gives credit for learning achieved by an individual before entry to a programme of study:

- Previously assessed and certificated – this learning may have been previously assessed and certificated by an education provider, in which case it is known as ‘prior certificated learning’
- Acquired outside formal systems – it may also have been acquired outside formal education and training systems (for example, through work experience) and is therefore known as ‘prior experiential learning’
- Claiming for APL – if you feel that you have sufficient qualifications and/or experience to give you partial exemption from a programme of study at Birmingham you are welcome to make a claim for APL; please note, however, that you must first make a separate application for admission using the accreditation of prior learning form which can be found in the related links on this page.
- Full details of the University’s policies and procedures with regard to accreditation of prior learning can be found in the related links on this page.

Please visit the following page which contains important information concerning the University’s conditions of study -

Terms and conditions (/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/Terms.aspx)