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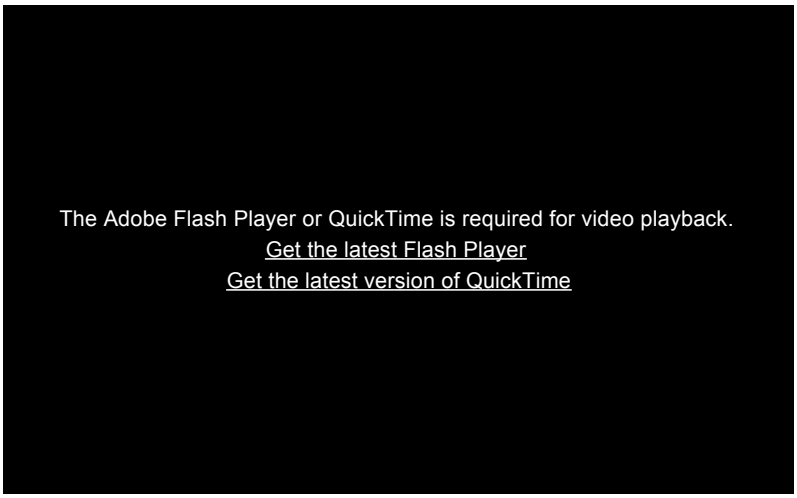
With over 4,000 international students from more than 150 countries, the University of Birmingham has one of the largest international student communities in the UK, so whether you are a UK student or travelling to Birmingham from overseas, you will work alongside fellow students with differing perspectives.



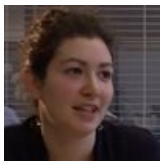
Latest student profiles

Field Study to Istanbul: Turkish delight for IDD students (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/idd/tomislav-korman-field-study-mpa.aspx)

Written by By Tomislav Korman. This April more than 30 IDD masters students flew to Istanbul, Turkey, to participate in a field study organised with the help of IDD alumnus Dr Ali Ercan Ozgur, founder of IDEMA consulting. During this five-day study programme, more than fourteen speakers and nine host organizations shared their experience of government systems, business and public administration with the group.

Ash Green, Professional Development Module - Case Study Birmingham Children's Hospital (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/ash-green-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: History and Political Science BA.



Evgeniya Chalakova, Professional Development Module - Case Study Chamber of Commerce (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/evgeniya-chalakova-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: BA International Relations with German.

Frederick Gulliford, Professional Development Module - Case Study House of Lords (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/frederick-gulliford-professional-development-module.aspx)

Course: BA Political Economy.

Milo Reisz-Gervis, 4th Year, BA Spanish and Politics (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/milo-reisz-gervis-ya.aspx)

With regards to career skills, going on a year abroad proves that you can dive headfirst into a situation outside of your comfort zone and adapt to your surroundings.

Anna Goodman, The Civitatis International Global Thinking Summer School (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/anna-goodman-report.aspx)

This summer I was accepted on to a five day programme with the global policy think tank- Civitatis. The Global Thinking Summer School was aimed at future leaders, and was design to help prepare and equip us for a career in policy and politics. There were no more than 10 students per summer school and it was based in the centre of the City of London with one day on the 37th floor of One Canada Square in Canary Wharf (incredible views).

Charlie Winch, Internship at the Westminster based think-tank the Institute of Economic Affairs (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/charile-winch-report.aspx)

The IEA is the UK's original free-market thinktank and its mission statement is "to improve understanding of the fundamental institutions

of a free society by analysing and expounding the role of markets in solving economic and social problems". Andrew Marr credited the institute with being"...undoubtedly the most influential think tank in modern British history".

Paula Stoleru, Internship at Birmingham City Council (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/paula-stoleru-report.aspx)

The project I was assigned during this internship focused on mapping the Third Sector organisations that are active in four different wards of Birmingham. This involved liaising with the managers of organisations, and other people involved in voluntary activities as well as local authorities such as councilors, police officers and policy advisors in order to gain as much information as possible regarding the level of cooperation between the 'public' and the 'third sector'.

Sajidah Ali, Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course (2013) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/sajidah-ali-report.aspx)

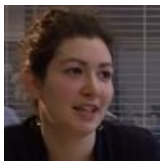
Over the summer, I undertook a three week Level 1 Ibn Jabal Arabic course, with the financial help of POLSIS. In a nutshell, the course redefined for me the meaning of the word intense.

Geraldine Tovey, Graduate Internship - Health Exchange (2014) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/geraldine-tovey-internship.aspx)

Geraldine studied International Relations and graduated in 2012. During her degree she focused on the political side of the course and completed internships within MP's offices in Birmingham, as well as part time jobs in retail.

Lauren Boon, International Relations with French (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/lauren-boon-ya.aspx)

I spent the third year of my degree studying abroad, at France Sciences Po, in Lyon, France.



Evgeniya Chalakova, International Relations with German (Year Abroad) (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/evgeniya-chalakova-ya.aspx)

As part of the study abroad scheme I spent the third year of my degree studying in Berlin, Germany at the Free University of Berlin.

Ioana Cerasella Chis, Political Science and Sociology BA (3rd year) 2014 (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/ioana-cerasella-chris.aspx)

Being interested in both Sociological and Political ways of understanding the dynamics within societies, I chose to do a Joint Honours course which has not ceased to impress me with its variety of modules and other opportunities.

Jenny Akers, Sociology BA 2014 (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/jenny-akers.aspx)

My enjoyment of the course has stemmed from my personal academic progress as well as the opportunity to explore a plethora of sociological, historical and contemporary concerns, such as; gender, ethnicity, technological innovation and class stratification.

Katherine Nichol, Sociology BA (3rd year) 2014 (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/katherine-nichol.aspx)

As a mature student I was attracted to study sociology at the University of Birmingham by its great reputation, course content and campus. Birmingham is also a great place to live, with amazing food, music and opportunities which you can only get in a big city.

Sarah Heta - A Day in the Life of an International Relations Student (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2013-14/sarah-heta-day-in-life.aspx)

Current undergraduate Sarah Heta take you on a tour of a typical day in the life of an International Relations student at the University of Birmingham.

Neema Begum, Political Science (British Politics and the State) MA (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/neema-begum-loyalty-discount.aspx)

After completing my undergraduate degree in Political Science and International Relations at POLSIS, I chose to continue studying at Birmingham at postgraduate level. I knew that by studying with POLSIS, I would continue to be challenged and encouraged in my studies; I also knew that I would benefit from both the expertise within the department and from the excellent academic teaching and a solid

research base.

Jamie Vickery, International Political Economy MA (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/jamie-vickery-loyalty-discount.aspx)

From my undergraduate experience, I already knew that the level of support that I would receive from the department would be high and I was also excited about the introduction of environmental governance and climate change politics modules (the political area that I did eventually want to focus on) helped to persuade me to come back.

POLSIS Bursary: Edward Li, International Relations (Contemporary Asia-Pacific) MA (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/edward-li-bursary.aspx)

I chose to study with POLSIS as the University of Birmingham has a rather high ranking in the subject field of Political Science. Before I applied to Birmingham I also read about the profiles of the professors and lecturers on the POLSIS website and learned that they have brilliant qualifications and experiences.

Megan Baxter, International Relations (Gender) MA (/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2012-13/megan-baxter-loyalty-discount.aspx)

In addition to the full fee bursary that POLSIS offer, in 2013 we were also able to offer a £500 Masters fee reduction to a small number of final year Birmingham POLSIS students who had applied for postgraduate study with POLSIS. Megan Baxter(BA History and Political Science) was one of the recipients of this fee discount and is now studying for an MA in International Relations (Gender).

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