

Key charitable information

The University of Birmingham is a corporate body created by Royal Charter in 1900 and an exempt charity under Schedule 3 of the the Charities Act 2011. This status means that the University is not required to register directly with the Charity Commission, and in turn is not subject to its direct supervision. However, following the Charities Act 2006, from 1 June 2010 HEFCE became 'principal regulator' of the vast majority of Higher Education Institutions in England, including the University of Birmingham.

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Please note that the University of Birmingham has trade marked its name and also the name Birmingham University.

The overall objective of the University, stated in its [Charter \(PDF - 98KB\) \(/Documents/university/legal/charter.pdf\)](#), is that it will be "both a teaching and an examining University and shall further the prosecution of original research".

The Charter and Statutes address matters of institutional governance and organisation; the Ordinances and Regulations contain more detailed provisions related to employment of staff, programmes of study, health and safety, discipline and the University estate. Details of these documents are available at the [Legislation \(/university/governance/Legislation/index.aspx\)](#) homepage.

The Governing Body of the University is the Council – members of the Council are also the charitable trustees of the University. Further information about the Council and biographies of members are available from the [Council homepage \(/university/governance/Council/index.aspx\)](#).

A list of the trustees of the University at 31st January 2014 together with their other trustee appointments is also available by downloading [Council Member Trusteeships 2014 \(PDF - 20KB\) \(/Documents/university/governance/CouncilMemberTrusteeships2014.pdf\)](#).

The University's Full Audited Consolidated [Financial Statements \(/university/governance/Council/accounts.aspx\)](#) are available to download as PDF documents.

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