

## Why Birmingham?

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At Birmingham we pride ourselves on our excellence, which can be seen in all aspects of academic and student life. We offer the highest quality academic experience and expect you to excel with an emphasis on originality. You will be an active part of a leading academic community where independent thought and enquiry are not encouraged but expected. You will study and work alongside academics who are global experts in the field.

In the Guardian's University Guide 2014 league tables which were published recently, the University of Birmingham's overall position is 15th nationally out of 119 institutions, an increase of 15 places. .

### Learning environment

Birmingham the City has been transformed into a city for young professionals and is one of Europe's most exciting destinations. It is more than somewhere to study, it is somewhere to build an exciting future. The City offers culture and diversity and around 40% of our graduates choose to make Birmingham their home.

[Find out why our students love Birmingham \(/undergraduate/birmingham/mybham/index.aspx\)](#)

The [Institute of Applied Social Studies \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/index.aspx\)](#), in the School of Social Policy is based in the recently refurbished Muirhead Tower on the main University Edgbaston campus. This offers state-of-the-art teaching and research study facilities, including free wi-fi throughout the building and dedicated study areas for postgraduate research students.



The [Health Services Management Centre \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx\)](#), is based in Park House, a Victorian building, set in extensive grounds near Edgbaston Pool and the University campus.

The University's 250-acre campus was recently listed in the top ten most beautiful universities in Britain by The Telegraph. It is a campus that is expanding and improving all the time with our most recent investments being in the planned building of a [brand new, multi-million pound sports centre, a redeveloped library with a cultural hub, and a brand new student hub \(/news/latest/2013/05/20-May-Transformational-campus-development-to-get-underway.aspx\)](#), housed in the iconic Aston Webb building.

### More information about what Birmingham has to offer

- [Birmingham the City \(/undergraduate/birmingham/thecity.aspx\)](#)
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