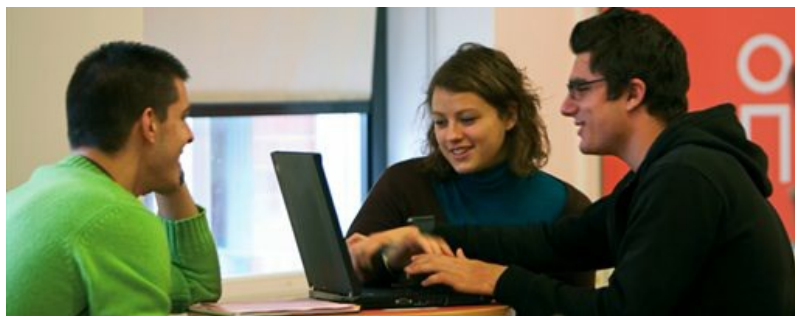


Study support



At Birmingham learning is a conversation, not simply a lecture.

University study gives you the chance to be in charge of your own learning, do independent research, and be responsible for your own progress.

Victoria, BSc Chemistry, 3rd year "Undertaking independent study into a project at the cutting edge of research where the answer is not predetermined helped strengthen my synthetic chemistry knowledge and gave me the confidence to work in an industrial environment."

Study skills

We provide **online study skills training** (<http://www.skills4uni.bham.ac.uk/>) to help you prepare for University study. Your School or Department may also provide additional support.

Personal tutors

Personal tutors are an academic member of staff who is assigned to you as your individual person tutor for the duration of your study. They will support your academic progress, the development of your transferable skills and assist with any welfare issues. You will have regular contact with your personal tutor and are encouraged to see them whenever you need support.

Academic Skills Centre

On arrival at the University, some students may find they need additional support with degree-level academic writing and mathematics; others may wish to develop their mathematical academic and writing skills. As a result the University had opened an Academic Skills Centre based in the Main Library and staffed by experienced tutors and advisors. The Centre provides individual support and group sessions in a friendly, relaxed environment for all undergraduate students. Students can drop in for one-to-one help, sign up for workshops, or discuss with their personal tutors any support they might need or areas that they would like to develop. Tutors can then refer them to the service.

Subject support from the library

Our **library subject advisors** (</libraries/subject/index.aspx>) are available to help you in your research, whether for essays, dissertations, or project work. They will meet you one-on-one to give you the advice, training and support you need.

English for international students

Our English for International Students Unit offers free English classes during the academic year; these include academic English, grammar, and vocabulary. You can also get individual advice about your writing and other language needs, receive answers to your questions by e-mail, and download more than 100 self-study materials to improve your English. At the start of your studies you take an academic English language assessment so that we can advise you on your individual needs.

Dyslexia and other learning difficulties

We provide **disability support** (</undergraduate/support/disability/index.aspx>) through the Learning Support Team if you have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia.