

What our students say

At Birmingham we pay great attention to what our students think of us and are committed to continually improving the experience of all of our students. At the heart of what we offer is an elite academic experience that pushes the boundaries of knowledge and prepares our students for success. We feel confident that all our students will gain the best from their time spent studying at Birmingham.

Excellence in student satisfaction

In the 2014 National Student Survey Birmingham achieved an impressive 89% overall student satisfaction rating, up from 88% for the past two years and a rise of five places among Russell Group institutions.



The University of Birmingham is now seventh within the Russell Group of leading research intensive universities for student satisfaction, ahead of Nottingham and Imperial College. In particular, students praised the quality of teaching at Birmingham, giving the University an overall satisfaction rating of 90% for teaching, while a number of individual courses attained an impressive 100% score.

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The **National Student Survey (NSS)** (<http://www.thestudentsurvey.com/>) is a survey of all final year undergraduate students at the University. The survey assesses students' opinions of the quality of their degree programmes. We have clear plans and an unwavering ambition to be an exceptional university in which to study, and in addition to recruiting exceptional teaching staff alongside our outstanding researchers, we are also spending £300m over the next five years on our beautiful campus. As our students continue to see the benefits of this continuing investment, we are confident that their positive experience will be reflected further in future student surveys.

Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey

The Times Higher Education (THE) Student Experience Survey was conducted in 2014 a survey of 14,000 full-time undergraduate students from 111 universities. The survey assessed students' opinions of their university based on twenty-one attributes of university life. In 2014 the University was ranked as 18th out of 111 institutions. Further information about the survey and how it was compiled can be found at the **THE website** (<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.aspx?storyCode=2013333>)

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International Student Barometer

The **International Student Barometer (ISB)** (<http://www.i-graduate.org/services/international-student-barometer/>) is a benchmark of the University's provision for new and continuing international students. Benchmarking is conducted against our Russell Group peers and other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the United Kingdom and overseas.



A total of 170 HEIs were included in the ranking tables of the 2013 Autumn ISB, with 53 institutions taking part in the UK and 15 belonging to the Russell Group of universities. Overall, 91% of our international students said they were satisfied overall with their university experience and 89% would recommend the university to other students thinking of applying here.

In addition, the university was ranked 1st out of all Russell Group Universities taking part in the survey for “learning that will help me get a good job” (86% satisfaction) and was ranked 3rd out of all Russell Group Universities taking part in the survey for “the teaching ability of lecturers/supervisors” (86% satisfaction).