

Foundation Year courses

If you are a highly motivated international student and have an excellent academic record, the Foundation Academy is your pathway to successful undergraduate study at Birmingham or other top UK universities. Also, if you are a UK student and are looking to study in our College of Engineering and Physical sciences, there are a range of foundation year options if you do not hold the correct qualifications for undergraduate study.

The Birmingham Foundation Academy is designed for international students with an excellent academic record and willingness to study hard, progression is guaranteed to an extensive range of our undergraduate programmes upon successful completion of the appropriate pathway. Academic and English language progressions requirements apply for each programme.

Our foundation years for UK students are for those who do not hold the required qualifications to study on our Engineering and Physical Sciences courses and require further preparation for study at the University of Birmingham.

You can find a selection of Foundation Year subjects on our [course finder \(/undergraduate/courses/index.aspx\)](#) pages.

Who can study Foundation Year courses?

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Foundation Year courses are suitable for international students whose qualifications are not recognised for direct entry to an undergraduate degree programme. Foundation courses are also available to UK students in certain subjects.

Students are expected to have a good standard of previous education and be looking to progress on to degree level education at the University.

Foundation Year subjects for international students

The Birmingham Foundation Academy has up to three pathways:

- [Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-arts-ss-business-and-law.aspx\)](#)
- [Engineering and Physical Sciences Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-engineering-and-physical-sciences-pathway.aspx\)](#)
- [Medical, Life and Geo Sciences Pathway \(/International/foundation-academy/pathways/bfa-medical-life-geosciences-pathway.aspx\)](#)

Foundation Year subjects for UK students

The [College of Engineering and Physical Sciences \(/university/colleges/eps/index.aspx\)](#) offers the following foundation subjects to UK students:

- [Chemical Engineering \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/chemical-engineering-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Chemistry \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/chemistry-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Civil Engineering \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/civil-engineering-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Electronic and Electrical Engineering \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/electronic-electrical-computer-engineering-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Engineering \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/engineering-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Mathematics \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/mathematics-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/mechanical-engineering-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Metallurgy and Materials \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/metallurgy-materials-foundation.aspx\)](#)
- [Physics \(/undergraduate/courses/fd/physics-foundation.aspx\)](#)

Duration and cost of courses

International students

The cost of the Birmingham Foundation Academy Package for 2014–2015 is £13,300.

This includes:

- One year's tuition fees
- Books and all classroom equipment

Please note: Accommodation will incur additional charges to the above fee.

- The indicative fee for accommodation in Mason (42 weeks) is £5,880 for self-catering and £7,295 with a [meal plan \(/undergraduate/accommodation/Living-with-us/mealplan.aspx\)](#). This is based on 2012-13 prices and may increase for 2013-14.

The course is due to start in September 2014 and end in June 2015.

For more information please visit the Birmingham Foundation Academy website.

UK students

The [College of Engineering and Physical Sciences \(/university/colleges/eps/index.aspx\)](#) foundation year fees for 2013-2014 are £9,000.

Methods of study

Foundation Years consist of modules of study, each of which is assessed and must be completed to a sufficient standard in order to progress through the Foundation Year.

The combination of modules is designed to ensure you have the right skills, experience and knowledge to progress to degree-level study. The course is taught using a mixture of lectures, examples classes and skills workshops. For international students, [English language tuition \(/International/foundation-academy/bfa-experience/learning.aspx\)](#) is also provided.

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