

## Equality and diversity groups

We have a hugely diverse study body and we celebrate and support difference. It's what makes us an exciting university to be at! There are lots of different groups, information and activities available to ensure you feel engaged, integrated and supported in starting university.

### Students with disabilities

The University is committed to supporting students with disabilities throughout their university experience.

- **[Students with disabilities \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/projects/support/disability-support.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/projects/support/disability-support.aspx)**

### LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer) students

At the University of Birmingham we celebrate the diversity of our staff and students. The university has active networks for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer members of our community – there are support groups, campaigning groups, social groups. Birmingham has much to offer LGBTQ people, and you will find many different ways to get involved in the city and on campus.

- **[LGBTQ students \(/welcome/diversity/lgbtq.aspx\)](/welcome/diversity/lgbtq.aspx)**

### BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) students

Around 28% of all students at the University of Birmingham are from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background. This figure includes international students. Outside London this is the largest percentage population of BME students at a Russell Group university. BME students appear to be attracted to the University of Birmingham.

- **[BME students \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/collaboration/equality/students/getinvolved/bme/index.aspx\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/collaboration/equality/students/getinvolved/bme/index.aspx)**

### Students with children

We estimate that there are around 6% of students at the University of Birmingham who have children. The University of Birmingham welcomes students with children and recognises it is an exciting and challenging experience being both a parent and a student.

- **[Students with children \(/welcome/diversity/students-with-children.aspx\)](/welcome/diversity/students-with-children.aspx)**

### Mature students

You are considered a mature student if you are over 21 when you start an undergraduate programme or over 25 when you start a postgraduate programme. Mature students have widely varying circumstances, and we understand that your wants and needs may be quite different from the majority of students around you.

- **[Mature students \(/welcome/diversity/mature/index.aspx\)](/welcome/diversity/mature/index.aspx)**

### Local or commuting students

A significant number of first year students at the University choose to live off-campus for a variety of reasons. Find out what support is available and how you can meet other students in the same position as you.

- **[Local or commuting students \(/welcome/stayinglocal/localandcommutingstudents.aspx\)](/welcome/stayinglocal/localandcommutingstudents.aspx)**

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