

Information for new international students



We are looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus. We understand that living and studying in another country will be a very exciting experience, but we also know that you may find elements of it challenging at times.

We have designed our international pre-arrival and our international Welcome experience to ensure that you are given all the support and advice you need; before you leave your home country and when you arrive at the University. As part of your Welcome experience, you will get the chance to take part in activities, events and trips, meet lots of new friends and have fun as you settle into your academic study at the University of Birmingham.

Before you arrive

Visa advice

ISAS (International Students' Advisory Service) provide information on how to apply for a visa for students and student dependants, including detailed advice on the UKBA requirements

- [Applying for a student visa \(/International/students/visas/student.aspx\)](/International/students/visas/student.aspx)
- [Applying for student dependant visa \(/International/students/visas/dependants.aspx\)](/International/students/visas/dependants.aspx)
- [If you already have a visa for another University or college \(/International/students/visas/nonuobvisa.aspx\)](/International/students/visas/nonuobvisa.aspx)

Finance

Before coming to the UK it is very important that you have sufficient money for your studies.

- [Information on finance \(/welcome/international/finance.aspx\)](/welcome/international/finance.aspx)

Accommodation

Choosing the right accommodation for your needs is very important. We have provided an overview of the types of accommodation available including University accommodation, private accommodation and hotels.

- [Information on accommodation \(/welcome/international/accommodation.aspx\)](/welcome/international/accommodation.aspx)

Online registration

Before you commence your studies it is important that you complete the University online registration form.

- [Register online \(/welcome/registration/index.aspx\)](/welcome/registration/index.aspx)

International student guides

Read our guides on how to prepare for and adapt to life in the UK as an international student.

- [International Student Survival Guide \(PDF - 1.78MB\) \(https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/international/documents/public/international-student-survival-guide.pdf\)](https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/international/documents/public/international-student-survival-guide.pdf)
- [International Student Guide \(PDF - 5MB\) \(/Documents/international/welcome-international-guide.pdf\)](/Documents/international/welcome-international-guide.pdf)

Welcome timetable

Build your own interactive timetable of events for your first week and beyond.

- [Welcome timetable \(/welcome/events/index.aspx\)](/welcome/events/index.aspx)

Activities for Birmingham Foundation Academy students

- [BFA Welcome Week activities \(PDF - 120KB\) \(/Documents/students/foundation-academy/Welcome-Week-timetable---BFA-2014.pdf\)](/Documents/students/foundation-academy/Welcome-Week-timetable---BFA-2014.pdf)

Travelling to the UK

Advice on how to travel to the University of Birmingham.

- [How to travel to the University \(/welcome/international/travel.aspx\)](/welcome/international/travel.aspx)

When you arrive in the UK

Information to help you to prepare and adapt to life in the UK.

- [Declaring a disability to the University \(http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/support/disability.shtml\)](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/support/disability.shtml)
- [Health care including registering with a doctor and dentist \(/welcome/international/health.aspx\)](/welcome/international/health.aspx)
- [Safety and security in the UK \(/welcome/international/safetyandsecurity.aspx\)](/welcome/international/safetyandsecurity.aspx)
- [Legal requirements to drive in the UK \(/welcome/international/driving.aspx\)](/welcome/international/driving.aspx)

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