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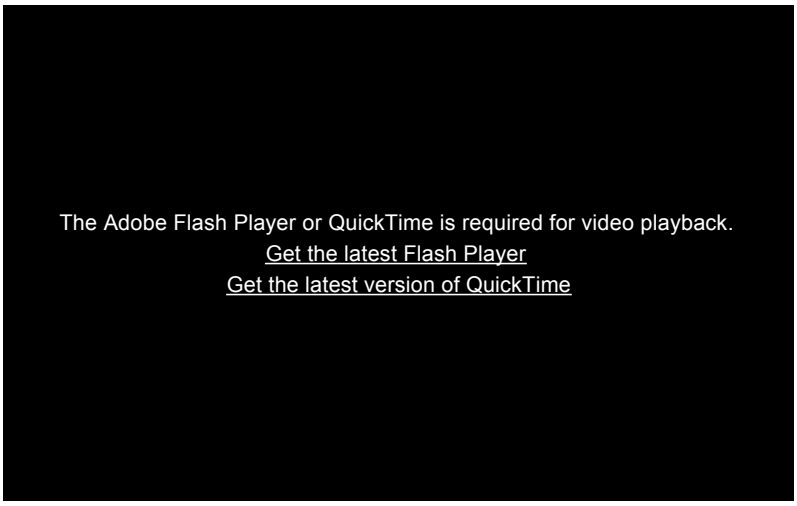
Teaching and learning

We advocate an enquiry-based approach to learning, which means that we encourage you to become an independent and self-motivated learner. Through the programme of study we offer, we will develop the qualities that employers value in today's university graduates - qualities that will set you apart in your future career.



To help you develop the above-mentioned skills, we adopt a range of teaching methods. They may include:

- **Lectures** - listening to experts sharing their knowledge and discoveries in challenging and provocative ways. Students are expected to 'read-around' the subject matter of their lectures, adding to their understanding and developing their critical faculties and analytical skills.
- **Seminars** - where you present and discuss your ideas and knowledge in smaller groups and debate interpretations and opinions with other students.
- **Tutorials** - are your opportunity to discuss your work with your tutor, usually in small groups.
- **Workshops** - are problem solving sessions facilitated by a member of academic staff; these sessions usually involve students working in groups.

Our lecturers and tutors will ensure you have all the resources you need to make the transition from A levels to the more rigorous demands of a degree.

More about **teaching and learning (/undergraduate/teaching/index.aspx)** at the University of Birmingham.

Enhancing your Student Experience

In the School of Government and Society we offer much more than a degree. As a student here, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, **you have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of events (/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/index.aspx)**, with some or all of the costs paid for by the School. There are also many other **funding opportunities (/schools/government-society/teaching/funding/index.aspx)** for students at Birmingham.

Some of these are targeted to help you build skills and experience for your CV, others are more open events designed to expose you to high-level speakers on current debates relevant to all G&S students.

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